Alternative Seminary Denies Charges of Secrecy

A meeting of supporters of an alternative seminary was held in Chicago April 21. According to Rev. Nelson D. Kloosterman of Sheldon, spokesman of the alternative seminary movement's temporary board, attendance was limited to those receiving letters of invitation. The sixty people present voiced "unanimous support for the idea of an alternative seminary." Kloosterman said the "idea has to germinate through the right channels." As a result of the Chicago meeting "some very important and influential people have offered their enthusiastic support to this venture out of a desire to bring about healing and renewal in the Christian Reformed Church."

Kloosterman pointed out it was an "advisory meeting to give direction to the movement by giving certain recommendations to a board which is yet to be created." But a temporary board was agreed on with the "limited duty to prepare nominations for a permanent board." This temporary board consists of Kloosterman and eight other ministers from this area.

According to one member of this board, Rev. John Piersma of Sioux Center, this temporary board was also empowered to buy property. And they are considering an attractive property possibility in the Orange City vicinity. Piersma also cites as a substantial figure indicating surprisingly strong financial support at the Chicago meeting.

However, Kloosterman would give no confirmation of or comment on money raised at Chicago, interest in any property or the board's power to buy property.

An article in the April 24 issue of Calvinist Contact claims that the group has already purchased Harmony Home in Orange City. Asked about the secrecy of the movement, Kloosterman responded "I don't see the need for a group to be so secretive as to hide and anyone concerned about specifics. But the pre-seminary group has no contact with their responsible for the alternative seminary movement so they are unable to advise their students about this."

The April 10 memo says of the movement "we are puzzled about the non-communicative spirit in which its sponsors are handling it. Our deepest concern is that you as students not become the needless victims of an ill-conceived plan. We hear superficial objectives about the desire for better preaching and more emphasis on training pastors in a positively Reformed environment. We do not see the solid, informed and tested explanations of what makes good preaching or good pastors."

De Jong doesn't see the alternative seminary group as very open in what they are doing. He said "it is only in the past two weeks that I've heard statements saying the meetings are wide open." De Jong was asked about the "right channels" and what that means for starting a seminary.

"A seminary really ought to be tied into a denominational..." CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Christian Educators to Hold International Conference

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Approximately 150 persons from 122 institutions plus an additional 90 persons as guests from a total of 24 countries have been invited to the conference. Theological seminaries, colleges, and universities from both the Third World and the West will participate.

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So many things have to be done and I have to write an editorial. I'm glad it's the last one (maybe you are too). I'm glad it's the final Diamond of this school year; this is the last issue where I will "act" as editor.

Next year's editor has been elected. Her name is Andriette Pier-Ron (Boersena). I think she will be good for the Diamond. She is responsible, talented, and a leader; under her direction the Diamond can only get better. The editorship is in good hands.

I am a lame duck editor (I've been called worse). It feels good being a lame duck because responsibilities and frustrations are being taken away from me. Of course, along with that, a lot of pride and good times are taken away from me, too.

Earlier last year I wanted the job of editor because (1) no one else wanted it and (2) it was the best way to learn about journalism. Today, I am happy to have helped the Diamond survive the year and am amazed at everything I have learned. The Diamond has improved this year, not because of my accomplishments, but because of the work of everyone involved.

People have complimented me on the improvement in the Diamond and the increased quality of my editorials. They quite often tell me that I'm doing a good job and give me incentive to keep going after I've spent 16 hours in a day laying out the paper or after I've spent a day writing an editorial. These people say they enjoy reading it. Both of them are good friends of mine.

I am very appreciative of the help Mrs. Grissen and the Diamond staff have given me. However, for fear of becoming too "mushy" I should stop here. It should suffice to say that I'm in love with the editorship and I will be working closely with her next year. In fact, I look forward to your editorials.

