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EDITORIAL

As I write this editorial, Dordt College is preparing for the beginning of two significant campus events. The first is a series of Department Emphasis Lectures in the area of the Natural Sciences. The guest lecturers are Dr. Garrett Vanderkooi, Biochemist, University of Wisconsin, and Dr. John N. Moore, Professor of Natural Science, Michigan State University. Vanderkooi will speak about "Modern Science and Christian Belief: Conflict or Harmony?"; Moore will talk about "A Christian Way of Doing Science" and "A Positive Christian Approach to Science Teaching." In addition both men will lecture to various classes and seminars.

The second event is a schedule of College Convocations entitled "The Antithesis in the Natural Sciences." These convocations will feature Aaldert Mennega, Richard Hodgson, Russell Maatman, and Gary Parker--all of them from Dordt's Natural Science Division. The purpose of these addresses will be to show where and how Christian and non-Christian men of science have separated in respect to God's law for their particular sciences.

Our preparation for these events relating to the Natural Sciences, at this time, is remarkable in view of the subjects dealt with in this issue of Pro Rege. Aaldert Mennega, Professor of Biology at Dordt, writes concerning "Uniformity and Law in the Light of Providence"; and Elwood Baas, Mathematician at the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, presents a feature article entitled "Science, Technology, and Society--A Historical Per-

spective." Baas' article is the first to appear in Pro Rege written by someone outside of the immediate Dordt College community. We welcome his contribution not only because of its spirit and quality, but also because it gives us an opportunity to involve other Christian scholars and scientists in our on-going discussions and Christian analytical activity. In our first issue of Pro Rege the editor wrote: "...you who receive, read and reflect are requested to write, to interact with us at Dordt. ... every contribution which is indeed a contribution to other people's learning about and understanding of issues will be seriously considered for publication" (Pro Rege, November, 1972). We made a promise, and this is a first step in keeping that promise.

Speaking of those outside the immediate Dordt College community--it was most gratifying to have Professor H. G. Stoker of the University of Potchefstroom, South Africa, on our campus last semester. He contributed significantly to our understanding of the issues with which we struggle. He also enabled us to sense, first hand, the world-wide presence of Reformed thought and the unity we have and should feel with many others who work out of the Calvinist perspective. James Koldenhoven, in "Incidentally," continues his review of Stoker's lectures. Tapes of all the lectures are available, at a cost of \$3.00 a tape. If you are interested, write to the Media Center, % Dordt College.

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