Tuition To Go Up

High financial costs have affected every area of life at Dordt College. With the 1981-82 school year, there will be an increase of $350 for tuition, $40 for board, and $40 for room rent. Total tuition costs, said De Wit, will be $3,600 (approximately $4,150 Canadian) excluding the grant-in-aid which is distributed according to the student’s distance from Dordt.

Total room and board costs for next year will be $1,640 (approximately $1,760 Canadian) which is the same as Morningside College in Sioux City, De Wit said. "Incidentally, that is one of the lowest figures for room and board in the State of Iowa," he said. The highest figure for room and board in Iowa is $1,740.

The extra costs for students come from a variety of sources. "We have to increase salaries and of course, utilities go up just like any other place. Inflation hits a college just as it hits a household," said De Wit.

Tuition, room, and board costs were set up at the last Board meeting. De Wit's job is to get information for President Haan and the Board to act upon. "I have to go through the process of getting information from Howard Hall for expected enrollment, and from Lyle Critters for what costs will be. If we have fewer students but the same academic programs, then there are some programs that can't be dropped," De Wit said.

Housing and enrollment are two factors that affect college expenses differently. "Housing people do their very best to insure 90% on-campus housing," De Wit said, "that's probably why we've been able to keep room rent down."

De Wit also said Dordt is expecting a drop in enrollment. "The college opening up in Canada (King's College) has hurt us a bit," said De Wit. Canadian students attending Dordt have decreased in the past three years: 1978-79 school year - 300 Canadian students; 1979-80 - 255; 1980-81 - 213 students. General enrollment has decreased from 1,218 during 1978-79 to 1,160 in 1980-81, said De Wit. Even between first and second semester 1980-81, enrollment dropped from 1,160 first semester to approximately 1,100 second semester. De Wit says he thinks the financial outlook is "bound to be awful tight. At this point in time, I would say we will have a deficit. We're working on different ways in making money and that could make a big difference."

"I think that if students would recognize the problem and cut back on their use of utilities, it would help the college. I guess it makes a difference when they don't pay the bills directly."
Editorial

Who Builds Your Life?

Here it is the third week of this semester. It seems like we've been here so long already. Time goes by so fast.

However, it is a new semester. It's a new semester where you will share your time and experiences with roommates, friends, and fiancés. You will write papers, study for tests, and plan careers. Some of you will change majors or just try to get off the "undeclared" list.

It's a semester that will have many late nights and few hours of sleep. You will be working on general education requirements. You will study for one of those courses in your major that you are not looking forward to taking. You may be practice teaching during the day and in your sleep at night.

This new semester may be a burden to you financially. You will have to get grants and loans or depend on money from yourself or your family. Some of you will be married after this semester and will soon depend on your careers. Others of you are already married and know the struggle of getting an education while being married.

There will be many problems and pressures on campus. There are dating, housing, drinking, and theft problems. There will be family problems and roommate problems. There will be study problems and grade problems. You may get confused, depressed, or weary, and wonder what it's all worth. You may even feel like saying, "I hate being at Dordt College." But don't ever say it.

We have a purpose here at Dordt. To me that purpose is to praise the Lord. To do that we must dedicate our lives to God and Him. We must lay our life and everything we have before Him and then ask Him to lead us. Then, by the saving grace of Jesus Christ, with faith and understanding.

We must give our problems and pressures to God too. We can't work out our problems for ourselves, but must give them to God and Him. We must solve them and lead us to solve them. Only then will we have true answers. Only then will we have lasting answers. Only then will we have lasting solutions. Only then will our stay at Dordt have true meaning and happiness.

Dordt is unique in its Reformational and Calvinistic principles. Just being that there is one of the greatest blessings God could give to any one of His children. And just as our Reformational view says we must be Christian in all areas and aspects of life, we must be Christian in work here at Dordt.

We are here at Dordt building the foundation for a temple. Let that temple be strong and beautiful... let God build it. Then we can enjoy each other and enjoy God's creation. Let's take advantage of this time here at Dordt. Even though we are often busy, we must keep going because this life is just a preparation for the life to come. In that life we will be busy for eternity. Time goes by so fast.

Guest Editorial

It's Your Ball Mr. President

by Jim Kouns

Obviously the two biggest news stories in the last few weeks have been the release of the 52 American hostages and the inauguration of our new president, Ronald Reagan.

In June 1979, 52 Americans were taken captive and held hostage by Iranian militants in Tehran. Forty and a half months and eight dead American soldiers later, the hostages boarded two Algerian 727's and flew to freedom.

Now that the ex-hostages are in West Germany and are giving reports of mistreatment by their captors, we'll be hearing a lot more in the next few weeks.