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**Thank-you Dordt for Allowing Freedom**

Editor: Before we say our goodbyes to Dordt College and the graduating seniors, we would like to once again write a few words of thanks. Dordt means many different things to all of us. It would be hard to list them all here, but as we contemplate these last few years, some special ideas come to mind: the midnight discussions about our responsibilities as Christians in music, science, and business; those times spent working on a paper, where we actually found Paul's letters to the Corinthians interesting; the philosophy discussions in the SUB; the VinCal College on evolution, where we finally put old Darwin back in the grave; and the day when the Bible replaced Walden Two on the bookshelf.

Thank you, Dordt College, for allowing us the only meaningful freedom there is, freedom to study under the guiding light of the infallible Word of God. We go now, to use the tools that God has allowed us to develop here at Dordt. As we begin our "real" education we will remember you often. This college will be in our prayers, and the work of our Lord will continue in these halls. May God bless you always.

Randy Poel
Fred L. Vreeman
Carol Kanis

**Political Science Major Not Threatened**

by Thirza Kolk

At present Dordt College offers a political science major, with decreasing enrollment, increasing costs, and the advancement of Professor James Skillian to a full professorship at the Political Justice (APJ) position, one may well wonder about the future of the Political Science Department.

According to Rev. B. J. Haan, "All the rumors about it are false. Skillian has been assured by Rev. Haan, "that there will continue to be a political science major offered at Dordt College. There will be a very strong place Skillian. A way will be found. No one in the major will have to leave."

Haan did not release information about any developments in the present situation, saying, "We are not yet certain of the specifics concerning next year." He said that he would not give any names without further development of a program that would not negatively impact the present students or program.

Political Science students should not consider the current situation as a threat to their major. Additional programs could be added, such as political science with an emphasis on international studies or public administration.

**Six Professors Have New Plans**

by Debbie Butler

Writing, he said, will probably be done once he has returned to Dordt.

Buckham, Assistant professor of theatre and English and his family will be taking a year's leave of absence to go to Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. He will be pursuing some studies in marital and family therapy.

Buckham said he first became interesting in family as an undergraduate ten years ago, but was sidetracked to theoretical psychology. "My first love was to get into family therapy," he said.

At Pacific Lutheran University Buckham will be teaching part-time and taking three courses for the year. He said along with the courses that he has already had, he only needs four courses and a practicum before he can begin to seek a certificate in family therapy. The practicum would involve supervised training, but later for the certificate, Buckham said that he would need 100 hours of supervised experience, at least consulting with someone occasionally; then he could set up his own private practice.

"We've been here (at Dordt) for six years. My wife is from California and we're looking forward to getting back to the West Coast," Buckham said.

Buckham will also be defending his dissertation in Reno, Nevada, this fall at the University of Nevada.

Stanley Wiersma, visiting professor from Calvin College, will be leaving May 13 for Grand Rapids, Michigan. There were many things said that he enjoyed about Dordt but missed about Grand Rapids.

"I've much enjoyed doing T. S. Eliot, but I didn't enjoy the course that had not been offered here before," T. S. Eliot is Wiersma's favorite poet and he said he had some very good students for the course.

"I also enjoyed teaching history of the English language," Wiersma added. "...I enjoyed chapel because it was so lively. This is the first place I've been where they have voluntary chapel and where voluntary chapel works so well."
Wiersma said he enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and getting to know the students more, but he is eager to get back and be with his family. Wiersma said, "I'm looking forward to it."

Nick Van Til, who will be retiring from Dordt's faculty next year, will continue working in his office writing for Pro Rege, the faculty publication, and for other publications as well. He will also be teaching one logic course next year, he said. Van Til is professor of philosophy and an associate professor of political science, has taught at Dordt for three years and came when the political science department was started.

This summer and next year, Skillen will begin working full-time for the Association for Public Justice (APJ). "I'll be staying in Sioux Center for a year," Skillen said. "Then eventually we'll be moving to Washington, D.C., no later than the summer of 1982.

For the time being, Skillen will be doing research, writing and speaking, which will mean travelling for about two weeks at a time to parts of the Midwest. These speaking engagements will range, he said, from small groups of five or six people to small meetings to large conferences, but all may not be organized by APJ. "Some conferences," Skillen said, "I may be called into.

