Chorale finishes season this week

By RENA VANDER DUSSEN
Diamond Staff Writer

The Dordt College Chorale will present their final two concerts of the season this weekend.

On Saturday, April 22, the 74-voice choir travels to Leota, Minnesota. They will perform in the Leota Christian Reformed Church at 7:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, the chorale will perform in the Dordt Gym.

Singing from a wide selection of music, selections include "Notes From Paul," by Eugene Butler, "The Night the Good Fight," "The New 23rd," by Car-michael, and a negro spiritual "I Wonder Where Jesus Is Tonight." The dinner wWUI be served in the basement of the church with a live organ performance after the concert. Tickets are $5.00 and are available at the door. There will be no admission charge for the performances, but a free offering will be received.

Schaap reads stories

By AUDREY VLIEG
-Diamond Editor-

because of impending Indian attacks. The story will, in the words of the title, treat the home-steaders who become the "redskinks" when the Indians farm away.

"Homeward" concludes the presentation with a look at a man who is sent to Washington by a group of Dutch settlers with the purpose of investigating new land possibilities. The story centers on his return to South Dakota, when the man must decide whether to pick up pieces or leave. "Homeward" will be appearing in the Reformed Journal publication of the Christian Reformed Church in the near future.

Schaap expressed a desire to read his stories in the hope that short-story reading will become a regular event at Dordt for students and staff.

Following the presentation of the stories, refreshments will be served.

Dwarfs stand up for the Hobbit

By AUDREY VLIEG
-Diamond Editor-

The short people at Dordt are standing a little taller now. In the limelight are the cast of "The Hobbit," all main roles requiring students under 5'8". Hidden beneath the elaborate dwarf, spider and dragon costumes, the little people will perform Dordt's final Theater Arts presentation of the year, April 26-29 at 8:00 p.m.

The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien, is the story of Bilbo Baggins, the Hobbit, and his daring adventures as he tries to burglarize the gold that Smaug the Dragon sits on high above on "The Lonely Mountain." Bilbo has been indentured by group of little wizards and dwarfs for the task.

What exactly is a hobbit? Mike Stair, Theater Arts instructor, explains, "A hobbit is a small creature, cute, with curly hair. It has been around for too much time. They're kind of hard to find." But the cast has found a hobbit among the Dordt students with "The Lord of the Rings: the Fellowship of the Ring," who will take the lead role of Bilbo. Stair confesses excitement about the production. "The size of the production is the greatest challenge besides the play's uniqueness. The whole thing is so large in size, scope and time," stated Stair, referring to the cast and crew of 58.

To provide an atmosphere for the production, the Theater Arts department has hired a combination theater and dinner night. Regular tickets can be obtained for the play alone but patrons can also purchase one of the costumes for the production. The dinner will be served in the basement of the library in a unique setting. Cast and crew members will be present in full costume along with Hobbit decorations. A free dinner and play will be offered to those who find the golden ring of Bilbo which will be hidden in one of the place settings nightly. After the dinner, guests can join other patrons for the play.

Push a pedal for SWIM

Are you overcome by a bad case of spring fever? Do you need a good excuse to spend a Saturday outside to enjoy the weather? Perhaps you wish to show off your southern tan, or, if you haven't yet obtained a tan you may desire to go out and soak up the sun. Do you possess strength and endurance? Come out and prove it! Maybe during the course of winter your muscles have become weak and flabby. Venture forth from the confines of the indoors and tone up those muscles! Do you seek a real challenge that is beneficial in one or more ways? Student Forum has the solution for you.

A subcommittee of Student Forum, chaired by Wayne Klein, has planned a Bike-A-Thon for the support of Dordt students who are going on S.W.I.M. this summer. The Bike-A-Thon will be held on Sat., April 22, starting at 9:00 a.m. The bikers will pedal to Oak Grove and back, a distance of 30 miles. All bikers must check out at the S.U.B. before leaving. At Oak Grove, Mike Casady will provide a sack lunch which is free to boarders. Sign up for lunches in the S.U.B. by April 20.

There will be a pit stop along the way to provide cold drink and snacks. Also, a pickup will patrol the route to pick up bikers that have broken down and people that began with the very best of intentions but had to quit with sore muscles. Pledge sheets can be picked up at the main bulletin board in the classroom building. As an added incentive, Student Forum is offering a worthwhile prize to the person raising the largest amount of money.

