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Last issue we began publication of the Fall 1986 Faculty Lecture Series on the relation between culture, language, communication, and morality. In this issue we present three of those lectures. In June we expect to complete the series.

It is instructive to observe how such lectures arise out of the life of Dordt College. They were introduced as follows: "The 1986 Fall Faculty Lecture Series derives in part from the work of the Language/Literature Division during its Summer Seminar of 1985. The lecture series manifests some themes identified during that seminar as being particularly characteristic of a Christian approach to culture. The series also has its origins in the growing awareness of the importance of cultural diversity in modern life. Is cultural pluralism something to be encourag-

ed or discouraged? What impact is diversity having on the Christian community? What is culture? How does the Christian approach culture?"

The lectures of Professors John Struyk, Dallas Apol, and Kornelis Boot all include an exploration of some of the biblical statements related to the origin and use of language. Their ideas on what the bible teaches, as well as many of their other ideas, are not usually a part of a discussion of culture.

We do not ordinarily publish commencement addresses. But the address of Professor Calvin Seerveld (of the Institute for Christian Studies) given to Dordt College graduates is a little different. We think you will appreciate it.

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