Skillen's writing will involve editing the APJ report as well as writing articles and getting APJ books ready that are now in progress.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said.

VanSoelen criticized the form of the questionaires mailed to homeowners' houses. The old system forced too many people to live together, and when someone dropped out, of (a group), it created bad feelings between the homeowner and the students because the homeowner received less money.

VanSoelen says: Survey Invalid
Because of housing policies for next year have been set, Marriage and Housing, Dean of Students and member of the Student Housing Committee, said, a housing survey, such as polled the Big and Black (see article below), is "beating a dead horse."
Van Soelen criticized the form of the questionaires mailed to 37 homeowners and said the students becaus the homeowner was looking for students, not for housing. 

"Homeowners," he said, "will be paid each month for nine months," and not over a period of 12 months. He questioned the clarity of the wording about desirability changes.

Another wrote, "I consider the survey results should not be printed," Van Soelen added. In addition the validity of the survey is subject to further questioning" he said, "because the survey was subject to further questioning."

Housing continues to be a topic of deep interest and concern of many Dordt students. Recently the DIAMOND surveyed the student body and the homeowners involved by sending out questionaires designed to obtain the reactions of the community to both the present and the new housing policy. The comments of the 10% who answered varied.

Dordt's present housing policy

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Several students added remarks that indicate further thoughts on the subject of housing:

"The new contract is a step in the right direction, but it doesn't get at the problem, that is, the parental attitude of Dordt towards its students. Students are forced into what appears to be independent situations, which in reality inhibit mature Christian preparation for living outside of college."
Students Bleed Life-Giving Blood for Siouxland

Members of the Dordt College community got insights into a blood bank last Thursday in West Commons as they donated to the Siouxland Blood Bank, which is based in Sioux City and which covers the area within a 100-mile radius of Sioux City. A blood bank, donors learned, is a place where blood is collected, stored, and distributed.

Although approximately 100 people were on hand to donate one pint of their blood, many were refused for reasons including low blood count, colds, and high or low blood pressure. But even with the number of potential volunteers turned away, the Red Cross staff said they had reached their goal in the number of donations and that they were busy, especially in the afternoon. Some donors were sent away due to a lack of time.

Of those who decided to give a pint of themselves to someone in need, approximately 60% were females, and 40% males. About 1/3 were freshmen, 1/3 were sophomores and the juniors and seniors shared the other third. Also, blood was first used for World War I, and in 1937 the first blood bank was started in Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Today there are nearly 5000 blood banks in the United States. Although each year approximately 9 million pints of blood are collected, only about 3% of the population is giving blood. Blood makes up about 1/13 of the person's body weight, which means each person has approximately 13 pints of blood. Each person can donate a pint of blood up to three or four times per year.

After the blood is taken from the donor's arm, it is transferred to the blood bank where it is typed and then stored in refrigerated containers, to be used for transfusions, surgery, patients, and in the hospital.

Publication Editors Chosen

"It's just a mass scramble to get everything done by the end of the year," said Editor Caryl De Vries, describing the work of this year's Signet yearbook staff.

De Vries also said that a new editor and associate editor have been chosen for next year. According to Lillian Grissen, advisor of the Signet, Marian Vis will be next year's Signet editor and Dale Wiersma will be associate editor. Both, Vis explained, were approved by the Student Life Senate; appointment was made jointly by the Dean of Students and Signet Advisor.

Some problems have slowed the work of the Signet, but De Vries believes most work will be done on schedule. She said that although deadlines for pages are set by the publisher, the dead-

lines are flexible. But because some work must be done during the last two weeks of school, it is difficult to get work done, De Vries said.

"(The pages) are not something more than one person can work on at a time," said De Vries. "There's much of the book still to be done, but all these pages are in various stages of completion."

The last few pages of graduation De Vries does herself. And over the summer, she said, the pages will be sending her page proofs to correct and send back.

"There is a necessity for help for next year," she said. "There's a real need for people to work next year, especially people with experience but not always necessary. We need photographers, too."

The difficulty for the inexperienced, said De Vries, is that it takes them much longer to lay out a page than an experienced person.

