

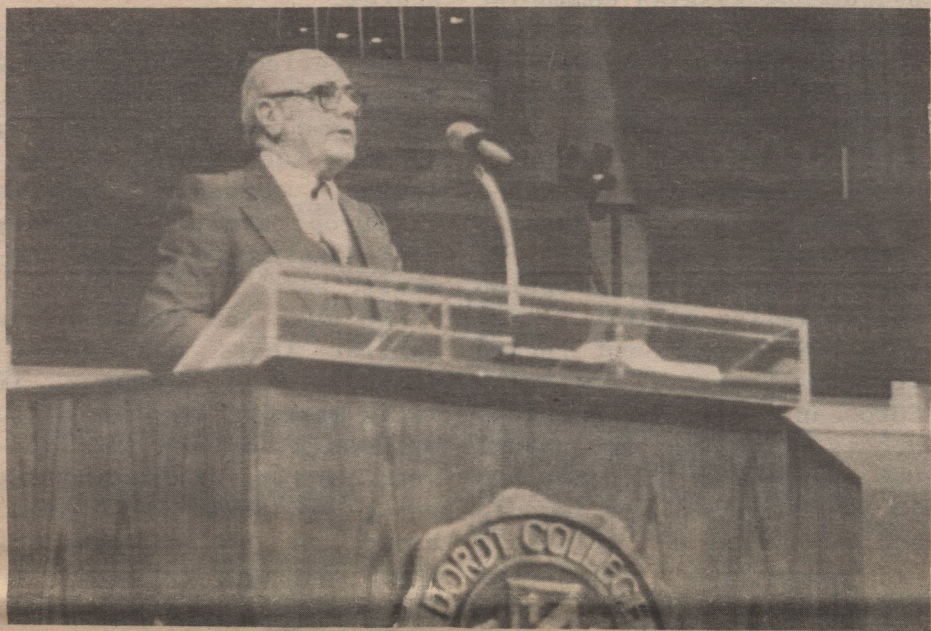
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## Anniversary Celebration Stresses Potential



Van Groningen speaks at CRC 125th Anniversary.

by Luke Seerveld

by Brian Deheer

In his introduction to the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday in the Dordt College Chapel, Rev. Duane Tinklenberg explained its purpose to be three-fold: grateful celebration, humble acknowledgment of weaknesses, and thoughtful reflection on the church's challenges.

The ceremony did these things with the help of the Dordt College Concert Choir,

Dr. Lester De Koster, former editor of the Banner, and Dr. George Van Groningen, president of Trinity Christian College. The choir sang two numbers: "Spirit Of God," and "Go Ye Into All The World."

De Koster, whose topic was "Precious Heritage," spoke of the self-sufficiency of the local congregations, stating that they are "strong enough not to stand alone."

De Koster said the CRC's

heritage is a vision, and not an illusion, and concluded with the challenge to the CRC to continue transforming Western culture, as he said it has done in the past.

Van Groningen's speech, "Promising Future," told of Christ's promise to build and uphold His church. Van Groningen stressed that the church of Christ, of which the CRC is a part, "has a promised future." In spite of violent tensions which have been present in the past and still are today, he said the CRC has held together and will not be destroyed as long as it remains Christ's church.

Van Groningen made note of the CRC's exceptional strength in scriptural exegesis. It was made more obvious to him when MacKenzie University, an evangelical graduate school of theology in San Paolo, Brazil, came to the CRC after trying several other denominations for help in training professors of theology to teach at evangelical seminaries in Brazil.

Another strength Van

Groningen pointed out was the CRC's great potential in many areas and disciplines, but also noted its urgent need of a few strong leaders, "giants" who can see the value of the parts while giving the church strong unity.

As introduction to the debate on Report 44 the next day, Van Groningen said several issues have been raised since the early creeds and confessions were written. These were not challenged at that time, and therefore, because these documents are not clear or specific enough to guide us through these issues, articles such as Report 44 are being written and discussed.

Three subjects he gave as examples of this uncertainty were the Kingdom of God, God's covenant relationships, both with Old Testament figures and with the church, and the fruits, gifts, power, and nature of the Holy Spirit in the personal lives of believers.

The celebration ended with the singing of "The Church's One Foundation."

## Spykman to Teach at Dordt

by Ena Kaastra

Dr. Gordon Spykman, professor of Theology at Calvin College, will teach at Dordt for the fall semester of 1982.

Spykman said this has been in the talking stage for almost ten years. "I've always wanted to come to teach. I think Dordt is a great college and I like what it stands for." Spykman added that he enjoys his job at Calvin but teaching a short term at Dordt has always appealed to him.

"I'll be coming to Sioux Center with my wife (El-

eanor) and my daughter (Eve Lynn—16 years old) sometime in late August." Spykman is on campus for the Report 44 conference and said he plans to use some spare time to check out various housing possibilities.

Calvin granted Spykman a one-semester leave of absence. Spykman is tentatively scheduled to teach three courses at Dordt. The two day courses he will teach are Biblical Theology and Contemporary Protestant Theology. He is also scheduled to lead an evening course in Roman Catholic

Theology.

Spykman has also been asked to work with Dordt's Lectureship Center in connection with two projects -- one entitled "Pluralist Thinkers in the 19th Century" and the other, "Issues in Christian Education." He will also be working on his own research project on reformed dogmatics. Spykman said this will give him a workload of 125 percent.

Spykman said he looks forward to being at Dordt. While he is here, Dr. James De Jong, Theology professor, will be on a sabbatical.



by Luke Seerveld

Spykman presents views on Report 44.



# Opinion

## Homosexuals in Perspective

by Monty Cobb

A few years ago a toy company introduced the infamous "Gay Bob" doll and people across the nation gasped in horror and wondered what the world was coming to. But Gay Bob did bring the gay cause out of the closet.



### Editorial

The Reformed community is approaching a real dilemma—what to do about people who claim to be Christians and homosexual.

There are those who say that homosexuality, in general, is not their problem since all gays eventually move to San Francisco. It's possible, but not very likely.

One can return to the early Dark Ages and utilize the solutions prominent then. However, this does present problems since present judicial systems frown on drawing and quartering, burning at the stake and the like. Besides, it's hard to show Christian brotherly love when you're pouring gas over someone's head.

There are, of course, more conservative views on homosexuality. Some may believe that homosexuals are either deviants with criminal minds, bent on abusing the sons and daughters of America, or poor lost souls incapable of controlling their minds and bodies. Also, homosexuals may not exist, but may be a creation of the media. That's like saying there's no corn in Iowa.

But perhaps the most prominent opinion in Reformed circles is that Christian homosexuals don't exist. Christians exist and homosexuals exist, but Christian homosexuals don't. "Christian homosexual" becomes a paradox, an impossibility.

This last attitude is also the most disturbing since it makes the homosexual a second class citizen. It is man's inalienable right to be equal to any other member of the human race. More disturbing, however, is that by saying Christian homosexuality is a paradox, Christians judge fellow Christians to be non-Christian, in effect, doomed to hell. It is against all Christian ethics and institutes to judge the quality of another Christian's faith.

You need not condone homosexuality in the Christian community, but don't blindly condemn it either. "Christian homosexuality" is a viable term and there are indeed Christian homosexuals. One can't hide from reality even if it is distasteful.

Maybe the Christian gay community needs to bring itself out of the closet ... maybe a "Christian Gay Bob" doll would do the trick.

## Marxism Misunderstood

by Cliff de Groot and Harry J. Kits



### Commentary

Communism is feared by many people today. For many, words such as "socialist," "Marxist," "leftist," and "radical" bring to mind a picture of Russian communist oppression, imprisonment, absolute state control, and especially the restriction of religious activity.

When we read of a possible one-party Marxist state in Zimbabwe, we fear Russian influence in Africa. We fear Soviet influence behind the socialist political victory in France and regard it as a sign of declining European trust in America. Rebels fighting an unjust U.S.-supported dictatorship in El Salvador are immediately labeled as "leftists" or "communists." When the Polish people form an independent labor union, we assume they are rejecting Russian communism and embracing American ideals of freedom.

We must ask whether such assumptions, which equate various forms of Marxism with communism, are correct. Russian communism, though theoretically based on the thinking of Karl Marx, would be rejected by Marx. It is based on a distortion of Marx's thought by Lenin and Stalin. Marx was concerned with the inhumane conditions caused by the Industrial Revolution of the eighteenth century. He sought freedom and justice for oppressed people. Justice is not done to the many forms of Marxism when they are equated with

Russian communism. We do not, therefore, have to be paranoid of a country simply because it advocates Marxist/socialist ideas. We should be concerned about Russia's power and its communist thought, but we should not see it as controlling all types of Marxism and Marxist states.

