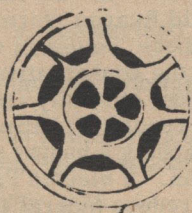


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## Raising student tastes

Hugh Cook, a member of the film committee, thinks that the attendance at the films shown on Dordt campus "is the main thing that shows the students' interest." Part of the appreciation is because C160 is "accessible for those without a car and fifty cents is cheap."

Financially speaking, Cook said, "We lose. Better films are very expensive. On these we lose heavily. "An older film or a unpopular movie may be relatively cheap. "Here we make a little." The film committee is partly subsidized by the college.

Cook said "the taste in films here is very low. This is shown by some immature reactions. Kids don't appreciate foreign films." This makes it hard for the film committee to select films. "We look at Hollywood to hopefully find a good film or one having a good theme." He admits they have had second thoughts about some of the movies they've shown.

Cook sees the film committee as having "the responsibility to educate the students in good films, to raise their tastes," as well as providing some needed entertainment.

Films are selected from previous viewings, public knowledge, reviews or from student suggestions. Those to be shown next semester are, A Separate Peace, Brother Sun, Sister Moon,

Fiddler on the Roof, The Hire Hand, Red Sky at Morning and A Man For all Seasons.

This Saturday night, "The Out-of-Towners" starring Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis will be projected at 6:30 and 9:00. When a middle aged Ohio couple flies to New York for his interview for a new job, a series of incredible mishaps occur...their plane can't land because of fog. They are re-routed to Boston (they catch the last train to the city), their luggage disappears (wrong plane), etc. etc.

The comedy, written by Neil Simon, is considered by many to be "witty and uproarious." It was chosen by the film committee in consideration of the time of the school year.

On January 17, "A Separate Peace" will be shown. Set at the brink of World War II, a fable about flawed nature, which finds in a personal act of betrayal a symbol for the impulse to War. Gene, a sensitive student at a boys' prep school, is jealous of his roommate Finny's popularity and athletic ability and cripples him in a moment of blind treachery. In the tragic aftermath, Gene discovers the relation between what he has discovered inside himself and the violent adult world he is entering.



Somehow there's a little extra energy when an Iowa blizzard hits...some classes are cancelled...and someone needs his wheels.

## Calender

### December

- 11-Christmas dinner (commons), Christmas party at 8:30 in SUB, Women's BB game with Briar Cliff (away).
- 12-Review day, "Out of Towners"-C160 at 6:30 and 9:00.
- 13-17-Testing.
- 13-Men's BB game with Dakota State (home)

### January

- 6-Women's BB game with ISU (away), Men's BB game with Trinity (home),
- 7-Women's BB game with Graceland (away).
- 8-Men's BB game with Bethel (away).
- 10-Women's BB game with Central (away), Men's BB game with Sioux Falls College (away).
- 12-Women's BB game with Drake (away)
- 14-Second Semester begins.
- 15-Jackie Meyer's piano recital in TePaske theater at 8:00.
- 19-25-Pro-Life Week.
- 20-Men's BB game with Northwestern (home).
- 21-Women's BB game with Mount Marty (away).

## Brother's Keepers plan life week

A few weeks ago a new club began on campus entitled "Our Brother's Keepers." Its purpose as stated in the constitution, "shall be to channel student interest, conviction, and potential into active speaking, debating, writing and displaying committees who shall promote the 'right-to-life' conviction to the public. On the basis of Matthew 25:40; "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye

have done it unto me," the believe that the club should be concerned and act in accordance with our Christian convictions to support life in the abortion and euthenasia issues.

This group has formed a specific plan of action commencing with a "Pro-Life Week" January 19-25. This week will concentrate on the topic of life informing the students and suggesting positive action. A special "right-to-life" chapel will be included.

On January 24 and 26, a booth

will be set up where students can buy bracelets inscribed with the life symbol and subscribe to the National Right to Life's magazine. There will also be a visual and bulletin board displays in the library, classroom building and Student Union. To climax the week, Bonnie Vande Brake, president of the Committee for the Protection of Life in Sheldon, will show a slide program Sunday evening at 9:00 in C160.

the entertainment.

And last year "Praise," a 9-member group from Bethel College sang, following a semi-formal dinner in the Commons.

Due to illness, Ken Medema, recording artist and Christian folk singer will not perform this evening as scheduled. A reception in the SUB where cookies and punch will be served begins at 8:30 pm.



The November 19th snowstorm left some beauty for the campus' bare trees.

The Christmas party programs have varied over the years. From the first party until 1971, they were mainly short variety programs interspersed with musical solos, choir presentations, skits and caroling, all performed by Dordt students and faculty.

The 1971 Christmas party broke tradition and included the multi-media production,

"Green on Earth," (written by Shalom) performed by Reader's Theatre. In 1972, the Reader's Theatre again performed, but this party also contained folk games. Students came to the '72 party masqueraded in costumes borrowed from the drama department. A buffet supper began the '73 party; a sight-sound multi-media presentation was again



# OPINION

## Are students public relations?

Popular targets of criticism are Dordt's public relations (alias development) and admissions departments. They aren't condemned chiefly by those apart from the Dordt community (which might be expected since these departments mainly deal with the outsiders) but receive attacks from within--by the students.

Usually these criticisms center on advertisements, news releases and recruiting. Perhaps you saw a Dordt ad in "Insight" or the "Banner" and decided it smelled too rosy. Maybe your mother sent you a clipping from your hometown newspaper proclaiming your prestigious position on the make-up committee. Or you've felt that your freshman year was total shock because you weren't told it would be "this bad."

Some feel that Dordt is misrepresented in the recruiting, news releases and advertisements. At times this is so; no writer can write anything without injecting his judgments and own biases. But if you'd ask either Lyle Gritters (development office) or Howard Hall (admissions department), they would both say, "We're as honest as we can be." And, naturally, both have ideas on what Dordt is--they both describe Dordt as "a tremendous community;" they're "sold" on Dordt and think, for students, it's the best place.

That explains the rosy pictures. If you sell a product, you're likely to bring out its pleasing characteristics. "There's no final answer to 'how do we handle the shortcomings?' I would not make a banner, 'Five Students Kicked Out for Smoking Marijuana'," said Gritters, speaking of a hypothetical situation. Hall added, "But if someone'd ask me, 'were any students kicked out?' I wouldn't deny the truth."

Part of the problem is that the paid recruiters are not now students--students who know what it's like to be a Dordt student. Students can give a realistic account of Dordt--its good and bad points. Here again, you'd get biased accounts, about 1000 differing opinions. On the other hand, both departments need professional writing and layout for their news releases and ads, whether done by students or not.

If you're one who's been offended by any ads, news releases, or unfulfilled promises, it's your responsibility to tell either Gritters or Hall about it. "I have received very few complaints concerning advertisements," Gritters says, but also adds "We know we have faults. . . I appreciate suggestions and comments from others. . . only in a community can we strive for objectivity. . ."

Much of Dordt's public relations is the students' job. When you talk to others during Christmas break, you make a big impression, the same or more than any recruiters or advertisements. Public relations is a lot more than any two departments--it's what the students are and what they present Dordt to be.

--the editors

(photos from TIME magazine)



Gerald Ford... from wooden shoes in East Grand Rapids to chopsticks in China.

## PICKING UP THE PIECES

by Ruth Harthoorn

In 1976, the issues in the Republican Party will focus on inflation, unemployment, detente, and the inability of the government to deliver quality services. Ronald Reagan, former two-term governor of California, gains momentum on these issues in the South and West, tapping the grass roots level, cornering the conservative spirit.

Reagan, who just officially opened his campaign on November 20, prides himself on his record of cutting spending and welfare programs, offering tax cuts, and reaching a budget surplus. For Reagan, a balanced budget is the key to inflation. If elected President, he promises to cut federal spending by \$90 billion, reduce federal taxes by \$25 billion and balance the budget. Some increases in state and local spending would pick up some of the programs and expenditures.

### Reagan: taps, corners the conservative spirit



Ronald Reagan, the former movie star and now a threat to the President.

Of course, Reagan opposes such proposals as detente with Communist countries and arms limitation. Reagan believes that the U.S. would give too much for detente. A position of strength means maintaining a stronger defense, a position somewhat reminiscent of the Cold War era of the '50s.

Pledging not to criticize Ford or divide the Republican Party, Reagan follows the good-natured policy of the "Eleventh Commandment." However, much of his criticism of Washington centers on the Ford Administration. At any rate, Reagan promises to back Ford if defeated, thus holding together the threads of a minority party in the coming election year.