King of Hearts and Jeremiah Johnson showing

By AUDREY VLIEG
-Diamond Editor-

C60 will lower its screen for the final film presentations of the year with "King of Hearts" April 22, and "Jeremiah Johnson" May 6.

"King of Hearts" directed by Philippe de Broca, takes you to France during World War I. Germans, while retreating, have placed a bomb in a town square, preparing to explode it at midnight when Allied troops arrive. To foil the plan, a Scottish regiment sends in a wide-eyed private, Alan Bates, who takes the town empty save for the inmates of a lunatic asylum.

Time magazine, July 14, 1967, comments on the film. "Apart from the wardrobe, nothing about this comedy wears well. Although the director obviously hoped to make 'King of Hearts' a memorable anti-war statement, its pacific gravity shows his terrible hand. By the standards of lunatic lunatics, are self-consciously care-free, crowning the bewildered soldier, their King of Hearts, capering about the streets in a parade of parasols. The time worn moral: The insanities of lunatics are preferable to the insanities of war. In straining to drive home his message, De Broca has failed to observe the fundamental rule of comedy: the absurd only looks that way when it stands next to something rational. 'Jeremiah Johnson' is the story of a mountain man, the same name played by Robert Redford. The survival in the wild is the ultimate challenge to Johnson, who learns his techniques from Bear Claw (Will Greer). From Bear Claw, Johnson learns how to sleep on coals, hunt and trap, how to bribe Indians and how to know which Indians not to bribe. The conflicts Johnson faces are not only those of nature but also those involved in human relationships. At one point in the movie Johnson is, against his will, trespassed on an Indian burial ground. The fury on the Indians leads to the death of his wife and adopted child. "Jeremiah Johnson" is a good movie full of fresh spirit, humor and engaging incident," states Time.
Dear Editor,

Dordt College assigns ten thousand dollars to the production of the yearbook,广场 to be well spent, the college has an annual budget for yearbook production. This money has been placed in the hands of a half dozen volunteers, who muddle through in the best way they know how. For this money to be well spent, the college should be putting more guidance behind it. Academic credit for college publications has been suggested by a few to the student body, but there is a coming that if the college publications are not given some kind of supporting structure, they will fold.

Some people say that "diamonds are forever”, but looking at the yearbook production — from high-school or from past year at Dordt — new yearbook staff is often thrown up on their hands and said "never again.” And the inexperienced people attracted to the project need to be trained. This takes time. Many of the people whose talents we need are justifiably more interested in paying jobs, extra-curricular activities, and grade point averages. In the mean time, the Signet staff needs help in the usual end-of-semester rush. We’re making an appeal to those people interested in yearbook production — from high school or from past years — to volunteer. We can also use typists and writers with or without yearbook experience. We would really like to present this school with the ’78 edition of the Signet. Signet Staff

Diamonds are forever?

Some people say that "diamonds are forever" but looking at the future of Dordt’s Diamond, the statement appears to be a myth.

Every year, about this time, applications are taken for editor for the following year. This year no one applied, something that hasn’t happened before. There weren’t even any proposed co-editor applications. What then lies ahead for a newspaper without leadership? Why bother to have a newspaper with student interest at an all time low? Is it possible that there aren’t enough capable people among 1100 students?

Our Diamond serves as more than a bulletin board for campus events; more than an exercise for interested journalism students. The Diamond is a positive part of a broader Christian community. The Diamond is a concrete attempt to understand the concept of Christian journalism. The Diamond represents our commitment through the mail to other CRC colleges and believers, through alumni, and through our hearts as we struggle with a Christian perspective.

But the purpose of our paper and all our good intentions stop when the presses do, when the students lose the interest needed to produce the "outreach." The confines of a small town become more threatening when we lose this vital form of communication. One solution to the impending death of the Diamond could be the journal of an individual class of next year. As part of classwork, the students could produce the paper. But then the class will only be offered the second semester. The task of producing the Diamond could be offered only to writing classes, at the current situation. The Diamond would then become an assignment for interested journalists alone, a project of a few. Would the Diamond still be the joy of all Dordt students? If the submission of the Diamond to the hands of a class nutritive involvement and mirrors the serious problem of student disinterest.

