Dordt Freshman dies

Paul Jay Timmer, freshman student at Dordt, died on April 7 in Le Mars. Paul was born on December 21, 1959, in Holland Michigan, the second child of Laverne and Joyce Timmer. His father taught Business Administration at Dordt from the fall of 1973 to the spring of 1976. When his parents moved to Almond, New York, in 1977, Paul stayed in Sioux Center to finish his high school education at Unity Christian. Last fall he enrolled at Dordt.

Paul is survived by his parents and three younger brothers. His younger sister died several years ago in Sioux Center of the same heart-leg disease that caused Paul's death.

The funeral was held April 11 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Paul was buried in Overisel, Michigan.

Dordt to host band festival

On Friday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., the Dordt College Music Department will hold its annual Christian High School Music Festival. The 1979 festival is the largest instrumental festival ever hosted by Dordt.

More than 330 high school instrumentalists from five Christian High Schools will participate.

Schools participating in the festival include Unity Christian High from Orange City, Iowa; Western Christian High from Hull; Central Christian High from Prinsburg, Minnesota; Southwest Christian High from Edgerton, Minnesota; and Illiana Christian High from LaSalle, Illinois.

The high school musicians will begin the day with solo and ensemble performances which will be judged.

In the afternoon each high school band will perform in the college chap-

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April 26 - 7:30 pm, Lecture by John Hallauw on "Modernisation Without Development in Rural Central Java", C160

April 27 - 8:00 pm, Theater production, "PurpleBane", NWT

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April 27 - 8:00 pm, Lecture by Dr. Blankespoor on "Africa As Seen Through The Eyes of 20 Students", 54

April 27 - 7:30 pm, Band Festival, Gym

April 27 - "PurpleBane"

April 28 - 8:00 pm, Illiana Band Concert, Chapel Aud.

April 29 - 9:00 pm, Concert with Manna, Chapel Aud.

April 30 - 8:00 pm, Organ recital: Rachel Koele, Chapel Aud.

May 1 - 5:30 pm, Agriculture Club Spring Barbecue, Children's Park, 81.75

May 2 - 7:00 pm, Freshmen Group Registration

May 4 - 8:00 pm, Directing Class S-One Act Plays

May 5 - 6:30 pm, Junior Banquet

May 5 - 6:30 pm, Film "Film Flam Man", C160

May 6 - 8:00 pm, Directing Class S-One Act Plays, NWT

May 7 - 11:00 am, Graduation rehearsal, mandatory, Gym

May 9 - testing

May 10 - testing

May 11 - 10:00 am, Commencement

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Guest editorial

Vocabulary of students leaves something to be desired

To be perfectly blunt about it, the vocabulary of some of the students here at Dordt reminds me of the great deal of the secular junior high and high school I attended. It's just that bad. And the worst part of it is that sometimes I wonder if it wouldn't be extremely difficult for a non-Christian to recognize a difference between Dordt and their secular school if they toured North Hall or sat in the lounge of any of the dorms or listened to conversations of various groups of students around campus.

Of course I'm not accusing every one of using "gutter" language or "barnyard" talk--and I'm not withholding myself from criticism either, but I think it's time we take an honest look at ourselves and make our vocabularies consistent with our Christ-like commitments. The words we use--even when we are angry--should not hurt and negatively affect the people around us. Likewise, we should ask God to cleanse and forgive us for the sinful words we say when we are alone and only God can hear us.

When I first came to Dordt, I was really impressed with how friendly other students were, especially those who did not know me. However, as the year progressed I began to notice that sinfulness does not leave a college just because it is a Christian college. Students still use the same words I dreaded hearing in high school. Sure, I could ask students to please not say certain words, and they would thoughtfully refrain, but later on in the year, I kept getting reminded that there were certain words that were "okay" to say with the unsaid, added phrase--"Whether you're a Christian or not." It wasn't that they were saying that taking the Lord's name in vain is alright--they weren't doing that. Instead, they seemed to want to impress upon me that saying certain vulgarities wasn't the same thing as swearing. However, these "acceptable Christian obscenities" still did not settle right with me; I couldn't bring myself to say them, so I looked to God's Holy Word for some kind of answer.