The so-called East bloc also reflects differences. China has a different brand of communism than Russia, as does Yugoslavia. In addition, communist parties in Europe are often rabidly anti-Russian (e.g. the Communist party in Italy).

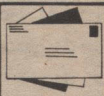
We must now question our earlier fears and assumptions. Will Zimbabwe, if it is Marxist, be controlled by Russia, or are its leaders simply attempting to bring a form of justice based on the thought of Marx? Do the socialists in France advocate Russian communism (there is also a communist party there), or are they trying to rule France from a Marxist perspective? Are the rebels who are fighting against a U.S.-supported dictatorship in Latin America justifiably labeled leftist/communist, or are they just opposed to the dictatorship by the rich? Is it legitimate to interpret those who are challenging the communist government in Poland as desiring American ideals, or are they actually advocating a more humane Marxism? Did Solidarity really want to get rid of communist influence or, like Marx, did it just call for more freedoms?

In viewing current foreign policy, we must not fall into the trap of equating all Marxists, socialists, leftists, and rebels with Russian communism. While we as Christians may not be able to accept even humane forms of Marxism, we must at least learn to properly distinguish between them and Russian communism.

This is the first of a two-part series on Marxism. The continuation will be in next week's Diamond.

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# Are Nuclear Weapons Misplaced Faith?

by Ken Van Abbema

The Nuclear Arms Race has been the subject of much controversy, especially since President Reagan took



## Commentary

office and increased nuclear arms spending. A Christian should ask himself questions about this issue like the following:

Is the production of nuclear arms justified?

Are we paranoid about communism? Is communism as "evil" as the media make it out to be?

Is deterrence a legitimate reason to build more nuclear weapons?

Who has the edge in nuclear weapons? Does it make a difference whether or not they are used?

In the event of a war, would I rather be dead than alive?

Is our faith in stock-piles rather than in God?

These questions only touch on the issue and illustrate its complexity. There are no answers to any of these questions that everyone will agree on.

Some of the reasons one might support the production of nuclear weapons are the following: 1) use them as a war deterrent; 2) the "enemy" is evil and should be punished (war will safeguard justice); 3) the Russians are ahead of the United States in nuclear weapons.

The first argument can be "shot down" by realizing that a deterrent will not work unless one is prepared to carry out the threat, and

to do this would do more harm than good.

As for the second argument, the "enemy" has just as much right to live as we do. Christ died for all believers in every country. The only purpose these new weapons have is to surprise and annihilate the "enemy" before they can strike back.

Unlike conventional weapons, the nuclear bomb affects future generations as well as vegetation by contaminating Earth with radioactive fallout, which affects not only the immediate area of the explosion but also the areas where the wind carries it. This pollution does not disappear but remains so that future generations will feel the effects of a war fought hundreds or even thousands of years earlier.

If anyone survived a nuclear war, they might wish they hadn't. This fallout causes mutations in reproductive genes that are still evident generations later as is shown by survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Damage would continue through peacetime, as the human morality and ethics of the aggressor would be destroyed.

The fear of communism should not make us resort to methods which do us more harm than good. What if the warning systems are accidentally set off? It takes only a matter of minutes for a missile from either a Russian or American submarine to hit its target. That doesn't give much time to react.

It would be insanity to drop any kind of nuclear bomb. The damage far ex-

ceeds what is gained.

Facing this issue is important. Psalm 2:1-4 says:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. 'Let us break the chains,' they say, 'and throw off the fetters.'"

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them."

God has promised never to let us have a temptation that is too strong for us to handle. It takes faith whether a nuclear holocaust comes or doesn't come; we belong to Him.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

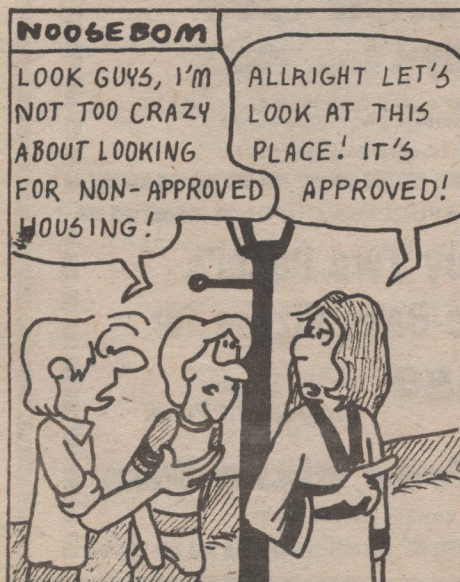
## 'Ulro' Rests In Peace

I'd like to inform you of a death (of sorts) in our family: my 1969 Buick Skylark, "Ulro" for short, succumbed last night, April 11, to atherosclerosis with complications from skin cancer. Ulro's soul is shrived, not to worry: I performed the sacrament of extreme unction on him with a can of Pennzoil ("Sound the 'Z'") 10-W-40, in the parking lot of the Hull First CRC. Ulro had wanted to make it through one more Easter and had his wish. He will be missed, but all of us at the Vander Mey household are grateful for the years of joy he brought as sport vehicle and beast of burden. He rests now in the beautiful memory gardens of B & B Salvage where his body may be viewed to perpetuity or the Last Judgment, whichever comes first. We especially wish to thank members of the Dordt college community for their many kind expressions of care and support during Ulro's recent painful con-

valescence. We will never forget the way the Dordt community rallied during a time of crisis.

And now, that "formal feeling" comes in the aftermath of tragedy. With pain in our hearts and a great emptiness in our pockets, we set about now to rebuild our shattered lives. And here is where YOU can help. Do you have any free cars? Or, let's say, do you know of anyone who is trying to unload some good transportation (e.g., four wheels and a Cheerios box) at a disgracefully low price? Or have you seen any abandoned vehicles with few visible defects—we might try homesteading. We'll even look at overpriced, gas-guzzling behemoths, if it comes to that. Instead of using that car for a workbench or a paperweight or a pot for your rampant philodendron, why not bring it to the attention of a penurious Dordt professor?

Call Randy at 722-4576 or drop a note in my box.





# Facets

## Dordt Students Lecture at Seminar

by Lee Tiemeyer

How does cigarette smoking affect the lungs of your beagle? If you had gone to the eleventh Annual CMA Chemistry Seminar yesterday afternoon and evening, you would know about such things.

That was the topic of Mount Marty student, Marie Sueper. Pam Veltkamp, sophomore from Holland, MN, introduced the speakers from three colleges from around the area. Three Dordt students, Paul Kleinwolterink, Roger De Weerd, and Dale Wiersma gave lectures dealing with various scientific topics.

Kleinwolterink, the first speaker of the seminar, spoke on "A Computer Simulation of the Catalyzed Hydrogenation of Propylene." Using the overhead projector, he showed several different

mechanisms dealing with catalysts, different reactions and the steps involved with each reaction. Using a flowchart, he attempted to show the different results of the computer when inputting different variables, energies, constants, etc. Kleinwolterink said they ran into a couple of problems including how to show the flow of gases on the computer. He also said that there is a rising interest in the use of computer simulations for such analysis.

Roger De Weerd, a senior at Dordt, led the second lecture. His topic dealt with "Growing Inorganic Crystals." He began by defining what a crystal was and showed the different characteristics of crystals. According to De Weerd, there are six different crystal

systems: cubic, tetragonal, orthorhombic, monoclinic, triclinic, and hexagonal. He explained that these are the only systems found in nature and in man-made crystals and showed the different types of unit cells for each system. De Weerd showed the basic kinds of symmetry in crystals and also the procedure for growing your own crystals. He also explained some of the problems involved including the fluctuation of room temperatures and the growth rate which caused imperfections in the crystals.

Other speakers for the afternoon included John Ekstsand of Sioux Falls who spoke on "The Association of Hydrogen Chloride with Aromatic Molecules," Dale Kamp of Mount Marty who spoke on "Enzymatic Activi-

ty of Northern Coppershead Venom," and Dale Wiersma, who spoke on "Hypothermic Effects on Membrane Fluidity."

After dinner in the Commons, several more presentations were given. These included the final lecture by Dr. William Schutte of the University of South Dakota, who spoke on "Formaldehyde in the Home Environment."

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# Intimacy Strives for Transparency

by Ena Kaastra

Andy Visser's workshops on dating were sold out last week, so he repeated the sessions on Monday-Wednesday, April 12-14.

