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Canadian Brass entertains all

by Ken Van Abbema

They have been acclaimed by the Washington Post as one of the World's greatest ensembles. The Canadian Brass played an energetic concert in the Dordt Chapel Tuesday evening, January 22 before an inspired audience.

The Canadian Brass have contributed immensely in the changing of chamber music because they have put new life into the conventional ensemble. Their success lies in their ability to have fun with a concert. In time, their audience cannot help but feel that musical talent doesn't necessarily equate with seriousness.

The Canadian Brass is best known in Canada and the United States, but according to Brass trombonist Eugene Watts, they're also gaining popularity in Europe and Japan. They have toured all over the world including China, Japan, Russia, Europe, and Saudi Arabia. This summer the Brass plans to tour Japan and Europe. With over 150 concerts a year, the quintet is kept busy.

Watts says they usually go on 10 or 15 day tours and then stay at their base in Toronto for the same amount of time. So far the ensemble has recorded 19 records in studios, and more recently in churches. The ensemble prefers churches because of its natural acoustics.

Last Tuesday's concert demonstrates

their talents not only as musicians but as entertainers. Four of the five members have played together for 14 years; the fifth Martin Huckleman, a French horn player, joined the Brass two years ago. The other members are Fredric Mills and Ronald Romm on trumpets, Watts on trombone, and Charles Daellenbach on tuba.

Cohesiveness and rhythm was displayed throughout the concert. Some of the concert highlights included humorous pieces as well as serious ones. A spectacular display of the Brass' talents was the "Trumpet Sonata" written by Henry Purcell, and arranged by Fredric Mills. "Canzona No. 4" by Giovanni Gabrieli was especially entertaining as the Brass separated to all parts of the chapel. Doellenbach, the quintet's "jester," planted himself and his tuba in the audience and performed from there.

Perhaps the best piece was the "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" by J.S. Bach. This was one of the Brass' favorites. It was arranged for the Brass by Mills and according to Watts is one of the most successful transcripts they've ever had.

Between various numbers, select members introduced the history and uniqueness of the upcoming pieces. Many times they were humorous but



Members of the Canadian Brass play before a packed audience in their Dordt College debut January 22. The members

from left to right are Ronald Romm, Fredric Mills, Martin Huckleman, Charles Daellenbach, and Eugene Watts.

occasionally their attempts at humor seemed premeditated. Any weakness they might have had, however, were shadowed by their credibility as players and in their performance as a whole.

The second half was less serious than the first. A short piece was played and

then the members went back stage. They returned a few minutes later wearing white shoes and proceeded to perform a "Tribute to the Ballet."

When asked how this piece originated, Watts explained "We've played ballet music all our lives, but we've really never seen it because we have always been in the pits."

Highlights of the ballet included Watts appearing in a tutu, and Doellenbach playing the tuba tying on his back while attempting a Russian dance. The most amazing aspect of the "Ballet" was the quintet's ability to play extremely well and dance simultaneously.

Interestingly, none of the selections played in the concert were written for brass instruments. All music had to be transcribed. "The Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi; for instance was written for strings and the "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" for organ. The latter took over 80 hours of transcribing by Mills.

Watts believes that the Canadian Brass is unique because of their variety in programming and their constant "evolving." It's almost like theatre," he says, "when it's too serious you have to bring in a little comedy."

Christian University considered The time and resources are available

by Wayne Spronk

Discussion of a proposed Christian university is underway on Dordt's campus. The research is currently the task of a committee chaired by Dordt President Dr. John Hulst. Included in the taskforce are Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Douglas Ribbens, Political Science Professor and Coordinator of the Dordt Studies Institute Dr. Rockne McCarthy, and Philosophy Professor and Executive Secretary of the International Council for the Promotion of Higher

Education Dr. John Vander Stelt. Also on the committee is a representative from each of the six divisions of education at Dordt.

This taskforce formed late last year after Dr. Hulst returned from an October 11 meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. College presidents from Dordt, Calvin, Redeemer, and Trinity were present as were representatives from Calvin Seminary and the Institute for Christian Studies. (Kings College in Edmonton, Alberta had no president yet.)

According to Dr. Hulst, the focus of the conference was an outline presented by Rev. Dirk Pierik, the University of Toronto campus minister and member of the Calvin College Board of Trustees. The outline presented the topic of a Reformed university in North America via three questions: "Why?", "Why Now?" and "But How?"

A meeting of the entire Dordt faculty preceded that of Dordt's taskforce, which has met three times last semester and will meet--Dr. Hulst projects--possibly three more times before the reunion of the college's presidents. The other colleges are similarly discussing questions raised at the October 11 gathering and their presidents will report in May. In May, President Hulst believes appointments will be made to a committee to further implement the university proposal.

The outline studied by the presidents in Grand Rapids asserts that a Reformed university is the "missing link of our Christian educational chain." It points out the scarcity of post-graduate refor-

mational scholarship in North America and the resulting short supply of training opportunity; biblically founded research and publication, and people really qualified to teach from a solid reformed perspective.

Now is the time to move, Rev. Pierik's paper insists, because the need has never been as urgent and the resources as available.

Dordt Committee Chairman Hulst adds several comments to this answer of the "Why Now?" question. Though it has been a topic for a long time according to Hulst, prominent voices have recently been raised challenging the reformed people to this idea. "Also," adds Hulst, "there is a growing awareness of the fact that Christian scholarship and the well-being of our institutions of Christian learning are, in fact, related to the establishment of a Christian university."

Such a university would offer master's and Doctor's degrees to its students. President Hulst suggests that if the proposal advances and the graduate school does begin to offer degrees, it would do so in areas where possible and in areas of crucial importance to the reformed people. To establish a medical school, for example, would not be the first step.

Dr. Hulst describes several options when asked about the possibility of linking the university to the already-established Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) in Toronto.

"First," he elaborates, "there is a

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Dordt President Dr. John Hulst

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Palatable Tidbits

After 46 games and nearly five months of playing, two Soviets are battling for the chess championship of the world. Neither one is obviously willing to give in soon. If these Russians operate their chessboard like their leaders handle their arms negotiations, they could be in for a long hard contest. pg

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Martin Luther King Day will be an official national holiday on the third Monday in January next year; yet a debate surrounding the holiday has continued. Even after the bill was passed to make the holiday national, the President remained unconvinced and was reluctant to establish the bill federally, preferring instead that each state should decide whether or not to accept the celebration.