"It was a real need for people and Cannon advisor. Cannon is Dordt's literary magazine, which is published at intervals determined by the number of manuscripts submitted.

Summer is a good time to get started on your contributions," said Lillian Grissen, production adviser, "so we can get the first issue published early in the school year."
Dordt's Tavern Serves Watered-Down Beer

An obvious departure from realism, melodrama leads its audience through a series of episodic and exaggerated events. It evenwert with its script's overall flavor. The curtain call needs to be mentioned as well, and here the Director is deserving of the ovation given by the audience. His originality and creativity are commendable, especially because the curtain call most effectively captured the spirit of the literature. If the entire play had had a similar intensity and vitality, its significance as a good production would have been more than momentary.

Finally, Coham's choice of melodramatic style is a good one, and this is what elevates The Tavern above the level of theater that is considered unworthy of production. But Coham's approach to the melodrama is almost analogous to his approach to life: accept it, but ya gotta poke fun of it to stay "sane." He satirizes the melodrama and yet enjoys it, and this attitude fits perfectly with his nihilistic laugh at life. Since life is a joke, what better way to survive it than laugh aloud. In the same way as the Vagabond thrives on being the only spectator in the audience, so also the playwright Coham survives by writing a play that's as "big as a cow and tame as a calf," that settles the "problems of life with a laugh."

Bender Shares Talents with Music Students

Jan Bender, a renowned organist and composer, was on the Dordt College campus lecturing to music students Thursday, April 23. Three different sessions were held. In the morning session Bender discussed composing and his methods of composition. He explained how he goes about composing a piece of music and also stressed the significance of composing music.

At 2:30 p.m. Bender held a workshop for organists. Several students of Dr. Joan Ringerwcll presented a read-through of some of Bender's original compositions and he commented on them.

From 5-6 p.m. the Concert Choir sang two of Bender's numbers for him. The first one, "Psalm 84," was for women's choir and the second one, "Psalm 150," was for mixed voices and brass ensemble.

Bender was born in Haarlem, Holland in 1909 to a Dutch father and a German mother. He moved with his family to Germany in 1922 and studied under several famous musicians there, the most notable being Hugo Distler. He studied church music and composition in the church music institute of the Leipzig Conservatory. He was organist in several German cities before coming to the United States in 1960 to teach in Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska. In 1965 he became Associate Professor of Composition at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. Bender is presently semi-retired as organist and composer-in-residence at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Dancing to God's Glory

by Anya Seerveld

Art needs no justification, but it is responsible to the community it serves. The Dordt Dance Concert held in the chapel, Thursday, April 16, was an art concert in body movement.

Each of the ten pieces done were celebrations of the supple, graceful, beautiful body. "Sugar," choreographed by Gioia Seerveld and "Piazz With a Smile," choreographed by Becki Stair, were put on, and slapping-around that was initiated at the beginning of the play, but never seen later on.

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Take a break and shop
Combined Community and College Celebrate Ag Day

by Ena Kaastra

1. President Ida Kaastra presents an Ag. Club jacket to Rev. B.J. Haan. Professor Henry DeVries looks on from behind.

2. Sheep-shearing is a "woolly" business but Marv. Scolten, Maurice, is in it for life.

3. Shirley Mathies gets a lecture from Delmar Vander Zee on plant life in the new greenhouse.

4. Duane Rajema, Ag. professor, and his two children enjoy visit with the farm animals.

5. Next to Bruno, 3300 lb. steer, Lynette Pennings and the cow look small.
Community Shares in Ag Day Festivities on Campus

They've done it again. The Agriculture Club (Ag Club) held its second annual Ag Day, Friday, April 24. The day was bright and clear, providing perfect opportunity to open a spinning wheel. Said she was happy to have another chance to work in the wheel's room. Other shows included one set up by Altena Steel Company and another with compilation display by Mike Weiland.

Ag Club members gave green-house tours to the interested viewers. Janine Vriend, junior, said, "We have had a good response. But people don't like to have the tour as much as they like just looking around." An added attraction to the greenhouse was the free petunias. According to Pat Elzinga, junior, most of the 1000 petunias were distributed.

