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March 17 - 6:15 pm, 6:30-9:00 pm, Film: "The Other Side of the Mountain", C160
March 18 - 6:00 pm, Edgar Dand Concert
March 19 - 6:00 pm, Central College Players: "An Evening with Oscar Wilde", New World Theater
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March 16 - 7:00 pm, FEE dub Spring Banquet, NW Commons
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March 18 - 8:00 pm, Film: "The Other Side of the Mountain", C160
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FEBRUARY 15, 1979—CHINA INVADES VIETNAM AND PUSHES TEN KILOMETERS INTO THE COUNTRY.

This news and its implications caused much concern throughout the world. Why had Vietnam invaded Cambodia in the first place? Why had China invaded Vietnam? Will all the fighting lead to World War Three? What would happen if the Soviet Union attacked the recently captured part of China? Will the U.S. get involved? What is happening now that China is withdrawing? What does it mean?

Vietnam's reasons for invading Cambodia are not known. Cambodia's government was very humane and rebels within the country were trying to oust this pro-Chinese government. It is possible that Vietnam invaded in sympathy for the oppressed Cambodians. Maybe they saw Cambodia as being weak because of its internal struggles, and decided this was the best time for them to move in and gain control for themselves.

Whatever the reason, Russia said that if it helped Vietnam now, it could expect Vietnam to attack its port sometime in the future. As Skilling says, "Part of what Russia wants, just like the United States wants, is some kind of perimeter of potential control of the world."

China's reasons for attacking Vietnam are as mysterious. The reason China gave was that it was punishment for the attack on Cambodia, but this does not seem very plausible, since China has never really been concerned about Cambodia.

It has, though, always considered itself the "Big Daddy" in Southeast Asia, and has considered the countries around it to be military dependencies. Now that Vietnam has become a significant power of its own, China may be afraid of losing face and responsibility, and so attacked Vietnam more out of self-interest than any interest it may have had in Cambodia.

Another motive for the Chinese attack may be the weakness of the government of Russia's relation to Vietnam. It fears a potential Soviet-backed government in Southeast Asia that would surround China with pro-Soviet countries. China's war with Vietnam is like China and the Soviet Union meeting on a small bridge; one of them is going to fall. If the Soviet Union becomes involved in the war it could get bogged down supplying men and arms, just like the United States did in recent history. It would then lose face in the world, just as the U.S. experienced in Vietnam.

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The Soviets neither want to fight with, nor gain any control of China for two reasons. It would mean losing face among all the communist countries in the world. The communist ideal of a common brotherhood of communist peoples does not involve a control of all communists by the Soviets. It would also be impossible for the Soviets to maintain any control in China, because the Chinese hate the Soviets and would resist any Soviet-backed government. U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia is not likely because it realizes that it now holds a more limited position in the world—it is no longer the only super power. The U.S. does not have to be involved in this conflict because it has no friends involved and because it is not obligated to supply arms to anyone involved. It can have its own impact as the situation develops.

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Dear Editor:

I realize what a difficult job it is to put out a well-written student newspaper every two weeks and a shortage of subject matter and be writers may account for the caliber of Bill Weaver's review column. Certainly we cannot expect an expert on theatre arts and music at Dordt to spend his time writing about the productions, because such an expert will, no doubt, be a part of such productions. So we must settle for a less-than-expert opinion for reviews since our student body has diverse but limited resources.

Of course, when a critic disagrees with you, it can be irritating just like any contrary opinion. Disagreement is not my reason for writing this letter, although it seems to be the general tone of most recent letters to the editor. Any critic is entitled to his opinion.

However, a critic should have some background on the subject to make his critique credible. It's saddening to read a criticism based on error, misinterpretation or guesses made on topics, especially when the reader is aware of the shortcomings. Such criticism insults any reader who may be more or less informed on the subject, and it especially insults the performer who is misrepresented to all the readers.

To avoid sounding petty, I won't cite any examples here; suffice it to say that I have noted such deficiencies in Weaver's column from "The King and I", all the way down to "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." I would suggest that Weaver do his "homework" more thoroughly, which does not mean he should pool the student body and parrot their opinions. He must be willing to learn more about his subjects so he can criticize with authority, find yourself an expert on the subject to take his place.

