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Students will have to decide the next weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations preparing for end of semester exams and working on term papers. This does of cause, put pressure on students at a time when the camaraderie of the Christmas spirit is high. How-ever, the benefits of a four-week vacation, free from the worry of exams and incomplete work, counterbalance the pre-Christmas effort.

With the new system, faculty can now use this four week interim to complete grading for the first semester and prepare for the coming semester without the pressure of insuf-ficient time. The post-vacation period would be the regular Thanksgiving vacation, thereby omitting Tri-State.

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Running Where?

In case you haven't heard, Dordt is at present in the middle of an election campaign. This year's focus is said to be falling on students in some way. (This is common consensus among the general student body and among the council itself.) Some say it is radical and others call it anemic. Part of the reason for the election is, as it has been decided, to increase the representation of students on the council. This "everyone-gets-a-vote" plan is enthusiastically agreed. Now election day is fast approaching—Dec. 10. The 20-signature-petition deadline is Monday night. Hopefully, you have not been forced to prowl the halls of Hodgson's office with petitions, and I hope there have been no waiting lines to speak of. Hodgson's office is open at 12:00 noon Dec. 8. In Christian love. And this is what we hope to do. Some think we might fail. This student body and among the council itself. Some would like to strongly urge each of you to consider yourself as a possible candidate. Do you have leadership capabilities? Do you have a course of study you wish Dordt students to take? Also look and you at fellow students. Do you see anyone who integrally Christian vision for an academic community which Dordt so badly needs? Urge them on.

It is not too late. This can still be a very worthwhile election campaign. I hope many new issues are up. I hope the Lord may be praised by the students who come to the polls to be faithful Dordt students. (By this I mean students who come only to Dordt College. If students stumble during the up-coming campaign, may we pick them up?.Errington—cont'd. from p. 2)

People of Dordt College, maybe I shouldn't make you see. I shouldn't just let you wash me off your hands so you can spend your precious time on someone who "needs" you more. I'm tired of fighting against the grain in this university. I want to stand with my heart, not with my head. Maybe that's why I'll be a loser. I'm tired of people droling on in chapel, in class, in the dorms, in the hallways and on the streets. I want them to be able to say "You can't do that to a computer with Christian families in the area. This is the second year that First, C.R.C., has sponsored a fellowship Sunday. Dr. Frank Calsbeek, an elder at First, C.R.C., says that for the fellowship Sunday, the Bottoms Off Club have been involved in helping the up-coming campaign, may we pick them up? probably over Dordt College.

Mon. night. There I can tell you more about rubber so you can spend your precious time on something else. Maybe Ish or God be the glory on our up-coming campaign. I'm tired of all the yelling, especially at each other. I want to sit and listen to God talk and talk back to Him by talking to others. We're so scared of letting God come in—especially to the dorms. It's got to be loud record players, noisy TVs. We're so scared of letting God come in—especially to the dorms. It's got to be loud record players, noisy TVs. We're so scared of letting God come in—especially to the dorms. It's got to be loud record players, noisy TV sets to drive away boredom. The Ewing Street Times is the most effective kind of fellowship.

Im perilously close to saying it all. If I say it all, I'll be forced to hide our God from somebody else because I can't pretend to know the answers, but I'm tired of all the yelling. If I say it all, I can't help some other. I walk around this campus with the souls of others screaming—"let's not let our hearts be hidden by layer after layer of fat to protect us from getting hurt—let's not let our hearts be hidden by layer after layer of fat to protect us from getting hurt—let's open our hearts to the presence of somebody else because I think he doesn't need or want Him. Let's open our hearts to the presence of everybody else, because if we let a little of the goodness God has given to us slip away, some poor person will have run out. And if I think we will, maybe God isn't there at all. What irritating about isn't something cheap, because I wrote about it. I just hope to God it wasn't.

Some Eat, Others... Mom Huisken of East Hall who have gained weight get reports that the weight a hipo to hang on their door equivalent on an average for the next week or so, who Dordt girl has been lost by stay the same a turtle; who Dordt girl has been lost by stay the same a turtle; who Dordt girl has been lost by stay the same a turtle; who Dordt girl has been lost by stay the same a turtle; who members of the new diet those who lose are clubs on campus. The 33 rewarded by a rose. Mom Huisken of East Hall and North reports that most of the Halls who are members of girls who have been earning the bottoms Off Club have been involved in helping the roses. The girls are encouraged to eat a well-enriched diet; since that is the most effective kind of fellowship.