There are several questions that are starting to arise across our country. One is whether or not we should pay the Iranians the money they are asking. Another is whether or not President Reagan will go to peace talks or if he will have another aggressive foreign policy.

Unfortunately, there are some people who take this one step further and call for the bombing of our worldly brothers. (ALL men are image bearers of God.)

The second question being discussed is the way the United States will react the next time something like this happens. Should we have specially trained commando squads for just such emergencies or should we have more security at our embassies? The idea that occurred to me was that we are Americans doesn't mean we're untouchable. Just because we're Americans doesn't mean we're safe. If you're in an embassy in a foreign land you're safe has been shattered. Just because we're Americans doesn't mean we're untouchable.

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In the past year-and-a-half I have both observed and experienced the situation of which this article is about. As Christians, if there is a problem amongst us, we are to go to that brother, state the problem that exists. Do what is right and try to remedy the situation amongst those concerned.

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Admonish in Love

Dear Editor,

Is there a true Christian perspective of relationships on Dordt's campus, be it staff to student or student to student? Before discussing this I want to point out that I realize we are all human and, due to our sinful nature and "the Fall," we all make mistakes. This letter is to try to bring about the prevention of any further mistakes of the sort which I want to deal with.

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**Commentary**

Dordt claims it Can't Afford Housing Freedom

One question Dordt College has not fully addressed, it seems, is: Does Dordt College have the authority to control student housing for non-married students?

Dordt College, an educational institution of higher learning, must guide and teach students in various academic studies. Housing, eating, and church-going cannot be cut away from studying, but they are not academia. These must guide and teach students. A student-college relationship, instead of a student-college relationship, is a service but should not use exceptions. These arbitrary policies which have been cut away from studying, must be at the mercy of, the student, basically, has not been guaranteed. Dordt College, in its efforts to provide a service that supports the educational calling of students and try to remain within the policy of safeguarding students. To maintain these policies, money has to be paid to the company, and a minimum income is counted on each year to pay off the principle and interest on campus buildings. There must be a minimum of 91% occupancy in campus housing to pay previous debts.

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Van Soelen said it as an academic threat to exist in a tenant-landlord relationship. It would be a good thing that the housing situation is in constant review. Dordt College should not impose this convenient protection on all students. A student can say that windowless kitchens or packed basements are un-Christian but could not find another place to live; he has no landlord with whom to deal.

For example: Tim De Jager, Tom Fernhoult, Cliff De Groot, and Dan Zinkend put down payment on a non-Dordt apartment in the beginning. They went to the Student Personnel Committee: Chairperson Van Soelen, Rich Buckham, Louise Hulst, Dallas Apol, Brenda Kuipers, Tina Huizing and Greg Vander Kieft, and presented a statement enumerating reasons why they wanted to go off-campus non-Dordt housing. Four men brought reasons that were principal, dealing with Dordt’s authority in dictating housing and “practical”, to the Comittee. Tim De Jager said, “They put the ‘x’ through our principal reasons” and the meeting ended with sympathies but on a “but.” Van Soelen said, “We had to adjudicate that case on existing policy. It would be ridiculous to adjudicate and change policy at the same time.” He added “that we are reviewing housing policies again this year.”

Dordt College, in its efforts to remain stedfastly in paying its bills, forgets that paying the ends does not justify the means.

**Abandoned Articles Auctioned Off**

by Karen Knibbe

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correct (being a member of the CRC) to have the reformed world and life view that Dordt College teaches?

The Diamond talked separately to both Rev. B.J. Haan, president of Dordt College, and Dr. David Boeve, chairman of the Board of Trustees, about Dordt and its relationship to the Christian Reformed Church.

Diamond: What do you see as the relationship between the church and the school?

Rev. Haan: It is a very intimate relationship but, I also believe in church and school. I think there needs to be more cooperation between church and school. I think it is perfectly legitimate for Dordt College to be a Christian school. The assurance is ours—He will be with us wherever we go and in whatever we do.

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Our world is rapidly changing. It is becoming more complex due to constant new discoveries and the steadily increasing realm of knowledge. Man is coming to the conclusion that the master of his fate is himself, not a faraway god whom he forever worships. The world is increasing in its tolerance toward the relaxing morality of today. This fact is especially evident in the way in which we spend millions of dollars developing a test-tube baby while over 1.2 million of our own natural babies are aborted each year. All of our morals are slipping. What will our world be like in the year 2000?