Proverbs 15:26 reads: "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord, the words of the pure are pleasing to him." We'd be of course, isn't it cruel to make any sense. Does the Lord really enjoy hearing some of the words that are said in the classroom? Or does it after a night in the big city? Or is it that our words show our sinfulness rather than our pureness as believers in Christ, and that there is no such thing as "acceptable Christian obscenities"?

God wants our words to reflect the pureness in us that comes only from believing in the sacrificial death of Christ. The words we use in the presence of other Christians and by ourselves should reflect the Christ who lives in us.

This means our words should build-up rather than break-down, help rather than hurt. When we show our lives right with God, then others can see God in us too.

Let the words of my mouth, reads Psalm 19:14, "and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, my Rock and my Redeemer."

Deb Butler
letters to the editor

I'm sorry, folks, but graduation is NOT for the constituency. (Oh terrrrrific!) It is primarily a student function that the supporters of Dordt really have very little to do with. It is not a public production open to every John Q. Public that is curious enough to walk in.

Some may argue that the constituency of Dordt would be upset if they could not attend commencement. I'm inclined to think that our supporters are more understanding than given credit for. After all, most of the student body cannot attend the dedication of the Chapel-Music building, which they will be using, because those who made it possible with their generosity will be attending. I have no objection to such accommodations.

But it's quite ridiculous to apply the same rules to graduation. Indeed, don't you think the constituency will be even more insulted if the building they helped to erect won't even be in use!!

Now if it is completely true that we are starting off on the wrong foot, if, the day after its dedication, we opt to use less convenient facilities across the street, there have been students, who all through the construction of the Chapel, have complained about the "wastefulness" of erecting such a structure. Now they will have good reason to complain.

The beautiful building has been raised for our use. For Pete's sake, LET'S USE IT!!

Sincerely,

An irate senior
Val Zandstra

Dear Editor:

It is not an easy thing to answer a letter which has been said in nearly a dozen others. Here we speak specifically of the squawking in the hen-house since our comrade Phillip Weaver put pen to paper for the Diamond.

Once it was our friend's desire to strike up a dialogue, we believe that everyone in the roost can admit he has accomplished his task. Yes, we are all aware that there has been much scratching of dirt and ruffling of feathers, yet the last clutch, we feel, should be uttered by those who know him best.

For those of you who do not know much about your antagonist, Phil does not subscribe to the "Communist Weekly" nor is he hunch-backed and lame. He is a considerate fellow with not a scrap of bitterness in him. Contrary to popular belief, he is not a relative of Alfred Hitchcock. He is an intelligent soft-spoken student, whose correctness is equalled by a measure of servitude to his God and his fellow man.

We are well aware of his shortcomings, being his friends and Christian colleagues. However, we do not believe that they were so obvious as to invoke such mal- intent protests as made public in this column. Often, we have watched him scramble into our abode, clutching his heart and glancing over his shoulder. Often, we were compelled to hide him in the closet and stare out into the night, waiting for the blood-thirsty mob.

We believe that although many of Phil's articles were controversial, they were always deserv- ing of a second reading and never worthy of the narrow criticisms made by some of his most frenzied opponents. Like all of us here, Phil Weaver is learning to use his God-given talents. That, we are quite sure, no-one can argue.

If you were one of those who was concerned that the writer ran a bit too far with his pen, then in a spirit of Christian fellowship we recommend Onesimus to you, a commendable man, capable of addressing the issues to the glory of our Father.

Yours truly,

Charles Zandbergen
Norman Frenger

Dear Editor:

Alas the winter snow and spring floods have subsided and the golfing Defenders have finally taken to the greens. Saturday, April 14, was a day of returning to reality for most of Dordt's golf team. Fortunately, this round of golf at the Green Valley course in Sioux City was only a practice round, and the scores remained unrecorded, but not forgotten.

Wednesday, April 18, the Defenders returned to Green Valley for the 1st match of the season. Six schools showed up for the blustery battle against the elements. When the last golfers blew in from the 18th green, Dordt came in second with a score of 343, preceeded by Buena Vista with a score of 321. Other team scores followed with Northwestern at 355, Westmar at 388, Briar Cliff at 397 and WBT at 415.

Leading the Defenders for the first match of the season was freshman Bob Brumme, who turned in an 82 for the day. Juniors Bill Newenhuizen, Henry Hellinga, and freshman Stanton Visser added the rest to Dordt's score, all three of them shooting 87's.