Visser, '73 Dordt graduate, is a counsellor with Christian Counselling Consultants in Rock Valley. This is the first time he has done these workshops for a college audience. "I was apprehensive about the students' response. I expected them to be more critical, but found them to be very open and very enjoyable."

These intimate relationships are not limited by marriages or sexual connotations. Visser used the example of an iceberg to demonstrate how we show only one-tenth of ourselves to others. He said it is very important to be completely transparent, but the Fall and sin have caused relationships to be largely superficial.

"Intimacy," he said, "is a process where we strive for transparency and part of that process is trusting that cruelty won't destroy us."

Darwin Dykstra, senior, said the first session dealt primarily with defining different types of people and how each person fits into that scheme. Developing a positive self esteem was highlighted in the second

session and the third dealt mainly with intimacy and different levels of communication.

The lower levels of communication are considered safe because the self is not open to criticism, said Dykstra. The highest level of communication requires complete personal, emotional communication and absolute honesty. It is only at high levels that true intimacy

can develop.

Dykstra said Visser did not focus specifically on male/female relationships, but more on interpersonal communications. Visser focused primarily on the basics of all relationships and secondarily, on marriage as a culmination of interpersonal relationships. Dykstra said he found the workshops to be beneficial for those involved.

## Fitness Program Merits Award

by Larry Van Otterloo

Dordt was recently given the Iowa State Physical Fitness Award. The seven-year-old award goes to the college with the most outstanding physical fitness and sports programs in Iowa. Dr. Syne Altena received the award from Gov. Robert Ray during halftime of the Iowa boys class AA basketball championship. Of the award, Dr. Altena said, "We can be proud that we were selected; it shows that we have good programs that support physical fitness and sports."

Dordt has had P.E. courses since its beginning in 1955, when it was still a two-year college. The first A.B. degrees were given in 1965 and the first degrees in P.E. were given in 1969. Since then 138 people have graduated from Dordt with a degree in P.E. Ten more

will be graduating this year. According to Altena, 80 percent of Dordt's P.E. graduates receive jobs in the field. Altena feels that the reason for this is, "P.E. graduates of Dordt are very committed Christian professionals. I personally am very proud of our graduates." The members of Dordt's P.E. staff are Department Coordinator Dr. Len Rhoda, Tom Visker, Etta Huisman, Rick Vander Berg, and Dr. Syne Altena.

In the area of sports, the success of the men's basketball team and of athletes such as Jerrold Wynia exemplify the quality of Dordt's programs. The athletic program, under the directorship of Marion Van Soelen has been able to draw good athletes to Dordt without the use of large scholarships as bait. Altena says, "We can sell Dordt on its Christian fellowship. The athletic program has come a long way from the time when the New World Theater was used as a practice gym. It has come this far with a great deal of help from the Varsity Club, which runs concession stands during basketball games. Money raised at the stand goes to buy equipment."

Another factor in Dordt's winning the award is the intramural program. Five students, under the guidance of Altena, organize the program. On this committee are Joe Mulder, Rudy Folkerts, Cindy Wiersma, Lujean Evink and Deb Burrus. Altena says 50 percent of the students at Dordt participate in at least one I.M. activity.

To summarize his feelings, Altena said, "I feel pretty good about Dordt because we're on the right track."



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# Report 44 Debated in Chapel

by Brian Deheer

The debate concerning Report 44 of the Acts of Synod 1972 which took place in the Dordt Chapel on April 14, watershed in the slow process toward reconciling the advocates of that report with its adversaries.

Report 44 is a study of "the Nature and Extent of Biblical Authority," and one of its major problems is its treatment of the interpretation of scripture. Much history is included in and surrounds the report, but one main disagreement with it was its alleged claim that scripture can only be understood in relation to its cultural background, the character of the author God uses, and the audience to whom it is directed.

The day opened with a debate between Dr. Gordon Spykman, Professor of religion and theology at Calvin College, and Dr. Lester De Koster, former editor of the Banner. De Koster raised the above disagreement, basing his case on a contra-

diction within the Report.

The report claims as a major premise that "what scripture says, God says." De Koster also referred to a section of the report that discussed the Matthew account of Peter identifying Jesus as the Messiah. The report quoted this passage, and then asked, "What did Peter really say?"

De Koster claimed this instance clearly showed Report 44 questioning the infallibility of God's Word. Spykman admitted that Report 44 treats this instance poorly, that there are several other problem areas and holes in the report, and he said he would very much appreciate a serious, thorough examination and critique of the report. De Koster claimed the document was better off forgotten, or better yet, non-existent, because the Heidelberg Catechism was specific enough for him and "that's all we need."

Elsewhere in the debate, De Koster questioned the

validity of Report 44's claims to be restating the same things as the Heidelberg Catechism (as it does claim) and why the catechism was not published side-by-side with the corresponding sections of Report 44.

In the discussion which followed the debate, Spykman identified one of the central issues to be different valuations of a Christ-centric reading of scripture.

The panel discussion in the afternoon involved Dr. Alex De Jong, Rev. Jelle Tuininga, Rev. John Sittema, and Dr. Fred Klooster. Dr. James De Jong moderated the discussion. It began by trying to determine whether Report 44 should be retained and if so, what specific faults it had.

By the end of the afternoon, one very important consideration had been agreed on: Report 44 was intended much more for theologians, ministers, and exegetes than for the "man in

the pew," the laypeople.

James De Jong noticed a polarity taking shape between the more erudite Klooster and the others. The personal experiences of these others have brought them into point-blank range of people who won't be able to find out the cultural background of the scriptures.

The two opposing sides met when Klooster realized Sittema's misunderstanding of Report 44's claim that scripture can only be understood through the above hermeneutical exegesis. Klooster agreed that the particular section did imply such a statement, and that it was incorrect.

Although the day began with a fiery debate, the discussions showed a definite attempt on the part of all the participants to try to understand each other, and to work toward a thought out, significant agreement. On this point alone the day would have been considered a success.

# Gretzsky's Capture Stanley Cup Floor Hockey

by Ena Kaastra

Scraped knuckles, bruised shins, stiff muscles and aching backs were common ailments of Dordt students who participated in the first Stanley Cup Floor Hockey tournament held Sat., April 10, in the Dordt gymnasium.

Hockey coach John Rop said the tournament had a dual purpose. First, it was intended to give students an opportunity for a good time and give them more exposure to the Hockey Club.

The second purpose was to raise money for the club and close up expenses for the year. According to Rop, they made approximately \$100 from the tournament.

Twenty teams were organized with six or seven members to a team (co-ed). The double elimination contest began at 9 a.m. Seventeen hockey team members each formed their own teams and three independent teams joined the tourney. Rop said there was no lack of eager participants. In

fact, he said the biggest problem was finding team organizers.

Besides minor bruises and scrapes there was only one major injury. Yvonne Tolsma, freshman from Victoria, B.C., received a small cut above one eye when she was accidentally hit with a hockey stick. As a result of internal bleeding behind her eye, Tolsma was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City for several days of bed rest. Rop said they expect that as long as things go well, she'll be okay.

Rop added that it was unfortunate that Tolsma was injured, but "there's a certain amount of body contact in several sports." He said the games were not rough with the intention of winning by intimidation.

The Gretzky's, captained by Brian Vander Veen, proved indefeatable and they captured first place. In second place was John Buikema's team, Butenol's Burnouts, and Jack's Lumberjacks, led

by Jack Bandstra, clinched third place.

Rop said the tournament was planned to coincide with the beginning of the Stanley Cup playoffs. "We would like this tournament to become another longstanding tradition at Dordt," he said.

The Hockey Club has two more events scheduled for this year. They are hosting today's chapel service where they plan to draw parallels between team unity and

Christian unity. Rop said they will also be having a private year-end hockey banquet at the home of club advisor Robert Hilbelink.

Rop said the club had a very successful year. "At the beginning of the year we set a goal to re-establish the program. We hope that we have set a foundation for continued success and we look for a more stable future."



Gary Dykgraaf smothers puck in floor hockey action,

by Luke Seerveld



# Three Profs to Leave Dordt



Lillian Grissen by Luke Seerveld

by Lydia Ede

Each new semester brings along with it some changes for Dordt. The coming fall semester is no exception. Dordt's faculty is losing three professors from the Communications, English, and Physics departments.

Lillian Grissen leaves us at the end of this semester after three years at Dordt in the Communications and English Departments. She received the appointment here after living in Phoenix, AZ, where she taught high

school. Her husband, Ray, followed her to take the position as head of maintenance. Now it is her turn to follow him to Grand Rapids upon his retirement at Dordt.