Gerald Ford stands in a unique position. He is the only President who was never elected as either President or Vice President. He also belongs to the party which has never turned down an incumbent President for its nomination.

In his policies and campaign structure, Ford tries to lure conservative support. Ford's new campaign manager, Howard "Bo" Callaway, tries to rally the Southern and Western conservatism which boosted Reagan's effort. Rockefeller's refusal to run as Vice President and the recent cabinet shake-up indicate the new mood.

Ford's attempts at meeting the people ended in two assassination attempts. He may shift his strategy to the appeal of the successful statesman abroad, drawing attention to his recent China trip.

Ford, like Reagan, believes in the retreat of the role of the Federal government. His reluctance to aid New York City is just one example of his approach. Spouting a line of Adam Smith and laissez faire, Ford may be heading back to a pre-New Deal rollback in government programs. Ford's

### Ford: the successful statesman?

philosophy may be courting the conservative line: the federal government's role is primarily in the area of national defense and its parts should be minimized in all others. But why, the liberals ask, does the wasteful defense budget remain untouchable?

If Ford inches over to the conservative wing, he may antagonize old supporters and open the party to new faces. Senator Charles Percy and Senator Charles Mathias are just two names mentioned for such a race.

Among the independent and third party candidates, Eugene McCarthy is probably the most serious contender. He is critical of the power of the presidency and the parties, which he feels have corrupted the presidency. The Constitution, he reminds people, didn't mention political parties, and George Washington even warned against them. His campaign committee proudly bears the title, "The Committee for a Constitutional Presidency."

McCarthy's biggest obstacle and the biggest challenge to all third party candidates (such as the American Independent Party, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Peace and Freedom Party) is getting on the ballot. Many states make it difficult, requiring up to half a million signatures. And the new federal election laws provide matching funds for only the two-party candidates, upholding the sanctity of the two-party system.

Next January 19 the Republican and the Democratic parties will hold their local precinct caucuses across Iowa. Dordt students are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the candidate selection and the construction of a party platform. The National Association for Christian Political Action (NACPA) is leading in the construction of planks in education and life issues. The Dordt library is collecting campaign materials in the vertical file on all the candidates.

Why don't you become informed on the issues and candidates which challenge us in 1976? Then next January, you can rally together with other students to speak for the causes you believe. Election Day next November may be too late to start thinking and acting in politics.

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## Quantity outdid quality

To the editors:

Congratulations to the editors for their attempt at describing the Christian Student's Experiences, Tasks and Struggles in Twenty-five Words or Less. Of course, the editors realized more words were needed to discuss so broad a topic, and perhaps they were also faced with a large amount of space to fill. Nevertheless, they succeeded in touching upon many aspects of a very broad topic:

- a) Time is limited--that can be discouraging.
  - b) Using time efficiently can be a challenge.
  - c) Fooling around is a temptation and a no-no.
  - d) Student office means academic discipline, responsibility, maturity.
  - e) Dordt is an academic institution.
  - f) Question: Why are you here?
  - g) Dordt is an academic community.
  - h) Students should begin to study within and between departments.
  - i) Dordt should provide academic basis for Christian organizations such as C JL and CLAC.
  - j) A "'healing expression of stewardship in a secularized society"' is needed (a la Vandezande).
  - k) Justice, life, death, and the role of government need definition.
  - l) Abortion and euthanasia need study.
  - m) Recreation and rest are necessary but not the primary focus, "just as a car can't stay at the gas pump after refueling" (a la Vander Stelt?).
- What was lost in quality was outdone in quantity.

Diane Heeringa

## Who's wasting whose time?

To the editors:

I have just returned from a cancelled biology lecture. The professor didn't show up. To date, thirteen of my classes have been cancelled this semester, not including those cancelled because of the blizzard. I think these cancellations are wasting an unreasonable chunk of my credit hours.

I believe that the class lectures are the most essential part of my college education. With help from my parents and my home church, I have invested all of my work and savings in Dordt. If the three lectures per week promised by the catalogue don't materialize, I feel I have been unjustly cheated of both my money and an opportunity for learning. Insult is added to injury when I find that my classes are being cancelled for the sake of such frills as public relations tours, field trips, and academic conferences.

The prevalent attitude seems to be that students love to be relieved of their classes. Perhaps this is because those who yell "Yippeel" at the end of a cancellation are the only ones heard. But let's never forget that there are conscientious students who appreciate the value of a Christian college education.

The administration must remember that they are selling a service to the students. Therefore the administrators and professors must fulfill their obligations as in any business relationship. We should not have to put up with this academic rip-off.

Daniel van Heyst

Reply:

Both students and professors should remember that the cost of each class hour comes close to four dollars. The faculty can be expected not to cancel classes for "unnecessary" reasons, but especially when students no longer skip classes or come to them unprepared. And of course that would rule out unprepared professors too.

## Juke box occupies SUB

The color television set in the coffee shop has disappeared to the SUB basement. In its place a juke box now blares "it's different behind those closed doors."

The substitution occurred during Thanksgiving break and was made because "a number of students requested a juke box in the SUB...we'll try it and see what the students' reactions are to having it here..." said Len Van Noord, assistant to the dean of students. So far in this "trial basis" (until Christmas vacation) the TV was removed from its new location (and subsequently "fixed" to prevent further removal). And some faculty members, upon hearing juke music, walked in and immediately out of the snack bar.

In its short visit to the snack bar, some students feel the juke box has overstayed its

welcome. Bill Huisken commented, "It plays the 'top 40' --pop, country western and secular music--all of a very low quality." He questions its legitimacy on a Christian campus and said, "The coffee shop should be a place where people get together for fellowship, studying, conversations --and is not to be bombarded with electronics."

Other criticisms range from "the college shouldn't make a profit from it" and "the volume should be permanently fixed" to "the juke box lets students listen to music of the times--no one objects to music in a place like the Pizza Hut...but it's better off in the game room."

Sheri Cleves, "Diamond" reporter, took a straw poll, asking students their opinion of the juke box. 56 percent came out against having it in the SUB;

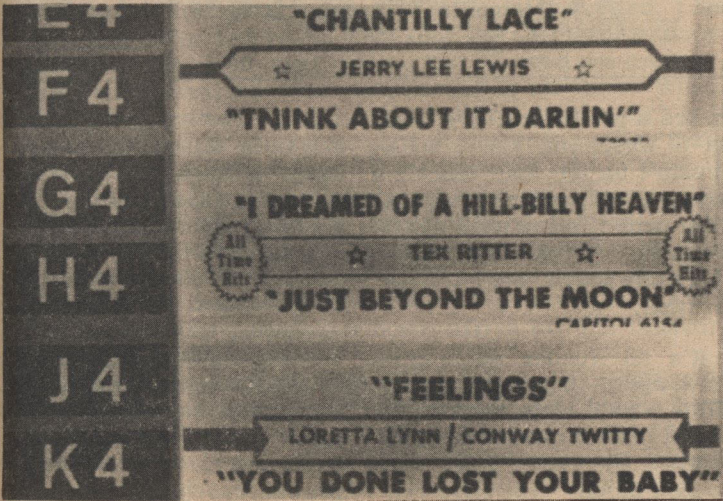
36 percent felt it should stay; and 12 percent supposedly had no opinion.

There are some who believe the box adds character to the snack bar and some who like the music, but would rather hear softer music and even some Christian rock.

"It's such a circus in the library that if they put the juke box in the SUB, where am I going to study?" asked Eugene Vanden Bosch.

What is the purpose of the SUB? Van Noord said that the college is trying to make the SUB more informal "which will be more satisfying toward extracurricular needs."

If you'd like to suggest changes for the SUB, bring your ideas to the switchboard, beginning December 12. You might help decide if it's one box for the other.



Adding character to the snack bar...

## A sad state of affairs

To the editors:

A while back when browsing through a volume of the Christian Scholar's Review I was suddenly inclined to have a peek at the list of sponsoring institutions placed at the front of the journal. My expectations were fulfilled. Dordt College was not listed.

Perhaps some members of the student body could search out the reasons for this sad state of affairs. Perhaps they could even go so far as to change the situation. I don't think that would be asking the wrong thing or asking too much when every other college of Reformed persuasion (as well as others) in the U.S. has sponsored this journal.

Some may argue that this matter is too small for any great concern. But small mistakes may lead to larger ones. Worse yet, they may be symptoms of a disease that has already struck.

Mark Okkema

## Broaden extracurricular activities

To the editors:

In this day when Christians must be professional and competent -- in their areas of specialization, but also broadly, in liberal arts -- we should not have as limited a spectrum of extracurricular activities as we have at Dordt.