Coach Abe Boss would have liked to see better scores, but he was satisfied that the team placed 2nd in the tournament, all three of them shooting 87's.

The real challenge comes in the 36-hole NAEA Tournament. Here only five-man teams will be used, and as usual only the top four scores will count.

The Defenders will close out the season Saturday May 5 with an invitational meet at Sandy Hollow.

The Sandy Hollow course was broken in with a classic round of golf on opening day. The big dual was between Buena Vista and the defending Defenders. After nine holes Dordt only trailed by eight strokes, but B.V. won it after 18 scoring a 304 compared to Dordt's 316. Scores were considerably lower this time, and Bill Newenhuizen took honors for Dordt's squad shooting a 77. He was followed by junior Dean Visser who was unable to play at Green Valley, and thus started his spring golf season with a very respectable 78 at home.

Visser demonstrated his ability to jump back after a long cold winter, by scoring to an easy eagle on the first hole. Also, adding to Dordt's score were freshmen Stan Visser and Bob Brumme with 80 and 81 respectively.

This weekend the Defenders will go on the road to Pella on Friday and Saturday, and then on to Dubuque and the NABA District Tournament on Monday and Tuesday. The Defenders will move to Dubuque at 6 a.m. Friday and will play Central College's B team Friday afternoon. Saturday will be the big day when Dordt's golfers will compete with 16 other schools in the Central College Invitation Golf meet. These two meets require 6 men teams so junior Verlan Van Re will also be making the trip along with Dordt's regular top five golfers. Van Re, a local of Pella, will be hosting the golf team there and will also be able to give the team some useful insights on the Pella course.

The real challenge comes in the 36-hole NABA Tournament. Here only five-man teams will be used, and as usual only the top four scores will count. Last year Lyon's College of Dubuque won the NABA at Spencer, and this year they are bound to be tough again on their course. The course is a very challenging one, and has even been used in the Amateur's Golf Tour. It's difficulty should provide a valid challenge for the golfers at the NABA.

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"Would you write an article about personal devotions, Nan?", a friend recently asked. I believe that many in the Body of Christ deal with the question of how to have a meaningful quiet time, I have struggled with this, too. So I'd like to present some thoughts about personal devotions in the hope that this very important aspect of the Christian life may be better understood.

Personal devotions, (some call it Quiet Time) is that daily time that you spend alone with God in prayer and Bible study. People generally get the idea from their church training that it is important. But why is this the case? Why aren't church-going and talking devotions enough?

Our God is a personal God who desires us to know him personally. As Jesus said: I am the Good Shepherd—I know my sheep and they know me (John 10:11).

To get to know God personally, you must spend time with Him. To get to know God personally, you need to create an opportunity for duty for our marching orders. This is what the Lord had in mind for the Heavenly Soldiers, must report to his quarters and have almost no contact with the world for seven days (in the Mooneis) God in the formal sense. When prayer and Bible reading I get depressed, confused, and lose my joy. I’ve seen this happen to other people, too. Memorizing Scripture is a good practice because the Holy Spirit will bring these verses to mind at the crucial moment. John 16:13—"The Holy Spirit...will remind you of everything I have said to you. He can’t do it if we haven’t learned it.

God Himself has commanded us to do personal devotions. Matthew 6:6 describes this:

"When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Notice: Jesus says when you pray, not if you pray. He commanded his disciples to pray. Also, this passage carries the clear promise of blessing, that God will answer ("rewarded") this kind of prayer.

Next, you need a definite time. If you don’t fix a time, you will find you will not have devotion—more immediate concerns will capture your attention. Morning is the best time, because if you give to God your first moments, your spirit will be right for the day. But other times can also be very profitable.

It’s also very important to have a definite place away from distractions. This who live in cramped quarters and have almost no privacy, actually should be prayer—rooms on campus—special rooms for that purpose only. But there aren’t, so where can you go? Plenty of places! You can read your Bible in the library or the corner of a lounge. You can pray in empty churches, the Wayside Chapel (located North on Route 75) or any empty room. I’ve often gone to the luggage room in West Hall and locked the door. You could also arrange with your roommate to be gone from the room for a short while. Drive your car and park somewhere! Go anywhere. Nice weather is good for prayer-walks.

