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Board okay's chapel, student apartment housing

The Board of Trustees approved the construction of additional housing facilities, according to Dr. T. A. Boeve, board president. Also recognized and approved at the meeting held last Thursday was the need for a chapel—music building within the next three or four years.

With construction to begin early this spring, an apartment complex will be built to the east of the existing campus trailers. The building will have two floors containing eight apartments.

Designed to accommodate six single students, each apartment will contain three bedrooms, a kitchen and dining/ living room. Present plans also allow for the possibility of married students living in one of the apartments. With some modification, one or two rooms could be eliminated to provide a larger living area.

The Board decided on the apartment project following lengthy discussions on alternative solutions to Dordt's housing problem. According to Boeve, the Board projects increased growth of the college and thus a greater demand for student housing. Adequate facilities within the surrounding community are not meeting housing needs.

Another dormitory on campus was rejected in favor of the apartments, "After all, you can't "sell" a dorm," said Boeve, referring to the possibility of a decline in housing demand. The building will measure 60 ft. by 60 ft., with the basement on low ground level (similar to the Bogenga apartments now used by Dordt students).

"We are seriously considering using solar heat in the apartments," said Bernard De Wit, businessman. "I talked to several people about this and it's amazing how many kilowatt hours of energy can be saved ... but we'll have to look into it more."

The main construction material will be brick, rather than wooden siding. According to De Wit, brick involves less maintenance and can be acquired at better prices. The entire project is estimated to cost $135,000, De Wit said. The necessary funds will come from a reserve fund for dormitories which allows for borrowing in the case of new housing.

Elsie Haan will be the general contractor.

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During both days the two men will be visiting several classes. Skillen also plans to address chapel on Thursday morning.

Downie, engaged in law practice in Beaver County, Pa., since 1965, is presently working on a court case in Pennsylvania for equal distribution of taxes for all schools, public and non-public. He taught political science at Geneva College in 1966-68. He is also on the board of NAAPA (National Association for Christian Political Action).

Skillen, who received a B.S. in political science from Duke University, is also Director of the NAAPA Analysis and Research Committee, and editor of NAAPA's "Political." He received his J.A. in philosophy (with honors) at Wheaton College, B.D. from Westminster Seminary, and spent a year studying philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam.

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KDCR awarded first prize

KDCR received a first place award for "Best Single Program" at the Governor's Media Awards banquet, held in Des Moines, January 23. Two other awards for radio were presented and 15 others were given for commercial and educational television, and daily and weekly newspapers.

The winning program, "Recital" was a 36 minute recorded program broadcast each Saturday evening for five months—from January until May last year. Those performing in "Recital" came from 15 area colleges, Ron Klemm, Program Director and John Fluck, KDCR Fine Arts Coordinator, produced "Recital."

Iowa Governor Robert Ray, congratulating KDCR on the award said, "...Iowans are appreciative of the arts. It is a part of our quality of life in the state of which we are proud. We are also proud of KDCR in its contribution to our cultural growth."

Although the program proved to be technically and professionally acceptable, it was cancelled after a short time.

"We had to cancel "Recital" because we couldn't afford it," said Martin Dekkenga, Station Manager. "The extra production costs came from mileage to colleges and extra wages because the taping required two technicians' time. By the time the half hour program was produced, it cost between 50 and 60 dollars. (An average hour of broadcast costs $6.50.) But, Dekkenga says he'd like to get the program back on the air. "It's one of our priorities in fund raising," he explained.

"The music department needs more room and would move into the new facilities, the space presently used by music students will be converted for use by other administrative or academic departments.

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Both men are involved in many activities working toward a Christian approach to Christian politics. They have contributed articles to a number of Christian publications, such as "Politikon," "International Reformed Bulletin," "Christian Patriot," etc.
Here we go again ...

Christmas break is over and we're beginning another semester at Dordt College. Our vacation is a memory to be thought about or forgotten, but the next four months can't be ignored or dreamed away.

We've come back to Dordt from all over the continent and for many different reasons. Yes, every semester we discover things about the students around us that we'd never known before. Our homes are different. Our ideas and viewpoints differ greatly. Our life styles vary drastically at times.

