Festival Features Speakers, High School Day

Three main speakers and a special High School Day highlights plans for the Arts Festival. The Festival will run for three days, from April 28 through May 1, replacing usual week-long event. The Festival will include all aspects of the Fine Arts. and specific to the Arts Festival. Gilbert Amelio, chief of medical genetics for the USAF, will give a lecture and discuss genetics in the Fine Arts, and, specifically, the history of the gene. Mr. Amelio will also give the opening address in the Fine Arts Festival.

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On Dec. 10, Mr. Dekker, an arts faculty member at Calvin Seminary, visited the present students at Dordt College. He met with each student for fifteen minutes to discuss his preparation for the Festival and other matters regarding the Festival. Mr. Dekker and the students held an open discussion about any problems they had. Accompanying Mr. Dekker were four Dordt graduates who are now attending Calvin Seminary: Eric de Koning, Don Kok, John VandenHoef, and Sander van Til.

The Christmas story was the theme of the annual Dordt Christmas party. The students who attended the party were greeted by the Emcee for the program, Mr. Nick Van Til was the Emcee for the program. The entertainment was to be enjoyed by everyone who attended. Light numbers followed by Jerry Vreeman presenting the light, soft side of Christmas in “Velvet Shoes.” A skit, featuring three faculty members, presented the “Face of Christ.”

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The Festival of Life was the first matter of business at the Dec. 9 Student Council meeting. Marilyn Strickland, a student at Westmar College, explained her plans for an inter-collegiate attempt to raise money for victims of muscular dystrophy. She urged Dordt participation in this door-to-door solicitation, a peace walk, the placing of banks in Sioux Center stores, and an inter-collegiate athletic marathon.

Miss Strickland stressed that this project would not only raise money for these patients, but it could draw publicity toward the Midwestern small colleges. Council decided to ask to stay on after last minute touches on stage setting, technical details, and costumes completed the Dordt Thalians and Opera Guild will present the opera, Handel and Corelli, today at an afternoon matinee. Matinee and evening performances are ticketed only, so planned for Saturday and Monday.

The opera is advertised especially for children, but for everyone who is young at heart. Mr. Warmink and Mr. Koldenhoven are co-directors for the production.
In Defense of Christmas
by Judi Fluck

Approximately two thousand years ago in a little barn in Bethlehem, Judea, a virgin gave birth to a son and named him Jesus for he was to save his people from their sins. That baby, we believe, was nothing less than God made Man for the express purpose of suffering hell and dying in our place—so that we could be right with God, identify and enjoy him forever. There in Bethlehem was King Jesus. The shepherds knew it and came running and shouting for joy; the wise men knew it and traveled from the East with precious gifts to worship him; Mary knew it and sang, “My heart praises the Lord, and my soul is glad because of God my Savior!” (Luke 1:46, 47).

And there was a time when everyone who celebrated Christmas knew that Jesus is King. They set aside a special day to just step back, gaze at their glorious King, shout Hallelujah! and bubble over with the wonder and amazement that the world was at rest so that he could be born. The love of God that made him give up his only son for the world he loved enveloped those Christian as it had the people in the Bethlehem stable. It filled them up until their hearts overflowed. And they held banquets and laughed and sang; they spent months making or saving for this “peacetime” gift giving. Special people God had given them; they shared their blessings with the poor and the hungry; and in all their merry-making, in all their gift-giving, in all their charity they gave God the glory and enjoyed him!

There are those who would tell us at this point that these things are all in the past. Christmas 1970 is no more than a pagan orgy contaminated by commercialism and void of its true meaning. People today only exchange gifts out of duty and give when they feel a humanitarian spurt of good will. Americans callously gorge themselves and laugh it up while East Pakistanis huddle, starving, in their rain-ravaged huts.

Granted, these criticism are valid to a point. There are people, even at Dordt College, who do not know King Jesus; people who are caught up in the superficial commercialism of our age. And these things need to be recognized and dealt with. But please let’s recognize as well the hundreds and thousands of Christian people (especially in places like Dordt) who are giving God the glory and flowing before their King, whose gift-giving is o ut of the abundance of a Spirit-filled-to-over-flowing heart, and whose charity is out of a genuine compassion for those less fortunate.