Time and place being set, the next consideration is what to do. Important: there are two ways to approach God: as Sovereign Lord, (in the reverent, formal way) and as Father (in a more informal sense). Let’s first discuss relating to God in the formal sense. When I first became a Christian, my friend Martin taught me that it was quite strong about the value of quiet time. Get up early in the morning, get down on your knees and pray! Everytime she mentioned kneeling to pray, I thought that sounded weird. I think a lot of people feel uncomfortable when it’s. It’s often not done at all amongst us Protestants. Yet, it is very important because such a position humbles your spirit in a profound way. And God wants our humility. James 5:6b says: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Of course heart attitude is more important than the physical position. But the physical position does affect your spirit.

Great men of God in the Bible knelt to pray—Daniel, Ezra, and Solomon. Jesus went further—He knelt on his face in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was also the practice of the early church—Acts 20:36 tells how Paul and the Ephesian elders knelt down at the side of his ship and prayed. Seeing it practiced so much in the Bible should recommend it highly to us.

In this way you can formally petition God as the Lord of Hosts, Most Sovereign God Almighty, "Thee" and "Thou" can be very appropriate for this type of prayer, but, we also relate to God as "Father" to ask God to do anything for this, you can walk around, sit in a chair, be comfortable. You can even lie down if you don’t fall asleep. Use conversational prayer—any prayer, just pour out your heart; don’t hold anything back because God understands everything and is哪里, the smallest detail in your life! Don’t be vague, but share with His specifics in your life. You will gain clarity, strength, comfort, a wonderful new perspective!

Now, about Bible reading—"it’s good to ask God to do this, simply what it means (many feel that they have a hard time understanding the Scriptures)."

John 14:26 says: "But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things..." The Holy Spirit Illuminates Scripture for us.

It’s good to read three chapters a day or more. Some (like Habakkuk or Zechariah) may seem mysterious. Basic background books about the Bible, available in your local Christian bookstores, can help you make more sense. And, of course, ask God how you can apply to your daily life what you read in the Bible.

My last point is really the most important. Actually, there’s no easy way. We have to be determined to spend time alone with God—even if you don’t feel like it (which will inevitably happen). The reason to will to do it is because it’s our Chuty to God. Frankly, I sometimes fail to pray during the day. And I know I don’t have any excuse. When I fasted for seven days, I was able to do it because I was serious. I decided that nothing would stop me. I was crucified. The Holy Spirit guides us. Determination is the key.

As far as I know, this is the last issue of the Diamond for this year, hence, my last article for a while. But, my earnest prayer that all my brothers and sisters in Christ at Dordt will have a blessed summer vacation. All my articles have been written in the humble hope that they would enrich your walk with God. May this summer be a time when you grow ever-closer to Him!

Learning to eat "More-with-Less"

by Lavonne Platt

Are you concerned about your weight? Have you thought of nutrition? What about malnutrition and world hunger? Lavonne Platt, a nutritionist from Newton, Kansas, visited Dordt’s campus last Thursday through Saturday. She shared her experiences and suggestions for reasonable Christian action to combat world hunger.

Mrs. Platt and a member of the General Conference Mennonite Church, With a B.A. in home economics, Mrs. Platt also had training in Jamaica in "Maternal and Child Nutrition," She taught in a high school and in Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas.

She worked 1 1/2 years in India with American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization. Her family spent her husband’s sabbatical year in India also. She was a co-worker on the "More-with-Less" cookbook, used by many people in this area and Canada.

On Thursday morning Mrs. Platt presented "Environmental Relationship to World Hunger" to biology students. Two afternoon philosophy classes discussed with Mrs. Platt various responses to world hunger. "How Malnutrition Affects Learning" was the topic of the Friday morning session. More than 100 interested students and members shared in the noon luncheon. After the luncheon, Mrs. Platt had her main speech, "Faith and Food Issues: What is the Relationship?"

Saturday morning more than 50 homeowners heard the nutritionist explain the purpose of the "More-less" cookbook. She gave some demonstrations at home to be responsible stewards of our food. The woman also took part in preparing some recipes from the book.

Dordt students attending the afternoon Bridge meeting also had a demonstration. Mrs. Platt concluded her visit with the Bridge discussion, "More-with-Less: Relating Lifestyles to Food and Justice Concerns."

