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Editorial

From its inception *Pro Rege* has endeavored to serve as a window by means of which its readers could view and evaluate the academic activity occurring on the campus of Dordt College. In this issue it is our intention to focus on the area of political science by means of the article "Unity and Diversity Among States," written by James W. Skillen.

For a number of years political science courses have been taught at Dordt College. But it was not until recently that a political science major was outlined and adopted as part of Dordt's curriculum.

One of the papers written in preparation for the adoption of a political science major challenged the College

. . . to take up the study of political life in North America with the intention of developing a thoroughly biblical, Reformed perspective on the discipline in order to be of service to its students and the broader community.

. . . to develop a strong political science department in which a distinctively

Reformed approach can be taken to the study of North American and international political life.

Skillen's rather long article is not only a part of that study, but it is also an example of how extensive and demanding that study and the development of "a Christian point of departure" (p. 34) must be.

With this issue of *Pro Rege* we also include an index — subject, author, book review — of volumes one through seven. We trust that the index will provide a needed service for our readers. From this point on we intend to publish an index each year.

The compilation of the index forced the Editorial Board to an additional evaluation of our first years of publication. This process alerted us to the fact that the focus of the books reviewed in *Pro Rege* has been somewhat limited. It is our hope to upgrade the book review section in the future — primarily by means of expanding and improving the selection of the books to be considered.

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