In Grand Rapids, Grissen will work on a supplement to a literary reader and teacher's manual for grades 3, 4, and 5 for Christian School's International. Upon completion of this project, Grissen will write for the Christian Reformed Board of Publications for two or three years. There she will revamp church school material.

Presently Grissen not only fulfills her duties as a member of Dordt's faculty, but also serves as a consultant for CSI's Revelation Response series and is editor of the Christian Educators Journal. Grissen will resign as editor because she feels that "the editor of the Christian Educators Journal should be a practicing educator, and my new jobs will not include that."

Grissen leaves Dordt somewhat saddened, "I will miss not having interaction with the students and working with a faculty that works so hard to teach what

they believe."

Redeemer College in Hamilton, Ontario is opening their doors for the first time this coming fall semester. Two of our own professors have decided to take the call to teach there.

Hugh Cook and Weitze van Dijk see it as a challenge to begin the English and Math/Physics departments, respectively, at Redeemer. "So often you take for granted what the faculty before you has established and developed," said Cook.

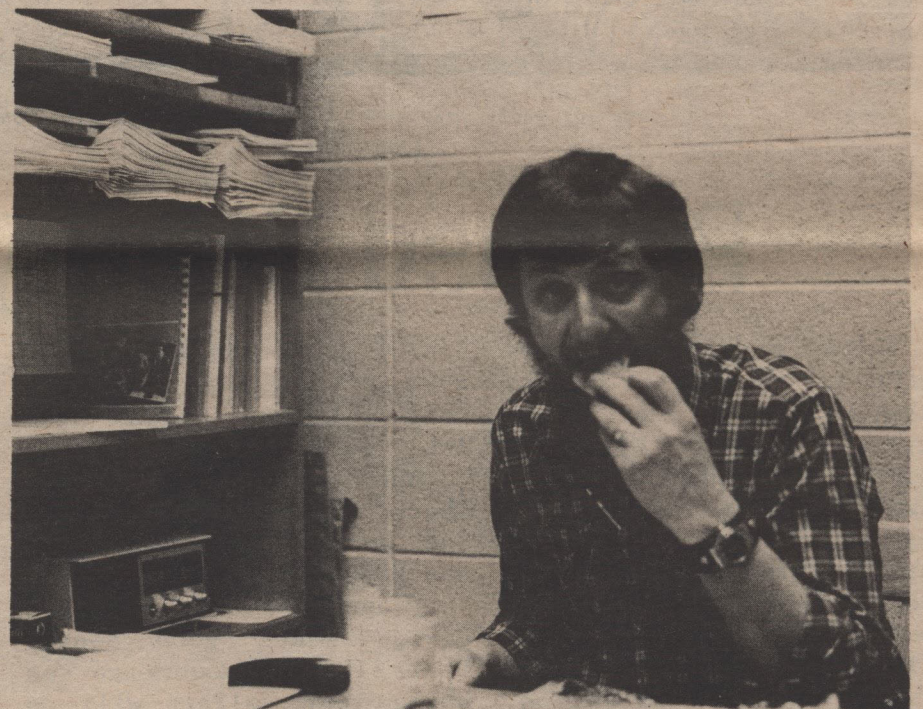
Cook has been at Dordt 12 years in the English Department. He views this move as a chance to return to Canada, what he calls "the nationalistic draw of being Canadian."

Cook is quite concerned

for the Canadian student in the States. "The curriculum at Dordt does not satisfy the needs of the Canadians in areas such as political science, history, and economics."

Weitze van Dijk has been a Dordt faculty member since 1971. He came to Dordt to learn about teaching in a Christian institution. He has taught mathematics and physics here and will continue to do so at Redeemer.

"I'm excited about 'going home'," he says, and adds that this opportunity will allow him to continue his research. "Keeping up currency and enthusiasm about my area of interest is extremely important to me as an educator."



Hugh Cook takes lunch break.

by Luke Seerveld

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## Spring Thaw Opens Next Week

by Luke Seerveld

The "Spring Thaw" week is in its final stage of completion; in fact, it will become a reality next week. Details concerning times and performances, art shows and connected activities will be posted.

Monday	Student organ recital	Chapel	8:00 p.m.	April 19
Tuesday	Kathy Grotenhuis recital	Chapel	8:00 p.m.	April 20
Wed.	Student directed and theatre class dances	Chapel	8:00 p.m.	April 21
Thurs.	Informal music	In front of SUB	11:00 a.m.	April 22
Thurs. and Friday	Three student directed plays	NWT	8:00 p.m.	April 23
Sat.	Dordt College Orchestra	Chapel	8:00 p.m.	April 24

Along with musical, dramatic, and visual presentations confined to set times, there will be art shows continuing in the SUB by senior art students and artistic creations on show in the classroom building. Come out and enjoy.



# Private Sector Mus



Everybody wants your money. Who are you going to donate it to?

Changing Times, Dec. 1979, p. 25.



Do you have any spare change?  
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## Planned Charity Makes Sense

United Way, Planned Parenthood, Foster Parents Plan, American Cancer Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association, March of Dimes, Care, Salvation Army, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jerry Falwell's Old-Time Gospel Hour, the Back-to-God-Hour, Hope Haven, Goodwill, CRWRC...

The list goes on and on. But which organizations will you donate to? You have a limited amount of money and so many organizations want it! So where are your donations going to do the most good?

Aristotle said 2,300 years ago: "To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how much and when and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power—nor an easy matter."

Most people contribute impulsively and haphazardly. They phone in pledges as a response to a telethon. They see a coin jar in a store or a bell ringer on the street and they dig the spare coins out of their pocket. Some mail from March of Dimes or Foster Parents Plan strikes an emo-

tional cord and they write a check. Fast-talking airport solicitors press them into contributing.

But then they forget where their donations went and wonder if their money has done any good.

Planning your charity giving makes good sense. Do a little homework to see where your dollars will do the most good.

First, decide how much you want or can give in a year. Most donors give small contributions to several charities. But larger donations to a few charities is more sensible. The larger the donation, the less a charity will have to pay for fund raising and overhead costs.

So choose the organizations you care most about and give substantially to those. As Arthur Kammerman, vice president of the Council for Financial Aid to Education, said, "Everyone can't support every good cause."

Second, consider your interests and determine the types of organizations which will receive your donations. If you are satisfied with the organizations you are

presently donating to, continue your donations. But if you would like to do more, find the organizations which are doing work you support. Then, contribute to them.

Finally, research and evaluate the charities. There are thousands of charities and it's impossible for you to know something about each one. But find out how efficient they are and how responsible they are in meeting their goals.

To get information, ask solicitors to give or send you information, or write to the organization and request it.

If the organization fails to give that information, write to the two watchdog groups for charities. These are the National Information Bureau (419 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016) and the Council of Better Business Bureaus' Philanthropic Advisory Service (1515 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209). Also, check with your local Better Business Bureau on local charities.

These organizations will provide you with financial management information and the programs each charity sponsors. If the charities

meet the standards these watchdogs have set, they will be on the list of charities in good standing.

If a charity doesn't tell you what you want to know, it probably isn't worth contributing to. The charities that get your money should meet your standards. But you must first ask questions before you give to be assured your money will go where it is most needed and most worthwhile.



"Oh, thank you, Mr. President! May I give you a receipt for the dime? It's tax-deductible, you know!"

Newsweek, Feb. 1, 1982, p. 20.



# Rescue Charities

by Deb Sandbulte

## Sources of Charity

Individuals	-	\$39.9 billion	or	83.7%
Bequests	-	\$ 2.9 billion	or	6.0%
Corporations	-	\$ 2.6 billion	or	5.3%
Foundations	-	\$ 2.4 billion	or	5.0%

U.S. News & World Reports, Jan. 11, 1982.

## Charities Battle Inflation

Philanthropy in 1980 was a \$47.8 billion enterprise. But in the United States, the world's most giving nation, charities face the problems of inflation and competition from other charitable organizations.

Inflation increases costs which charities cannot pass along in the form of higher prices like businesses. Inflation also squeezes wallets of givers, discouraging them from contributing more.

American generosity has been increasing, but not fast enough to keep up with inflation. Over the last ten years, contributions have barely kept ahead of inflation.

Fund raising is an expensive business. Products and services are needed to encourage contributions and people are needed to handle those contributions.

"Despite its volunteer tradition, charity is dominated by professional managers" (Newsweek, 7 May, 1979). Charities need administrators to handle the money, but these administrators add to the costs incurred by fund raisers.

New charities can expect their first year costs to equal the contributions they get. Established charities retain probably less than half of what they get.

The cost of getting money is 50 percent or more of what is collected. Charities must pay for address lists, postage, the products they may sell, administration, and more.