Speeches, workshops, concerts, dramatic production and films all educate us extensively. Speakers like Vandezande, McCarthy and Botha educate us to a re-examination of our principles and to action, yet how often do we hear such people? Once or twice a month if we are lucky.

Plays like "The School for Wives" broaden us culturally -- as well as entertain us wholesomely -- and educate the actors at Dordt, but such professionals come only once a year, usually.

Experts in the fine arts, like dancer Valerie Hammer, are exciting to work with, but they don't appear on campus very often.

The 50¢ Saturday night films are economical alternatives to traveling to Sioux City, but usually only six or seven are shown each semester.

I realize that a lot does happen at Dordt, but not all of the events interest everybody. Certain people not as much inclined to thinking about politics or economics are fascinated by a dancer like Miss Hammer. Others would benefit from talking with the musical group Petra. Dordt should provide a broad spectrum of activities that will interest, stimulate and educate its students.

A greatly expanded calendar of events won't cost as much as you might expect. Five dollars per student-per semester--the cost of gas to go to Sioux City for one movie--will provide \$10,000 each year for activities and speakers. That money could go for a lot of other things at Dordt, but I don't know what else would benefit as many people as a calendar filled with interesting and educating happenings.

Ten dollars probably will not break a student; Dordt has the lowest combined tuition of any private four-year liberal arts college in Iowa.

When I compare Dordt to other schools, I personally think Dordt excels or is as good in almost every aspect but its calendar of events. Why not be best in all areas?

Randy Palmer

## Piano recital planned

The Dordt College Music Department will present Jackie Meyers in a senior recital, January 15, 8 pm in TePaske Theater.

Selections played will be two sonatas in C Major by Scarlatti, "Rage over the Lost Penny" by Beethoven, "Intermezzo in C# Minor" and "Rhapsody in G Minor" by Brahms. "Alberdo del Gracioso" by Raval, and "Sonatina in E Minor" by Prokofieff.

Meyers, a music and English major from Ridott, Illinois, has studied piano under Noel Magee and Garrett Allman, and organ under Rudolf Zuiderveld.

### Classified ads

Attention:

Seniors, have your photograph made into a sketch. Makes an excellent gift. Moneyback guarantee. Contact Eugene Vanden Bosch.

## Amos studies cancelled

The Sunday afternoon Bible studies on the book of Amos have been cancelled due to lack of interest. "There has never been more than 12, and as few as six people attending them," said Hulst, head of the Spiritual Activities Committee.

Extensive Sunday afternoon discussions originated about ten years ago. They were well attended, but had to be cancelled due to conflicts with the

Sioux Center worship services. Two years ago the churches decided to have only morning and evening services, and the Spiritual Activities Committee planned for Bible discussions again.

Hulst doesn't "like to think the students are less spiritually minded...but that kids are having spontaneous discussions." He feels that "other things have taken the

place of the formal Bible studies." He stated involvement in church activities as an example. "Kids are saying 'no' to the formalized discussions, not to the Bible."

If, in the future, the needs and interests of the students change to include formal Bible studies, they will be organized. Right now Hulst feels the students' reaction "isn't worth the effort put into them."



# Carol Veldman: struggling with communications

by Evelyn Luymes

"There is a real necessity for people who are mature in looking for a perspective in their academic work to give leadership," said Carol Veldman, a former Dordt English professor working on her doctorate at the University of Minnesota. She talked about the ministry she presently works with at the university.

"I think we're right on the edge of something that could be really important at the university...if we had enough people with some insight and foresight into these things, we could really develop a major witness on that campus."

Besides working with a small nucleus of people associated with the Christian Reformed home mission on campus, Veldman also deals with an active Intervarsity group. "They are thoroughly steeped in Schaeffer and in T.S. Elliot. They have a bookstore which is now located right in the heart of a cluster of shops in a corner where all the students go. They stock good quality books like those from Wedge Publishing, but they also have the stuff that the average pupil reads.

"Schaeffer stresses the necessity of interrelationship of one's Christianity with the world at large so you have a very definite starting point when you talk with someone who's been reading Schaeffer. They know what you are talk-

ing about when you say Christ is relevant."

Communication with others isn't always as easy. "Even the name 'Jesus' can mean a hundred different things, depending on who you are talking to."

Veldman sees a great future in setting up seminars concerning topics like politics, economics, literature, and communication. She also hopes they will get into "what Hal Lindsey is doing so that we will know how to deal with that." Lindsey is one of the most-read authors among the various Christian houses and groups on campus. "They'll say, 'I believe in the coming of the Kingdom of God' and nine times out of ten, they will have read Hal Lindsey."

The communication problem is also found in the classes. "I used the word 'perspective' once. I, of course, have it loaded with meaning in the context that I use it. The professor circled it and said, 'I don't know what you mean when you use it.' You have to be very careful."

In the English department, "Freudianism is the biggest literary theory current that has real adherence in the terms of 'I believe in this theory.' I can identify best with people who know where they are coming from...who say it's a belief."

"The majority of profs do not admit where they come from and do not even think that they come from anywhere. When someone tries to be neutral (like the grand eclectic, accepting tidbits from everywhere), you have to convince him first that he is not neutral and that there is really something there that he is missing."

The university student has changed much during the last ten years. When Veldman studied for her master's degree in 1968, "they were questioning the basis of society, ready to rip down every possible given that you could possibly give them," Veldman said. The seventies are very conservative, she believes; sororities, fraternities, and beer busts are now the big thing.

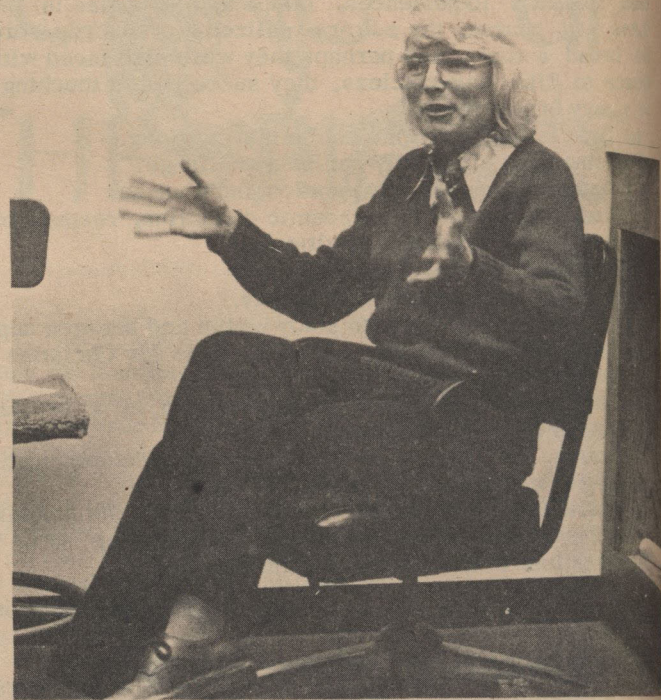
"After sitting a week under the university professors, it's no wonder that students ask 'how could you possibly imagine that life is worth anything with such an introspective way of looking at things?'" she said.

"You really see what a materialistic society we are because people are so concerned with jobs, employment and money. They do stuff like making their resume look good by taking extra jobs or getting involved in various committees...all for the sake of a good job. It's a commuter campus so the kids are pretty well caught up in the national

kind of tension which there is now about the economy."

"Most evangelistic groups on campus work on the one-to-one 'are you saved' type of work, but there is no one who is really leading these people to a church or a group where that whole commitment can be explained. We've sort of carved out as our special niche, something that we think is peculiarly our heritage: that is Christ in society and Christ in academics."

She said that "the most discouraging thing we encounter is Christians who come with the attitude that graduate school is something you go through and then you can go back into Christian service. It's too much like the way the world looks at things...just getting an education and after that doing something useful in society."



Veldman: carving out her special niche at University of Minnesota.