The SUB lounge was the central point for Ag Day. Here, people were invited to take a party plate. Those attending the hayride had the opportunity to take a spinning wheel. Said she was happy to have another chance to work in the wheel's room.

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Commentary

By Fred L. Vreeman

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Change is a given; it is inevitable. Things grow old, decay, differentiate, and this process is called "change." Changes are occurring in every area at Dordt. New structures are being built; old ones are decaying; programs are being revised or dropped; students are progressing through the classes and graduating. All of this is normal and inevitable. The question in our minds must be not whether things should change or not, but in what direction should change things happen? If we are to truly have faith, and our statement of purpose, we must say that all changes in this institution must be for the glory of God and the Kingdom.

In order to glorify God we must obey Him and listen closely to His Word for our lives. This can only be done through honoring the Bible as the divinely inspired Word of God. The Bible is the best understood by the interpretations that flow out of our Reformed. Calvinistic system. It is vitally important that Dordt College maintain Calvinism, a "World and life view," that teaches that any changes must be accepted which in any way threaten the student's freedom to apply the Word of God to all areas of life and study.

Maintain high standards

A hot issue at this time (and it appears it will be so for the near future) is the growth of the student life area. Many of these programs such as theater arts, engineering, and social sciences have been replaced with resident advisors and complex bureaucracy is no way to proceed. Simple financial de-controlling seems better.

New departments

Recent additions to many departments have improved both the salability of Dordt College and the student life area. The addition of new programs such as theater arts, engineering, and social sciences have contributed much to our educational offerings. The agriculture program, in the last two years at least, is an outstanding example of this change. Simple financial de-controlling seems better.

We have witnessed some programs lately, which, though they do not seem to be "arising out of a commitment to the Reformed Faith..." the question of commonality and cooperation with the ROTC program and whether it would be accepted is among those having been made that we offer perspectives courses in conjunction with this program.

God does not change, and Dordt must remember that all changes must arise out of our perspective. Changes must not challenge or be incompatible with this perspective.
Exceptional Sports Year for All Dordt’s Defenders

Men’s athletics have had their most successful year ever here on Dordt’s campus. Defenders have made the playoffs, won conference championships, and even been named All-Americans. The athletic program has surprised the strain of being in a small college, not being able to award scholarships to many athletes, and having limits on whom they will recruit. Yet in 1980-81 the Dordt Defenders outclassed the athletic programs of nearly every North-west Iowa school.

BASKETBALL

The basketball team is often the focus of the small college athletic department and this year the team rewarded the fans with their best season ever. The Defenders won the Holiday Dutchmen Classic, were champions of the Tri-State conference, and qualified for the playoffs for the first time under coach Rick Vanderberg.

Vanderberg was named District 15 Coach-of-the-Year. Kevin Wolterstorff was named to the all-District 15 team and senior forward Denny Van Zanten was named an Academic All-American. The record book got a complete overhaul with seven players entering their names.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Defenders failed to take first in only two meets the entire season—one of those times in the National meet. The warriors captured first in the Tri-state conference, first in District 15, and participated in the nationals. The Cross-country team had several runners named as all-conference and also had two All-Americans on the squad—Jerrold Wynia, and Greg Kuiper. Marion Van Soelen was also named coach-of-the-year.

BASEBALL

Men’s baseball may be the next entrant into the playoffs, having taken a double-header from Western this week. Dordt has had several long-ball hitters on the squad, and an exceptional pitching staff, having gotten a no-hitter from freshman Doug VanZee already this season. Should Dordt qualify for the playoffs they will be held next weekend.

SOCCER

The men’s soccer team had another exceptional year by qualifying for the playoffs. They were paced by an excellent nucleus of seniors, led by Tim DeGroot.

OTHER

The Dordt Blades hockey team’s year was highlighted by a tour to Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Men’s golf team failed to win a match but brought along several young players under the leadership of senior Bill Niewhuizen. The tennis team and the track team are both in the midst of their spring schedules.

And once again the Dordt Defender fans came out to support some terrific competition and some true champions.