But the President's reaction could be considered modest in comparison to his republican colleague, the staunch and reactionary Jesse Helms.

Helms led a movement against the bill and claimed, as quoted in *The Economist*, that Martin Luther King's "action orientated marxism" made him a poor candidate for hero status. If such insensitive and collous statements are what motivate Helms in his opposition to Legislative bills, then one can only wonder what reasons he would have in his opposition to other bills. With Helms upholding the virtues of reactionary neo-McCarthyism it makes me wonder if it is possible to impeach a senator. m-p v

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"The heart has its reasons,
which reason does not know."
--Blaise Pascal

Whatever happened to building bomb shelters? The other day I was walking over the snow past the outside corner of the Theatre Arts office. I had noticed the fallout shelter sign previously, but this time I stopped in the bitter cold to look more closely at the bent metal sign. The sign indicated that down the outside concrete steps and into the typing room was a shelter that protects one from fallout. Then I stepped forward again, evading the snow, to take a look at the faded and wrinkled sticker on the center of the sign under the heading "capacity." The pink numbers said "60." This is the only shelter sign that I have seen on campus. m-p v

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The idea of a Christian University is an ambitious goal for members of the Dordt faculty as well as members of the so-called Christian Reformed affiliated colleges--Calvin, Dordt, Kings, Redeemer, and Trinity. These colleges depend upon the Christian Reformed Church for their financial sponsorship and student recruitment pool--the large majority of which are members of the middle-class and sheltered dutch-ghetto.

So far the discussion of a Christian University has been limited to CRC minded people despite the fact that President Hulst insists that "denominationalism" is an ecclesiastical term. Ties with CRC and the five colleges are still strong. Calvin is the denominational school supported by means of church collections or quotas. Dordt has recently strengthened a policy that requires all Dordt faculty members to have a CRC membership. Redeemer College is largely supported through CRC collections in its own constituency. Of course the colleges need support, but what I'm trying to indicate here is that

the majority of those who want a Christian University seem to be thinking very ethnocentrically. This is not surprising. We who sometimes wear ethnic horseblinders have little intimate contact with non-Dutch persons, except for an occasional Scandinavian or OPCer.

Of all the "Reformed" graduate institutions the Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) is probably the most ecumenical in its orientation. It is also likely, the most financially unsupported by the CRC community. This has resulted mainly because of their "progressive" stance which "conservatives" reject (the terms in quotations are so, because they imply reference to "Polarization in the CRC" *Christian Renewal*)

These terms are ludicrously ambiguous, they none-the-less denote the problem for the minds of many where the issue stops.

Whatever results from these optimistic visions of a Christian university, I pray they will prove fruitful. The problem still remains that narrow denominationalism will continue in the face of the CRC dutch ghetto. Certainly if Dordt wants to de-ghettoize, it must change its faculty policy that resists non-CRC membership. m-p v

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For those of you who know Ron Nelson, you know his Mexican stories. For those who vaguely know Ron, you might want to inquire about his adventures (or misadventures.)

Offer him numerous cups of coffee and infinite amount of cigarettes and you'll hear stories that will make your cheeks sore. For those who don't know Ron, you'll hear more about him from his upcoming column in *The Diamond's* next issue. pg

For those of you read the daily newspapers continual barage of depressive information, whether it be of a another terrorist bombing in Lebanon to another missing child case, there is I'm happy to announce an escape.

Mike Royko, a columnist for the *Des Moines Register* and other papers is someone you cannot help but continue reading after you're first introduction. His wit and sarcasm can make an otherwise boring opinion section a pleasure to read. Give him a try and make your own conclusion. But beware, he may surpass your infatuation for *Bloom County*. pg

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As far as my pseudo-intellectual editorials go, I'll pass this issue. Frankly, I'm marked as brain dead past 11:00 p.m. pg

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Dordt College has an active film program which many Dordt students do not take advantage of. Film could be considered the most influential media today. If not the most powerful media, it certainly gives one the opportunity to evaluate, discover, reject and accept the trends, values, ideas, thoughts and joys of prevalent spiritual and intellectual waves that influence each of us today.

I implore you to treat yourself and view a struggling American family in Woody Allen's serious film--*Interiors*. Supporting Dordt's film program will help those who select the films to choose films that you wish to see. besides, poor students can't pass up the lowest film admission around; one dollar and fifty cents. m-p v

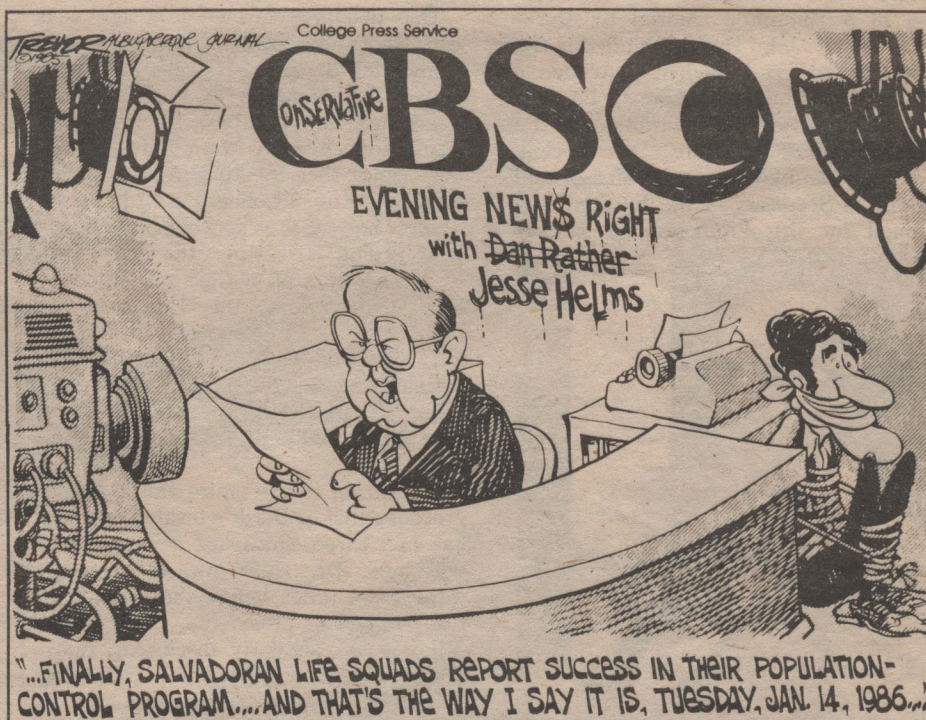
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The *Diamond* is a bi-weekly publication produced with thought and concern by students of Dordt College. The views presented in this paper are made out of Christian love and consideration in an attempt to promote serious thinking and radical action. Issues and problems face the aching and fallen hearts of all of humanity. These demand the full attention and spiritual struggle of a Christian lifestyle and therefore an articulated and physical response. In this context the *Diamond* strives to give an opportunity for Christian journalism to play itself out in an open verbal arena. But our prayer does not end in the confused babbling of mere verbiage rather its hope is to open the minds and hearts of the community, to which it is directed, by following through with responsible activity.