A second proposed solution would be the completion of an editorial board. Editorial boards are comprised of six or seven students who have interest in the Diamond but find themselves as individuals short of the capabilities required for an editorial board. Collectively they combine their efforts. To date there aren’t enough members to compose an editorial board for next year.

You are reading the last issue of the Diamond for ’77-’78. This year’s staff has not always been pleased with the efforts produced, but they have been proud to be a part of Dordt’s communication. The Diamond office is closed for the summer and will have to gather dust throughout the summer. Hopefully the prayers of all will prod student interest in the coming months and will bring us together again to clean the dust burying the Diamond, maybe adding a little shine to it.

Scheduled activities and course work must come first, and the yearbook is squeezed in here and there. Here and there’s” are getting scarce and we are under deadline pressure. We are thankful for the faithful staff members we have. They are the few who have been willing to make the sacrifices necessary for a high quality publication. Experienced high school yearbook people have been too often thrown up on their hands and said “never again.” And the inexperienced people attracted to the project need to be trained. This takes time. Many of the people whose talents we need are justifiably more interested in paying jobs, extra-curricular activities, and grade point averages.

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Late Bulletin:

Professor M. Meeter to leave. He has accepted a position as chairman of the English Department at Christian Heritage College, San Diego, California. He will also work with the college press.

Letters to the editor welcome here.

What’s happening?

A bloodless war is a good war, or at least some people have said that. In the case of the neutron bomb this may not be true, but the neutron bomb is not a new idea. After its invention in 1959, various Presidents of the U.S. considered its use, but have never deployed it. Now that a perfected type has been produced, it is again being considered for use.

The bomb is intended to kill people with a sudden burst of radiation, but leave buildings intact. In a 400 yard radius from the blast it is very destructive and emits radiation for a span of approximately 2 seconds, that kills instantly. At distances outside of the radius, radiation is not fatal until 2 days to several weeks after exposure.

The U.S. government is holding out for the moment. He is waiting for NATO to give him backing on the program. Also, the bomb could be used in negotiations on the SALT agreements with Russia, who is also working on a form of the “clean” bomb.

Is a bloodless war a good war? Well, at least a person isn’t killed instantly, he would still have time to clean his house.

Dear Editor:

After all the controversy about Intramural Basketball this year, we, the Blue Ribbons, would like to take this opportunity to say that it was very enjoyable for us as a team to participate in intramural basketball. We also would like to offer a very sincere congratulations to B.C. on their championship.

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April 20, 1978
Musical underway - 'The King and I'

By SHERRY BYERLY
-Diamond Staff Writer-

What will you be doing this summer after you get off work? Playing softball, riding bicycles, or just relaxing? Perhaps this is the answer most of us would give. However, for many Dordt students their spare time will be occupied with memorization of blocking, songs, and lines for the September musical, 'The King And I.'

"The King And I," a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical based on the book Anna And The King Of Siam, by Landon, has been called an "American Opera" by some critics. Its recognition as being one of the longest running musical comedies in the history of musical theatre.

The story revolves around Anna, an English tutor played by Kim Vanden Berg, and the King, played by John Doornenhal. Also involved in the sub-plot are Rachel Kreykes as the King's stepson, and Randy Ruthenover as the King's valet.

Anna arrives in Siam and learns that the King has altered her plans. Despite their differences, the King and Anna develop a mutual admiration for one another.

In the meantime, Tuptim, one of the King's wives, and Lun Tha, a servant, fall in love. Mistakenly they try to run away. By now Anna is convinced to leave. However, upon learning that the King is dying she decides to stay.

Under the direction of Dr. Gary Warmink and Verne Meyer, most roles have been cast and several practices are scheduled before May II. Students in the musical are expected to return to Dordt on August 22 for intensive, full-day rehearsals. The final production is scheduled for September 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30.

Dr. Warmink says, "This is the largest production of its kind that Dordt has ever put on." When asked why something comparable has never been attempted, Warmink cited the newly created Theatre Arts Department and its potential as the main factor. He also wished to emphasize the "tremendous amount of talent at Dordt."

"The King and I" in September.

Business students receive awards

Five business administration majors at Dordt received awards recently.