"Give us this day our daily bread, Who do we mean when we say 'ours'?" Mrs. Platt emphasized the fact that many people in the world are hungry—real people, They are not just bags of bones. She said we must first realize that we are being wasteful in many ways. Our food, water, energy and money could help feed many of our neighbors. We Christians should share the concern, she said, by evaluating our lifestyles, By making small changes we can begin to ease the burden and "so fulfill the law of God,"

Writing contest winners

The English department wishes to announce the following winners of the Martin Seven Writing Contest:

- Poetry: Allen Van Dyke
- Creative: Bonnie Kuyper

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It’s not too tough being married and a student

Once the wedding rice is swept away, the wedding dress is folded, and the closet is the exact sentiment that The Smiens hold, the Dordt College married student is still faced with studies, exams and tuition payments. But now there’s a new side to it -- the grocery bills, the rent payments and the expenses of being married. Since the marriage occurred, there’s also the new baby to feed and care for. However, the situation isn’t as bad as it may look to the outsider.

Bob and Marlene De Groot, who were married this past June, are seniors this year. They support themselves working for Dordt during the summer. Bob now works for a farmer near Le Mars. Both are on work-study, and they also paid for this year’s tuition with a loan from Bob’s father.

"If you put your mind to it you can live as cheaply as you want," Bob explained. "It can be done. We knew, too, before we got married that it would be tough." Also a senior, Mark Vogelzang has been married for the two years that he has attended Dordt. His wife, Rhonda, teaches music lessons, so the checks they receive vary from month to month. Mark commented that one of the difficulties financially in being a student is not having a steady income.

"If my wife had a steady income it would be easier," he said. "The hardest thing is not having a set amount so we can budget ourselves-- that makes it very hard." Another difficulty the Vogelzangs have is the extra time and money needed to raise their 11 month old daughter. "Having a child made it a lot more difficult," he added. "I want to be home more; I try to be home a lot, but that’s tough. There’s pressure that way. You’ve got to make sure there’s money to budget your money so there’s always somewhere to spend it."

Grace and Doyle Smiens, who were married in August, have also had to adjust to the financial aspect of being married students, although their case is somewhat different. Grace is a secretarial science major finishing up her degree which she did not begin until her sophomore year at Dordt. This is her third year; therefore, she is only taking one course this semester which she attends during her break from her full-time job at Schaltemark’s Rexall in town.

Grace commented, "It’s so hard to get a job in Sioux Center, I really didn’t feel discriminated against because I was a Canadian. I never felt I would have a hard time getting a job because I was a Canadian. It was more difficult for Doyle. He was a senior, and they were afraid to hire and train me, and then have us take off. The people of this town don’t want to risk with people who are not going to stay for a very long time. The Smiens plan to stay at least until the end of May, Bob will be graduating--Grace with a degree in Secretarial Science and Doyle with a degree in Theatre Arts."

Once you’re married, Doyle explained, you’re taken off your parents’ insurance; then there’s the financial problem of being able to pay for school, insurance, food and to make other payments. "If Grace hadn’t worked there wouldn’t be able to do it," he added.

Though some couples have financial problems being married and students, there are those who feel they have none.

Ron and Bonnie De Nooy feel they have no real complications financially as students for the eight and a half months they have been married.

"We’ve just had to watch our spending," Bonnie said. "We’ve mostly depended on savings accounts, and the tuition is mostly dependent on loans. In grocery shopping you can’t buy the luxuries; you have to depend on the necessities.

"You’d be surprised at how much you can get by with if you have to," Ron added.

Dennis Rietema has one 21 month old son, and his wife just had a second baby boy a week ago. But Dennis doesn’t feel he is hurting financially as a married student.

"That’s unusual," he noted. "I’m known as the welfare kid on campus." Dennis explained the reason for this is because he received a monthly Veteran’s Benefit check from being in the U.S. airforce for four years, and he also receives a couple of good grants.

Dennis started in 1971 as a freshman at Dordt, then entered the airforce for four years where he took several courses at various universities where he was stationed. Then, for the past two and one-half years, Dennis has been working on his degree in Secondary Education in the history and P. E. areas.

He said what most people forget about the Veteran’s Benefit is that he worked "through the nose" to earn the money and now he is getting the money in monthly payments.

Married in July 1978, Grace and Clarence Joldersma also said they have very few financial problems as married students. They feel that it makes no difference whether you’re a married student or not because you no longer have the pressures of having to work and it costs money to go out.