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Letters to the Editors

We have read about the recent "Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Week" in The Diamond and in The Sioux Center News.

May I first commend those who are directly interested in unfortunates who have alcohol problems which have become unmanageable--those who are working primarily for the rehabilitation and recovery of people who can no longer control themselves. Work done by Calvary Rehabilitation Center and similar organizations is important and worthy of support. We must ask God to bless these efforts.

We have been away from Sioux Center for a year and a half, living in a suburb of Chicago. In Chicago, crime and murder seem to run rampant; auto accidents and deaths involving "under the influence" drivers are commonplace; the use of alcohol in bars and eating places are not only tolerated but considered socially acceptable. After only a short time in this area, we read about such things, we yawn and go on to other news items. We, too, have become conditioned to this metropolitan culture.

The November 15 issue of *The Diamond* presents the results of a recent survey at Dordt, reporting that 17 percent of the students are "problem drinkers," that 80 percent use alcohol or drugs, and that 20 percent are abstainers. This is amazing!

The report brought back unhappy memories of my term as chairman of the Student Disciplinary Committee. I say "unhappy" because it seemed that almost all of the referrals to this committee were unnecessary, having resulted from violations of rules dealing with control of alcoholic beverages on campus, and the committee's efforts did not seem to produce lasting improvement, judging by the results of the survey reported in *The Diamond*.

Social, financial, and emotional pressures are not new. In Chicago, as elsewhere, teenagers are subjected to

pressures, perhaps more of them in a city than in a rural setting. Students at Dordt are subject to pressures. Teachers and administrators are under pressures. Ministers, professionals, businessmen and farmers are pressured. Even we retired folk have pressures to deal with. Everyone is subject to certain pressures.

Normally the cause of pressures does not vanish just because we seek escape by means of other activities, or because we choose to look the other way. To simply admit that a problem we have fallen prey to is the result of pressures doesn't solve the problem. If we choose to transfer blame or responsibility for our problem to other persons, the problem still persists. To say that the problem is the result of a disease or genetic disorder seems again to disown responsibility for the problem and try to transfer that responsibility elsewhere. Doesn't that seem rather presumptuous on the part of the alcoholic--and then to take credit himself for "staying dry" for a week, a month or a year?

As a matter of fact, to suggest that alcohol and/or drug addiction are the result of a genetic disorder possibly

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suggests that an "accident of birth" or perhaps a higher being may have had something to do with causing the problem. Simply to try to justify ourselves by transferring responsibility elsewhere does not solve the problem for that individual. Neither does it serve as a preventive for others who face such potential problems.

It seems to me that only when a person admits that he (or she) is responsible for the problem (as AA requires) that the door can open to rehabilitation. After that, a search can be conducted as to the cause of the problem so that he or she is responsible and others will know how to avoid the cause of the problem and not fall prey to the problem again. Prevention certainly is preferable to the cure!

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Recently I heard a "recovering alcoholic" say that it bothers her to watch others freely using alcoholic beverages without becoming alcoholics while she must abstain because she is an "alcoholic." It must be concluded that she has not admitted that she was wrong in becoming chemically dependent. She is not blaming herself, but she is blaming someone else.

What is there about alcohol that makes it a required ingredient of the social life of a large percentage of Dordt students (and many others)? Why isn't it equally satisfying to select coffee, tea, Coke, or other non-addicting substances as that required ingredient of social life? What is so compelling about alcohol?

Alcohol is in its very nature an addictive chemical. Its use invites continued and expanded use. To be warned that one drink, but one must not drink so much as to impair one's ability to drive a car safely is an infeasible, nearly self-contradictory warning because the drinking of alcohol dulls and retards one's sense of judgement as to results.

After a person begins a drinking session, it's too late to delay the effects; after a second and third drink, consequences become increasingly predictable.

If this analysis is even somewhat accurate; if in fact one out of every ten people who ever takes a drink in going to become an alcoholic (according to Dr. A. De Jong), then why is it not prudent to strongly recommend to young people and others to abstain from the use of alcohol, rather than to try to decide when its right and when its wrong to drink?

An article by Rev. Allen Hoogewind, a rehabilitation chaplain at the Jellema House in Grand Rapids (Christian Home and School, September 1984, page 14) is very impressive. He writes of levels of prevention of chemical dependency. His emphasis seems to center on a prevention program "to keep a potential problem from ever becoming a problem," and a program which means "assisting high school students make decisions about their lives without a drug."

No, we do not condemn the alcoholic--he should do that himself and seek forgiveness. As a Christian, we love the man, but certainly we cannot approve of a lifestyle which deteriorates his own God-given body, mind, and soul; which causes unfathomable pain to his family; which also tends to attract others into that kind of lifestyle.

Why not avoid the chemical that induces alcoholism, rather than wait for the "disease" (self imposed) to strike and then look for a painful, humiliating cure?

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Majority of Dordt grads find employment

Of the 245 students who graduated from Dordt College in 1984, 189 (77%) have found employment, reports career counselor Quentin Van Essen.

"Employment did not come easy for all of our graduates," noted Van Essen. "A few grads are still looking for jobs."

Not all graduates actively seek employment. Fifteen percent of last year's graduates are furthering their educations through graduate school or more courses at Dordt. Some of the graduates have chosen to become full-time housewives or have married and taken part-time jobs.

Although the education major at Dordt does not involve the most students, 78 of 1984's class are teaching in a wide variety of places, from China to Canada to Rock Valley, Ia.