Do-It-Yourself Gym Floor Repair

by Tim Goslinga

The gym floor will be repaired this summer by Dordt personnel, says Lou Kuiper of the Plant Operations office.

According to Kuiper, Dordt received bids from two flooring companies, and after the prices were reviewed, Bernard DeWitt, Vice President in charge of finances, and the Maintenance Department, it was agreed that maintenance personnel will handle the job.

“If we do it,” said Kuiper, “it might cost anywhere from $500 to $1000.”

Outside bids asked $52,400 to replace the entire floor and $35,600 to replace the north half only.

According to Kuiper, the 12-year-old floor’s problems began in 1978 when the west wall of the gym was knocked out for the addition of a new lobby, offices, a classroom, racquetball and basketball courts.

At that time moisture seeped into the wood of the floor causing it to expand and then buckle. Kuiper said that if they had not removed the end boards of the floor at this time, they would have risked either the entire floor buckling or the force of expansion pushing a wall out.

Kuiper plans to repair the floor by sawing out a board and nailing others off to look underneath. He hopes to find that the only problem is loose nails caused by buckling wood.

If that is true, Kuiper says, the boards will be slowly wedged back together, thereby closing the cracks, and then nailed down.

Results of Low-Key Student Forum Election In

On Thursday, April 16, elections were held for next year’s Student Forum members.

The results were:

Seniors:

Henry Eckhoff, president
Cor Vander Nel, secretary
Evie Brouwer

Sue De Vries
David Ivens

Juniors:

Gregg Vande Kieft, president
Clarence Deelstra, secretary
Bob Burrus
Bob Johnson

Tim Vos

Sophomores:

by Norlan De Groot
Don Top, president
Frank Louns, secretary
Ivan Bleyenberg
Jacqueline Lenderink

Peter Noteboom

The percentage of people who voted was 23 percent of the sophomores, 33 percent of the juniors, and 35 percent of the seniors.

Stan De Groot, Student Forum president, said that the reason for the low percentage of voters is probably lack of interest. He said most people use the S.U.B. (the voting booth was set up here) during the voting hours 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. so they must have just walked past it. He also said more people might have voted if the voting hours had been longer.

Another problem with this year’s election was the candidates. The deadline for handing in nomination papers had to be extended in order to get enough candidates to fill all positions. De Groot said that next year this might be overcome by having the nomination sheets more available and by getting Student Forum members to solicit more people.

Despite a few problems, De Groot said that next year’s Student Forum should do a good job.

Calendar of Events

April 30 - Band Concert, Central Park, 6:30 p.m.
April 30 - Science/Language Arts Fair, presented by Senior Elementary Education students, located in balcony and mainline of C1, FREG (through May 2)
May 1 - Jr/Sr Banquet, Gym, 6:30 p.m.
May 2 - Ensemble Interpretation Class Presents:

"The Easter Lily" written by Hugh Cook
"Cat Tails" - compiled and directed by Amy Seerveld and Andriette Pieron.

"Life Ain’t No Crystal Stair" - compiled and directed by Mel Schiebout and Mary Gaugham
May 2 - Men’s Baseball w/ Northwestern, Here, 12:30 p.m.
May 3 - Dobson film, CH, 8:45 p.m.
May 7 - Parents’ Night, CH, 9:00 p.m.
May 7 - Ground-breaking Ceremony at the Dordt College Agriculture Stewardship Center, 6:45 p.m., no admission charge, lyle gifford office for more details
May 8 - Commencement Ceremonies, CH, 10:00 a.m.
May 8, 9 - Men’s Baseball NAIA, District 15 Tournament, Des Moines, IA

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84,000 budget of this conference will be met by registration fees, Dordt College (as host), a number of participating institutions, church offerings in five Christian Reformed church classes in the Midwest, and other resources.

Faculty, students, and other guests are welcome to the lectures for a small fee per session.

For additional information contact Dr. Klaus Bock-Hansen, secretary for the small fee per session.

The third ICICHE will be the most important educational conference held at Dordt during its 25 years.