Canadian Brass entertains all

by Ken Van Abbe

The Canadian Brass have contributed immensely to 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, and more recently in studios, and more recently in churches. The ensemble pep up concerts 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 Hackleman, 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 particularly popular display of their talent 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. Daellenbach, the quintet’s trumpet player, introduced the brass piece and 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 transcriptions they’ve ever had.

Between various numbers, select members introduced the brass quintet’s individual uniqueness of the upcoming pieces. Many times they were humorous but occasionally their attempts at humor seemed premeditated. Any weakness they might have had, however, were shadowed by their credibility as players and in the performance as a whole.

The second half was less serious than the first. A short piece was played and from left to right are Ronald Romm, Fredric Mills, Martin Hackleman, Charles Daellenbach, and Eugene Watts.

Highlights of the ballet included Watts appearing in a tutu and Daellenbach playing the tuba lying on his back while attempting a Russian dance. The 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 Stell. 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 Calvin College, Calvin College of Colorado, Calvin College of Chicago, and Trinity were present as were representatives from Calvin Seminary and the Institute for Christian Studies. King’s 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 “Gabriel 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 hopes 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-
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

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 campaign against the bill and claimed, as quoted in The Economist, that Martin Luther King’s “action oriented marxism” made him a poor candidate for hero status. If such insensitive and colloquial 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 is makes me wonder if it is possible to impeach a senator. m-p-v

The heart has its reasons, which reason does not know.

—Blaise Pascal

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 affiliated 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 horn-rimmed glasses have little intimate contact with non-Dutch persons, except for an occasional Scandinavian or OPCer.

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

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 me tell him from his upcoming column in The Diamond’s next issue. pg

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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 commend those who are directly interested in unfortunate 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 16 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 Discipline Committee. We 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, businesspersons and farmers are pressured. Even we retired folks 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 what is there about alcohol that makes it a required ingredient of the social life...

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 "unalcoholic." 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? 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 Jongi, 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 it's right and when its wrong to drink?

An article by Rev. Allen Hoogewind, a rehabilitation chaplain at the Jellemas 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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- Sioux Falls College, Westmar, Hastings Community College in Nebraska, the Reformed Bible College of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
- 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 has little trouble with the transfer process. According to Associate Academic Dean, Abe Bos, there really isn’t a problem with the transfer process 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 bachelor’s 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.

Businesses Support Dordt Drive

To kick off the annual Dordt Development Foundation Drive, two local businesses, 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 60% 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 $6.5 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 businesses 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.”

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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 Joschim 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.


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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 in a game that did not belie the sharp shooting of Linda Mabie and inside work of Vonda Broek. Each scored 20 points for the defenders.

The upset by Westmar proved somewhat of a battle for Dordt with the score 26-21 midway through the first half. But inside work by Vonda Broek and outside shooting by Linda Mabie, Vonda Broek, and inside shooting by Linda Mabie, Vonda Broek, and inside shooting by Lisa Rusch. 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, 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," explained Rhoda. "But there has been a lot of team spirit and effort despite some previous setbacks.

Dordt men split action against Iowa Wesleyan, Mt. Mercy

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

On Monday night 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 had themselves slimmed to an 83-58 lead. With the bench on the floor, that lead continued to grow to the 105-77 victory score.

"We ran half 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 had 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 affected 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 is 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 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 34-44.

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 oupace 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.

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 15 and Vanden Top had 15. Brustering 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, Gayle 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 35 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 Iowa Wesleyan Conference game against Westmar at home. That game will be played at 7:00 on Thursday night.
“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.

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

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.13). 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 pains 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 wear 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-burning him to be baptized and joins a carnival that is passing through town. Surrounded by a group of freakish characters—the Tattoo 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 it’s sense of reality deepened by contact with mystery.”
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 Philippines President Marcos last week. The protesters 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 Gorba- chev will fill the vacancy.

EL SALVADOR

President Jose Napoleon 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 200 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 Jamacians 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 'shaurcacy', 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-missle weapons insisted upon by the Russians will actualize. The Russians are concerned that the American anti-missle 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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