Van Essen says that many of the education graduates find positions through interviews made on campus. Approximately thirty schools which sought new teachers came to Dordt to hire new staff last spring.

Other students find jobs through on-campus interviews. Van Essen explained that companies such as Pella Roll Screen and Land O'Lakes routinely come to Dordt each spring to interview seniors.

Van Essen noted that of the 75 seniors registered with his placement office last year, 72 found jobs. "In addition to the companies that come to campus for interviews, we get calls from other companies who want to hire college graduates."

Van Essen explained that once these companies hire a Dordt graduate, they

may come back to Dordt again when their company has an opening.

Students applying for graduate school are helped by Van Essen's office, too. He says that this option is becoming more popular; 25% of the 1985 graduating class has already chosen to go on to graduate school.

Van Essen predicts that job placement of the 1985 class will be high. "The biggest factor in job placement in the future may have to do with geography; because of the poor farm economy, students will have to look for jobs in urban areas."

Van Essen's work is not finished with a student when he or she graduates. He continues to place graduates and provides information to alumni that have graduated as long as five or ten years ago and want to make a career change.

"In spite of economic conditions," says Van Essen, "placement was good of the class of 1984." It's encouraging for this year's seniors to see that if they work hard at finding a job, eventually things will come together for them."

Businesses Support Dordt Drive

To kick off the annual Dordt Development Foundation Drive, two local business firms, American State Bank and Harker's Inc., have each committed up to \$25,000 to the drive over the next two years.

In addition to each funding a new \$10,000 scholarship at Dordt College, American State Bank and Harker's have set up a combined matching challenge fund. The fund will match, dollar for dollar, increased and new gifts made to the Dordt Development Foundation program over the next two years.

The purpose of the American State Bank/Harker's matching fund is to induce other businesses and professional people to increase their participation in the Dordt Development Foundation fund-raising program. The two-year goal for the drive is \$150,000, an increase of 50% over the previous two-year average.

The 1985-86 drive is committed to the college's Heritage 21 Campaign, a major constituency-wide fund-raising project with an overall goal of raising \$3 million in cash pledges and \$5.5 million in deferred gift commitments. Most of the funds raised in the campaign will be used for student financial aid programs (scholarships, low-interest loans and grants). A portion of the campaign is also earmarked for building additions on campus for the ag program and computer facilities.

The student financial aid portion of the drive will be designated for the Dordt Development Foundation Scholarship Fund for students with demonstrated need, a minimum grade point average, and special potential.

In announcing these two new gifts, Dr. J.B. Hulst, president of Dordt, commented, "We're grateful for the leadership and generosity of both American State Bank and Harker's in offering this matching challenge to the other business and professional people of the community. We're convinced that there will be an excellent response to the challenge and that we will be able to reach our two-year goal for the program."

Dordt Receives New Transfers

Dordt College has received 41 transfer students this semester. 18 students transferred from other colleges and 23 had previously been enrolled at Dordt.

Even with the 41 new students, there are 56 students who didn't come back this semester and 13 who dropped out before the end of first semester. This signals an overall drop in enrollment from 1103 to 1075 which doesn't surprise the Director of Admissions, Howard Hall. "It would be the first time in history if we had more students the second semester than the first," says Hall. "We normally do have less students during the second semester."

Transfer students at Dordt this semester have come from Sioux Falls College, Westmar, Hastings Community

College in Nebraska, the Reformed Bible College of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Cerritus Jr. College of Norwalk, California.

Glen Kooima, a Rock Valley native, spent one year at Iowa State University before switching over to Dordt this semester. Kooima is finding it fairly easy to adjust to the Dordt lifestyle. "So far I really like it here. The people are a lot friendlier and the classes are a lot smaller," says Kooima. "The professors here really seem to take interest in what the students are doing. At Iowa State the classes were pretty big and the whole atmosphere was rather impersonal."

Although some students have had problems transferring credits from other institutions, Kooima says he had little

trouble with the transfer process.

According to Associate Academic Dean, Abe Bos, there really isn't a problem with the transfer procedure if the institution the student is transferring from is similar to Dordt College in regard to accreditation. In most cases course work is easily exchanged. One year of full-time courses toward a bachelors degree at another college is given a full ten credits at Dordt.

Another factor is the nature of the courses which are being transferred. Bos said a course in religion at a secular university could not be used to fulfill the theology requirement at Dordt towards a general education requirement. Most of the time students shouldn't have any trouble transferring either in or out of Dordt College.



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Orchestra's potential seen

by Phil Grotenhuis

The Sioux County Orchestra and its conductor, Nobuya Matsuda, were rewarded this past Sunday for many hours of hard practice. The group delivered a superb performance which brought a more than positive response from the audience.

With the aid of guest pianist Joachim Seggar, the orchestra flowed with great dexterity from powerful crescendos to subtle nuances of emotion. Seggar himself was pleased not only with his own performance, but especially with that of the orchestra. "The rhythm was really quite secure," said Seggar. "I feel there is a lot of potential in the Sioux County Orchestra."

Conductor Nobuya Matsuda felt no less an admiration for the orchestra. "The performance was probably the best yet since we officially formed on September 24," said Matsuda.

The classical menu served only those with a palate for the symphonies of Ludwig von-Beethoven. The orchestra's first half included symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21. Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37 followed with Seggar displaying his indisputable talent on piano. After intermission, the orchestra concluded with symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67.



The Sioux County Orchestra's strings sing under the direction of Conductor Nobuya Matsuda in its first concert since its formation September 24.

The orchestra includes not only Dordt students but players throughout Sioux County. Its schedule during the year

required one practice session a week. But the week before Sunday's performance, the orchestra labored a total of ten hours.

What weaknesses the orchestra did possess, guest pianist Seggar felt could be eventually overcome. "One of the things people have to remember is that this is a community orchestra," commented Seggar. "As Matsuda works with these people, these weaknesses will be smoothed out."

Seggar currently teaches at King's College in Edmonton, Alberta. Like many Christian musicians, he is constantly trying to work his faith into his work. "I feel that all of life is redeemed by Christ including the music field," said Seggar.

He also felt there were times when he would rather perform than teach, but as Seggar said, "There are also realities to face." Seggar feels that when one is involved in teaching and has a family, the time left is very limited.