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Newsbriefs

The deadline for the Mr. Seven Writing Contest is April 1. All those wishing to enter should submit their collection of writings to Mr. Jack VandenBerg of the English department.

Anyone interested in the position of EDITOR of the Diamond for the '79-'80 school year is asked to submit a position paper by April 10, 1979. Present members of the Diamond staff may submit nominations for the position also.

Ah! the joy of preparing for...
Has Spring Fever finally brought students to the brink of self destruction? Diamond photographers watched in horror as two students leaped from the SUB last week. Both students survived the leap and told weak-kneed reporters that they were merely practicing for Spring Break. The two students plan to explore Iowa to discover if there really are hills higher than anthills.

The classes as well as the Public Lectures are open to everyone.

**Hug-a-linguist days with Boonstra**

April 10 and 11 are "Hug-a-Linguist" days at Dordt College and Dr. Harry Boonstra will be here to lecture on various aspects of linguistics.

Boonstra is a graduate of Calvin College and earned his Ph. D. at the Free University in Amsterdam with a thesis on "The Reception of T. S. Eliot in the Netherlands." He taught English and Library Science at Trinity Christian College and then worked in Peru for one and one-half years as a reporter for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Upon returning to the U.S. he taught at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and is now the head librarian at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

The lecture schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday, April 10**

10:00 a.m., Chapel

"Wycliffe Bible Translators--A Missions Option" (with slides)
11:00 a.m., Linguistics 201 (C156)

"Bible Translation--Linguistic Picking and Choosing"
12:00 p.m., Linguistics 201

As above,

3:00 p.m., Public Lecture

"The Poets of the Bible--Authorial Inspiration and Perpetuation"

**Wednesday, April 11**

11:00 a.m., World Literature (C140)

"Are You Really Reading Dante?" (on translation of poetry)
1:00 p.m., Public Lecture (C160)

"The Gospel as Destroyer and Preserver of Culture--An Amazonian Case Study"

**Polet to speak**

On Friday, March 16, at 3 p.m. in C160, Jim Polet will present a lecture, "Stewardship of Human Resources Within the Firm." The lecture is sponsored by the Business Dept. and the Special Events Committee.

Polet immigrated to the U.S. in 1958 from Canada. He was born in the Netherlands in 1929 but settled in Holland, Michigan where he worked as a lathe operator in the steel manufacturing industry.

Polet has been a member of several unions including the Christian Labour Union of America and the United Auto Workers Union. He sees the need for stewardship being worked out in other ways, however. Recently, the company Polet works for (Transmatic) introduced a new manner of workplace organization which is often referred to as "participatory management" or "workplace democracy." This involves employee input to most all decisions of the firm--not just decisions regarding remuneration and employment. Having worked closely with the company owner in this new plan, Polet is capable of speaking about good and bad points of this type of organization.

Polet is currently a board member of the Association for Public Justice.

Polet will also be attending the Bridge meeting, Saturday, March 17 at 12:30 in the SUB lounge. He will discuss labor-management relationships.
Learning to pray together

By Phil Weaver

"Inklings" Learning to pray together

One of the best things I’ve found at Dordt is my prayer-partners. I’ve enjoyed these sessions so much that I’ve decided to share my experiences with you. In this way you’ll see that praying with another person can turn prayer from dry formality into sheer joy.

A prayer-partner is a dear and trusted Christian friend that you pray with regularly. It is not casual but a real commitment to meet weekly to pray. My prayer-partners zoom together in East Hall and I go there every night and meet with them. It is no means a solemn occasion. We socialize, fool around, eat popcorn and discuss our schoolwork and boys. Then we pray, I love it. It always lifts my spirit up.

Since we pray our relationship is special; it has been sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (Prayer is a very powerful unifier and partner.) Conversely, I feel so much love and support from them. I also like the freedom and joy prayer gives. I pray that we’ve learned to have. It has strengthened my faith greatly. Even if my day is terrible, I go pray with my friends. It’s a breath of Heaven.