## Dreaming about the kingdom

by Jack Mow

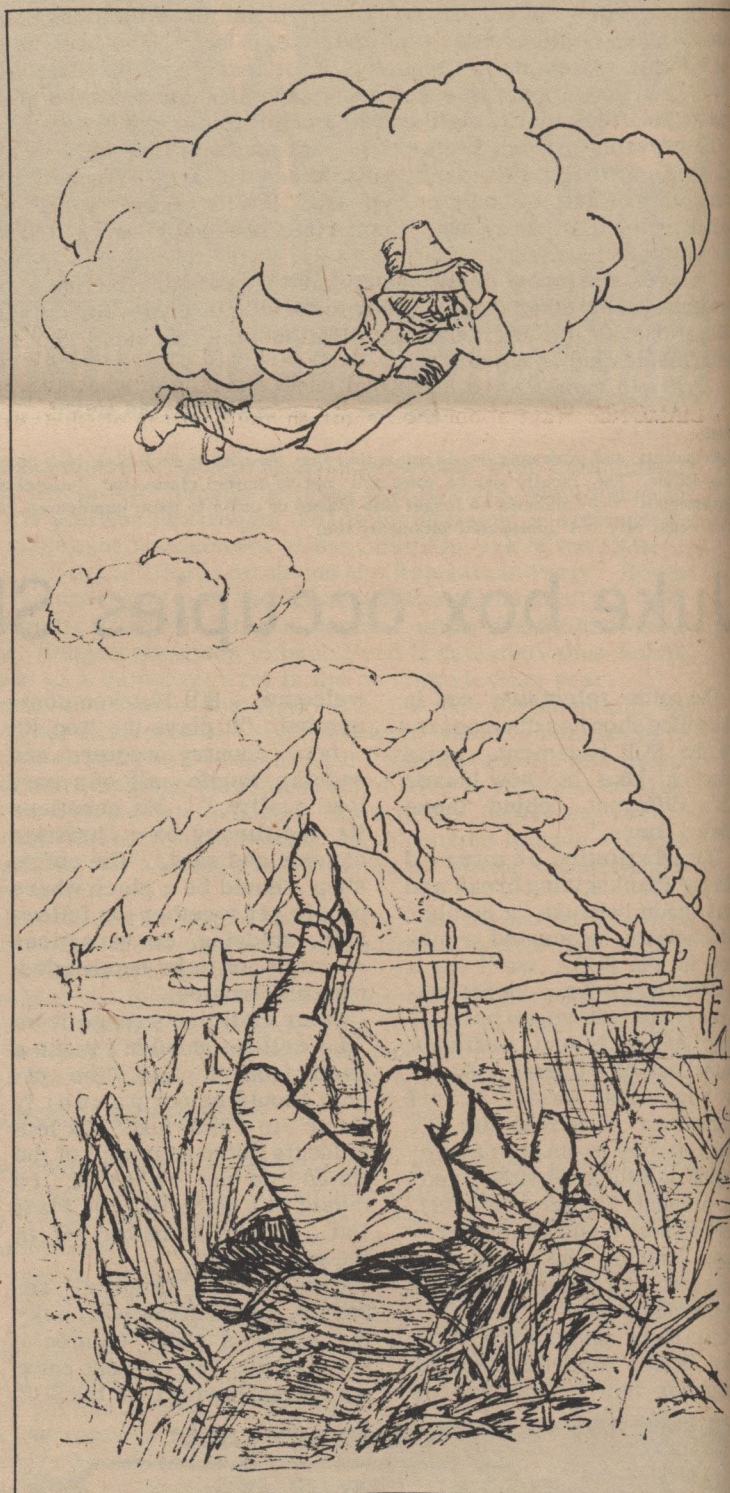
In bygone years Dordt students used to talk about having a "Kingdom vision." I haven't heard it now for a long time, and that's probably just as good since the phrase was probably used in a sort of smug, elitist frame of mind. Those who didn't have it were somewhat less reformed than those few who did. Having Kingdom vision was something like being able to speak in tongues--it put you on a higher level.

The phrase used to be a cliché, but the concept behind it never achieved that much recognition. I like to think we're getting more visionary every year. We should have a Kingdom vision. In this sense a vision is not like an hallucination. If we are biblically based we should have positive goals before our eyes. These goals must be as high as we can make them. Is God's Kingdom worthy of anything less?

Sometimes I think we have become too experienced. We have set lots of goals for ourselves, and too many times they proved impossible to reach, or else when we did reach them we found them pretty hollow. So naturally we start to shy away from higher goals, preferring to maintain homeostasis at our present mediocre levels. We see all the sin and corruption around us and despair of ever making a dent in it.

When we do that we are underestimating God. On our own we are no match for the Prince of Darkness; but we are not on our own. We have no right to make concessions to the enemy. If Marx and Lenin could pervert God's laws for economics and still take the world by storm, think what a biblically based economics could do. People can see the flaws in Marxism, but it still seems the lesser of two evils, and they raise its banner. If they had an option that was coherent with reality they would jump at it. A Christian economic system, being consistent with God's laws, would work better than any other system. The pragmatists would see that and rejoice. We are wasting our opportunities.

At this point all the old hands in the Pre-Sem club are saying to themselves, "Ah yes, I've



heard it all before. It's true, in a way, you know, but we mustn't forget that this is a sinful world, and the true kingdom won't come until Christ returns." Then they smile. Aristotle would love our moderation.

It's no wonder some of us have world-flight mentalities. Who wants to be a part of a timid little minority that gets bashed by every bully that comes along? The first century Christians had a vision, and their vision came true.

Surely God will help us to do the same thing. We have become so caught up in trying to be sophisticated that we have lost that childlike and almost naive determination the Christian soldier should have. Nobody wants to be preached at anymore; we're proud of our urbanity. We don't like fanatics; we're supposed to be cool. Don't step on anyone's toes we're living in an enlightened democracy. And as we congratulate each other on our refinement, mankind drowns in its own excrement.



Carol Veldman, former Dordt prof.

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Veldman sees a great future

## Information Forum

Most of the Student Forum's time in its final meeting of the semester held Dec. 3, 1975 was taken up with a discussion of a letter, which expressed concern about teachers cancelling classes. The letter claimed that, while some students might be happy over the cancellation of class, other students were concerned about the quality of their education suffering from too many cancelled classes.

While the Forum agreed that in some cases this is a problem and that concerned students should express their opinion, there was a lack of agreement on how to implement a solution to such a problem. Furthermore, many classes

are cancelled for legitimate reasons and several professors try to make up missed time. Students are encouraged to talk to their representatives and share their ideas on this matter.

Through committee reports Forum learned that the Spiritual Activities Committee is thinking of trying to implement "academic evangelism (mission)" by closer contact with the campus ministries at the University of South Dakota (Vermillion) and possibly with the University of Minnesota.

Also, Dan Dykstra reported from the Curriculum Committee that a course in Life Insurance is to be offered next semester.



# Botha builds philosophical bridges

by Adri Verhoef

Dr. M. Elaine Botha, professor of inter-faculty philosophy at the University of Potchefstroom in South Africa, recently gave several lectures at Dordt. She is presently on leave of absence from the university to study the relationship of philosophy to the special sciences. The following is a part of the interview with Dr. Botha.

DIAMOND: What is the role and place of philosophy in the university curriculum?

BOTHA: In South Africa, philosophy has always been seen as one extra department in the university. The problem is that you usually have only a few students who are really interested in philosophy and it doesn't function as it should because I think philosophy is basically an integral discipline (since it integrates knowledge and explicates knowledge). It lies at the foundation of all of our special sciences. So we are talking about building more of these bridges to find ways and means for philosophy to be connected with the special sciences. We have the hope that if we branch out from philosophy and inter-faculty philosophy to the special sciences, we will eventually develop departments for the philosophy of science.

DIAMOND: Could you compare the role and place of the student in relation to faculty and administration in the United States to that in South Africa and Europe?

BOTHA: In the American university, there is a far more informal relationship between faculty and students. Here they call the professor by his first name which you would certainly never do in South Africa. At the University of Toronto, students are integrated in all kinds of committees and so, but when

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it was election day for student representation, the students didn't even know who they were going to vote for. Now, why on earth did they have all those riots and all the shooting on campuses if this is what it has amounted to? After ten years, it seems as if they are uninterested, they are not involved. South Africa is very different on this score. Students there on the whole have no position in any of the decision making bodies at the university. We are beginning to hear the rumblings of discontent among students. I think the authoritarian structure of both the university and society in general is so strong that it will take a lot of courage for the students to come to a definite protest against this. They have been claiming more and more that they would like to have a part in deciding what they should study and how they should study it. I personally would welcome a qualified form of advice from the students about the matters which really concern them because I think a university is an academic community with fellows, and we should have something like academic fellowship of scholarship in which a student has these responsibilities. One of the negative products of this situation is that in South Africa, students, because they have this reverence for authority, don't learn to handle responsibility early enough. This makes them impatient because there are always other people in the structure in which they are working who have all the responsibility. Yet the students do still know what authority is all about. That is an important trait... that we should try to cultivate at all costs... not authoritarianism, but a biblical understanding of what authority is.

DIAMOND: What about the condition and position of Christian scholarship in South Africa as it relates to the Christian community?