Dr. Samani lent the club a doctor's scale, which is housed in the possession of some Dordt girls. Members weigh in each Tuesday evening. Those who lose are clubs on campus. The 33 rewarded by a rose. Mom Huisken of East Hall and North reports that most of the Halls who are members of girls who have been earning the bottoms Off Club have been involved in helping the roses. The girls are encouraged to eat a well-enriched diet; since that is the most effective kind of fellowship.

Another club, the Waist Aways, are also working together to be bold themselves. No statistics are available from this club. Together, the clubs promise a change in the appearance of some Dordt girls.

Calendar

ON CAMPUS

Dec. 6--Sunday, Messiah, Big Gym, 3:00 pm.
Dec. 7--Tuition payments due.
Dec. 8--Tuesday, German Club, Choir Room, 7:00 pm.
Dec. 9--Wednesday, Dr. Sprilling speaks on "Hypnotism," L201, 8:00 pm.
Dec. 9--Tuesday, Convention, 9:30 pm.
Dec. 10--Thursday, Election.
Dec. 11--Friday, Basketball, Defenders vs. Westminster, Big Gym, 7:30 pm.
Dec. 12--Saturday, Movie, "Turn Curtain" CIT06, 7:30 pm.
Dec. 12--Tuesday, Opera "Hansel and Gretel," CIT06, 8:00 pm.
Dec. 18--Friday & Saturday, Opera, CIT06, 8:00 pm.
Dec. 19--Saturday, Basketball at Dakota State
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Dec. 22--Saturday, Brass Choir and Organ Concert
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Dec. 24--Monday, Unity Christian H.S. presents "Death of a Hired Man," Unity Gym, Orange City, 8:00 pm.
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Requiem Draws Praise

by Lambert Zuidervaart

Shortly after 9:00 the Concert Choir stepped into place at the long-awaited Requiem began. Mr. Grotenhuis, who has conducted Brahms' masterpiece extensively, gave confident leadership. The choral and orchestra throughout the seven-movement work, though the choral was understandably more responsive than the orchestra (which had rehearsed under Grotenhuis and with the choir only twice). The conductor maintained an excellent orchestral-vocal balance, the most noticeable exception being the difficult fugue of the third movement. This balance and choral articulation allowed for easy understanding of the work's significance. The choirs were especially notable for their homogeneity, their singing characteristically clean, and their phrasing and nuances of expression for which the conductor and the music called.

Together the Sioux City Symphony and the Concert Choir produced a meaningful musical experience such as Brahms intended. An experience that seemed to reach a tremendous climax in the triumphant defiance of death's power and declaration of the dawn of triumph (sixth movement), to end with the calm reassurance of the final movement: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Following silent prayer the audience showed their appreciation for this experience and message by a standing ovation that carried over into a mutual tribute among the conductor, orchestra, and choir, so the performers uniquely ended the memorable experience to which they had contributed.

Baez - Journey Through Our Time

by Bill Huiskens

Anti-war poetry is not new. Wherever there has been a war there has been anti-war poetry. Joan Baez is one of the contemporary anti-war writers and singers. Her feelings are most vividly portrayed in "Baptism.

"Baptism" is the most unique collection of anti-war poetry ever comprised into one record. It is unique for two reasons. First, it includes a wide selection of writers. Russian, French, American, British, Chinese, and Spanish. Secondly, the musical accompaniment sets a very intense emotional mood—a mood so filled with depression and morbidly it becomes overwhelming.

Joan does all the singing and narrating of the poetry. Her start in folk music was a typical one. In high school she began singing for the choir and for herself. Eventually she learned to accompany herself with the guitar. Her parents moved to Boston where she studied drama and played for Boston coffee shops. In Boston, a fresh look at performance was being fostered, inspiring creation of folk music. After the "Newport Folk Festival" in 1959, her fame spread across the world. Her fans considered her an outstanding musician and human being. Involving herself in non-violent protest and the Civil Rights movement she became well known for her fight for peace and freedom. As a singer and as a person engaged in the battle against social injustice, is apparent in this album.

The album has a message to convey. It tells us what war is really like. In short, it points to the utter uselessness and hopelessness of war. This may seem trite, but in "Baptism" it is given something new. It makes you feel the hopelessness. It makes you think. You do not have to be a lover of poetry. Probably the greatest poem is "Song in the Blood" by P. Prevert. The poem asks the question: Where does all the blood go? And does the earth get drunk from it? This is the hard selection and the best. I would like to include the whole album here but it's too lengthy, therefore I have chosen another fine poem to reprint. this one has special significance to me because it goes through my mind after listening to the entire record.