"We knew we couldn’t spend much money on the wedding so we didn’t," Clarence added.

The Joldersmas support themselves and pay for their tuition through summer jobs, work-study and loans, and Grace works part-time on campus this semester.

"We would have that anyway even if we weren’t married," Clarence added. "It doesn’t cost more to be married than it does to be single."

But there are other disadvantages to being a married student both time-wise and socially.

Doyle and Grace agreed that a disadvantage is finding time for each other. Because Grace’s day off from work is on Mondays rather than Saturdays, and Doyle is usually occupied with rehearsals in the evenings, Sundays are their only whole day to be together.

"If you’re a married couple," Doyle said, "when you go to school you have studying, homework and tests, and everyday conversation--it just doesn’t happen. I think that’s kind of bad. It’s important to find time for each other and that’s sometimes hard to do.

Another disadvantage for Grace is not having time to clean up around the trailer. She explained that between studying and work she is tired when she comes home, and she would like to have time for those kinds of things.

Ron and Bonnie also agree that when schedules conflict there’s not as much time to be spent with one another.

"You really have to budget your time in order to get everything done," Bonnie commented.

Ron said, "Also, we’re in two different departments. We don’t see each other then because we’re not in the same classes.

Once they graduate from Dordt, the De Groots, who both majored in education, are worried as to whether they’ll both be able to get jobs.

"It’s tough to find a job in the same place," Ron added. "We’ve both had a job and she doesn’t and that bothers us a bit. If you’re single and not tied down you can just go anywhere you want.

Dennis also agrees. One of his biggest difficulties is knowing how to ration his time. He said that you have certain God-given responsibilities to your family, but you also have studies. "The problem lies in knowing how much time to spend with each," he added.

Marriage causes some social problems too. Sometimes friendships change, but usually this differs depending on the couple.
The Rock offers peace and quiet

Now that finals are coming up, I can't imagine a more quiet, motivating place to study than the Dordt College Library. I find that it's almost as easy to study near the Xerox machine, or a group of students laughing and talking, as it is to concentrate in my own dorm room.

The worst time to come study at the library is early in the morning because there aren't enough students there filling the carrels and the tables. Also, the morning is a bad time to study because no matter where you go to sit, you can always hear yourself think. I like the afternoons and evenings best. Usually when I walk into the main doors of the library, the only sounds that I can hear are someone whispering the latest top 40 song near the Xerox machine, or a group of students laughing and talking, and that occurs two feet behind me. Before I had come to the library that afternoon, I had had no idea that so-and-so's boyfriend was in town and that she had better put her shoes on, or else she could go to the SUB and see him. My concentration was not in the least impeded upon when she let out that little squeal that nearly knocked me out of my chair. I still kept my eyes glued to the muscles and bones in my book, remembering how quiet the library is.

The library is such an easy place to study in, that sitting on the second floor level is like reliving the life of Henny-Penny, who always thought that the sky was falling in, talking near the card catalog. But when I'm really into Human Anatomy and Physiology, I rarely notice all the loud whispering, some of the most engineering, scientific students on campus practice their gravitational experiments in the library by dropping objects from the first floor level onto the students who are studying below on the second floor level. This, of course, doesn't make the library seem like an obstacle course in the army even when there are times that my roommate suffers from memory lapses after being hit in the back of the head with a ballad by the quietest, most respectful students.

One Thursday last semester when I was in the midst of reading my psychology book—Understanding Human Behavior—I ran into one of my "scientific" students trying to help another student study by dropping a large, dead pigeon right onto the middle of her table. As you can imagine, there was quite an uproar that ensued, but that stop me from reading my psychology book. I didn't look up once. After all, there have been numerous times throughout the year when dead pigeons have been brought into the library.