BOTHA: We have one explicit outspoken Christian university which is Potchefstroom. We have six or seven other universities in the country where Christians are working: many Christian scholars who believe that scholarship has everything to do with God's Kingdom. These people, in their very unsatisfac-

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tory surroundings, try to do something for this ideal. At the university we have over 6,000 students and between four and five hundred faculty members. All the faculty members are committed to the ideal of Christian scholarship. There is a variety of views about Christian scholarship and I have found that to be a healthy thing. If you would proclaim only one academic gospel, it would be a very dangerous thing. Our university gives a sort of cozy, comfortable feeling to know that I am surrounded by people who think the same as I do. I think that people who are working in other universities understand far more what it means to witness. They have a far more uncomfortable setting than we have.

DIAMOND: How does this relate to the rest of the world—are there any possibilities for future interchange of faculty and students, for instance?

BOTHA: We have reached a phase in both the development of the country and the university in which we are very aware and conscious of the fact that we must break our isolation and establish communication. I feel that the conference held in Potchefstroom was a good start in this direction. We as Christians all over the world must realize that we need one another... in order to be able to understand what scholarship is all about. When you talk to people from other countries, it causes a cultural shock which is healthy. You start to relativize your own culture and you start to realize that you have a unique task in any one's culture. Sometimes we tend to think that the Kingdom of God exists only in the boundaries of your own country. I hope there will come more possibilities for the interchange of students... an American student came a while back and that has just caused a stir on campus. Just the presence of a fellow who has a different hair style, a different view of dating—but that is very healthy. Everyone talks about him and talks with him. Very few people think of coming to South Africa for this reason. They come to see lions and apes and so.

DIAMOND: Do you think South Africa will play a crucial role in world politics? Especially in connection with the Russian and Chinese communistic influence in that area?

BOTHA: It could become an area of conflict in the future. Russia is interested in many areas in Africa, for different reasons. Russia needs room to expand, especially room in warm climates and in a country that has great mineral and physical possibilities. There are of course all kinds of influences



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active within South Africa. At the moment we have enough calm and enough contentment to work out the problems in a good way. I sincerely hope that God gives us enough time to do this, because if we don't have the time then it can become a very bad situation for everyone involved. I sincerely believe that the policy, if it is implemented with fairness, with justice, and with Christian love, can solve the problems of the country. That remains to be seen, because the world is really determined, by the foreign and internal policies of America. So, it's not that South Africa will play a crucial role, but what America does will affect the relationship within South Africa and foreign relationships, too.

DIAMOND: You teach philosophy. Can you indicate how this is relevant for the pressing questions which today face the Christian community and the rest of the world?

BOTHA: In the instituted church, we need a healthy, biblically conditioned social theory. The reason people are leaving the church today and finding spir-

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itual comfort in all kinds of strange group settings is because we as Christians, in our development as a church, seem to have had the idea that going to a building with four walls and a steeple is the church. There is a very fundamental philosophical notion which is built into that idea. When you realize that the church is the body of Christ, and is all over, then you realize too that you must have a different conception of the function of the church in society. Christian philosophy, which is obedient to both the Word of God in the Scripture, and the Word of God as we find it in the structures of creation will help us analyze these concepts in order to understand our task within the church. Philosophy is a science and the responsibility of a science is to do theoretical, analytic work and to do it is a very obedient manner. That might seem like an ivory tower type of attitude when you're busy with these theories for years and years on end thinking that they are only theoretical, abstract notions and then just realizing one day when you come to a practical situation that you meet all these theoretical notions within practical problems. Philosophy, therefore, is not an ivory tower business. Philosophy is one of the most crucial disciplines that one can study.

DIAMOND: How can we best communicate these theoretic issues to the man on the street, so that they don't have this ivory tower idea?

BOTHA: What we should do is... and that is what the ICS, and Potchefstroom with the Institute for the Advancement of Calvinism is doing, is to have a very thorough, disciplined research group which then is published in the form of books or articles which have a good standard of theoretical work. Then you should find other ways and means, by which you should popularize these notions. Sometimes academicians are good people to do this. And sometimes they are the worst people out. So sometimes it's necessary for you to have a good person who can sit in his study and do the thorough research work, write the good articles, and have someone else take the same notions and try to explain them to the public. So if you take that same person and send him out into public and you want him to explain these very highly theoretical notions, he might just estrange the man on the street from the whole notion of Christian scholarship. A college or university should have a good public relations section, which might even include a hybrid academic, a person who knows how to relate these highly theoretical notions to people who can't understand them. And there are people with these gifts in God's Kingdom, in the body of Christ and we should look for them. But we mustn't denature, or devalue, academic work on the one hand just in order to try to explain to other people what happens in the world of the university.



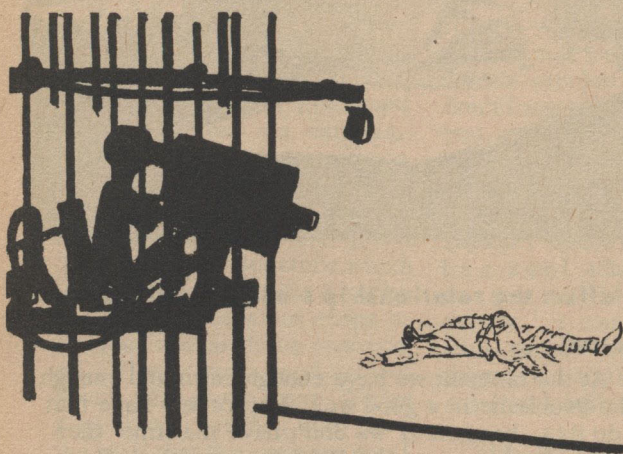
**Philosophy is not an ivory tower business**



# Education, TV, Indians, and the Dutch

As an alumnus of KWCC (Kingdom Workers Community College) I was quite eager, last weekend to visit the old campus at Wounded, Down on our Knees, Iowa for homecoming. This year the college is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary--so former students from all over the North American continent meandered in by bus, plane, car and train to join in the festivities.

I arrived by bus at precisely 6:00 pm and promptly made my way to the students' cafeteria-coffee lounge, on campus, only six blocks from the bus depot. Not more than ten feet inside the campus gates, however, a young man, about twenty years old, approached me from behind, poked me in the side and said between his teeth, "Hey man, you look hip, would you care to cop a little electronic dope?"



"Electronic dope?" I asked, turning around in my tracks, more curious than I was shocked, "Things have changed after all. Tell me, what's electronic dope?"

The young man didn't stick around to answer my question, however; looking at me nonchalantly, he backed off, turned, and walked away, as quickly as he came.

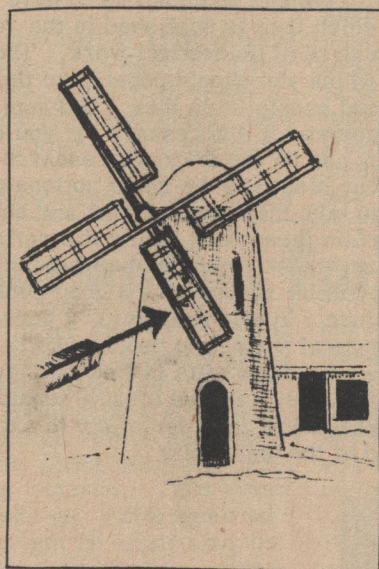
I didn't ponder over this episode too long since I was immediately confronted by another young man, this time in a black and white uniform with a tag on his hat reading, "Defender and Recruiter." He requested my name in a friendly way, upon which I gave answer in an equally friendly way, tagging on a question of my own: "Tell me, Mr...er...Defender-Recruiter, what is your function at Kingdom Workers?"

"My function? Well you see sir, there are several of us, whom you might call commissioned covenant children, assigned to defend the reputation of Kingdom Workers Community College as well as the conservative arts, the conservative arts commission, and the conservative arts commissioner. Our second duty is to recruit new members for the conservative arts college constituency from the local red-skins..."

"Red skins?" I interrupted, "Who are the..."

"Red skins?" he said, finishing my sentence. "The Red-skins are the residents of Wounded Knee; they've been slowly moving in from the West looking for food."

"But the Dutch--what happened to the Dutch?" I asked.



The Defender-Recruiter didn't seem to hear my question as we began to walk toward the Student Union Building--the building holding the cafeteria-coffee lounge.

"You see, things have changed a little since you've been here," he went on as we walked past young people, who I presumed to be new students.

"Wait a minute," I interrupted, "Why are all these students wearing ear phones in their ears?"

Oblivious to a question of mine for the second time the Defender-Recruiter went on with his message.

"For one thing the young people aren't required to be students any more."

"What do you mean? This is a college, isn't it?" I asked, a little bewildered.