Matsuda's feelings toward the music field are similar to Seggar's. "God made everyone in his image—even the non-Christian," said Matsuda. "Even though the orchestra's music was secular, people could still be inspired by its beauty. People should not feel that a secular classical piece cannot be felt and enjoyed."

The orchestra's next performance is scheduled for April 24.

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Swapping Success

by Mark Vis

"Although not everybody was quite sure exactly what was going on, the Student Forum Book Swap has been deemed a success," said Student Forum member Dave Van Drunen.

On February 16, the Forum had the S.U.B. lobby set up as a centralized

location for students to exchange used books, with display tables, change, and a large bulletin board for advertising books. Books of specific types (eg. math) were to be sold at specific times, but few students bothered with that formality and sold whatever they could whenever they could.

Van Drunen noted that the swap wasn't as organized as it could have been, but he also remarked that it wasn't meant to be a precisely executed operation, especially since it was a first attempt for the Forum. "The swap was organized," said Van Drunen, "to give people a chance to trade books without running all over campus and spending a lot of time on the phone."

The Forum plans to try a swap again next year, after making a few improvements in organization.

Forum Exchanged

On the evening of Jan. 22, fourteen Dordt students traveled to Briar Cliff College in Sioux City. Their mission: to get acquainted, share common concerns and to exchange ideas about academics and student life on the two campuses. Dordt students received a warm reception and were assigned a host for the visit. After attending a student government and an R.A. meeting, the students settled in for the night.

Wednesday, escorted by their hosts, the students attended classes (70 minutes long!) and an afternoon mass. To end an exciting day, Briar Cliff furnished a steak dinner for all the Dordt students, their hosts, and several administrators. Student Forum member, Brenda Giddings reported, "It was a neat idea to have the student exchange because it gave students from both colleges a chance to get to know each other and to learn about each other's policies and activities."

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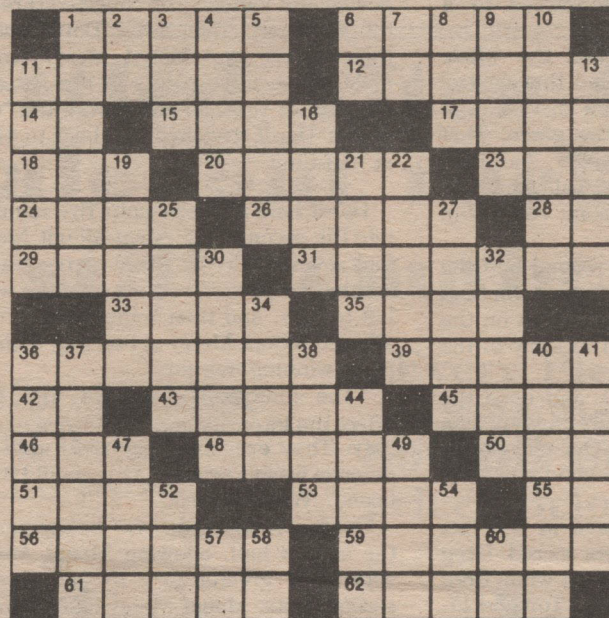
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Sports

Women Defenders Defeat Westmar 83-63

The Westmar Eagles posed no threat in women's basketball action January 24 as the Lady Defenders confirmed their superiority with a 83-63 triumph. The half housed Dordt gym did not belittle the sharp shooting of Linda Mabie and inside work of Vonda Broek. Each scored 20 points for the defenders.

The onset by Westmar proved somewhat a battle for Dordt with the score 26-21 midway through the first half. But inside work by Dordt's Faye Woudstra and Jacque Van Leeuwen widened the gap by halftime, 47-38.

The second half onslaught by Westmar was administered by center Jacquie Rothrock and forward Sandra Vollen who with only 2:08 into the half cut Dordt's lead by six, 47-44. But like the second half, Dordt began to dominate the board with accurate outside shooting by Linda Mabie, Vonda Broek, and sideline shooting by Lisa Ruisch. With 5:39 remaining, Dordt lead Westmar 69-56. The Defenders maintained their tough stance to win the contest, 83-63.

Despite the large margin of the score, Defender coach Len Rhoda felt there could be improvement. "Offensively, we were sporadic," said Rhoda, "and I don't think we played as well as we could have defensively."

Rhoda stressed that although the Dordt defense could have promised more, the overall second semester for team play had improved. "We have a young team this year and many came out of Iowa basketball rules," explained Rhoda. "But there has been alot of team spirit and effort despite some previous setbacks".



Dordt's Jacque Van Leeuwen strives for another two points in the Lady Defenders matchup against Westmar College. Such inside work was commonplace in the contest's second half.

Dordt men split action against Iowa Wesleyan, Mt. Mercy

The Defenders of Dordt College played two games on the road this week, and they split the action. They beat Iowa Wesleyan and lost to Mount Mercy.

On Friday, January 25 the Dordt men played Iowa Wesleyan at Mount Pleasant, and that game progressed to a runaway Dordt win, 105-77.

The Defenders controlled the whole game, and they established that control from the start, fighting to a 25-19 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game. That was expanded to a 49-38 half-time advantage. "It was still a ball game for the first half," said assistant coach Jim Woudstra.

In the first part of the second half the Defenders asserted themselves, climbing to an 83-58 lead. With the bench on the floor, that lead continued to grow to the 105-77 victory score.

"We ran the ball well, and used the fast break; we were really bigger than them," Woudstra said. "Our players off the bench really made a good contribution to the win."

That contribution showed in the fact that nine of the ten players scored. Greg Van Soelen led with 32 points, while Brad Boer had 24 and Don Vanden Top had 17. Van Soelen grabbed nine rebounds, Boer had 10 and Vanden Top had eight. Dordt took 44 rebounds to Iowa Wesleyan's 28.

Then on Saturday, the Defenders faced Mount Mercy at Regis High School in Cedar Rapids. That game went against Dordt 79-92.

"We started off extremely well," Woudstra said, noting that the Dordt men connected on 10 of their first 11 shots to establish a 28-14 lead at the end of the first ten minutes. After that the Defenders ran into foul trouble, as both Van Soelen and Vanden Top collected three in the first half. That threw Dordt out of their tempo, and Mount Mercy scored eight consecutive points in the last five minutes of the half to draw within two points. Dordt stretched that back to 44-39 at half-time.