But we're all here as students facing another semester. Beginning involves planning, looking ahead. What will happen? What do you hope to accomplish?

As students we will (or should) spend most of our time on academic work. This means attending class, participating in class, completing assignments, doing study, and preparing for exams. In the last semester some might "hit the books" more often. Or students who've neglected the importance of developing friendships and relaxing might just "goof off" a little more frequently this semester.

And what about the many hours students will spend in the dorms—or in apartments? Will roommates grow to understand each other? Hopefully every student will learn what consideration for each other means, "Quiet hours" in the dorms isn't just another rule, it's showing respect for others living in the same building.

Involvement in extracurricular activities might improve this semester too. There are so many ways for us to contribute to student life on campus. Intramural sports, drama, opera, clubs, speakers, films, discussions, fine arts, Student Forum, and student publications (including "The Diamond"). These activities take up time that isn't recognized in terms of credit hours but there are a vital part of student life as course work is.

What will this semester be like? Will it be just another one to mark off towards graduation? No, this semester will be significant. We'll grow, mature as students together with professors and administrators. We'll discuss and argue, struggle and work together as God's people committed to His service.

Time to analyze ourselves

To the editors:

At the Northwestern basketball game something really opened my eyes on living as a Christian. It was really unique how every time the referee made a call on a perhaps questionable call, almost everyone on both sides in the crowd could see it and respond by hissing, booing, and the like. I personally feel this is poor sportsmanship, but it does keep the referee on his toes, causing him to strive to officiate the game well, and make it fair.

Changing the scenery a little, just imagine an ordinary day when someone tells you to do something and puts out one of our mistakes or faults. How willing are we to accept it? And, if one person notices this "fault" how many other gyms of people see it also?

Here at Dordt we supposedly live in a Christian community where all are striving to serve God to the utmost in our own fields. When someone points out to us we are not following God's law and not living a "truly" Christian life, do we respond as if it is an "outside" view?

The referee doesn't have time to analyze all his calls; that is what's so nice about being a Christian, we have the time to analyze ourselves and truly follow Christ, we have a fair chance. But this comes only if we truly want to serve and love your Lord and Savior, and heed those comments and suggestions from God. This year the elections will soon pass by us. Let's together prepare for our task in the years ahead.

The Iowa political caucuses are over—faded into the recesses of history. The rhetoric, the filmflam and the media spotlight have all shifted to the eastern primary states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Students and faculty of Dordt College didn't take an active part in the caucuses of both parties. They voiced their opinions on education, abortion and a few other issues and played a role in the selection of delegates for the county conventions. One student remarked, "I was amazed at how much influence we really had at a local level."

But what does it all mean? How does our role in the Iowa Center caucuses fit in with a total Christian witness? Are we, by attending the caucuses, limiting our ability to party functions and the two issues, abortion and education? By dividing into two parties, Republican and Democratic, are we supporting the old Conservative-Liberal split? Are we hurling taunting cries at fellow Christians, while balancing at opposite ends of the same old teeter-totter?

Dr. H. Evan Runner, professor of philosophy at Calvin College, offers some answers in his book, "Scriptural Religion and Political Task": "The Christian political task is concerned with the reformation of political life itself as an aspect of the integral renewal of our whole life in obedience to the divine Word of Salvation. For this reason it can never be thought of in terms of solving one particular question, or this or that political issue on the campaign planks."

Christian politics involves grappling with the crucial issues of our day within a consistent view—a view more pervading than both the bankrupt liberal humanism and reactionary conservatism. It involves a total approach which recognizes the nature of Christ, a view of justice which reaches out to all men and favors none, and goes much beyond the pet issues or parochial concerns of any one segment of society.

Let's not limit ourselves to sifting the pocketbooks of Christian parents who pay twice for their children's education, inequitable as that is! Let's not limit ourselves to promoting the rights of the unborn, important as that is to our nation!

Students can support NAPCA and analyze and discuss the current issues. These are not merely issues of political science, but touch such fields as business, ecology, economics, sociology, history and education as well.