Winners of the annual R.J. Dykstra Scholarship were Gordon Zonneveld, a junior, receiving $300, and Dave Dykstra, a sophomore, receiving $200. The Scholarship Committee chose the recipients on the basis of their academic performances, their commitment, and a short essay application explaining their interest in the business administration program at Dordt.

Roos Loomans received the Wall Street Journal award for the outstanding senior business student. Loomans received a one-year subscription to the Wall Street Journal and an inscribed medal.

Tim Ribbens won a desk pen set from the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants. The award, given for the first time this year, recognized his excellence in accounting.

Outstanding freshman, as selected by the F.B.E. Club Board, was Curtis Ahrenholz, recipient of a $25 U.S. Government Bond.

Orchestra presented spring concert

The Dordt College Orchestra, under the direction of Clarence Doornbos, presented their Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 18 in C160.

Procession of the Nobles, from "Mida," by Rimsky-Korsakov; Toccata, by Frescobaldi; Psalm 19, by Purcell; "Perpetuo Mobile," by Marcello; "Perpetuum Mobile," by Gliere were the selections played by the full orchestra. The String Orchestra played "Elke Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart.

The Dordt Brass Quintet also performed several numbers. They played "Suite for Brass Quintet," by Scheidt, and "Voluntary on Old 100th," by Purcell.

Graduation plans

One hundred and sixty-nine students will graduate from Dordt this year in ceremonies beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12. Dr. Edwin Palmer, executive secretary of the New International Version, will speak on the topic, "What on Earth Are We Doing?" Music will be provided by the Concert Choir. The ceremony will be held in the Dordt Auditorium.

Results of Dordt's Third Annual Speech Contest held April 19, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in C160.

Informative: 1st: Bonnie Miedema 2nd: Kae Byik 3rd: John Pater

Oratory: 1st: Koopmans 2nd: Kathy Tiemeyer 3rd: John Pater

Program-on-a-Theme: 1st: Doyle Smiens 2nd: Mary Vander Ploeg 3rd: Kim Buss

Dordt Press has arrived

An idea that has been batted around in certain Dordt circles for a long time is becoming a reality.

The newly established Dordt Press is in the process of publishing its first book, Unity in Creation, by Dr. Russell Mastman, professor of chemistry at Dordt.

The basic aim of the Dordt Press is to let the reform witness show in all areas of life just as Dordt College tries to do. Through this venture, the Dordt Press can be a witness and make certain books available to the community.

As a publishing agent, the Dordt Press supervises the many jobs such as writing, typing, and binding, which are involved in producing a book. This part of the process is being done right now by a company and should be done in a couple of weeks. The distribution and publicity for products of the Dordt Press will be handled through the Dordt Bookstore.

Writing contest announces winner

The annual Dordt Writing Contest has once again declared a winner.

The 1978 first place winner is Dave Snyder, senior, of Coopersburg, Penn. Snyder, a philosophy major, turned in a wide range of writings from student papers to creative works. According to Mr. Vanden Berg, head of the English Department, "Dave had a truly impressive file." Snyder will receive the $100 first place prize. No second place was awarded. The prize money is donated anonymously by a community member.

Mr. Vanden Berg also stated that he is not just for those people interested in journalism, "he explained. In the future, the English Department hopes to define the rules of the contest more narrowly. A formal presentation of the award will be held in the future.
Spring sports start . . Tennis, Softball, Track,

By BRUCE HIBMA
-Diamond Sports Editor-

Men's Track Schedule

April 20  Knight's Relays
22  Morningside Relays
25  Dordt Invitational
28-29 Drake Relays
May 5-6  Wood Relays
11  Tri-State Conference Meet

Women's Track Schedule

April 22  Sioux Center Women's Invitational
24  Worthington Relays
26  Dordt Invitational
May 2  Augustana
5-6  Wood Relays

Coaches: Marion Van Soelen and Rick Vander Berg

RESULTS OF PREVIOUS MEETS

Women's Duo at Northwestern, April 14

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Results of Previous Matches

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- Tri-State Indoor at Mankato, March 18

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- Evening at Northwestern

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Women's Softball Schedule

April 20  Northwestern  Home*
22  Sioux Empire Community College  Home
24  Mt. Marty  Away
26  Bakersfield CHS  Away
29  Buena Vista  Home
May 1  Morningside  Home
4-6  Tri-State Tournament