Dordt held the lead until five minutes into the second half, when Mount Mercy took over at 51-50. The game stayed within two points until six minutes were left to play, and then some Dordt errors allowed Mount Mercy to build up their 13 point winning margin.

"The foul trouble in the first half affect the intensity and confidence of our play. They executed very well, and our defense wasn't as good as it should have been," Woudstra said.

Dordt's rebounding was below par in the second half, allowing Mount Mercy with their greater size to get several second shots. Mount Mercy had five men who scored in the double figures.

Van Soelen again led Dordt in scoring, with 25 points. Vanden Top had 19 points, and Brian Vos made 17 points.

Defenders drop two close games

For the Defenders men's basketball team of Dordt College this week was one of heartbreak as they let two games slip through their fingers that they could have won.

On Wednesday, January 16 the Dordt men travelled to play Westmar College. Despite a valiant catch-up effort by the Defenders, that game went to Westmar by a score of 78-79.

The Defenders fell behind by 19 points in the first eight minutes of play, and worked to catch up most of the remaining time of play. By half-time they had closed the gap to 11 points, going into the lockerroom behind 33-44.

In the second half the Dordt men gradually ate up the Westmar advantage, and with five minutes left to play the game was tied. From there on it remained a two point ball game. Westmar hit six free throws in the last minute and a half to outpace Dordt by one point.

Greg Van Soelen played an excellent game, scoring 32 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Brad Boer and Brian Vos each had 13 rebounds as well.

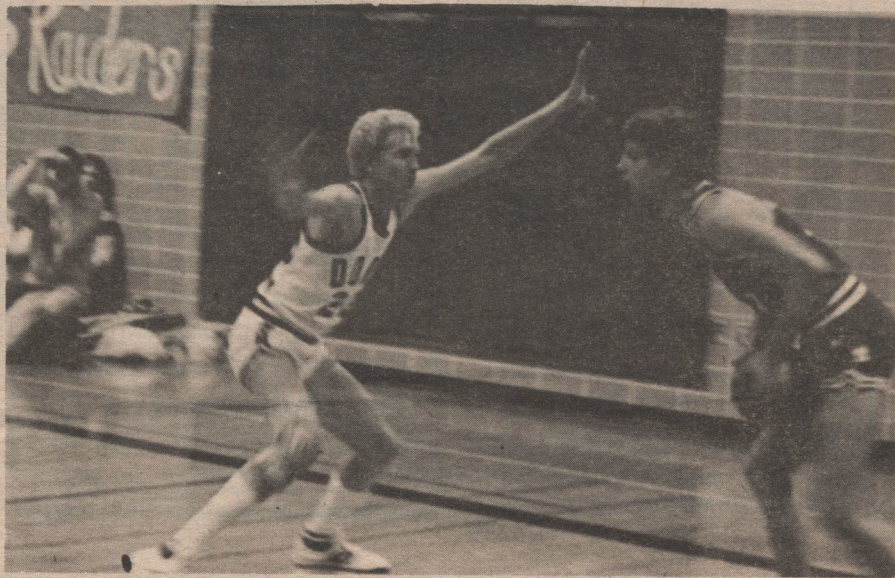
"We played very poorly in the opening minutes of the game," said coach Rick Vander Berg. "The offense didn't execute well, and we never really got into the flow."

Defensively Dordt did all right, he said, but Westmar was shooting quite well in the first part of the game.

Saturday night a traditional rivalry was once again fought out as the Defenders hosted the Northwestern Red Raiders. Despite a roaring home crowd, the Defenders lost that game 93-81.

The game started off a see-saw battle, and after several minutes was tied up at 20. At that point the Dordt men ran into a cold streak, allowing Northwestern to build up a 10 point advantage.

"We had some costly turnovers, and didn't score on 10 possessions," Vander Berg explained. Dordt came back in the last five minutes of the half to take the lead with two seconds left in the first period, but Northwestern hit two free throws to take a 42-41 half-time lead.



Dordt College Defender Don Vanden Top remains unrelenting in his defense against Northwestern College. Despite

In the second half Dordt once more allowed a 10 point advantage to the Red Raiders, and for the rest of the game there was a 10 to 12 point margin.

Van Soelen once again paced the Defenders, with 27 points. Boer had 16 and Vanden Top had 15. Brunsting scored 19 points to lead the Red Raiders.

"The offense never really got into the flow. We missed a lot of 10-footers, and caused too many turnovers by trying to force things that weren't there," Vander Berg said.

Dordt women lose to M'side

The Dordt women played a single game this week, and that turned out to be a close game but a Dordt loss, 75-71.

On Saturday afternoon the lady Defenders hosted Morningside in their only game. Morningside set out in the first half gradually building a small lead, and was up at half-time 44-35.

In the second half the Defenders had the opportunity to get ahead, but weren't able to capitalize despite a good defensive effort.

Vonda Broek led the Defenders in scoring with 19 points. Linda Mabie had 12 points, Faye Woudstra had 15 and Jackie Van Leeuwen had 10.

"We didn't hit on our free throws," noted coach Len Rhoda. "We were 15 of 26 overall, one of five in the last quarter."

He noted that Morningside's hot-shooting guards were a definite factor in the game, as was their tough full-court press in the first half.

The Dordt women are now 6-7. They have only one game this week, an IoKota Conference game against Westmar at home. That game will be played at 7:00 on Thursday night.

Entertainment

"Interiors" provides serious side of Allen

by Angela Struyk

For anyone who has seen Woody Allen's comedy films, seeing "Interiors", Allen's first serious film, will be a very different experience.

"Interiors" is about a family living in modern day America where each family member is so intent on finding themselves, that they show no real feelings for each other. The main characters of the film are out to find themselves and out to make themselves happy, and yet none of them are succeeding.

Geraldine Page plays a mother striving to create a perfect environment--both in her home with interior design, and in her family. In her attempts to be perfect, her three daughters suffer the consequences--each of them striving but not achieving a perfect life for themselves.