With a little effort, Dordt students could study and discuss such economic issues as jobs, inflation, government spending, trade agreements and oil controls; social problems as social security, welfare, Indian policy, "vicious crimes" or the penal code; business related issues as re-sale insurance, banking policies or taxes; ecological problems as land use and strip mining; educational issues as tax equality in education; foreign policy: problems of war, intervention in Angola, arms aid and detente; and, political issues as government bureaucracy, government secrecy, campaign laws and federal-state relations. The list could go on and on. The point is, students can relate their studies to the hotly-debated issues of our day.

As a member of the Sioux County Democratic Platform Committee, I will be asked to submit the caucus resolutions at the county level. I can also propose new planks. In the next few weeks, students should share their insights and proposals for government action with me and the other platform delegates.

Perhaps 1976 is too soon for us to mobilize with a united Christian voice. 1980 and 1984 will provide more opportunities for us to think and act.
Local caucuses begin political progress

NACPA (National Association for Christian Political Action) groundwork for both Republican and Democratic caucuses, held January 19, began in early December. A committee headed by Louise Halst, Helen Kohes and Cassella De Siguer, NACPA representatives, wrote up planks on pro-life and private education support. In 25 of Sioux County's precincts, voters approved the plank on education (asking for aid to private elementary and secondary schools). The pro-life plank passed in all but one of these precincts--a Democratic precinct in Orange City.

Other support for the caucuses was drummed up by L. H. Peabody, sociology professor. He asked some mothers of Sioux Center to support Republican candidate Ronald Reagan for his anti-abortion stand. At the Republican caucus, held in the Sioux Center Public Library basement, 28 pledged their support for Reagan; 19 supported Ford and 23 claimed they were undecided in the straw vote.

At the same caucus, Arnold Koekkoek, history professor, was well as executive secretary of that precinct. About 500 Dordt students and professors attended the caucus, breaking all precinct caucus attendance records. Over 200 attended (although not all were registered Republicans) which caused former chairman Maurice Te Paske to remark, "It's a good feeling to see so many people. I'm just having a good time in a phone booth."

The next Republican caucus--the county caucus--is scheduled for February 28 in the Sioux County courthouse. The Sioux Center precinct caucus elected 31 delegates for this. The Congressional District caucuses and the Presidential State Convention takes place June 18 and 19. Iowa will eventually send 36 delegates (and 36 alternates) to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, August 16 to 19.

The Sioux Center Democratic precinct caucus was held in the basement, elected three delegates to send to the Democratic county caucus and one representative to work on the Sioux County Platform Committee.

Of the thirty-four people voting, ten to fifteen were Dordt students. The precinct leaders were overwhelmed by the numbers of usually six or seven people participate. Twenty-five claimed they were undecided, but doesn't come across as slick as the other candidates.

Next came the business of choosing three supporters of Carter as delegates to the county caucus on March 6. Elected were Ruth Harthoom, senior history major, Wayne Koble, and Louis Van Dyke. As an opportunity for individuals to present proposals to send to the county plank committee was provided. The caucus passed the anti-abortion plank, as well as a anti-mining plank and an equality in education plank. Proposals to support the Equal Rights Amendment and to have government lower interest rates were defeated.

The caucus elected Ruth Harthoom to represent the precinct on the county platform committee. She will present the proposals brought up at the local caucus. Then those platforms adopted by the committee will be brought up at the regular county caucus, March 6.

Richard Hodgson, astronomy professor, was elected precinct committeeman.

"The driving force for me at the caucus was to carry out the resolutions and aid for private education, not primarily pushing the candidate, " stated Koble. "However, I chose Carter because he came across as the most biblically tuned of the candidates and one who would be open to Christian ideals."

As a delegate, I obligated to carry out the resolutions and the candidate chosen by the precinct, but I can only do this because I agree with the decisions made," commented Van Dyke. "We'll be trying to get the county convention members to adopt the resolutions, "We'll have to join forces with other delegates who have the same ideological convictions. We must express our opinions using the political avenue for debate action, " said Koble.

The party caucus provides a greater opportunity for involvement than the primary system. "It is one of the main ways Christians can get involved where we can make a difference," Van Dyke said. The fact that the NACPA planks were passed demonstrated the power that Christians can exert. Being stewards of citizenship--not to participate is to cede the field to those who are not rightfully theirs, " commented Tammy Van Emet.