*All home games will be played at Kinsey School.
Coaches: E. J. Huisman

Tennis Schedule

April 20  Morningside  Here  1:30 p.m.
22  Yankton  Here  10:00 a.m.
24  Buena Vista  There  3:00 p.m.
27  Northwestern  Here  3:00 p.m.
29  NAIA Tournament  Davenport
May 1  Morningside  There  2:30 p.m.
2  Westmar  Here  3:30 p.m.
5-6  Tri-State Conf.  Sioux Falls

Tennis Team Members

- Harley Faber, captain
- John Meernik
- Dave Elrubabas
- Dale Walvort
- Mike Minnard
- Steve Snell
- Mike Nederhof
- Dave Vande Pol
Coaches: Len Rhoda

Results of Previous Matches

April 11

- Buena Vista  3  Dordt  6
- Yankton  0  Dordt  9
- Westmar  5  Dordt  4
- Sioux Falls  3  Dordt  6
Baseball

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Couch: Syn Altena
Asst. Coach: Dallas Apol

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Rain frustrates baseball team

The monsoon season is upon us and it doesn't seem conducive to anything except planting rice, let alone playing baseball. But between the raindrops, the Defender baseball team has been able to play 12 games.

The team presently stands at a disappointing 1-11. A consolation is that Dordt has played tough competition, and all the games that were rained out, Dordt more than likely would have won.

The leading hitters on the team this year are Lave Gritter batting .350, followed by Terry Vande Griend with a .324 average. Although these two bats are providing a lot of runs, they're not getting enough subordinate help. Coach Syn Altena feels that overall hitting is still the main weakness on the team.

Barry Miedema has been the best pitcher for Dordt, working 34 innings to date. Along with Barry, Coach Altena says that freshman Bob De Jong is starting to pitch well, and with more confidence.

Coach Altena is still optimistic and sees the club as having a possibility to finish 3rd in the Conference. With the team working together, this dream may become a reality.

Track team running among winners

The Dordt men's track team hasn't been scorching the track lately, basically because the track's been too waterlogged. But when the thinclads have been given the opportunity to run, they've been far from disappointing.

First of all, a little nostalgia. Before spring break (remember spring break? That time when you went sluishing in Colo., ray-catch ing in Florida, or said you were going to start your paper-and now wished you wouldn't have lied.) Well anyway before spring break, the tracksters journeyed to Mankato State University in Minn. to run an indoor meet. In light of the fact that they had trained barely a week, they did pretty good. To be more accurate, they did great. Finishing a strong third, Dordt set nine new indoor records.

At the Le Mars Invitational the cindermen finished fourth. The Defenders were led by Steve Nieboer and Ken Schreur. Steve finished third in the 100 yd. dash (10.2) setting a Dordt record. Steve broke the finish line first in the 220, shoving over another record in Dordt's book with a brisk 22.8.

Senior Ken Schreur saw all his miles of training pay off as he ran away from the entire field on his last lap of the mile, coming in at 4:31.4.

Last week Dordt finished fourth against some of the toughest competition of the year. This time four Dordt records were updated: Ken Schreur wasn't satisfied with just winning, so he went out and set a new mile record in 4:20.8. Phil (piker) Smith set a new mile record. Dordt record of 1:51.5 in the open quarter. Pete Hampstra casually tossed the shotput 44'7" in order to shatter a record. And Dordt's mystery man, Bill Vlieger, introduced himself to the rest of the team and then went and pole-vaulted 12'6" for second place and a new Dordt record.

Probably the most important thing I noticed about the team is that now when other schools talked about Dordt's team, they couldn't laugh at the same time. Dordt's team is vastly improved and has much more depth. They probably won't be a dynasty, but they'll definitely run with the name of Dordt among the winners.
Koinonia Declaration . . . an interview with a co-author

There are, undoubtedly, questions in the minds of many people about the Koinonia Declaration—questions about who the authors of it are, about the context within which they are working in in South Africa. During spring break I was able to interview one of the co-authors, Tony Russell, at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ontario.