The past few weeks have been full of dancing in public places, and the frank admission that this Imessage is often misunderstood. All this is done in our best interest by a concerned administrator felt it was their duty as substitute parents by admonishing the offender(s) to there will be ensuing problems if I wanted something other than beer to drink? I could drive to the nearest bar near campus, but I don’t have a car, nor can I condone the unlawful practice of drinking and driving. That means that I no want something other than beer to drink, I have the option of breaking a state law or breaking a Dordt rule by consuming alcohol on campus. Neither of these appeal to me.

No doubt many people will be quick to point out that if the rules were changed, there would be no reason for me not to drink. Although, I feel that Dordt has a right to demand that I do not drink. It is a matter of personal conscience and I would not drink anyway. But I would be willing to try the alcohol on campus.

We have a great place to drink at our local establishment, and we encourage everyone there to drink moderately.

First, find a good friend who is also struggling with the same issues. If you are one of these people, let me tell you that this method is one of the best ways to learn how to pray, and really enjoy it.

Being the best isn’t easy... But we keep trying.

We sell professional quality materials to those who will be tomorrow’s professionals.
Spring baseball training is well under way and The Dodgers enjoy the sunny surf of a Florida camp; the Defenders start the fire among the snowdrifts and inside of Dordt College. All the players understand the need to get fired up for practice in Dordt's indoor gym, but especially so during the spring break tour to the sunny South makes it all worthwhile. This year's baseball tour will not be as extensive as previous years, Coach Syne Altena explained, "because we won't be going into Texas this spring." The tour consists of five days in two Oklahoma towns, two in Missouri, and one in Kansas spread over a period of five days. Coach Altena pointed out that "the pitchers really aren't restricted by practicing in the gym." In fact pitchers can get their arms in shape better than the rest of the team," Altena said, "because they can concentrate on throwing technique instead of just having to pitch for batting practice." Taking first claims to Dordt's mound this year is congratulations to ball VanderWeide and Barry Medema. Vander Weide was unable to play last year as he was in Concert Choir but is happy and optimistic about being back. He says he lay off hands hurt his arm area and that he's undecided but will try it. Teammates Dave Griiter and Dan Westra feel that Vander Weide is probably one of the fastest and toughest pitchers in the area. Westra, a junior, has to have an eye for pitchers because he's the big man behind the plate that cleans up. This year Vander Schaaf has improved his ability to handle. Vander Schaaf, who was forced to catch in highschool, said it's not an easy job. "It's a dirty job with a lot of responsibility," Vander Schaaf said, "and you have to love baseball to love catching." Gritter commented that the team's biggest strength was defense especially evident in their experienced infield. Senior co-captains Steve Groom and Dave Griiter will take command at 3rd and 2nd base respectively, while Sophomore Dennis Van Zanten fills the gap in the short stop and Senior Dave Ropma hangs up the outs at first base. Backing them up will be outfielders Sophomore Bob Dejong, in left, Freshman Scott Soodsma in center and Senior Terry Vande Griend in right. Bob Dejong will also be an effective instrument in the pitching staff as he baffles the batters with his left-hand ability. Also, designated hitter Freshman Verlan VanEe will be standing by when needed at catcher position. Overall, the team consists of 22 excellent athletes who will combine their skills towards a successful season. Coach Altena, along with several of his players, point out that they are particularly looking forward to action at home games this year. "This spring we have four home games on weekdays--starting at 4 p.m." Altena noted. "This will allow our players to miss fewer classes, and likewise, more students will be able to attend our games. The second of the twilight doubleheaders will be played under the newly installed lights of the diamond. Altena revealed that a new electronic scoreboard has been installed on the diamond and an announcer will add to the excitement of this year's games through the diamond's new F.A. system. It is nice to look ahead in an optimistic way on the new season, but the Defenders realize that it's not going to be easy to shake cold lack of outdoor practice as they head into the tour. This year, however, Coach Altena has arranged for the team to have an outdoor practice before their first game. The team will leave Sioux Center March 22 and travel to Topeka, Kansas where they will get the feel of things on the baseball field at Washington University. After a couple of hours of putting it together, the Defenders will travel to Bartlesville, Okla. where they will start their first game the next day. But the tour is much more than just playing baseball. Coach Altena related how the guys are usually free at night to do as they please. "We don't usually do any sightseeing," Altena said, "but we do attend professional indoor track meets, go to the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and generally enjoy the cities we stay in." On Sunday, the team plans to share its fellowship with a small O. P. Church in Oklahoma City. Throughout the tour, the team meets night by night for devotions and spiritual fellowship. States Coach Altena, "I always encourage my players not to worry about winning or losing, but just to worry about playing their best."
Rev. Haan said that the Lectureship Institute directly relates to the Statement of Purpose of Dordt College. According to the Statement of Purpose, "our central purpose as a Reformed academic institution is to develop and maintain an observable insight; serviceable insight is to be developed by way of continuing research and scholarship (including the Lectureship Institute) and is to be transmitted by way of teaching excellence and a meaningful curriculum including the teaching and learning that goes on in the classroom and affiliated activities."