As a result of inflation, charities are becoming more competitive. The greater a charity's appeal is to the emotions and conscience, the greater the contributions will be.

Charities cannot afford to get behind, so they are stepping up their efforts in any way possible.

## Charities Lose Funds

Business corporations, independent foundations, and individuals face the dilemma of making up for the Reagan Administration's slash of funds to agencies and social programs which help the needy.

The Urban Institute estimates that nonprofit organizations will lose about \$28 billion over the next five years because of massive budget cuts. And the need for private charities' services will increase because federal aid was cut by an additional \$100 billion in the areas they serve.

But the Reagan Administration may be in for a big disappointment. For private donors and corporations to fill the gap created by budget cuts, they would have to increase their charitable giving by 250 percent.

Private donors feel they will be unable to recoup the lost Federal funding, and corporations feel they cannot rescue programs slashed by Reagan cuts.

Says Alexander Trowbridge, president of the National Association of Manufacturers (U.S. News & World Reports, 11 Jan. 1982): "Many of the cuts were made because the programs could no longer be justified as serving high priorities...Business cannot assume the responsibility for public programs that Congress and the President have decided do not merit national commitments."

The federal government has put great pressure on corporations to rescue social programs. Corporations have more money than others, are more efficient, and are more aware when responding to community needs. Therefore, they should be morally responsible for helping those in need.

But in 1980, corporations accounted for only 5 percent of the nation's total charitable contributions. Of the \$47.8 billion donated, corporations contributed only \$2.6 billion of that amount.

According to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, only 35 percent of the total 2.1 million United States corporations give anything at all, and only

6 percent contribute more than \$500 a year. The average corporation gives a total of about one percent of its pretax profits.

Despite this data, corporate giving has risen 16 percent annually in the past three years, faster than giving by any other donors. This is attributed to the fact that corporations like to be seen doing good and stimulating a healthy society. Contributing to charities advances their image by earning them a reputation as good neighbors. It also helps promote the goodwill of the local people.

Another reason for increased corporate giving is a new tax incentive enacted by Congress. The proportion of tax-free gifts businesses could make doubled, going from 5 percent to 10 percent of pre-tax profits.

Even though corporations are responding with money, they are being more selective about who gets the money. Corporations' contributions can never satisfy all the requests received, and now the requests are greater because of Federal slashes.

Corporations will donate to those organizations which will serve their interests and promote their image. Business funding tends to go first to pet charities of the president and other top executives, and second to those with political connections. Merit as determined by community priorities, is the last consideration for donating.

According to Business Week (6 July, 1981), "It is established organizations that will be the beneficiaries of corporate giving, with more experimental programs falling by the wayside."

Despite the pessimism generated by the Reagan cuts, charitable contributions are increasing. Individuals, as well as corporations, are giving more. Results of a recent United Way campaign showed that even in cities with high jobless rates such as Cleveland and Detroit, fund drive goals are being met and exceeded.

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## Fine Arts

# Dance Class to Preform: Promise Upbeat Numbers

by Mike Steggerda

"People really need to understand what we're doing," said Gioia Seerveld, who teaches beginning dance classes at Dordt College.

"Dance is an art form," and according to Seerveld, "is just as important as any other art form."

Volunteers from the dance classes and an acting class are putting on a dance production during Spring Thaw week, a week devoted to student art forms.

In the past, Seerveld has choreographed the dance numbers, but this time the numbers are choreographed by Becki Stair, Mike Stair, and Lynn DeKruyf. Seerveld said she enjoys choreographing, but prefers dancing.

Most of the dance numbers will be upbeat and jazzy. The dance artists will dance

to the music of Carole King, Elton John, the Pointer Sisters, Larry Norman, and others.

The dance class meets twice a week. They have practiced the dances since the beginning of the semester.

Seerveld hopes the dance class will become a regular physical education activity, but the idea is slow to be accepted. "We haven't been encouraged very much, but we haven't been opposed either," she said.

Seerveld has tried to arrange for the dance class to have their own area to practice. The class presently meets in the gymnasium lobby. "Ideally, we could use a wooden floor and it would be nice not to have people walking through all the time," she said.



Gioia Seerveld leads dance class.

by Luke Seerveld

Seerveld encourages students, faculty, and the community to come and see the production. She said the dancers are open to questions about their art form.

"We really need faculty and community support," Seerveld said.

The dance production will take place Wednesday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in the Dordt

College Chapel. It is free and open to the public.

"Dancing is a way of expressing yourself," said Seerveld. "It's something inside of you that needs to come out. It's a vocation. I mean, some people sing to express themselves. Some people pull teeth. I like to dance." And so she does.

## Crosswords



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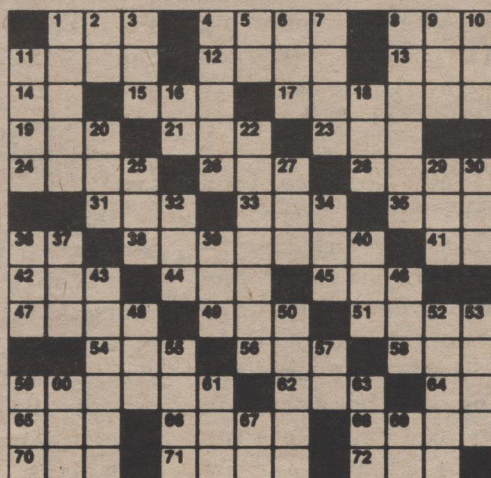
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## CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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Answer in next issue.

## Students Prepare Liturgies

by Bert Sluys

Each student in Dr. Ringwold's Music and Liturgy class is writing his own liturgy or "order of worship" in a church service. Jim Vanden Bosch, professor of English, will review the finished liturgies.

The Music and Liturgy class studies various liturgies; the students then apply what they have learned in making decisions as to what is appropriate in a liturgy. Model liturgies of Calvin and Luther have been studied in detail. The questions of "why" and "how" things are done liturgically are also dealt with.

Several guests have visited the class, including Rev. and Mrs. Randy Brouwer of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Orange City, Rev. Julian of Sheldon, and Dordt's own Rev. Taylor, who demonstrated an entire Anglican service, complete with the Lord's Supper. The class in turn visited a few churches in order to see what their liturgies were like.

The course involves more than just music. Many cross

communications between various areas of study arise in this class, such as theology, English, and philosophy.

Banners in the worship service have also been discussed. Henry De Vries, experienced in making banners, told the class about different ways to use banners in the worship service. He said banners should be simple, portray only one concept, and use as few words as possible.

Dale Grotenhuis talked to the class about how the Psalter Hymnal is being revised. The place of music in the service was also discussed.

Deb Alons likes hearing other people's ideas on liturgy. "Changes must be slow in our liturgy," she said. "It's hard to battle with tradition."

Pam Ruiter said that people should be more aware of liturgy's function in the service. Once people realize the meaning of liturgy, she said, they won't go through it simply as a routine anymore.



# Chorale Tours Easter Weekend

by Beth Riemersma

Easter weekend held an extra special meaning for the 60 members of Dordt's Chorale. Their three-day tour gave them the opportunity to celebrate Christ's victory over death in a special way: by witnessing in song, word, and deed, of their faith in a risen Savior.

Chorale members, along with Director Dale Grotenhuis and his wife, left for Wellsburg, IA, Friday afternoon, April 8. They rode in a chartered bus and a van. After the Good Friday services at the First Christian Reformed Church in Wellsburg, they presented their concert of 17 songs. Three of these songs were written by three Chorale

members: Shirley Byker, Arvin Druvenga, and Suzette Luyt. Following the concert, the Chorale members returned home with their hosts.

The bus and van were reloaded Saturday morning. This time their destination was Minneapolis, MN. Chorale spent the afternoon at the IDS (Independent Development Services) building (the tallest building in Minneapolis—51 stories high). They were also free to go to other nearby stores and buildings.

The next stop was Baldwin, WI. The Chorale gave a concert in the high school auditorium Saturday evening and also sang for a church service Easter morning.

On Sunday afternoon, the

Chorale sang in the newly built church in Princeton, MN—a daughter church of the First Christian Reformed Church in Pease, MN. Both Pease and Princeton members attended the first performance given in the new building.

The Chorale's final concert was held in Prinsburg, MN after the evening worship service.

Director Grotenhuis explained that there was a three-fold purpose to the tour—for Chorale to correspond with supporters of Dordt, to perform to the best of their ability, and most importantly, to praise our Father in heaven.

Chorale had many opportunities to witness for their Lord—in concert, in the

homes of their hosts, and in their interaction with each other.