Russell, who describes himself as a theologian, is from Johannesburg, South Africa. Five years ago he founded a multi-racial, reformed group called "The Loft." "The Loft" has a membership of approximately 450 people. People from "the Loft" and from Potchefstroom University drafted the Koinonia Declaration. Russell spoke of the beginning of interaction between the two:

POTCHEFSTROOM AND "THE LOFT"

"...the fact that we have a reformed tradition, that we are Calvinists, made us in some ways acceptable to them...We were acceptable to them [the Afrikaners] and so we started having discussions with them about all sorts of things. Eventually, just before the national election in November, after the October 19th with the banning of 18 organizations, the death of Steve Biko, Potchefstroom and "the Loft" got together, (now that's not the whole university body, but approximately 20 less people from the University and some students) and we produced the Koinonia Declaration."

REFORMED CHRISTIAN IN SOUTH AFRICA

"Now what you must understand out of this is, here for the first time in South Africa, some reformed Christians have come together from all race groups to speak out against apartheid (the forced separation of races). It is the policy which the ruling Nationalist Party enforces) in South Africa. That is important because many Christians have spoken out against apartheid in South Africa, but because they do not speak from the reformed basis, that particular kind of criticism is ignored. So it must be that in South Africa the reformed people must speak into the apartheid situation."

"...the large Afrikaners churches are reformed in tradition. They have very good relations with Calvin, with this Institution (Institute for Christian Studies), the Free University, and so on. And the reformed churches in the country, of course, are mainly Afrikaners churches, but the International Reformed Community has not been minded or has not managed to make any inroads into its sister churches in South Africa, awakening them to their task.

I can understand why this is, because South Africans are very ca-

goy about external interference. So the International Reformed Community tells the South African Reformed Community what it should be saying in terms of challenging apartheid structures. But because it is outside voices coming in, it's ignored.

That's where the Koinonia Declaration is so powerful...It is coming out of the South African situation, yet it is still reformed."

SHIFT IN REFORMED COMMUNITY

"The reason why I am here is to speak to the churches, individuals and groups who have taken an interest in the Koinonia Declaration. Obviously, primarily Reformed Churches. And I have been to Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and England. In Holland, a Koinonia Committee Netherlands has been formed...the people who have signed the declaration in Holland tend to be the type of people who in the past have been very acceptable to the Afrikaner Churches. They might have been critical of apartheid, but they had never taken a very hard stance on it. So in a strange way you've gotten some sort of moral sanction given to apartheid.

I came out here to see who the people are who have signed the Declaration and exactly what is their strategy, I have found out that there is a new shift going on in the Reformed Community. They have taken a stance on what is a moderate document, which is a document for peaceful change, and they are saying 'If our South African counterparts cannot accept this kind of document then the time has come for us to start thinking seriously about our relationships'."

THE RIGHT KIND OF PEOPLE

SIGNING THE DECLARATION

"We would like to see...the (con-sistories) of the Christian Reformed Church adopt it on the behalf of their congregations...that is very, very important because when they meet at the Reformed Ecumenical Synod or the National Conference for Christian Higher Education, they meet with South Africans and they can say, 'Hang on you guys. What do you think about the Koinonia Declaration?'"...

Info South Africa over the last few months, delegations have come from churches all over - Holland, Switzerland, Germany - I think even one from the United States has been over there. And each one has come to ask the Reformed Churches in South Africa, 'What are you guys doing?' But because it is such a pleasurable approach, I think the impact is somewhat limited."

"It is very important that the right type of people support the Koinonia Declaration. Because if the right type of people (support it) then there cannot be labeled against us in South Africa the accusation 'Yes I told you so! Those people - the liberals have always attacked us on the apartheid question'."

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REFORMED COMMUNITY

"...the Reformed Community has a tremendous amount of responsibility. Especially the International Reformed Community has a brotherly role to fulfill in relationship with its brothers in South Africa. By signing the declaration, by adopting it as the basis for interaction with South Africa, they can start moving the South African Reformed Churches. Now if you can imagine if this was possible, if it suddenly dawned upon (the reformed churches in South Africa) that they cannot any longer endorse apartheid, then apartheid has lost its moral and theological basis."

"But at the moment the apartheid policy, especially for the blacks, is synonymous with the reformed faith. In fact if you ask the average black 'What is Calvinism?' he says, 'It is apartheid.' You cannot openly confess the fact that you are a Calvinist in South Africa, because then you are Jimmly Kruger without a doubt. [Kruger is a member of the ruling Nationalist Party and the Minister of Justice.] In fact it was a member of parliament who said that one thing that we were not was Calvinists. Now how can a member of Parliament judge whether or not we are Calvinists?