"The Lectureship institute," said Rev. Haan, "will be a significant witness to the distinctive Reformed world-and-life perspective." He added, "One main reason that Calvinism hasn't taken off and has not fulfilled its purpose is that we have lacked the kind of machinery to implement it."

"We need very badly," continued Rev. Haan, "to set up the machinery that not only does the general work (like a college and the churches); there should be a group of people that have, as their responsibility, the ways and means of promoting and giving direction and leadership, to implementing our Reformed principles in society."

The origins of the concept also believe that the Lectureship institute will bridge the gap between the college-academic community and the general constituency.

Rev. Haan and several faculty members who have worked on the Lectureship Institute with him stress that "although the Lectureship Institute has an identity of its own, in that its primary task is the development of deepened insight, it must at the same time tie in with both the general curriculum and Dordt's program of faculty development." Many faculty members have expressed concerns as to exactly how the Lectureship Institute will relate and fit into "the general scheme of things."

"I'm generally in favor of, and am very excited about the concept," was the response of another. A few faculty members were questioning how the institute would relate to the faculty. One stated, "if we're not qualified to do our own integrating and thinking, then we ought not to be on the faculty here." Some other faculty members were not sure how the students would benefit. "It's good for research, it's good for the college, etc., but it isn't going to enhance the students' education that much," said one faculty member. It appears, then, that the basic concept is there and has the support of many, but as to how exactly everything will work is unclear.

Yes, the basic concept and ideology of the Lectureship Institute is good. The basic purpose of advancing scholarship and advancing the cause of the Kingdom is to be praised. We can add to that the fact that the Lectureship Institute is a potential source of broadening the role of the college and helping the college to more fully realize its statement of purpose.

Yet, some questions can still be raised. How will the Lectureship Institute relate to and be implemented in the college both to students and faculty? How will the Institute relate to the greater Christian community? How closely will the Lectureship Institute operate with and avoid duplication with other research institutes? I.e., the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship at Calvin College and the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. The money better be used somewhere else? By asking these and other questions we can better decide what role this Lectureship institute has in the Dordt College community and the Christian community at large.

Bids for Commons rejected

All bids have been rejected for remodeling the Dordt Commons. The cost of the proposed improvements and new sewage lines exceeded the budget by $100,000 according to Business Manager, Bernie De Wit. Mike Cassidy, Rev. Haan and De Wit have served as a committee to plan the remodeling over the past year. They worked with a kitchen equipment specialist, Pijler and Company. This firm was to have supplied a new dishwasher, but, in lieu of the rejected bids, the plans must be altered.

The original plans included a 25x10 foot addition to the north end of the building for storage, kitchen space and a board conference room. The student dining area would then hold over 100 more students and the remodeling would be unchanged to serve hot food fast.

Current kitchen facilities would be reconceived for greater efficiency in serving students. The plans also included an improved ventilation system. "With each Common addition to balance the increasing enrollment, nothing was done to improve kitchen efficiency or change the sewage system," De Wit said.

"Remodeling is always hard. The sewage lines will be a big problem. They will run North-South through the center of the Commons. Much expensive tile will be torn up," De Wit added that many small changes will be made in the plans to adjust the cost. The major remodeling, the north addition, the new dishwasher, and the new sewage lines will not be forthcoming.

Building should begin this spring, enclosing the north addition and laying sewage lines. Completion is not expected until the fall of 1980.

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