Several of the local citizens felt intimidated by all the activity. One man commented, "We're afraid of being swamped by the unknown. However, I was pleased and wanted to speak to so many young people, " said Van Dyke.

To the editors: The Board's current approval of the $1.5 million music-chapel building is a very irresponsible move. Do we have our priorities straight? Everyday I am impressed by the need for Christian involvement in the crucial cultural fight of the 80's. In my heart, I feel this money should be used to expand other areas such as political science, art, film and other media-related fields. These needs far outweigh the need for a chapel and music building. Students, faculty and constituents opposing such poor stewardship of funds should unite to stop it and channel the funds to more crucial uses.

Bill Hutchens

Ruth Harthoom, Democratic delegate for county platform

Calendar

FEBRUARY
29 - Fredericksburg, a novel from Louisville, Miss. will be meeting with anyone interested in literature etc. He will discuss "The Protestant Work Ethic." Students are definitely welcome. It starts at 7:30 in the Parlor Room of the Sioux Center Public Library. Talk to Mike Van Den Bosch, Communications professor, if you have any questions.

-At 6:00pm, English conference for all English majors and interested people. It's about required English once as well as graduate school requirements. Appetizers honored with coffee and cookies.

-At 2:00 pm, folklorist Mort Keel will be leading a vocal workshop. And if you're willing to get some cold exercise walking to TePaske Theater, you'll be able to hear him put his teaching into practice (performance, actually). Beginning at 6:00 pm, and it's free.

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-Rev. Taylor speaks against abortion

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by Val Dykstra and Becky Maxman
The Indian guru, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, made the front cover of "Time" magazine in October 1975. Starting with the publication of his book, "The Field," he began spreading throughout the whole strate of society, Transcendental Meditation attracts busy, high pressured Westerners like Mike Verwolf, the editor of "West by Bill." In America alone, TM is in high demand with 30,000 being added every month.

"If we want to please everyone all the time, that is the way we produce effects in some other world which as Maharishi says, "draws the attention of those higher beings of gods living in the heavens, and into the field of infinite energy and intelligence. This field is what Maharishi means when he speaks of "God." Many people are used to represent this field of energy, Names like, "Eternal Silence," "Transcendental Consciousness," "the One," "Almighty God" are used interchangeably.

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"The problem of sick trays continues to spread as the "science of science" seems quite harmless. "Time" magazine in October, 1975, opens the lid on TM's roots go far back into the Vedic traditions of India. In Maharishi's words, "The Vedas are the fundamental of life and consciousness that the Vedas contain within themselves the complete knowledge of life. They don't put it in one place; they unfold it in the course of meditation."

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Kroese discusses the cinema

Dr. Irvin Kroese, who grew up in Middelburg, Iowa, and used to swim in the Sioux Center saunas, (now known as Sandy Hollow), spoke here last Friday and Saturday. He led discussions after the showings of two films: Samuel's "Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie" and "A Man and a Woman." Kroese has taught English at Calvin College for eight years, although his area is romantic literature. Kroese also teaches a Film Theory and Film History course and thinks films are exciting to teach.

Kroese addressed a group at Calvin in an academic sense. Kroese told his audience on Friday afternoon that the world of movies and their place in Christ-anity and culture is wrought with paradoxes and ironies. "Some day," Kroese said, "we may wonder how we ever got along without them."

Kroese also expressed what he felt about movies. "If movies are singularly worldly, we feel that they are generally godless; but we must remember that the majority of poems, paintings, and novels are pretty rotten too and rottenness is probably just as much a part of the picture as it is in politics or in the church. The difference in movies is, that given the natural and spiritual forces of our society, our contemporary cinema, we seem to get bombarded by the whole range of rotten possibilities. And for movies there are still no reliable, disinterested, dispassionate critics. It is very difficult for us to know, in advance of the time of any film that we go to see, "Kroese's point is that many people take the whole world of cinema to be one rotten mess. Indeedly, the most common metaphor that appears in the hostile reply that I get for getting those "bad" articles is... the garbage can metaphor... to look for anything good in the garbage can."