By sharing suitcases, riding on the bus and van, and spending a lot of time together as a group, the members were able to get to know each other better and sense a special kind of unity with each other.

The three days of singing and traveling brought Chorale members closer together as well as closer to their Lord. What a fitting way to commemorate Christ's resurrection and the role it plays in our lives!!!

Chorale will present their home concert this coming Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 in the Chapel.

## Vander Windt to Present Organ Recital

by Bert Sluys

Laura Vander Windt, an organ performance major, will give her senior recital on Monday. She has also given a sophomore and a junior recital here at Dordt.

Vander Windt began playing the organ ten years ago after taking piano lessons. During her freshman year at Dordt, she entered a competition sponsored by the

American Guild of Organists (AGO) and went to the regional competition in Kansas City. She was the runner-up in last year's competition.

Vander Windt has been accepted for admission at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where she plans to go next year. She plans to get her Masters of Music Degree in

organ performance and literature. Her long-range goal is to teach organ and music courses on a college level.



### Recital

Pieces that Vander Windt will play at her recital include "Bach Chorales" by Buxtehude, "Chorale in E flat Major" by Caesar Frank, and a contemporary sonata

by Hindemith.

Dr. Joan Ringerwole says the following about Vander Windt's organ playing: "She displays a warm, singing melodic line, showing her excellent musicianship. She has a highly developed technique which enables her to play a demanding program."

The recital will be given on Monday, April 19 at 8:00 in the chapel.

## High School Choirs to Perform

by Doug Van Gorp

Usually when we think of the gym, we think of the noise of cheering fans, yelling teammates, and squeaking Nikes. But this Friday the gym will be filled with a different kind of noise—the organized noise of music.

Over 500 students from nine high school choirs and Dordt's two choirs will combine to perform the music at this year's annual High School Music Festival.

Friday afternoon, the high school choirs will participate in an evaluation of solos and ensembles.

That evening, seven high school choirs and both Dordt choirs will perform one selection on their own, and then join together with students from two other high schools for a five-number mass choir finale.

This year's nine participating high schools are Central Christian, Dakota Christian, Faith Christian, Sioux Falls Christian, Southwest, Unity, and Western. Students from South Christian High of Grand Rapids and Rehoboth Christian High's band from Rehoboth, New Mexico, will join these schools for the mass choir numbers.

The festival brings these groups together to have fun and to benefit from the evaluation. The festival will be held Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Sound good? It will be!

The 29-member Rehoboth Christian high school band from Rehoboth, New Mexico, will perform in the chapel tonight at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Calendar



April 15

—CMA Math/Physics/Computer Science Workshop

April 16

—High school Music Festival, Chapel/Gym, 7:30 p.m.

April 17

—Baseball vs. Northwestern, Here, 12:00  
—Mac Frampton, jazz pianist, Sioux County Concert Series, Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

April 18

—Chorale Concert, Chapel, 2:30 p.m.

April 19

—Senior recital, Laura Vander Windt, organ, Chapel, 8:00 p.m.  
—Dance practice, Chapel, 4-6 p.m.

April 20

—Recital, Kathy Grotenhuis, Chapel, 8:00 p.m.  
—Dance practice, Chapel, 5-7 p.m.

April 21

—Social Service Club meeting, SUB lounge, p.m.  
—Dance performance, Chapel, 8 p.m.



# Student Forum

## Sophomore Student Forum Candidates

As a service to the Dordt community, Diamond has agreed to print the speeches of Student Forum candidates. Forum asked Diamond to do this for two reasons. "We hope to get a better turnout ratio for voting," said Gregg Vande Kieft. Also, the publication of speeches adds more authenticity to the elections. "This way people have to work for a position in Forum," said Vande Kieft. He added that he was surprised at how few students are running this year. "But," he said, "I feel that the candidates we have are all very qualified."

Forum elections will be held Wed., April 21, in the SUB from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Joyce van den Ham

Student Forum is a very important organization of students here at Dordt. Not only does the Forum benefit the student body, but the students within the forum also benefit. To be on Student Forum would give me the opportunity to get involved with the activities of the college and to interact more with fellow students, while developing myself at the same time. Involvement with the college will help me appreciate the organization and the people more. Only when one understands what makes up a college and how each facility functions, can



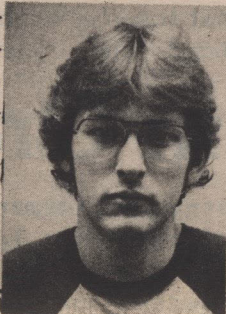
he praise or criticize. Too often I find myself being critical of Dordt and its policies without any real background information. I want to learn about Dordt so I can eliminate these criticisms in my mind or constructively set about resolving them.

Student Forum also serves the student by organizing fun events and activities. I want to be a part of making life more challenging and enjoyable here at Dordt. Joyce van den Ham (So.)

### Les Rispens

Student Forum, as I conceive it, is an organization intended to serve the student body by bringing their wants, needs and opinions together and presenting them to the school administration in a practical and responsible form. It should then take definite steps toward the incorporation of these suggestions into school policy. This year the Student Forum seemed distant and uninvolved. When one reads the minutes of their meetings, it is easily seen that they deal primarily with trivial and unsequential matters.

I propose a change. Let's get away from the withdrawn and shallow Student Forum and try to be part of one that is open and responsive to the ideas of the students. Let's leave behind the present situation



where the voice of the individual seems to fall on deaf ears. Elect outspoken representatives who aren't afraid to face the sensitive issues with the openness and directness that they require.

Running for this office is important to me because I enjoy being part of student government and because being in a position to make constructive changes in the world the Lord has placed us in is important; this includes more individual involvement in the student government process.

In closing, I request your prayer and careful consideration of all candidates before deciding which you will support. More importantly, I ask for your total support of the individuals who are elected. Thank you. Les Rispens (So.)

### Elly Kistemaker

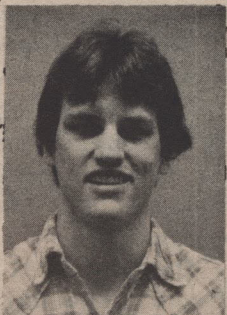
I would like to serve on Student Forum because I feel it would be a wonderful opportunity to be involved directly with all of the students at Dordt College. I feel that it is important to be aware of activities occurring on Dordt's campus, and think that serving on Student Forum will help me in that area. Student Forum will also give me a chance to represent my class in the areas that concern them the most.

Elly Kistemaker (So.)



### Ken Marcus

If I get voted to be a Student Forum representative, I won't be the one that pushes for every drastic reform; that's not why I'm running for office. I'm basically a conservative but openminded person. There are four reasons that I am running for Forum. First, I think I have some good,



Biblically sound and innovative ideas. Second, I'm willing to give my time and effort to Forum projects. Third, I'm willing to listen to new ideas and discuss them with the rest of the representatives. Lastly, I think it would be a valuable experience for me. Ken Marcus (So.)

### Val Haarsma

Student Forum is a vital part of Dordt College. During this past year we have discussed many important issues concerning rules, regulations, and campus activities. I feel that a Student Forum member should be a servant for the entire student body as well as a representative for his/her class. I would consider it an honor to serve Dordt students once again in the upcoming year. Val Haarsma (So.)



### Mick Vanden Bosch

I was in Forum this past year and it was a lot of fun. It is good to get involved in things on campus and this is a great way to get involved. It is fun and rewarding to do things to help fellow students. In Forum, we had a chance to put on events for the students, such as the Freshman-Sophomore Banquet, Dordt Day and the Talent Extravaganza. We also discussed rules and other things important to students in the college and tried to find and make possible the best life for the students.

This first year was a lot of fun but I didn't get as involved as some of the others did, especially upperclassmen. Now that I know more about Dordt, and college life per se, I would like to be in Forum again to get more involved and to continue some of the things



Annette Couperus makes point as Deb Burrus observes. by Keith Buys



# Student Forum

started this year to make Dordt a great place for all of us.

Mick Vanden Bosch (So.)

## Sheila Koldenhoven

I feel that being in Student Forum would be a new and exciting experience for me. I love getting involved and helping other

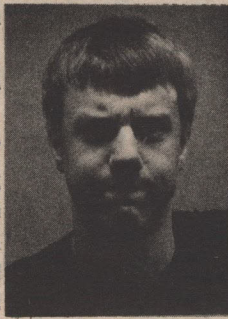


people whenever I can. A lot of kids have told me ideas about campus life that they would like to see brought before the Student Forum, but they never dare to voice their opinions. I feel that a group such as the Student Forum is a vital part of Dordt College and being a part of it would make my next year this opportunity to participate in a group that's concerned with what college is all about—students!