Another interesting characteristic of the library that makes me want to study there so much is the large area of bookshelves and the feeling of "togetherness" that I find there. I can't get my exercise trying to find a place to sit in the library. If I want exercise, I guess I have to take a fifteen minute hike around campus instead. Some (especially the Marion and Mahoney) will double-up in one chair in the library, and they always look so happy. They must be getting lots of exercise. Also, on the second floor level, a whole table-full of guys will collect. Usually this number ranges from 10-12; I don't get perturbed walking down the stairs. These guys share their history notes and study hard; they don't make an extensive rating system for any female who happens to walk down the stairs. I know that I won't have to worry about studying for finals this year. The Dordt College library has been a peaceful, study-inducing atmosphere. And the most wonderful feature of this atmosphere is that it keeps improving with each coming semester.
The Nature of philosophy

Never before has the philosophico-political world had such a window to the real world or such an opportunity to stamp its own constitu-ute on the printed page. The purpose, therefore, of this essay is to first of all formulate a presentation to those who have the desire to know what philosophy is, and secondly, to formulate a rallying point for today's philosophers who desire to know what philosophy is.

I must further clarify my intentions by making a distinction. Although many of my peers have taken up the position which demands a distinction between what our subject "is" and what it "should be" and proceed to describe the latter, I make no separation. To do so is to admit that philosophy does not and never did exist. To extrapulate the advice of philosophy is to direct the cow and refrain from wishing it to be a horse, no matter how decomposed the carcass may be.

Since philosophy, like many other endeavors, is a typically human activity, I shall present a huge example from which I hope to draw the fundamental conclusions. Five men are standing in a field. One is a lawyer, one a priest, one an absentminded scientist, and a last philosopher. Night falls and all the men gaze up to behold the starry heavens. The priest warns of a huge fireball that will fall and all the men gaze in awe of it. The lawyer runs to thesmoke, and the philosopher has not once been affected by making a distinction. All of my peers have now spread to the Russians' silicon which has already calculated the output of today's philosophers for to the eyes. They took a deep sleep to fall upon the purposes of philosophy, like many endeavors, is a typically human activity, and only some men are philosophers. With him I can hearty agree since we all daydream and we all are absent-minded to some degree. Yet these philosophies are only as valid as they meet the three prerequisites as requirements. Adam Sliaplanke's last words were: "Philosophy is a typically human activity, not an abstract but intuitive endeavor. It may be said that philosophy is a necessary activity, supertemposed but separate from the "real world".

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Keeping this in mind, the reader can now enjoy the philosophical output of the philosophers for what it really is. I have limited my observations to exactly what philosophy is and made no judgments on its origins (non-origins) or its usefulness (usefulness or overusefulness). You can have more arguments with my philosophy than you could argue the plot structure of my last nightmare. But in the time it has taken for you to read this essay and extract its fundamentals (non-fundamentals), your barn has burned to the ground.

Here is the essence of philosophy. It is what I will call "logi-calca oblivious" or oblivious logic. Using his mind only (notice that at least one personal aide the philosopher has come up with a conclusion. This conclusion rests upon the cornerstone of logic, observation, and his Ph.D. One may object in that many disciplines base their conclusions upon these three prerequisites. That is a truism, but the philosopher does so through the veritable "eye of a needle" called the "a-prition." In laymen's language this means that the philosopher functions in a sphere that becomes obsolete once recognized. In this way it can be said that philosophy is an infinite dimension of human activity, superimposed but separate from the "real world".

In the beginning, B.J. created Dordt, And Dordt was without form and void. And B.J. moved upon the face of the campus. And B.J. said, "Ja, Ja, Let there be Duch---er---Dordt. And B.J. saw Dordt and said, "This is Wooooerful." And B.J. said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of campus, and let it divide East Hall from North Hall. And B.J. made the firmament so that there would be no panty raids.

And B.J. said, "It is not good that the professors have no one to teach. I will make them students to meet for them.

And B.J. caused a deep sleep to fall upon the Profes-(from which they never fully recovered). And he took part of their brains (from which they never fully recovered either). And the brains which B.J. had taken from the professors, he brought them to the professors.

And the profs said, "This is now brain of my brain; They shall be called students, for we can think of nothing better. And they were all mindless and were not ashamed. So B.J. created students; Yankees and Canucks created he

And B.J. planted Dordt eastward of Sioux Center, and there he put the students. And B.J. commanded the students, saying, "Of every restaurant in the town thou mayest eat freely. But of the drink of Doc's thou shalt not partake; for in the day that thou drinkest thou shalt be suspended."

Now the Bouma had more mind than any beast of the field which B.J. had made. And he said unto the students, "Yea, hah B.J. said Ye shall not eat of any restaurant in the town? And the students said unto the Bouma, "We may eat of the restaurant of the town. But of the drink of Doc's B.J. hath said, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it lest ye be suspended."