I have always said that the reformed theology, nationalism, and apartheid ideology are the same thing.

So attack apartheid meaningfully by moving the reformed community. . .awakening them to their responsibilities."

--Due to the length of the interview it was edited. Anyone who has questions about the Koinonia Declaration or the situation in South Africa would probably benefit by this Saturday's Justice Meeting.

By DAN ZINKAND
Diamond Guest Writer

Tony Russell

Russell answers questions after lecture at ICS.

April 20, 1978
Second political conference plans finalized

"Jubilee for Justice" has been chosen as the theme for the second International Christian Political Conference. The weekend event, sponsored by the Association for Public Justice (APJ), is scheduled for August 25-28, 1978, at Dordt.

"Jubilee for justice" is being designated as an educational conference, one which will, according to the conference coordinators, help us better understand our witness as a Christian community, confessing the name of Christ in politics.

The coordinators believe that the Old Testament concepts of justice and jubilee are valuable for our day as God's covenant people.

The conference will be held at Dordt and chairmen of the national board of APJ, will discuss the biblical demands for a political witness, seen in terms of justice for all.

U.S. Senator Wendell Anderson from Minnesota, the former Minnesota governor, will serve as the keynote speaker for the Friday evening banquet.

On Saturday morning, conferences will be able to join two out of five seminar leaders who will be looking at how God's people in other parts of the world have responded to these biblical demands.

On Saturday evening, a public agricultural forum will be held. Jim Visser, executive director of the Christian Farmers Federation of Western Canada, will join the discussions on agriculture and justice. The recently-formed Christian Farmers Association of Iowa will be inviting farmers in the area to this meeting.

Also on Saturday evening, Terry Talbo, a Christian singer and guitar player, will perform in the Sioux Center Community Center.

On Sunday afternoon, Dr. Joel Nederhook, radio and TV minister of the "Back to God Hour," broadcasting out of Chicago, Illinois, will give the inspirational address, "God's Will and America's Destiny.

On Sunday evening, at 9:00, open forums will be held, allowing the conferees and speakers more time for questions and discussion.

Having looked at the response of God's people in other countries, as well as the American-Canadian situation, the conferences will work towards resolutions, looking how we, as a Christian community, can begin to move ahead as a political witness.

Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Malloch, APJ Research Associate, will speak at breakfast, sharing his experiences gained during a six-month research project in Washington, D.C.

In the seminars, Joyce Ribbens, legal secretary for the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., will discuss "The Environment, the Public Interest Movement, and Public Justice.

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Following coffee, panel discussions will be arranged to deal with the future direction of agriculture and political organizations.

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Students will be able to attend the entire conference for $45.00, with a student couple paying $75.00. Full conference cost for a single non-student stands at $60.00, which includes all meals and meetings and lodging. Full conference cost for a non-student couple is $90.00. There is also a price break-down for individual seminars and meals.

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Dr. Jan Denderink, university professor in The Netherlands, will look at the response of Christians in a war situation, especially focussing in on the second World War.

The Reverend Raymond Weiss, chaplain at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, has lived in the Middle East for several years, and he will explain various religious responses within that particular situation.

Dr. Paul Schottenhoer, executive director of The Reformed Ecumenical Synod, will explain the stand taken by the World Council of Churches in relation to the social gospel.

These seminars will each be held twice on Saturday morning, and the conferences will be able to continue the discussions and questions during the one and one-half hour lunch break.

In the afternoon, the conference moves a bit closer to home with a look at the current political situation in the United States and Canada, a critique of the "context" within which Christians are to work.

Jerry Herbert, who is an APJ Research Associate, also working on his doctorate from Duke University, will deal with 'The Christian Political Mind and Decision Making in Local America.

Dr. Harry Groenewold is presently a professor of history at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois, and he is a Canadian citizen. He will speak on the topic, Quebec in Canada: An Alternative to Separation?

Case Hoodendoom, a lawyer in Chicago, Illinois, will ask the question: "The Legal Enforcement of Moral Mandate or Misdirection?"

Prof. Eugene Dykema, professor of economics at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, plans to talk about justice in the use of natural resources.