"Interiors" shows the viewer a bleak and colorless world through most of the movie, and when Alan suddenly adds the bright and bouncy second wife (Maureen Stapleton) who is the only unpretentious character in the film, the viewer can

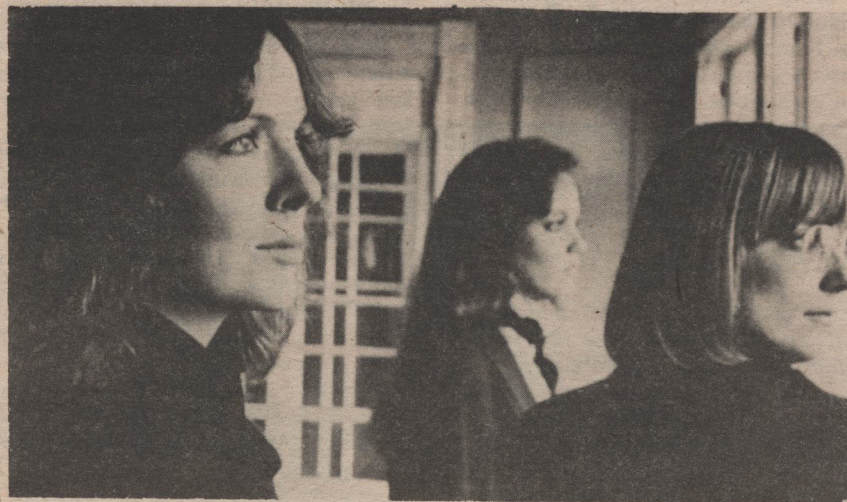
hardly summon up enough warm feelings to care for even her.

There have been a diverse number of reactions to the film which may say something positive about "Interiors" quality, but most viewers will tend to agree that this is not an uplifting, hopeful film.

Although one may feel emotionally sterile while viewing "Interiors", visually and audibly this film stimulates the viewer. One is lifted into a world of hard, cold, colorless surfaces and open rooms where footsteps and voices echo. Symbols are apparent everywhere--from the roaring ocean which becomes the disturbed mother's grave, to the cold and colorless interiors the mother lives in.

Diane Keaton, Marybeth Hurt, Kristin Griffith E. G. Marshall, and Geraldine Page create believable people who are genuinely unsatisfied with their lives, and who are difficult characters for the audience to love.

For any fan of Woody Allen, "Interiors" will be an interesting twist of character.



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Author Cook offers "Mystery"

by Laura Obbink

According to Flannery O'Connor, "The fiction writer presents mystery through manners, grace through nature, but when he finishes there always has to be left over that sense of Mystery which cannot be accounted for by any human formula" (*Mystery and Manners*, p.153). In his collection, *Cracked Wheat and Other Stories*, Hugh Cook proves himself to be such a fiction writer.

Unified by their Dutch-Canadian subject matter, the stories in *Cracked wheat* focus on the turning points in the lives of various Dutch immigrants in North America. Cook tells the stories carefully, with candor and affection, pacing the narration to allow the development of appropriate depth and breadth.

Throughout the collection, Cook slips with grace into a wide range of characters: from a woman who has just given birth, to a seminary student delivering bread, to a young girl who suffers the pangs of homesickness, to a father watching his daughter at her dancing lesson. Cook's characters are real, his perceptions are honest, and *Cracked Wheat* provides the reader with, as Miss O'Connor would put it, a generous "slice of life."

Yet for all its grace and authenticity, the most impressive quality of Cook's collection is its pervading sense of mystery. Each of the stories enter on a moment of epiphany--a time of sudden knowledge or revelation--in the life of the main character. To demonstrate this moment of vision, I will look briefly at the ninth story in the collection, entitled, "Clown."

"Clown" is the story of the "the kid," who runs away from Pastor Levi (a minister hounding him to be baptized) and joins a carnival that is passing through town. Surrounded by a group of freakish characters--the Tattooed Man, the Fat Lady, and the World's Most Abundant girl--the kid offers to sit in as the clown for the dunking machine.

Just when he is truly a part of the carnival and the farthest from home and from grace--he is shouting insults at a

devil-like character named Tiger who is too angry to hit the target and who is pitching the balls at the kid instead--the boy spots Pastor Levi at the edge of the crowd. The kid falls silent, feeling as if he has been "stripped clean," and when Pastor Levi steps and pitches only one ball, the stool collapses and the kid is immersed in the ice cold water.

By an irresistible sort of grace, the kid has at last received his baptism, and as he steps from the tank, streaming with

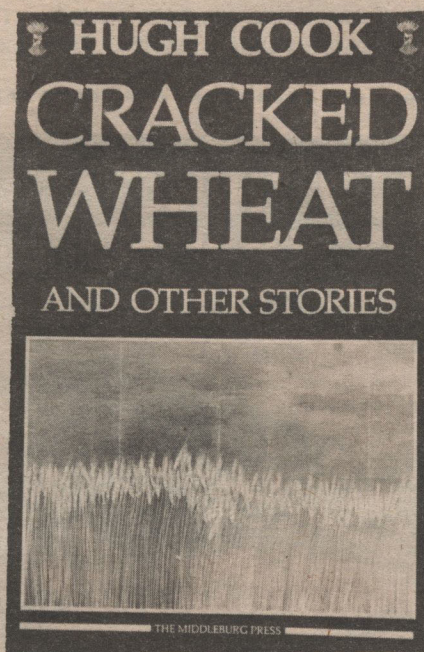
water, he hears "the cheers of the crowd roaring in his ears like a host of angels rejoicing," and the pitcher stands behind him, "pronouncing his name with right hand raised and saying, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

As a story, "Clown" is entirely convincing and believable; yet the truth that it contains gives it added depth and reveals a larger vision. As a sample of Cook's collection, it is one of the best.

In his heavy reliance on the Dutch-Canadian way of life (including a number of Dutch idioms and bits of Calvinistic doctrine) Cook gives his stories an admirable sense of authenticity and honesty of detail, but he also leaves the reader who is unacquainted with these idioms and idiosyncracies on the outside of many inside jokes (since translations are not provided in the text).

Is *Cracked Wheat*, then, appropriate only for an audience with a Dutch-Canadian background or with an education in Calvinistic beliefs? I believe (and I think Cook would agree) that the collection is not limited in this way.

Instead, *Cracked Wheat* will appeal to any reader who appreciates good fiction and who possesses, as Miss O'Connor has said, "the kind of mind that is willing to have its sense of mystery deepened by contact with reality, and its sense of reality deepened by contact with mystery."



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13--MBB vs. Westmar, Home, 7:30 p.m.