Being a young, Reformed Christian during the last quarter of the twentieth century is, and will be, a responsibility and challenge, and yet a privilege. We young people possess a fresh vitality to pursue our goals. Our forefathers fought during the Reformation to reform the unibiblical traditions of the Roman Catholic church. As Reformed Christians, we are set apart from the world, and it is our duty to fight the battle against the rising tide of selfishness, immorality, and self-pride. We know that God is our courage and strength and will guide us in our endeavors. The future depends on us! How will we take on this responsibility and challenge as opposed to our non-Christian contemporaries?

It is our responsibility not only to stimulate necessary changes, but also to have a part in bringing about the changes. In doing this, we must set a Christian example to the world around us. If we don't live our calling, others won't see any reason to be Christians. No matter where we are—at home, at work, or in the community—our lives must reflect our Christian perspectives. We are commanded to let our lights shine before men. A person who lets go will have the Holy Spirit, provides and guides us in a firm understanding of Biblical principles and knowledge, and especially in Reformed circles, teaches sound Christian doctrine. Christian education helps bind together Christianity and all other areas of life. Most of us as Reformed Christians utilize this God-given tool from kindergarden through high school. Some of us even choose Christian colleges, which train us for occupations in God's kingdom.

The fact that we are young, Reformed Christians, anticipating God's will for us in the next twenty-five years is a privilege. Life will be full of meaning because we are God's elect. We need to live life to the fullest by carrying Christ's banner. The assurance is ours—He will be with us wherever we go and in whatever we do.
New Banner Editor Popular with Students

As I was preparing for the Sunday morning worship I picked up The Banner (11/10/80). This Banner is speaking to my people where they are at.

This letter from San Diego, California, states that the Banner accurately reflects the view Dordt students (including the 11% non-CRC) have of the new editor of The Banner.

The new editor of The Banner, the official publication of the Christian Reformed Church, is Peter Kuyvenhoven. Kuyvenhoven was elected to this post by the CRC's Synod of 1979 and began his duties in August, 1980.

When asked what they liked about the new editor and format of The Banner, students commented:

"Kuyvenhoven is more a pastor than a theologian. He discusses issues which are relevant to the church at large and does not get wrapped up in discussions over obscure and abstract subjects, which although may be important, do not meet the needs of the church at a grass roots level."

"The paper is no longer a theological magazine, but has become a magazine that all members of the CRC can read and benefit from."

These statements reflect what Kuyvenhoven stated in his first "Corner Kick" on September 1, 1980: "I would like to do: It won't take you long to find out that this purpose of the column is the edification of the reader, because the editor is first and last a preacher."

Already last May, when Kuyvenhoven spoke at Dordt College, he had a clear idea of what type of publication The Banner should be. The following excerpts are from an interview with Charlie Claus, a Banner reporter, held with Kuyvenhoven at that time.

Question: As the official paper of the CRC, what type of paper do you want The Banner to be?

Answer: I've thought of making it more of a newspaper. This could be achieved by having correspondence in different areas of the country who would keep abreast of what's happening in the different areas of the CRC. We can never remain one if we are not even interested in each other, or if we don't know anything about each other.

The most common complaint I hear is that The Banner is a Grand Rapids oriented paper. For example, the majority of the classified ads are from the Grand Rapids area. I would at least try to increase regional interest in the paper.

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Kramer vs. Kramer: Tear-Jerking Sentimentality

The Columbia picture, written and directed by Robert Benton, attempts to portray the realities of divorce with somewhat typical late 20th century characteristics. Joanna Kramer (Meryl Streep) suffers from an identity crisis, and leaves her husband and son to "find herself." She feels her marriage is destroying her as an individual and she feels unfit as a mother to seven-year-old Billy (Justin Henry).

Ted Kramer (Dustin Hoffman) is an art director in an advertising firm, and is working his way up. He is completely absorbed in his work and fails to notice anything else. During the custody hearing, he admits, "I thought when I was happy, she was happy," but this was obviously not the case.

The initial true realization that he is both father and mother comes to Ted when his attempt at making french toast for breakfast, getting Billy ready for school and getting himself ready for work does not go as smoothly as he had anticipated. Later in the film a somewhat similar scene is played; this time it is clear that Ted has matured, and learned much. Once again, french toast is served, but this time it is obvious that Ted has matured, and did not get long or boring effects divorce has on those involved. The film ended just as Joanna's confidante, and Ted's, announced that Billy was smiling.

There were many "quickie" scenes and one-liners that always kept the audience attentive and interested. It was the kind of film that one can be laughing with the characters one minute, and feeling rather melancholy the next. It makes one think about divorce, an issue perhaps many of us have not had personal experience with, but one that we should be aware of.

