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Editorial

Change is not an unknown on a college campus. More than a quarter of our "student blood" is transfused each year and in four years there is a completely new student "body."

Change and growth have characterized Dordt throughout its existence. It might seem strange then, to say that 1982 is the year of The Change at Dordt College. The Change refers primarily to the retirement of Dordt's first president, the Rev. B.J. Haan. We are now experiencing the ripple effect; *Pro Rege's* longtime (nine-year) editor, John B. Hulst, has assumed the presidency and thus has relinquished his duties with this publication.

On the editorial board of *Pro Rege* we note these changes: Lillian Grissen has left Dordt, attaining the status of being semi-retired. Emerging from the euphoria of academic leave, James Koldenhoven (a member of the original board) has rejoined the select group. Russell Maatman, once again a contributor to *Pro Rege*, will also serve as Book Review Editor. Gloria Stronks, Associate Professor of Education, is welcomed as the newest member of the editorial board.

With this issue *Pro Rege* enters its eleventh year. Looking back over the decade we can note many changes. The initial issue (which appeared in November 1972) was only eight pages! James Koldenhoven is the only editorially surviving member (Yes, the

others are alive). Koldenhoven's "Incidentally," incidentally, was at first "For the Record, incidentally." After one year the adverb asserted itself, showing that it wasn't meant to be taken so casually after all.

During this decade more than a dozen *Pro Rege* contributors have moved to other campuses or positions. John Hulst and Gerard Van Groningen have become college presidents. James A. De Jong is President-elect of Calvin Theological Seminary. James Skillen has moved to the Washington, D.C. area to advance the cause of public justice. Nick Van Til, who has contributed many articles since 1973, has now been emeritated though like Moses, "his eyes are not weak nor his strength gone" (Dt. 34:7). May he also live to be 120!

The editors cannot predict what the next decade will bring. We shall endeavor to present articles which grapple with current academic issues and which challenge the Christian community. Such are the issues of this first installment of Volume XI: environmental consciousness, the economics of land use, and the development of the nuclear age.

From time to time the *Pro Rege* Editorial Board has tried to determine how effective our quarterly is. Without resorting to sending out another questionnaire, we would like to know what you, the readers, think. Your reactions will be appreciated.

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