Kroese also expressed his opinion that true art is difficult to define. "It is true that some movies are as dehumanizing as anything else that exists in any other art. Kroese's point was that the opposition holds true as well: "God is the only thing that is more humanizing, probably most humanizing, of the contemporary arts and is the most securely undergirded by "religious" and "theological" meaning."

"Another paradox and irony is that these two poles, in a sense come together in the films of some of the contemporary filmmakers. In a sense, that is, many filmmakers look strangely upon the human condition whether they are for or against humanism, it is very difficult for us to know in advance of the time of any film that we go to see."

Kroese also pointed out that movies are weaknesses. "We shouldn't care to try to make that distinction. We can make that sort of distinction, but one which is attainable and necessary if we are to keep it."

The Kroezen's answer is: Here, in the colleges. "Of course this is true, but I believe the answer is: It's not our job to avoid all occasions for possibly giving offense, neither is it our job to avoid seeing it, it's our job to avoid it altogether."

Our evaluation of the responsibility to grapple with, the concept of redemption into this area of culture and art because of our timidity, or false difference or false piety, is a greater corruption of Christian purity, it is the duty of every Christian to seek in his film trends, what you must keep your head, read, read whatever you can. Discuss whenever possible, articulate your feelings and your movie experiences. Go to the movies for fun but go with your ideas."

Kroese's view is: there is a films that are not in themselves sinful, except in the sense that "our best works are films after all..."

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The faculty studied chapters two and three of the Statement of Purpose revision on the first day and looked at various policy matters on the next day.

The discussion on the Statement of Purpose was a continuation of the May 15, 1975 meeting which looked at chapter one of the revision. Board members were present during both meetings.

The chapters, "Education and Other Societal Spheres" and "Education: Its Implications" raised considerable debate. Faculty members called for greater clarity in terminology and concepts.

The office and authority of the teacher should be better articulated," said Case But, foreign languages professor, commenting on the discussion.

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"There were things that weren't clear," said physicist Vic Van den Heuvel. "For instance, the distinction between educational institutions... and what is education?"

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**Rusty Blades tie twice**

by Gordon Villeg

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Closing.

After a month-plus layout the team was unsure of itself as an entity, as it showed in the first ten minutes of play.

Stoppy clearing by the Blades gave the Cyclones numerous opportunities to hit the score-

ờ the Cyclones scored the third goal of the period, Statistics are not available for the scoring to be summarized.

The second period went much the same as the first with both teams playing wide open offen-

sive-minded hockey while lacking on defense. The last ten minutes of the second period saw the Blades clinging to a 2-1 lead.

The Cyclones played a tough third period allowing the Blades to score only one tally. They in turn, pumped three markers past the Dordt goalie. The final three minutes were frantic as both teams pressed for the winner, but neither scored. It was an enter-

taining showing of hockey for the fans that did manage to make the trip to Sioux City. Final score: 5-5.

The following day a rematch was played to settle superior-

ity after the tie the previous day. But after a hard fought affair the final score was 4-4.

After a 20 minute delay while official suitability was found and dressed, both teams picked up where they had left off. Going from one end to the other the two teams fought. Numerous good saves were recorded at both ends by both goalies.

The wide-open play continued throughout the final two periods. Neither team had an advantage of greater than one goal the entire game. By the final five minutes of play were dead-

locked.

Over 100 fans took in the game, cheering the Blades at every turn. The next oppor-

tunity for them to see the Blades in action will be this weekend when the club travels to Omaha, Nebraska to take on U, N.O. in a game timed for 5 pm, Saturday, January 31.

**Women’s BB gain experience**

by Kathy Knutzen

Over Christmas vacation the women’s basketball team trave-

led down to Creighton College and up to Central for a couple of practice games. They also played against Iowa State University and Drake. Even though they lost all four games, they gained experience and got in shape for the second half of the season.

In the team’s second confer-

ence game against Mt. Marty they lost 65-49.

**Scoring:**

Mary De Waard 3
Marlea VanderGriend 2
Gayla Vaandrager 2
Lanek Vermeer 2
Margaret DeValois 2
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**For some info, you just have to get on your knees.**