Calendar of Events

January 29
- Isaac Jen (Run), a Chinese speaker from the Back to God Hour, will give a talk in C-160 at 7:30 p.m.

January 31
- Film: "Breaking Away" in C-160 at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball - at Yankton, 7:30 p.m.

February 2
- Laura Vander Windt will perform in a student recital on the organ at 8:00 p.m. in the Dordt College Chapel
- Men's Basketball - at Dakota State, 7:30 p.m.

February 4
- The Sioux County Concert Series will present the "Cheesecloth Brass" in the Chapel at 8:00 p.m.
- Women's Basketball - Westmar, here, 7:30 p.m.

February 6
- Women's Basketball - Northwestern, here, 7:30 p.m.

February 7
- Men's Basketball - Northwestern, here, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball - Northwestern, here, 2:00 p.m.

February 9
- Grace Van Someren will give a student voice recital at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- Women's Basketball - at Morningside, 7:00 p.m.

February 10 and 11
- Dr. Woldring will speak in C-160 on the 10th at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on the 11th at 3:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. on both days Dr. Woldring will speak on "Keys in Reformed Society-Critique" and at 7:30 p.m. on the 10th—Dostoevsky Memorial Lecture
- Women's Basketball - 11th, Buena Vista, here, 7:30 p.m.

February 12, 13, 14, 18, and 19
- The Theatre Arts Department is presenting Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen. Every night it is given in the New World Theatre at 8:00 p.m.

Real People and Sex

by Norlan De Groot

One of the more popular shows on television is NBC's Real People. As the name implies, the stars are real people but they are not all ordinary. One show consisted of a cat doctor, a game show fanatic, a 50-year-old football player, and others. For some it is hard to believe that the stars are real people.

Most of the show can be considered good entertainment. Some people are shown doing courageous things. One Indian man took on the government to retain possession of his grandfather's land. He succeeded when the then President Carter signed a bill allowing him to keep it. Another example of good, clean entertainment is a whistle competition for Real People. However, Real People has a bad side. Nearly every show includes sex. One show contained a sputtering competition. The film included two close-ups of bikini-clad women. The close-ups started at the feet and moved on up. The highlight of the competition was pulling down part of one's swimming suit to show how much difference there was between the white and tanned skin. At the end of the film clip, co-host Sarah Purcell mentioned that tanning is not really good for people. Co-host Skip Stevenson said he did not like tans either; he liked the white parts much better.

Real People does itself a disservice when it stoops to using material like this. One cannot help but wonder if sex is included just to boost the ratings. Judging by the audience's "ohhs" and "ahs" at the contestants in the competition, it seems to be working. However, what they gain in ratings through the use of these methods, they lose in quality.
Hedda Gabler, one of the plays by Henrik Ibsen, will be performed in February at Dordt College. Hedda is a discontented Norwegian woman of the late 19th century. She is married to Tesman, the typical husband of the time; he expects her to take care of him, the house, and the family, but she wants to do more than merely fulfill her duties as a wife and to be more than an object for her husband to own and to fondle. But Hedda has neither goals nor courage. She is self-centered and enjoys the comfort of being a wife as she is. The combination of these factors in her personality cause problems for Hedda.

Henrik Ibsen, a Norwegian dramatist, has been called "the father of modern drama." In his works, he dramatized modern social problems realistically. Although he wrote the plays many years ago, they deal with modern problems. This is true of Hedda Gabler, the 26th play in his fifty-year play-writing career, which was written in 1890. Besides being a modern dramatist, Ibsen wrote poetry, verse, and controversial articles. Professor James Koldenhoven, director of the play, said Giota Seerveld and Ron Otten will play the title role, with Ron Otten as Tesman. Both the costumes and scenery which was written in 1890, will depict the realism of Ibsen. Although he wrote the plays many years ago, they deal with modern social problems realistically. Professor Verne Meyer, will also present the following during the present season:

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- Musical Revue in early March.
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- Interpreter's Theatre productions in May.

"What really made the tour was the kids! There was an absolute 100% working together as a unit—musically, socially, and spiritually," commented Professor Gerald Bouma, director of the Dordt College Concert Band. He also said that what made the difference was the fact that not one of the students ever lost sight of who they were and why they were on tour.

The 68-member band went on tour January 2-13. Their itinerary included Manitoba and Alberta, Canada, but they also performed concerts in Volga, South Dakota, and Manhattan, Montana. In addition to giving concerts at the various Christian Reformed churches, they also gave assemblies at the Christian high schools in Manhattan, Calgary, and Lethbridge. At these assemblies the band played lighter numbers and the stage band performed. The pep band played at a high school basketball game while they were in Manhattan.