Humanity is not completely lost. We’re not all stumbling hopelessly in the dark. There are some who have the light and are holding it high. Yes, some who, even in 1970, are setting aside a day called Christmas, to just step back, gaze at their glorious King Jesus, should Hallelujah! and bubble over with love—love that gives and gives and gives for preserving Pakistanis or beloved family, whether gifts handmade with TLC or carefully selected at Yonkers; whether practical or ridiculously impractical. Nor dare we overlook that selfless, unrestrained, extravagant love that God showed us in the gift of his son; that the wisemen demonstrated in their gold, frankincense and myrrh; that Mary revealed so humbly in her magnificat; or that Christmas celebrations—the gaiety, the gifts, the lights, and tinsel, the feasting, the charity—all are part of that unreservedly Hallelujah shouted, not to a baby helplessly lying in a manger, but to the King of all creation.

It’s Christmas time. And Not just at Dordt College, or in Northwest Iowa, or even in the United States, but throughout the world people are taking out time to celebrate. Sioux Center has been decked for weeks in glittering reds and greens, Lamppost after lamppost, window after window, dorm room after dorm room, stereo after stereo proclaim, “this is no ordinary time of the year—it’s Christmas!” Everybody has library bulletin boards to Sam’s Variety abouts in the Christmas! Everyone aren’t crabb-y—“It’s Christmas! People aren’t selfish—“It’s Christmas!” People are bubbling over with love—“It’s Christmas!” Peace on earth, good will toward men—“It’s Christmas!” And while I realize that everyone’s motives aren’t pure, I realize too that I am not qualified to judge everyone else. I look at myself and I shudder. But then I gaze on Jesus, for the moment wrapped in swaddling clothes but soon suffering, dying, rising from the dead and reigning, King forever! And I shout with my whole being, “Hallelujah!”
Students Form New Group

It all started a month ago--in the coffee shop. Five Dordt students discovered that they shared an interest in starting a singing group. They chose six other potential group members, and "The Others" took shape.

"The Others," made up of Dave Cummings, Clay Pluck, Kathy Hengerveld, Kelli Kellner, Jim Peterson, Karl Neerhof, Andy Visser, Mark Mulaapard, and Bill de Jager, is a unique group. Combining singing, acting, and just plain talking, they hope to present a message which is uniquely Christian. In an interview with The Diamond group members explained that they feel they have a real message. "The Others" want to give more than just entertainment, using the media available.

Because of the purpose statement, the group states that in their singing they "realize that the more we sing the more we allow the Spirit to work. Let's not quench the Spirit but let it work through us." They believe that the group does...what we have to sing must be different because the message of Scripture is a knowledge that should have an effect on what we sing. According to this reasoning, about the reformation of these peoples. "May Reformation rather than Revival prevail," he writes in the preface. These copies have been sent to twelve major Reformed and Presbyterian seminaries and journals. The publisher, Charles Green, of Greenwich Village, Bradford England, has very kindly agreed to sell the book to students at Dordt for $7.00, which is lower than the list price of $12.95. Students and faculty interested in buying the book should order it through the office. Other interested persons can write Rev. H. T. Dordt, 810 Engineering. "I'm sure we can trust Dr. Spradling to do the job which needs doing."

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The Hidden Face of Justice

White snow smooths over the scars of torn up ground and leafless grass. The air shows only shades of blue, white and grey. The scene is one of peace, as bundled figures bustle from one comfortable brick building to another. The wind sighs contentedly through the trees.

Another scene, cars churn through the brown slush, splattering helpless pedestrians. People are scurrying, cars are jerking from stoplight to stoplight. A large building with tiers of steps and a dome pompously capping its columns spews out and swallows human figures in one gulp.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 3, these two scenes converged briefly in the minds of those present at a Phi Kappa Sigma meeting crowded into the University Christian church. As they received their teaching assignments, the trail run before they are completely on their own. Then Mr. Ivan Zylostra, representative in charge of Government-School-Relations from the National Union of Christian Schools spoke to the group of aspiring teachers.

Mr. Zylostra assumed his position five years ago when it was first created. Since then he has also been appointed to the President's Commission on School Finance and the White House Panel for Non-Public Education. Referring to his work for the National Union on government-school-relations, Zylostra stated, "It's a challenge however, I think it is a matter of politics to a great extent. During the past year it has been the most busy because of a proposed constitutional amendment which went on the Michigan ballot Nov. 3," related Mr. Zylostra.

Before Zylostra explained to his audience the effect the so-called "Amendment C" had on Christian education in Michigan. He discussed the problems the NUCS is facing with its "austere tuition" program for Christian schools. Under this set-up the school sets a low figure for the child's tuition, and the parents then can "credit" this remaining amount of the actual cost for education and deduct it from his income tax. A recent ruling, however, stated that the amount of tuition must equal the cost of education.