And the Bouma said unto the students, "Ye shall not surely be suspended. For B.J. doth know that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be glassy and ye shall be as the Professors, knowing NOTHING! And the students saw that the Doc's was good for drink, although unpleasant to the eyes. They took a drink thereof; and a second drink thereof; and a third drink thereof; and they lost count thereof.

And they heard the voice of B.J. walking his dog in town calling unto them, "Ya, Ya, Where art thou?"

And they answered and said unto him, "We heard not thy voice in the Doc's for we had passed out."

And he said, "Who told thee to drink of the Doc's? VAN NOORD?" And the students said, "The Bouma beguiled us, and we did drink."

And the B.J. said unto them, "Because thou hast heartened unto the voice of the Bouma, cursed is the commons for thy sake. And in sorrow shall thou eat of it all of the days of thy lives. And it shall bruise thy stomach, and thou shalt abuse its knives. And indigestion and gastric conditions shall it bring forth to thee."

So B.J. drove the students into Dordt and he placed a Hust and a flaming fine at every exit.
Handicapped Olympics a privilege to watch

On Saturday, April 21 I had the privilege to attend the Regional Special Olympics for the handicapped held at Roberts Stadium in Sioux City. It was a hot, balmy Saturday in the open air stadium as the competitors gallantly paraded down the oval track. To the handicapped it was a special day for them because now it was their turn to show off their talents instead of the usual spectator role.

The opening ceremonies were led off by a parade of competitors and a balloon raising ceremony signaled the start of the events. The competitors competed in appropriate age groups in the softball throw, long jump, 50 yard dash, 220 yard dash, the 440 yard relay, swimming and wheelchair races.

The wheelchair races brought a dash of excitement to the afternoon as the participants propelled their arms or legs as fast as possible. Some participants zipped over the 50 foot straightaway with no problem at all. For the slower handicapped, they zigzagged gleefully all over the course.

The Special Olympics had a different air to competing in sporting events than one is usually accustomed to, because of their confined lifestyles from retardation or a handicap. It is the simple things in life that keep the handicapped happy. For instance, the thrill of standing at the starting line and hearing their very own names announced over the Public Address system initiated a surge of pride in their hearts as they started to run, wooded their arms wildly in being able to participate in front of a fair-sized crowd that came especially to see them do their best. They ran down the track with a smile from ear to ear. To the handicapped it did not matter whether they won or lost. They were there to participate to their utmost capabilities and have fun at the same time.

In the 220 yard dash one hefty adult was pushing and exerting his massive obese frame when all of a sudden his track shorts began falling down because his flabby belly could not be contained by the elastic in his track shorts.

The participants who won certificates will go on to Des Moines to compete in the state championships.

For the normal spectator, this day with the handicapped made one thankful to the Maker for the flexibility and freedom of movement that no confined handicapped individual can speculate. It also makes one aware of their happy simple lifestyles that they lead.

This day for the social workers and staff brought a sense of fulfillment to the endless work of patiently encouraging the participants to keep on training and trying.

A great deal of thanks goes to the social organizers and participants which made this day a very meaningful one at the Special Olympics.

Dedication of East Campus apts. to be held

Dedication of Dordt’s new East Campus Apartments has been set for sometime in August, after the students have returned from their vacation, according to Dr. P. R. Paai.

The committee in charge of the dedication has arranged a tentative schedule of events to familiarize guests and students with the many purposes of the new buildings.

A pre-dedication music concert will “get the show on the road” in the form of a combined choir, band, and organ musical celebration. The concert, set for 3:30 a.m., will be followed by a special breakfast “suitable for guests on campus,” Dr. Paai explained. It may be a buffet breakfast at a moderate cost.

The day will be filled with guided tours of the new apartment buildings, which will explain to visitors parts of the buildings that they may not understand.

The dedication service will highlight the day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Included in the service will be the recognition of honored guests, “particularly those responsible for the construction of the building,” Dr. Paai said.

A special presentation of the dedicatory hymn, written by the mythical “Mr. G.”, will be contributed by the choir, band, and organ during the service.

A brief dedicatory message will be presented by Dr. Paai. Following the service, visitors will have additional opportunity to receive guided tours as a continuation of the afternoon events.

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