Sheila Koldenhoven (So.)

## Luke Seerveld

I have been on Dordt's campus as an active student for one year now. Getting involved in the student newspaper and various committees, it has become very clear to me that there is always more progressive work to be done. I certainly do not want to be a part of



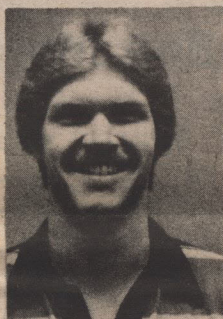
Student Forum for glory and fame; these attributes are all too foreign to the "students own political body!" Who is the president? But it would be easy for me to stand aside and bicker with the majority and fade into the wallpaper. Nothing may seem to happen on a forum that appears to be merely a discussionary council, but progress is in the making—read the Diamond—and I don't want to stand by and admit afterwards that I didn't try.

Luke Seerveld (So.)

# Junior Student Forum Candidates

## Don Top

I see being on Student Forum as an excellent way to serve my fellow students. As the Sophomore President this year, I feel good about what has taken place so far and I hope to accomplish more in service next year.



Along with the privileges of being involved come even more responsibilities, which I am willing and ready to undertake.

Jesus calls us to be servants of each other. I see this as a small but meaningful way to meet that call.

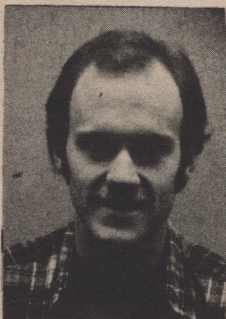
Don Top (Jr.)

I feel that I can best carry out this task by being an active member of Student Forum. As an experienced member, I have found it very exciting and challenging. It gives me an excellent opportunity to serve my fellow classmates not only by getting policies reformed but also by helping to organize such events as the annual D.O.R.D.T. day and the Junior/Senior banquet (next year). This opportunity will also help me to get an inside understanding of the direction in which the college is growing and will be able to influence this direction by serving on committees and sub committees using the Bible as a guideline.

Frank Louws (Jr.)

## Lyndon Gritters

Student Forum, as I see it, is one of the many means of communication and action between the student body, and the faculty and administration.



As part of this important link, Student Forum members should not only see the "vision" of the college, but also the individual "visions" of the students here at Dordt. Members should always be listening carefully to the desires of both sides, and be ready to go into action as they see fit. It is my belief that Forum should be continually thinking about

and exploring changes in policy that will better address themselves to the problems and needs of students; I think these should be done carefully and with much communication between students and faculty, and I think they should be done boldly. As a Christian college, Dordt's policies must be continually reformulated to better enhance the development of struggling Christians, whether students or faculty members. I think all of us, if we really considered it, would feel a real appreciation for the Dordt community and its ideals. I realize I don't fully appreciate all the ideals, nor can I say I fully agree with all policies; I can say, however, that I've seen much development in myself and in people around me. That development has been total development of the individual whether spiritual, mental, or social, and that's exciting.

The Defender tells us the purpose of Student Forum:

"to assist in understanding, maintaining, enhancing, and implementing the distinctive aims and objectives of Dordt College," and to say it plainly, I'd like to be a part of that.

Lyndon Gritters (Jr.)

## Sarah Larson

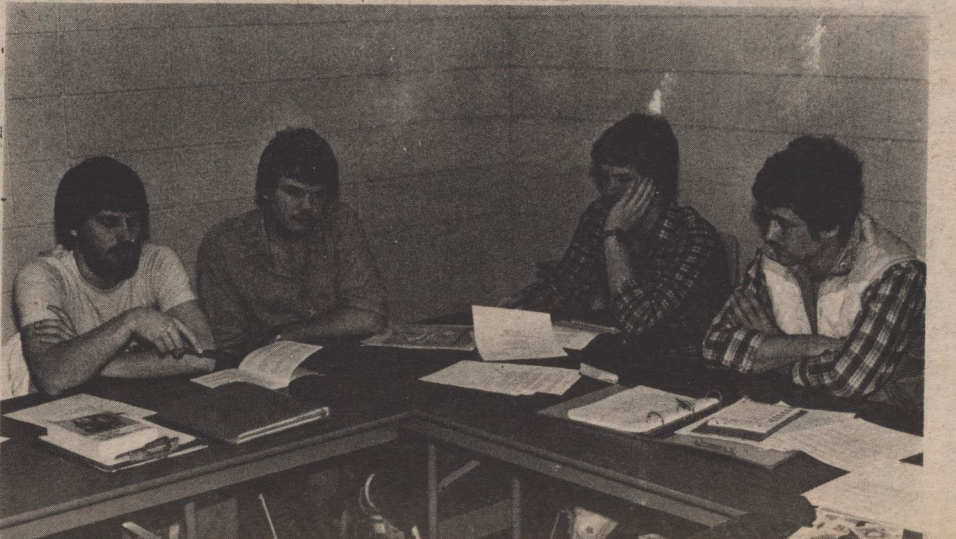
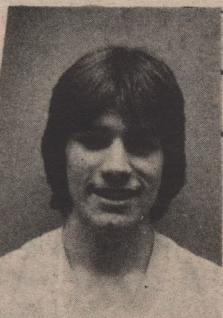
I want to serve on Student Forum because we all are called to serve others, and participating in Student Forum is a good way to do that. I want to help change some college policies that I think need improving. (An example is going to classes on Good Friday). I would also like the experience of student government in order to learn more about it. And finally, Student Forum is one way to help make Dordt College a better Christian institution.



Sarah Larson (Jr.)

## Frank Louws

Every student at Dordt must not only take his academics seriously, but also every other aspect of college life. It is each student's responsibility and calling to become involved in decision-making processes concerning academics, spiritual activities, disciplinary actions, housing policies, etc. Each student can fulfill this task directly by serving on the Student Forum or indirectly by speaking through their representatives.



Student Forum members "battle" with the issues.

by Keith Buys



# Student Forum

## Junior Forum Candidates Con't.

### Doug Miedema

I would like to get involved in student government in college. Student Forum is a way for students to get involved in the political side of college. It is a way for students and administration to collectively attain the goals and objectives of Dordt College. I have never been in student government and I think that



it will prove to be an interesting experience.  
Doug Miedema (Jr.)

### Ivan Bleyenbergh

As representative of not only next year's junior class, but also of the Dordt student body, I would like to provide my assistance in seeking out to not only implement the objectives of Dordt College, but also to give the students



an opportunity to make certain changes in decisions here on campus which are practical in our lives. Today we are living in a very rapidly changing society where life styles, morals, and what used to be "norms" of our age have drastically changed. Just as our way of life has changed, so must certain rules and restrictions which are primarily directed so that the words and actions of all Dordt students do not reflect discredit on Christ but rather, that they reflect students' Christian view of life by being an example to others.

I am also (if elected) anxious to bring about the leadership whereby I will become involved in as many issues and events as possible, so that I will become fully dedicated to Student Forum in all aspects.

And finally, I believe that God has given certain talents to each and every individual; and I believe that God has given me the qualities of a leader whereby it is my responsibility, as a Christian, to work for the welfare of others and above all, God.

Ivan Bleyenbergh (Jr.)

## Senior Student Forum Candidates

### Gregg Vande Kieft

Like all incoming freshmen, I received a copy of The Defender in the mail the summer before I came to Dordt. At that time the Student Forum description was at the front of The Defender, and this was the first section I saw when I opened the manual. When I read the purpose of Student Forum—" . . . to assist in



understanding, maintaining, enhancing, and implementing the distinctive aims and objectives of Dordt College. . . ."—I became quite intrigued.

When I chose Dordt College over the other alternatives, the sole reason was the aforementioned "distinctive objectives and aims" of the school. In that light, I found the purpose of Forum an irresistible avenue of service, and I have thus run for and been on the Forum the past two years. As I grow at Dordt, gaining in experience and insight, I find these goals

even more desirable, as well as quite realizable for the most part. Having had two rewarding and fulfilling years as a Forum member, I wish to continue for a final, and, hopefully, even more productive year.

Gregg K. Vande Kieft (Sr.)

### Tim Vos

I am running for Student Forum because it is an opportunity to "give" (God's greatest command is to love, and God loved by "giving" His Son). Forum may be an opportunity to pad a transcript, or to gain some recognition, or to get some favors, but that "takes" and does not "give." I want to give by sharing a unique vision: that Dordt be a college filled with life in the Holy Spirit, that Dordt might have living communion with Christ in its scholarly research and its social interaction, and thus "give" itself to obedient service to our King. Student Forum can have a serious role in the future of Dordt if it gives wholeheartedly to the college community. I want to share in this role and provide leadership for a movement toward this vision.