"We prefer the title 'a young people's home' ourselves," he replied with a straight face, "but our constituency--those pesky little red-skins out there--want to think that they're contributing their energy for 'students' education which will help them in the end, particularly regarding the food situation."

"But I don't understand. You mean the Dutch don't support this 'institution' anymore?"

"No, not really. For one thing, most of the Dutch young people live here since there's really no place for them in this new heathen red-skin society anyway; their parents used most of their money and resources to relocate after the great red-skin migration back in '76, when they blew the candles out country's birthday celebration...you remember."

"Yes, of course, I was in Florida at the time."

"So you didn't experience it first hand?"

"No."

"You're lucky...well anyway, here we are trying to give ourselves a God-centered education and all those little red skin whoops can think about is food. I mean the young people here have got grades to earn, dates to get, dorm rooms to fix up, cars to wax and buff. Let's face it, food is limited and that can be a pest--especially when every stinken little whooper within thirty miles can be heard weepin' and wailin' at night just because they're a little hungry. It's discouraging. Well, we can't stretch food, but we can use each morsel in a God-glorifying way--in a creative way, if you will. God meant food for us to eat and we're gonna eat. Isn't it good to spend every day enjoying God's good creation, including that which he has so richly blessed us with. How many more nights do we have to listen to that "woop woop woop" from out there. I'm tempted at times to quit listening all together and instead..."

By this time we were passing through the doors of the Student Union Building. The first thing I noticed in the corner of the coffee shop ahead of us was a large group of young people crowded in a corner around a large television blaring out what



It's the real thing?

in my college days had been known as a "game show." The announcer's resonant voice, heard throughout the Student Union, since it was piped over the ceiling speakers, seemed to serve in the same function muzak did while I was in college.

"Come on down!" The announcer's voice boomed, Jerry Crowdog!...Come on Down!"

We stood near the crowd of youngsters congregated around the television set, looking on as a young Indian boy ran, down the center aisle if a studio audience, to the front of the stage where the cameras and lights pointed waiting for him.

"This is our newest 'holy huddle' on campus," said my "guide" referring to the group gathered around the television set, "they seek the massage of the media, maintaining the message doesn't matter--it's the massage they're after."

"Look at that crazy whooper shake," said one of the holy huddlers. "You'd think he'd never seen food before."

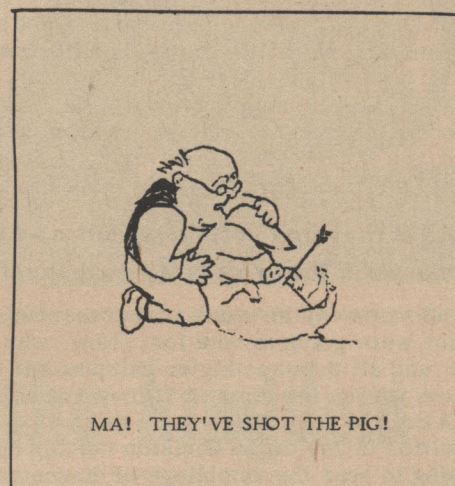
The Indian boy was being led around a table with an assortment of food set out on the table. The studio audience was in a frenzy, screaming and chanting "Pick the corn... Pick the corn." Evidently the young boy had a choice between several foods, if he picked the right one he's win whatever was behind the studio curtain.

"And now Jerry, before you choose which food has the least nutritional value, let's take a look to see what's behind the curtain."

By Lugene Vanden Bosch

"I'll bet he'll blow the whole thing and just start feeding his face" one of the huddlers nearest me said to the young lady on his lap.

"Yes, Jerry...a brand new Snowmobile!...and that's not all!...to go along with this Mark-18X snowmobile is this Color Television Set...and a brand new shiny car!" The Announcer was drowned out by the studio audience, screaming and shouting their approval while around the television set the holy huddlers sat quietly, passively, supinely waiting, without an expression on their faces.



MA! THEY'VE SHOT THE PIG!

"But you said I'd be given Peace of mind and a brand new life," the Indian boy blurted out, apparently unaware of the image the sponsors of the program wanted to see come across.

"Stupid whoop. Eat the food and get off the stage" my Defender-guide said to the television set. The television's only response was a CARE commercial followed by an Alpo all-beef dog food commercial.

By this time some of the huddlers were starting to disperse.

"Going to the library to study?" I asked a huddler with a cigar in his mouth, an ear plug in his ear, apparently on his way out of the building.

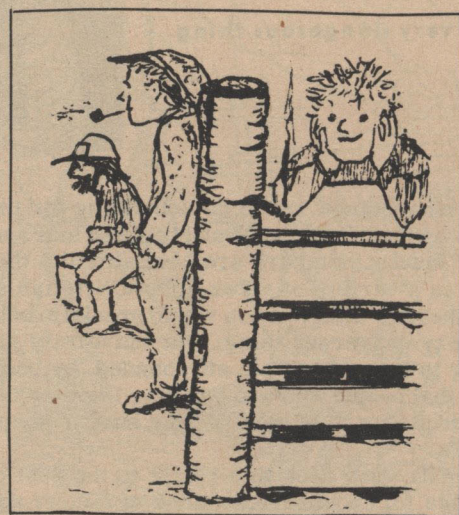
"Study what?" he asked me.

With leaving my Defender-Recruiter guide behind in mind, I followed the young man out of the Student Union Building. Looking slightly to my left I saw the still lit cigar that had been in the young huddler's mouth stuck in the crack of a fence pole, reminding me of Clint Eastwood.

"Nothing seems to haunt us" I said to the fence-post, the cigar stuck in its crack.

"That's the way it is," the fence-post said, the impregnated cigar wagging up and down in its crack.

"But to me it seems like an overdose of an addic-



tive medium." I replied to the fence pole, not surprised in the least at its audibility.

"Overdose?! What so ever things are prime time think on these things..."

"Hold it!" I shouted, interrupting the fence post.

"These kids are watching foolishness while other people are straving; they should turn off that boob-tube and get to work; there's work to be done."

"Work to be done?" the fence-post muttered, "What good does it do...those lazy whoops have a TV antenna on top of everyone of their Cadillacs. They won't even eat their own cattle; why should we feed them?"

Some of the massaged young people were starting to filter out of the Student Union building. As the doors opened and closed for them the television's message could be heard booming over the ceiling loud speakers. "Go to sleep" sang the breathy young female in some New York City TV Studio, "Go to sleep. You're in the silent generation."



# Vacation: back to the real world

by Wayne Brouwer

The semester is nearly over, a month's vacation is just a few days away. As we leave Dordt and get back into home life, two types of problems seem to develop rather often in our attempts to correlate our education and academic experiences with life as we find it "out there."

The two problems are these: on the one hand we may find it hard to understand how our families and friends can be so narrow-minded and so limited in their views. We may question their lack of knowledge about the "real" issues in life as we have come to see them, while they seem to be bound up in petty situations.

On the other hand, we may find ourselves questioning our own trials at Dordt, seeing that things like the geography of Mongolia, pre-Revolutionary War education, theater, the precise meaning of Kuyper's "logos," insolvable calculus problems, and the exact usage of each form of the Spanish verb "estar" have no relevancy in life outside Dordt's confines. Surely college does not enable one to live as the folks back home do. Life is so much simpler than we make it here and college definitely is not worth all that time and effort, let alone money.

Both these problems stem from a wrong view of academics, though they originate at opposite ends of educational valuation: the first view placing too high a value on education, and the second, too low and pragmatic an evaluation on academic work. In the first view we tend to think that without education, there is no meaning to life. Hence our education makes us superior

## An ivory tower clique

to those not having learned as much as we, and we alienate ourselves from family and friends into an "ivory tower" clique. But we forget that the theory and analogy we study in our liberal arts higher education stems from practical life situations coupled with a proper view of the God/creation relationship as He has revealed it to us in His Word. The prescientific experience of life gives rise to the scientific study of it, and is thus most basic. If we consider our families and friends not to be really living because of their lack of education, we deceive ourselves, rate the value of education too high, and become unfaithful stewards of the blessings and talents God gives us as we compare them to those of other men (cf. Romans 12).

In the second view, the pragmatism of our American culture weighs us down by telling us that for successful living, education is not actually necessary (unless, of course, you aim for the really big things like doctors and lawyers, etc.). We become conditioned to the idea that a secularized work ethic in day to day occupations fulfills our obligation to ourselves and to God, and that the institution of higher learning has its valid existence only in a vocational programming role. It does not exist as a research and theorizing entity of itself, for that cannot be easily translated into dollars and cents, nor can it relate cogently to the practicalness of life-- it is removed from life situations.