John Veltkamp, baritone player, said he enjoyed getting to know the other students in the band better. He was also impressed with the unity of the group. "The whole outfit felt like we were one big family. Even though we were tired, we all pulled together before a concert and gave it our best." A member of the percussion section, Suzette Luyt, enjoyed the traveling the most. She said, "I thought Montana was really nice; the countryside was so neat." She also liked meeting new people. "The whole tour was a mountain-top experience. It was something I'll never forget." Bouma said the audience reaction to the Dordt band was fantastic. "We were well-received wherever we went." He was impressed at how expressive Canadian audiences were. He concluded, "The band played better than they had before and the audience enjoyed hearing the music as much as the students enjoyed playing it."
Nostalgia and the common basketball fan do not mix. Fans do not want to know about a team's history! Just Support a winning squad...NOW. But nostalgia was the only out for fans if they wanted to mention the Defenders and winning in the same sentence. Talk about 1974-75, when Dordt won 13 games, has suddenly become quite cheap. After all, when one uses phrases for the 1981 edition like "beat ever" or "playoff bound," the fans are looking ahead not back. Dordt has won 12 of its first 16 games and by week's end the 1981 squad will own more victories than any other Defender basketball team.

At the year's beginning the word was cautious optimism; by midseason the word was confidence-confidence in a team that has something special. The team got out January 2-3 in the Dutchman Classic in Fell. The classic featured Central vs. Calvin and Hope vs. Dordt in Friday night's opening round. Calvin and Hope were the co-favorites but Central pulled off the first upset and Dordt the second with a thrilling overtime victory to advance to the Saturday night championship. Dordt vs. Hope was a classic within itself. Kevin Wolterstorff dazzled with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Wes Fopma contributed 16 markers and 11 rebounds. Denny Van Zanten tallied 19 points on 75% shooting, but Dayton Vogel was the hero, getting the last of his 14 points with a tip-shot at the buzzer to take an 85-83 overtime victory. The stats were nothing new for the Defenders: 53% shooting, a 46-30 rebound advantage, and a dreadful 24 turnovers (to Hope's 7). What was new was a Central College team that Dordt had beaten November 26, 80-66-the Dutchmen showed noticeable improvement. Dordt was not able to put the game out of Central's reach until the final two minutes. A little concentration rewarded Dordt with a 67-64 victory, a 10-2 record, and gave the Dutchmen their second loss on their home floor since 1977. Van Zanten led with 18 points, Wolterstorff managed 15 points and 15 rebounds, and game high honors went to Central forward and Sioux Center native, Steve Krayenbrink with 27.

Dordt, labeled "Dork College" or "Defenders," by opponents, got a new label...Champions! Champs of the first Dutchman Classic. Currently Dordt is 12-4 with seven games remaining, having lost to Briar Cliff 98-86. Despite shooting 59%, the Defenders could not overcome the third-ranked team in the nation, who was led by All-American Rolando Frazer's 37 points and Reggie Grenald's 26. Dordt was led by Van Zanten's 18 points and Wolterstorff's 19 points and 10 rebounds. Despite the frustrating loss, the Defenders are still looking ahead. They do not have to look too far to see Yankton, Dakota State, and Northwestern, but they are not frightened by the final regular season game versus Briar Cliff or of representing Dordt College in the playoffs.

Women Defenders Sing, Visit and Compete in California

There was no "White Christmas" for Dordt's women's basketball team as they journeyed to California to participate in the Bellflower Basketball Tournament. The team left Sioux Center Wednesday, December 17, and arrived in Bellflower Saturday, December 20, where they played their first game against Biola. Dordt lost 85-39, but went on to beat Whittier, 69-44, for third place on Monday, December 22.

Coach Rhoda felt Dordt gave a fine performance considering Biola had two All-Americans and an Olympian from Korea playing on their team, making Biola the best team Dordt has played.

Dordt competed against Modesto Junior College Saturday, December 27, and lost 57-51. Rhoda said the team played well but felt that tiredness from the trip was an important factor in slowing them down.

Rhoda felt the trip benefited the team by giving them two extra weeks of playing time when they would otherwise have had a month off from action. Since the team is mostly sophomores and freshmen it gave them extra game experience which, Rhoda said, will help in the long run.

Another benefit was the contact Dordt made with the people. During their stay in California, the team met people by playing basketball, staying in homes, singing at church, and going to Dordt Alumni meetings. Rhoda said she felt more certain about the value of the trip after going through the experience than before bringing Dordt into the California community.

The team came back to Sioux Center on December 31 to spend the rest of Christmas vacation at home.