World Events

FRANCE

President Francois Mitterand rushed to the French colony of New Caledonia in the South Pacific to calm recent violence. Police and Special Forces failed in keeping order between the Melanesians and white settlers. The Melanesians continue to demand total independence from France while the white settlers oppose a complete French withdrawal. Some authorities believe that a French loss on the island could spread to other French possessions in the Pacific and Indian oceans and in the Caribbean Sea.

PHILIPPINES

Two thousand chanting protesters marched in opposition to the policies of Philippine President Marcos last week. The protestors were part of a coalition backed by various muslim groups who find Marcos a repressive leader.

MOSCOW

The health of Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko is declining according to a senior western diplomat. The question of his successor has arisen due to his serious illness which is

reported to be emphysema and various heart ailments.

Chernenko has not been seen in public for a month. Some Kremlin observers believe Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev will fill the vacancy.

EL SALVADOR

President Jose Nepolean Duarte has attempted to fulfill a campaign promise of last spring to "remove the people's fear."

Since Duarte's inauguration in June, the killings have subsided from about 300 a month to around 120 a month. The slaying of civilians by army men has nearly ceased as American trainers have persuaded Salvadoran soldiers that the best way of getting information on guerrilla mobilization is to respect the lives of the civilians.

Charges may finally be brought against those involved in the murder of San Salvador's Archbishop Romero in 1980. Perhaps the country is on the way to permanent stability.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

In an effort to flush out Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge, the Vietnamese have been shelling along the Thai-Cambodian

border. In their effort they have killed at least 15 Cambodian refugees. U.S. ambassador to Thailand, John Gunther Dean, declared the artillery barrage hit a camp while fighting intensified.

JAMAICA

Protesters recently mobbed the streets in the capital city of Kingston in response to a government imposed increase in gasoline prices. A decision by Prime Minister Edward Seaga forced the price from one dollar-eighty cents a gallon to two dollars-nineteen cents a gallon. The violence left several Jamaicans dead. None of the 22,000 tourists in the country during the protest were hurt.

PAKISTAN

The country announced in mid-January that it is to hold a general election in February. The voting mechanism is in place and President Zia with Hag promises not to cancel it as he has done on three previous occasions since 1977.

The General, however, claims that he has been given a mandate to rule. In his own style of "shurocracy", President Zia believes he has established democracy, Islamic style.

This entails that the leader will rise to prominence as a result of his goodness and wisdom. The election dates are set February 25 for the national assembly and February 28 for the provincial assemblies.

ARMS CONTROL

The American and Russian governments have begun to show what the January 8 Geneva talks meant for the international community. The crucial issue now is whether the proposed new talks on anti-missile weapons insisted upon by the Russians will actualize.

The Russians are concerned that the American anti-missile research programs supported by President Reagan in his Strategic Defense Initiative will yield weapons that would prevent Soviet missiles from reaching their targets.

The Reagan Administration seems eager to make huge investments in new military technology and production within the next decade. Neither side is willing to bargain away the threat of competition in space development unless the other promises deep cuts in their nuclear arsenals.

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possibility and an opportunity to start an institution completely unrelated." Otherwise, an attempt could be made to expand on the ICS. "A third alternative," says Hulst, "would be to take existing colleges and institutions and try to use them as a base for a university." Still, additional ideas of expansion involve using the Calvin Center for Christian Learning, the Dordt Studies Institute, and similar academic agencies. Hulst quickly notes that more possibilities exist and that these options are all involved in the colleges' committee talks.

Upon questioning the Christian Reformed Church's possible role, since mostly CRC-associated colleges are involved, Dr. Hulst offers his perspective: "I don't think that we ought to be talking in denominational terms," says Hulst. "The principle we seek to abide by is the

principle of a free society. I personally feel that if we are to move in the way of establishing a Christian university we should talk in terms of a free school."

Hulst also explained that the university should be openly, distinctively, and statedly Reformed. He again emphasized that denomination is an ecclesiastical term.

The proposal for a Christian university is obviously still in the brainstorming stage, but President Hulst expressed his hopes. "The idea is a commitment to excellence," says Hulst. "Anything else would be a negative reflection on the name of Christianity. We should be moving in that direction. I think also that it's possible and feasible. Whether or not it will happen depends on how sincerely we take our commitment to Christian education."

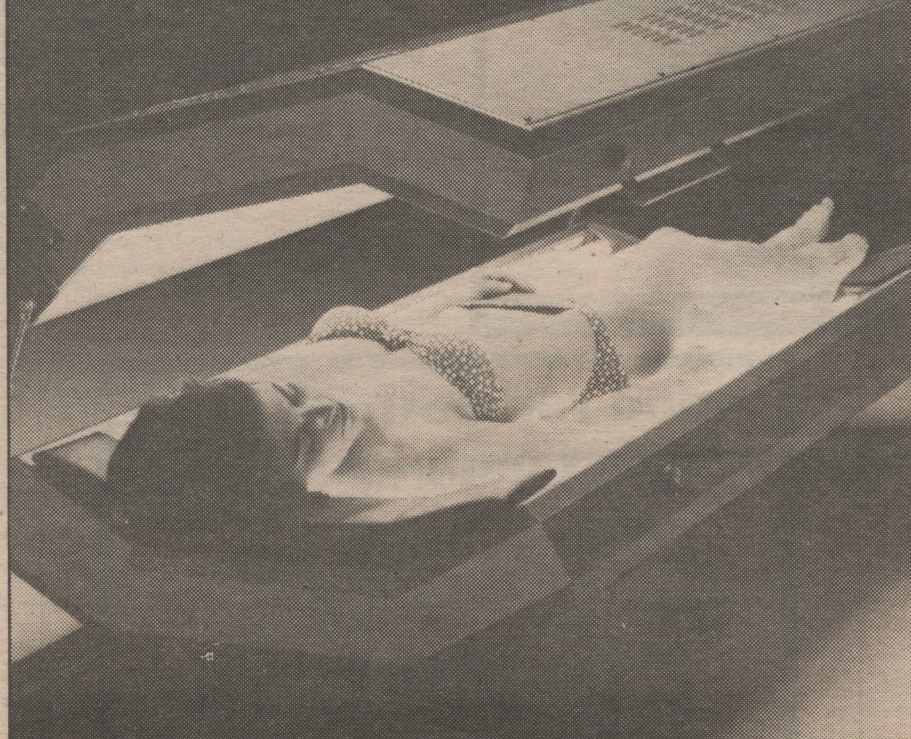
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