But this is an over-reaction to the above view, and denies our abilities and God's call for us to scientifically search out and define the structures of pre-scientific life and develop theoretic goals for further research. It denies the corporal unity of the body of Christ, lending an individual emphasis on personal achievement instead of seeing the interrelatedness of life

## Conference affirms Reformed faith

The name Potchefstroom University isn't the most common word in this part of the country, but John Vander Stelt, philosophy and theology professor, will most likely never forget a conference which he attended there this past September.

It was an international conference comprised of reformed institutions for higher learning. 123 scholars from countries like Australia, Canada, England, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, South Africa and several others came together at the South African university to "meet one another, to share problems they've had, to discover new ways of implementing ideas in scholarship, to solidify the Christian commitment internationally, and to learn from each other in the face of the onslaught of of secularism," Vander Stelt said.

All the scholars "focused on the problems around them in the light of Scripture without questioning its authority," according to Vander Stelt, and "the tense relationship in the awareness that we have the Kingdom at present and the Kingdom in the future and that we are reaching for the future colored the whole conference."

He felt that the "very structure of the conference would implement the goal of the conference." The main questions were, "What is a Christian in-

stitution, Christian scholarship, a Christian scholar?" and how can we communicate among each other as Christian scholars?"

Affirmations like the use of Christian institutions and associations for higher education as "instruments for the acknowledgement and extension of the Kingdom of God on earth," the fact of these institutions being "under the authority of the Word of God according to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and as summarized in the commandment to love God and to love one's neighbor as oneself" were discussed as the beginnings of a possible educational creed.

"...since the middle of our century, educational institutions are culturally speaking the center of activity in society. The church ought to capitalize on that and be busy with questioning what Christian living is and what a Christian culture is."

"I can see more and more when people are going to knock on the door of the instituted church and say, 'you must keep opening up the Word of God and be more relevant in your proclamation.'"

The second conference planned for 1978 will be held at Calvin College. "The Responsibility of Christian Higher Education in Relation to the Problems of Modern Society"



as God has created it and theoretically developing better insights into that life, and means for fulfilling particular aspects of that life. This requires theoretic thought. And theoretic thought requires an academic institution such as Dordt.

## Perhaps we should not be at Dordt

Is there then no disparity between our lives at Dordt and our and others' lives "out there"? Do we just ignore what we see and experience as we go home for vacation and make no correlation of education and "life"? No, rather what we've said above must make us more critical of three things so that we can better correlate what we learn with what we and others "live". These three: ourselves as we are called by God; the instruction we receive; and the life situations we encounter. We must examine ourselves first of all to find our calling in life. If we find college not worth the time, effort, or money, perhaps we should not be at Dordt.

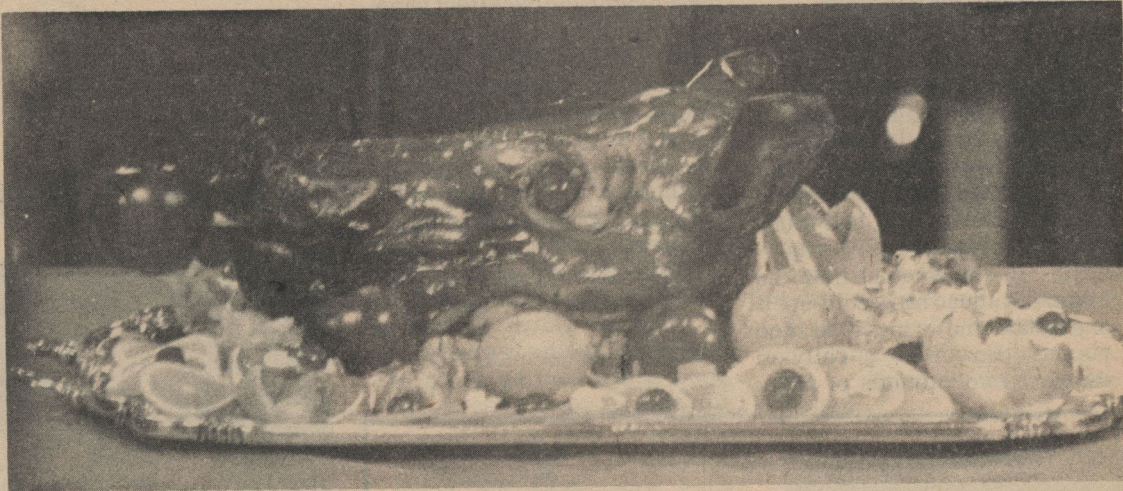
On the other hand, as we examine the life situations encountered during vacation and find no correlation with our studies, we have a more complex problem to consider. We cannot write off "the world out there" and reclude in our theory-padded cells, for, as we saw above, theory arises from practice, the scientific from the pre-scientific. One possible cause of the disparity then is our education. It may be all washed up. We may have to start all over and re-formulate our thinking and analogizing here at college.

But again, knowing that theory develops from practice, we also know that sin has permeated all man does, and the theory that we develop may be right, that is, based on practice as it was for man before sin or for man as recreated in Christ. So it may not necessarily be our education that has failed, but the problems may find their root in our families and friends not living biblically according to the norms God (not we ourselves) has set up and revealed to us in His Word of creation and Word of Scripture. This is the third of the things we must examine critically-- the actual life situations we find ourselves and others in. But in all of these examinations, the critical attitude must stem from Christian love (Philippians 2), and be guided by servitude (John 13).

## Education must neither be valued too highly, or too lowly

In summary, education must neither be valued too highly or too lowly. It does not make one better than his fellow, but neither is it without value among our responsibilities before God here on earth. Education is not for vocational training alone, though it has that function, but it exists to theorize the structures of creation as God has made them and aid the servant of God in his development of redeemed life in his particular field. And finally, in disparity between education and life, we must in love critically examine ourselves and our calling, the education we are receiving as to its cogency with the pre-scientific life as God meant it to be, and the lives and lifestyles of ourselves and others to see if they are being lived according to the commands of our God.

And finally, our education carries with it a responsibility-- a responsibility to share with others lovingly, not condemningly, what we have learned so that we may all grow together in Christ as His body. That is proper response to education and life. That is academic "response" -ability before God.



Boar's head at "Ye Olde Madrigal Christmas Feaste" presented by Concert Choir Monday and Wednesday of this week. From the Book on Curtasye, it was found that "Gueysts myst not stuff theyre mouths. The glutton who eats wyth haste, if he is addressed, he scarcely answers thee."

## JV basketball slipping; plagued by injury

Holding only one victory against three losses, the Dordt College Junior Varsity has been plagued by injuries and a lack of height. Barry Miedema, the Defender's most consistent player, is out for the remainder of the season because of a broken ankle. Miedema had an 18 points per game average.

On Nov. 25 the JV's hosted Sioux Empire Junior College. The first half found Dordt down 39-34. Although they played SECO even the second half, the JV's were unable to narrow the deficit and fell 82-76. Miedema led Dordt with 18 points. Bill Sikkema added 14 while Randy Temple and J. C. Hoag each had ten.

On Dec. 2 the young Defenders lost their second consecutive close game 73-65 to Briar Cliff. The 12 points by Sikkema and Miedema and ten by Hoag helped Dordt to a 38-35 halftime lead. But, they turned cold in the second half putting only 27 points on the scoreboard. Miedema finished the night with 22 points to lead Dordt.

Buena Vista invaded Dordt on Dec. 5 and totally outclassed Dordt on way to a 77-59 victory. Miedema scored 16 points for Dordt which trailed 41-29 at half.

Despite a pair of crucial injuries last Saturday Dordt

picked up their first victory 88-87 in overtime against Inga's. Hoag led Dordt with 21 points while Al Scholten (at 6' 3" the tallest JV player) added 18. The Defenders battle back from a five point (deficit) in the closing minutes to tie the score at 83 at the end of regulation play. Rick Temple and Barry Miedema both missed the last eight minutes of play because of ankle injuries. Mark Sybesma and Steve Crull, a pair of Dordt alumni, led Inga's with 27 and 23 points respectively.

The Junior Varsity's game is a home contest against Westminster on Jan. 16.



# Defenders win 3, lose 4

Fouls and a lack of experience have hurt the Dordt Varsity basketball squad as they won only three of their first seven outings. But at times the Defenders have shown flashes of brilliance. With the addition of transfers Larry Hayward and Randy Jeltema at semester break they should play interesting ball for the remainder of the season.