Tim P. Vos (Sr.)

### Bob Johnson

Student Forum is a student-run organization aimed at understanding, maintaining, enhancing and implementing the distinctive aims and objectives of Dordt College. It is with these aims that I wish to run once again for Student Forum. Having served one year, I feel that I have worked hard to fulfill the objectives of Student Forum and I feel that I can faithfully serve my class as a representative for another year. My goals for next year's Student Forum would be to see more action taking place in better understanding the aims and objectives of the college and in areas where change needs to be implemented on a policy level. I would put forth a strong effort to make that so. A lot of groundwork has been laid for the Student Forum in the past two years and with this foundation, next year should be a very productive year for Student Forum as it seeks to better serve the student body. With your support, I would very much like to be involved in this service.



Robert (Bob) Johnson (Sr.)



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## Campus Pastor Eliminated

### Steve Feenstra

I wish to serve on the Student Forum because I feel I can responsibly represent the student body's best interests in the policies and activities that directly affect them. I am also interested in learning how Dordt deals with its students' affairs, and would like to become involved in that process.



There are many qualified people running for Forum this year, and I'm confident that with student interest and input, the 82-83 school year can be as successful as previous years.

Steve Feenstra (Sr.)

### Ken Beukelman

I would like to be on Student Forum for several reasons. First of all, being on Student Forum would give me a chance to try to be a positive force for the student body and for Dordt College. All I could do on this point would be to try my best.



The other reason I would

like to be on Student Forum is more personal. I would like to be more involved with what is happening on campus; being on Student Forum would let me do this.

Ken Beukelman (Sr.)

### Terry Theune

I am very excited about running for Student Forum! After three years of watching Student Forum do its best to serve our



school, I would now like to become an active member of this group. The opportunities in Student Forum seem almost endless to me, and I would appreciate the chance to take advantage of these opportunities. I feel that being a member of Student Forum would help me to grow in my relationships with the professors and the other students, as we work together to make Dordt College a better place for everyone. Juniors, as you vote for your Student Forum representatives for next year, I hope that you will consider me. I will make only one promise: to represent and serve Dordt College as best I can. Thank you.

Terry Theune (Sr.)

by Twila Konynenbelt

Dordt will have no campus pastor next year.

That part-time position, presently maintained by Dr. J. B. Hulst, might be filled by area pastors instead.

Marion Van Soelen, Dean of Students, said although no final conclusion has been reached, it looks probable that ministers from student-attended churches will provide pastoral counseling when needed.

"We would like to have them come on campus, but it's very much in the discussion stage," Van Soelen said.

He also said that Hulst's position is not primarily campus pastor as such, but Vice President of Student Affairs. Hulst also serves as Director of the Studies Institute, Chairman of the Spiritual Activities Committee and member of the Chapel

Committee. Van Soelen will assume the general supervision of Student Affairs and become Chairman of the Spiritual Activity Committee next year.

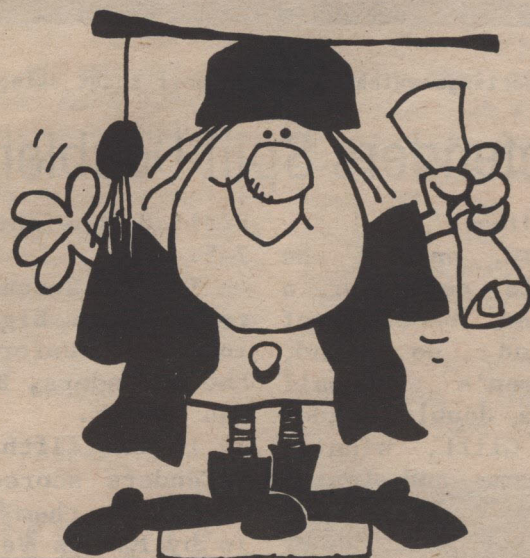
When questioned why Dordt does not hire a full-time campus pastor, Van Soelen responded that Dordt's position is a little different from evangelical colleges.

"We believe the instituted church has a part to play in the over-all care of students. A campus pastor would simply be a substitute for the students' own pastors. Why not use them?"

He added that Dordt's three counselors—Karen Helder, Quentin Van Essen, and Jay Van Groningen—will be returning next year.

A meeting with area pastors is being planned.

"We'll be discussing the best ways to meet the total needs of students."



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by Cliff Van Putten

Members of the Student Forum take a picture break.



# Sports

## Defenders Fall Despite Sharp Pitching

by Larry Van Otterloo

Despite some excellent pitching, Dordt dropped three out of four baseball games this week. On Monday the team travelled to Vermillion, South Dakota, to play a doubleheader against USD. In the first game, Doug Van Zee gave up only 2 hits in six innings but got little support from the hitting or defense as the Defenders lost, 2-1.

In the second game, which went eight innings, USD downed Dordt 3-2. Mark De Waard pitched an excellent

game, striking out nine, walking one, and allowing only five hits. Lack of hitting and a leaky defense again cost Dordt the game.

On Tuesday, Dordt split a doubleheader with Yankton College at Yankton, South Dakota. Wes Fopma put in a great performance on the mound in the first game, with seven strikeouts and only two walks in seven innings. In this game, the defense and hitting both came around. Ken Kreykes went two for three with a double.

Brad Boer made his first appearance on the mound this season with a start in the second game. He did a good job before yielding to Mark De Waard in the 7th inning. De Waard took the loss, giving up two runs in the bottom of the 7th. The offense exploded in this game with ten hits. Scott Soodsma and Jeff Poppema both went two for four, with

a triple and an inside-the-park home run, respectively. Kreykes and Dave Rozeboom each had a hit in three plate appearances. Rozeboom's hit was a bases-loaded single that drove in two runs. Loren Van Zanten also had 2 RBIs with a double in going one for four.

Dordt will be playing Northwestern at home this Saturday at noon.



by Luke Seerveld

Catcher Rick Poortinga watches batter Daryl Kragt swing at high pitch.

## Lady Defenders Split Doubleheader

by Brenda Reiter

On Tuesday, one of the best possible days for a softball game because of sunshine and no wind, Dordt's women's softball team split a double header with Briar Cliff, winning the first game and losing the second.

In the first game, Nancy Grevengeod pitched to 33 batters, allowing only six hits, walking two, and striking out five.

The Defenders were strong offensively. Mary Koll was two for three at the plate, including a triple. Anita Bosman was two for four and also got a triple. The team had three errors but never

trailed in winning the game, 7-5.

In the second game, each team had a big "come-back" inning. Unfortunately for the Defenders, Briar Cliff's was bigger.

In the fifth inning, the Defenders scored five runs. Three of them were driven in by Marlys Van Maanen who hit a double with nobody out and the bases loaded.

The last inning, however, was Briar Cliff's. Dordt was ahead 8-3 at the start of that inning, but Briar Cliff scored six runs to win the game, 9-8. The Defenders' main problems were too many walks and errors.

## Tennis Team Faces Heavy Schedule

by Brenda Reiter

The Dordt College tennis team is still struggling with rainy and snowy weather. Three of their matches have been rescheduled because of the weather, which means the Defenders will have a very busy schedule the remainder of the season. Coach Len Rhoda is confident the team will do well once spring has arrived to stay.

The Defenders have played only one match since returning from the Texas tour during Spring Break. They lost this match to Buena Vista, 7-2. The Defenders' record now stands at 1-4, and while they met tough competition in Texas, Rhoda feels the experience was worth it. He said he could see improvement in all the players after the tournament.

The team is preparing for

the highlight of the season, the Northwest Iowa College Tournament on April 30 and May 1. Last year the Defenders placed second among the six teams.

The players on the team are senior Jim Venhuizen, juniors Mark De Nooy and Harlan Bousema, sophomores Del Van Essen, Rudy Folkerts and Steve Anema, and freshmen Mark Christians and Gale Tien.

Coach Rhoda said, "I think we're a stronger team overall than last year." The Defenders are experienced, since all of the team members except Anema, Christians, and Tien played for Dordt last year.

The next several weeks will be very busy for the Defenders.

All home games will be played at Open Space Park at 3:00 p.m.

### Women's Softball

April 16	Westmar at LeMars
19	Mount Marty at Yankton, S.D.
21	Buena Vista at home
24	Sectionals at Sioux City
26	Morningside at Sioux City
27	Northwestern at Orange City



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