The Parable of The Old Man and The Young

So Abram rose, and clave the wood and went, And took the fire with him, and a knife, And half the seed of Europe, one by one.

And as they sojourned both of them together, Issac the first born spake and said, My Father, Behold the preparations, fire and iron, And builded parapets and trenches there,

But where the lamb for this burnt offering? Then Abram bound the youth with belts and straps, And buldled parapets and trenches there, And stretched forth the knife to slay his son.

When lo! an angel called him out of heaven, Saying, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, Neither do anything to him. Behold, A ram, caught in a thicket by its horns; Offer the ram of Pride instead of him.

But the old man would not do so, but slew his son, And half the seed of Europe, one by one.

The last line hit me. I think not of the forty-five Americans killed in Vietnam this week, but of the forty-five living, feeling, bearing people slaughtered one by one - - - by one - - - by one.
will have to depend upon the youth of today. He is opposed to the popular peace symbol which is used by so many because he believes it to be an old communist symbol meaning the op- position of peace. In spite of this, Rev. Wiggins is not a hawk, but he sees the war as seemingly unavoidable.

Although Rev. Wiggins may have considered a novelty in Sioux Center recently. Certainly a living Christian faith to make him a stimulating leader for the Kingdom of God. We regret that more Dordt students were not able to hear Rev. Wiggins, but we look for- ward to his return to Sioux Center next year.

Vicki Kostera
Fred Keykes

Van Dyk Delivers Lectures

For the past few weeks, Mr. John VanDyk was in- volved in Discovery II lectures in Winnipeg, Alberta, the nearest city to Dordt College. Mr. VanDyk and Ontario. Mr. Vander Stolt, also of Dordt, traveled to Seattle and Vancouver for more lectures. The lectures they delivered corresponded to the lecture given locally by Mr. Gordon Spykman: all focused on the Institutional Church in history.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Association of Christian Scholarship, headquartered in Toronto, Alta. The series is composed of five lectures on aspects of the institutional church which are presented by several men in 24 communities. According to Mr. VanDyk, the primary purpose of each of the lectures, is to acquaint the Christian community with the institutional church, making it aware of its relevancy in day-to-day life and to re-awaken it as a discipleship family. The salt of the earth.

This second lecture demonstrated how the Institutional Church has fared in western civilization, what western civilization has done to it, and how the Christian community has been curtailed, push- ed out of Biblical perspec- tive, and lost its influence. The remaining three lectures search for ways, means and methods to re- form the Institutional Church.

Roger Vos

Vietnamization, Defusing, Explored

On Friday, Nov. 19, interested students and faculty members gathered in L201 to hear Mr. Stephen Whilden, a representative of the U.S. State Department, answer questions about Southeast Asia.

Mr. Whilden presented an optimistic picture of the war in Southeast Asia and he stressed that by next spring all our combat troops will be withdrawn. From his experiences while in Vietnam he cited many areas where the Vietnamization program is really effective. He also made the rather startling comment that within the next few years the problem in Southeast Asia will be similar to that in Nationalist China and South Korea. The fact is that in these areas the allies have become so strong that the U.S. must be very careful which weapon it is going to contribute to the armies.

Mr. Whilden also tried to destroy the myth that American corporations are going to exploit South Vietnam. The real fact is that South Vietnam and all Southeast Asia are already largely controlled by Japan economically.

Mr. Whilden did not offer any specific answers to the Vietnam War. He did, however, explain the "Nixon Doctrine" or the "Guam Doctrine" of U.S. involvement in foreign conflicts.

According to him, the Vietnam War is now more of a problem to the Vietnamese than to American forces. The "Vietnamese solution" of "Vietnamization" has not been as successful as originally expected. The American military presence is still very much in evidence. According to Mr. Whilden, we should work toward a military solution to the Vietnam War.

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The turning point of the whole game seemed to come in the overtime period when, with about 1:17 to go in the game, a Dana player dribbling in the Defender territory, stepped over the center line into his own end and back again, had the referee been on the ball, he would have called an "over and back." This would have given the ball to the Defenders and the score that was made on the original play would have been nullified; the situation would possibly have been reversed. But, that's an after thought.

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