**DORDT 83 BELLEVUE 74**  
On Friday night, Nov. 21, the Defenders won their season opener over Bellevue, Nebraska. Dordt frontliners Terry Crull, Bob Rip and Daryl Vander Well combined to score 52 points. Bob Vande Pol added 16, including five buckets in the second half when Bellevue cut the Defenders lead to four points.

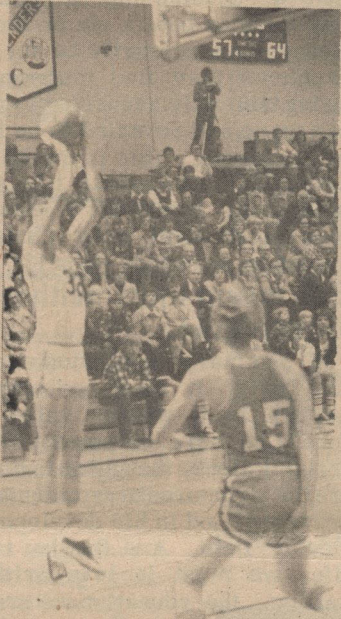
**DORDT 101 MT. MARTY 74**  
Tuesday, Nov. 25, found the Defenders squared up against the Mt. Marty Lancers. Dordt rolled to an easy 55-35 half-time lead and was never seriously threatened. The Defender's trio of sophomore starters scored 42 points in the first half and finished the game with 68. Dordt scored 91 points in the first 30 minutes of play but needed a last second bucket by Phil Smith to hit the century mark.

**CENTRAL 81 DORDT 70**  
Thanksgiving weekend found the two Sioux county rivals, Northwestern and Dordt, in central Iowa for a pair of games with Simpson and Central. While Simpson was defeating the Red Raiders 88-82, Dordt was in the process of losing to Central. Fouls and an ankle injury to Danny Steenstra left Bob Vande Pol as the only starter around at the end of the game. Unfortunately his 16 points weren't enough to overtake the Flying Dutchmen. Central used great depth as their coach repeatedly substituted an entire team.

**SIMPSON 80 DORDT 77(o.t.)**  
On Saturday night Simpson edged out Dordt by three points in overtime. The Defenders played without the services of Danny Steenstra and found themselves down 46-39 at half-time. In the second half the Indianola squad hit a cold spell and fell behind as much as nine points. However, a rally in the last two minutes of play,

aided by several Dordt turnovers enabled them to tie the score at 67 at the end of regulation play. The five minute overtime period belonged to Simpson as they rolled to an early lead and held on to their second game in as many nights. Terry Crull led Dordt with 21 points while Bob Vande Pol added 19. The loss evened Dordt's record at two and two.

**BRIARCLIFF 105 DORDT 82**  
On Tues., Dec. 2, the Defenders fell to a high scoring Sioux City squad 105-82. Sophomore center Mark Grace, played his finest game in a Charger uniform as he scored 29 points (including 19 in the first half). Briar Cliff held a 53-38 and they were never threatened as Dordt lost three players on fouls. Bob Rip led Dordt with 21 points. Freshman Jerry Vande Pol came off the bench to score 16 points in a fine effort.



Good offence, Defenders.

**WARTBURG 77 DORDT 69**  
A highly disciplined Wartburg team invaded the Dordt gym and handed the Defenders their fourth straight loss. The Knights used their height and excellent passing to hold a 19 point lead shortly after halftime but from that point on it was all Defenders as the outmanned Dordt squad attempted a valiant comeback. They managed to cut the lead to three points but fouls and turnovers did them in at the end. Wartburg hit on 15 of 19 freethrows as their last ten points came from the line. By contrast Dordt attempted only eight freethrows and made good seven (led by Rip's six for six).

by Chuck Kooistra

Crull led Dordt with 26 points while Rip added 18. Danny Steenstra played his best game of the year as he constantly drove on the Wartburg big men for a layup or an assist leading to an easy bucket.

**DORDT 89 DANA 74**  
Last Sat. night the Defenders finally got back on the winning track as they defeated the Dana College Vikings 89-74. A slow first half found Dordt on top by only two--34-32. Bob Rip came out smoking the second half as he hit ten buckets to lead Dordt to a 55 point second half. Crull added 18, Vander Well 15, Vande Pol 14 and Steenstra 13. The Defenders had excellent balance throughout the lineup. Nine of the ten men on the squad broke into the scoring column.  
The Defenders play three varsity games over Christmas break. On Jan. 6 they host Trinity College. On Jan. 8 they travel to St. Paul to play Bethel and on Jan. 10 they play Sioux Falls College there. Classes resume on the 14th and the 16th will find the Defenders hosting Yankton College and then on Tues., Jan. 20, they play the Northwestern Raiders in Dordt's gym.



Everybody needs someone to look up to.

## Statistics

vs. BELLEVUE	FG	FT	Pts
Vande Pol, B.	8	0-0	16
Steenstra	1	0-0	2
Branderhorst	2	0-0	4
Crull	11	2-2	24
Rip	9	0-0	18
Vander Well	5	0-0	10
De Wit	0	3-4	3
Vande Pol, J.	2	0-0	2
Smith	1	0-0	2
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vs. MT. MARTY	FG	FT	Pts
Vande Pol, B.	5	2-2	12
Steenstra	1	3-3	5
Branderhorst	0	0-0	0
Crull	14	2-2	30
Rip	11	2-2	24
Vander Well	0	2-2	14
De Wit	3	1-2	7
Den Herder	0	1-1	1
Vande Pol, J.	1	0-2	2
Smith	2	2-2	6
15-19			

vs. CENTRAL	FG	FT	Pts	Vander Well	1	1-2	33
Vande Pol, B.	5	0-7	10	De Wit	0	0-0	0
Steenstra	2	2-3	6	Den Herder	0	0-0	0
Branderhorst	0	2-2	2	Vande Pol, J.	0	0-0	0
Crull	4	3-7	11	Smith	0	0-0	0
Rip	10	0-0	20			7-8	
Vander Well	1	1-2	3				
De Wit	1	0-0	8	vs. BRIAR CLIFF	FG	FT	Pts
Den Herder	4	0-0	2	Vande Pol, B.	5	0-0	10
Vander Pol, J.	1	0-0	2	Steenstra	1	5-6	7
Smith	0	0-0	0	Branderhorst	0	0-0	0
14-21				Crull	8	0-0	16
				Rip	9	3-4	21
vs. SIMPSON	FG	FT	Pts	Vander Well	3	0-0	6
Vande Pol, B.	5	9-9	19	De Wit	3	0-0	6
Branderhorst	2	3-4	7	Den Herder	0	0-0	0
Crull	10	1-3	21	Vande Pol, J.	6	4-7	16
Rip	6	2-2	14	Smith	0	0-0	0
Vander Well	1	1-3	3			12-12	
De Wit	5	3-4	13	vs. DANA	FG	FT	Pts
Den Herder	0	0-0	0	Vande Pol, B.	7	0-0	14
Vande Pol, J.	0	0-0	0	Steenstra	5	3-4	13
Smith	0	0-0	0	Branderhorst	1	0-0	2
19-27				Crull	9	0-0	18
vs. WARTBURG	FG	FT	Pts	Rip	10	1-2	21
Vande Pol, B.	3	0-0	6	Vander Well		3-5	15
Steenstra	8	0-0	16	De Wit	1	0-0	2
Branderhorst	0	0-0	0	Den Herder	1	0-0	2
Crull	13	0-0	26	Vande Pol, J.	0	0-0	0
Rip	6	6-6	18	Smith	1	0-0	2
						7-11	

## Women's basketball begins



Women's basketball team

This year's team is comprised of mainly freshmen and sophomores with only two juniors. Co-captain, Margaret DeVallis and Ruth Van Zee are the returning juniors. Sophomores are Mary De Waard, Sandy Nieuwendorp (co-captain), Terri Vander Griend, Leann Van Dyke, Gayla Vaandrager, Ruth Eekhoff, and Peggy Nugteren. Freshmen on the team are Marlae Vander Griend, Michelle Van Leuwen, Lori Van Dyke, Lu Ann Vermeer, and Loretta Schoneveld. Their schedule for the year is:

Dec  
11 Briar Cliff Practice 6:00

Jan  
6 ISU Practice 7:00  
7 Graceland Practice 8:00  
10 Central Practice 2:00  
12 Drake Practice 7:00  
21 Mt. Marty Conf. 7:30  
28 NW Conf. 5:30  
30 Westminster-home Conf. 7:30

Feb  
2 Morningside Conf. 7:00  
5 Buena Vista Conf. 7:30  
9 Briar Cliff - home Conf. 7:30

In the practice game against Morningside, Dordt lost but came back and won over Northwestern 61-56.

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