Present Zylostra said there are five families from the Holland, Michigan area whose cases are awaiting a hearing in the appellate court on this case.

Zylostra then spoke extensively of his work on the President's Commission and the White House Panel for which he termed trying to experience political reality. As a member of the Panel for Non-public Education, Zylostra stated, "we were given a particular mandate by the President to make a careful study and analysis of the problems and opportunities of non-public education today. Zylstra spoke of his dual role on both the panel and the commission and the conclusion which he reached through both.

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Zylstra then made the following point: "You, as future teachers in our Christian schools today, and teachers in other non-public schools as well, I think it's time that we become much more responsive than we have ever been in the past, not being afraid to get involved at that political level, or at the state level, or any other level. And by all means let's forget about our apologetic attitude which we have often had in the past."

Continuing with comments on the results of this apologetic stance, Zylostra stated, "I have been appalled at the ignorance on the part of the general public, even in the city of Grand Rapids where we have an abundance of Christian schools, at our efforts to bring the world of Christian education just haven't been doing the job in the past as it's time we wake up...and move aggressively because we have a cause. They are not ashamed to be very aggressive in promoting it."

Zylstra continued his remarks in a very serious vein as he explained that a nation wide move "to force the closure of very non-public schools" as far as education is concerned. Zylostra tied this with the results of the "Amendment C" which was passed in Michigan which will "deny any form of public aid to children attending non-public schools."

I asked Mr. Zylostra what was the problem that he and other non-public organizations are trying to base the fact of justice in American public life.

The answer can only be an emphatic NO. Wherever parents and groups of people who have fought for freedom to educate their children in a system of education that openly confesses God as sovereign in that area; wherever men are given the "freedom" to leave their job if they cannot compromise their faith commitments, they are freed to the credo held by controlling labor unions; or as the excuse of "separation of church and state" is given for denying the voice of our world-redeemer from public life; so long will the face of justice be hidden.


From the outset let me state that the more one ponders the value of the novel and the film, the more confused one becomes in trying to determine what it has accomplished. On the surface it appears as just another anti-war film, revealing the state of insanity the world is in by presenting to the viewing audience an American Army Air Force squadron based in Italy during the Second World War. Upon orders from the brass, they bomb practically everything in sight ranging from strategically worthless villages to the Mediterranean Sea. Yet, in trying to analyze this often difficult film, we discover what Shakespeare would call method in madness.

The central character, Captain Yossarian, is a bombardier who can no longer stomach the insanity of such a war, and seeks an escape buy attempting to be declared unfit for service. The only valid discharge is that of insanity, but there is a catch, Catch-22 which states, "In order to be declared unfit due to insanity, you have to be insane, and if you think that you are insane then you can not be declared insane." As Yossarian figures the only way out of this crazy, mixed-up world is to be declared insane. The solution? Yossarian elects to desert and the world of private education.

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The scope of the message, however, is not only limited to a discussion on war—it encompasses all of society with the war merely illustrating it. Milo's M&M Enterprises in the film is the connecting link. This is an organization of the sphere of many with many minds and many masters. An army involved in trade? Milo tours the camp securing parachutes and personal possessions for which each donor receives a share in M&M Enterprises, to trade for such highly demanded articles as bandages, a razorblades, a toothbrush. Yossarian is always on the lookout for the enemy whereby the cotton-ball surplus will be traded. From here on in, there is no more army, just proclaiming the spirit of American industry in its quest for material goods; humans once more become only links in the big machine and there is no escaping it.

The only attempt in the film has truly reached here.

Through a delicate balance of hallucination in which Yossarian believes the world, and especially the war machine as being crazy and reality which often is no different than the hallucination above. He sees the world as it really is: impersonal, de-humanized, materialistic and plain going mad. The solution? Yossarian elects to desert and attempts to row to Sweden and freedom in a rubber dinghy.

By Henry Knoop.