It is at this point (Saturday afternoon) that a sub-conference on agriculture begins. Elbert van Donker-koog, executive director of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (Canada) will speak about the family farm in the context of modern agriculture.
Free University boycotts second higher education conference

John Hiemstra
Diamond Guest Writer

This August, Reformed Christian educators from around the world can look forward to the Second International Conference of Christian Higher Education to be held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This conference follows in the wake of the prior, highly successful conference held in 1975 at the University of Potchefstroom in South Africa. The two central themes the conferences will tackle are: "The Role in Society of Institutions of Christian Higher Education," and "Justice in the International Economic Order." The conference will focus on the specific problems and difficulties faced by educational institutions in the third world.

Another controversial theme is likely to surface in light of the domestic conditions found in the home country of one of the largest delegations that will attend the conference, the University of Potchefstroom, South Africa (7,000 students). In relating to its constituency, the University of Potchefstroom in South Africa history is their totalitarian view of the state. This is especially significant when we realize that their political leadership is predominantly Dutch Reformed Calvinists! From the beginning, Calvinism is synonymous with apartheid. This blurred conception has led to much reaction and press coverage for the Calvinists in South Africa and abroad. This situation hampers any attempts for Reformed Calvinists to implement a biblical system of education for all the peoples of South Africa.

Kosmona Declaration, written by a small group of South African Christians, provides a flickering light of hope in doing just that: pursuing justice for all.

In light of these developments, the Free University's boycott of this important educational conference is distinctly significant (though many biblical considerations are also involved). They feel that participation with a South African Institution which favors the policy of apartheid provides a silent vote of approval for a system of apartheid.

This raises several important questions which all Reformed institutions of higher learning (and their students) must face: If we wish to identify with the oppressed, may we shake hands with the oppressor? Can we officially engage in institutional contacts with a university that endorses uniblical politics? Is it within this context that the boycott of the "Grand Rapids Conference" by the Free University of Amsterdam (12,000 students) takes its meaning. The University of Potchefstroom, one of the major participants in the apartheid system, has never officially endorsed the apartheid policies of its government (up to this date).

Unlike recently, the apartheid policy consisted of many restrictive laws, including the following: "immo- rality acts" that outlaw the enrolment of two people of different races, "pass laws" which limit the movement and residence of certain citizens especially blacks -- and the establishment of separate "Bantu" homelands to contain the growing number of blacks.

Recently, the black riots, in which over 300 blacks were killed, resulted in a crackdown by President Verster on all "subversive elements." His acts included strict enforcement of the above laws, the closure of several newspapers, restrictions and censorship of the press and publishing industries, restrictions on the rights of free movement and gathering, the closure of Beyer Naude's Christian Institute, and the highly publicized death of the Christian leader Steve Biko, in his prison cell.

The important central element to emerge from this recent South African history is their totalitarian view of the state. This is especially significant when we realize that their political leadership is predominantly Dutch Reformed Calvinists! From the beginning, Calvinism is synonymous with apartheid. This blurred concept has led to much reaction and press coverage for the Calvinists in South Africa and abroad. This situation hampers any attempts for Reformed Calvinists to implement a biblical system of education for all the peoples of South Africa.

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Dordt adds five well-qualified faculty members

According to Louis Van Dyke, professor of history, James Skillen has been hired in the Political Science department in accordance with plans to add a political science major at Dordt. Skillen, married and the father of two small children, is currently Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has had no previous teaching experience.

Two new English professors, each with two-year contracts, have been hired in the English Department according to Associate Professor of English, Jack Van Den Berg. Van Den Berg explained that one of the new additions is Jim Vanden Berg, a graduate of Calvin College who is working on his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago. Vanden Bosch has four years experience teaching, and is currently finishing up his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago.

Charles Van Ho, who accepted the position February 28, studied three years at Trinity College and is currently finishing up his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago.

Vanden Berg also explained that the new professors would fill either the opening left by Hugh Cook, who is taking a year's leave of absence or supply the additions needed for the over-abundance of incoming freshmen.

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Dane Bajema, a professor of agriculture, explained, "He was hired to handle the student load and to help assist in the development of the agriculture program at Dordt College. Bajema also added that De Vries' major area is agronomy, which is the study of crop production, and De Vries will be teaching courses dealing with crop production. "He will be initially teaching a biology course this coming year," Bajema added.

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