What has the movie actually accomplished for us? It definitely tells us something new, for as Christians we were well aware of the fact that this world of ours is sin-ridden, governed by the spirit of the Anti-Christ. Its solution, escape to freedom, plain going mad. This is the same solution we're all after for we have a much better answer in Christ who we proclaim to the world. It only illustrates the fallacies of the world and American society that we have known for some time. Yet we hear a cry from the film for an end to this insanity. A desperate cry that should serve to intensify our drive to proclaim the true answer to not only the film makers, but also the viewing audience who can very well be a part of it.
Since the benefactor is a resident of Western Canada, preference will be given to students from the area. The minimum loan will be $300 and the maximum loan will be $500. For additional information and application forms students should contact the Director of Admissions, Mr. Hall.

Nancy Dykstra

**Messiah Performed**

On December 6, 3:30pm a choral group comprised of persons from Dordt's Chorale and community, along with an orchestra comprised of students of the local Christian school, church members, and community instrumentalists, performed parts of Handel’s oratorio Messiah. Gary Warmink conducted.

Characteristics of the performance of this dynamic masterwork was exceptionally engaging, giving a general feeling of the little forward movement, and superabundant emotion. Except for the vibrantly performed choruses, "Hal lelujah!" and "Rejoice in the Lamb", the rest of the performance was particularly outstanding, although occasionally the soprano was indeed masterful. The chorus did a high quality job and was easy to listen to.

When considering the energy and spontaneous performance, Glenda Beyten sang her soprano solos convincingly and easily. James Wood had poor projection and was sometimes barely audible. The soprano's rendering was badly broken by a half-time offering and two chorale numbers. Jan Roler played a Baroque oboe and the Dordt Chorale sang "The Shepherd's Farewell." The brass ensemble developed a very strong performance with a work by an early French baroque composer, Dandrieu. Though refreshing at the outset, the "French Noel" did not come to some because of the endless repetitions in the work. The Noel was followed by a chorale prelude by Bach, "Savior of the Nations Come." The organist brought out well the repeated four note rhythmic motive which was expressive of the chorale on which the prelude was based. Another Bach chorale prelude followed the first. Each of these was typically unusual, with the exception of the chorale on which the prelude was based. Another Bach chorale prelude followed the first. Each of these was typically unusual, with the exception of the chorale on which the prelude was based.

The brass ensemble concluded with a five piece movement by a contemporary French organist and composer, Oliver Messian. The first three of pieces, "The Shepherds," took its inspiration from the Biblical account of the Bethlehem shepherds' response to the angel's announcement that Christ had been born. The peculiar intervals of the piece gave the listener a sense of mirifical, laughing joy. Somewhat more mysterious in its impact, "Messiah's Resurrection," was "Eternal Purposes," the next piece in the Messiah suite. The climax of the concert was a brass quintet and organ performance of "God Among Us," based on the words of John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," the last of the Messiah pieces, excerpted from the listener with choral arrangement of the quartet. The brass band opened its section of the concert with a short work by Morton Gould, Columbia University, "It was followed by a somewhat lengthier piece, "Negev," by John Hortmeier. The rhythm and instrumentation of "Negev" reminded the listener of the traditional melody of the Middle Eastern music and the drama of the Arabian military expedition.

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JV Racks
Up Another
Win
Dordt's freshman ball-handlers added another win to their impressive early season record Dec. 11 by defeating the Westmar J.V., 84-66 in an exciting game. Altena's J.V.'s 4-1 record could become 5-1 if they outshoot Northwestern Dec. 17 after last year's game before Christmas vacation.

In the Dordt-Westmar game, the defenders held a slim 42-41 lead at halftime. Westra netted 13 points for the hustling Dordt team before the halftime break but he had difficulty scoring in the last half to end the evening with 18 tallies. De Groot, a Sioux Center native, played a different ball game. He totaled four field goals in the first period before coming on strong in the end of the game to lead the J.V.'s in individual points with 25. Little Dan Gritter rattled the boards for 11 points before the foul limit put him out of the game. Zandstra, although having some problems with half control, added 13 for the J.V.'s.

Uncororded Westmar suffered from disorganization throughout the game and left the scoring to Deever (19 points) and Schomer (14). It is agreed that such a club would be beneficial for the college and university teams in the training of the group. The team is part of the branch of the physical education department and is not an official club.

The gymnastic team has two main goals toward which it is working. The performers hope to develop enough to put on half-time entertainment at basketball games during the second semester. These performances will last approximately 8 minutes each. Then in the spring, they have planned an hour and ten minute performance. This will be open to all ages to show what gymnastics is all about.

At present the team practices 3 weeks a week. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. They are concentrating on two main areas. The first area of concentration is floor gymnastics, or the basics of gymnastics. These are learned thoroughly on the floor before they are transferred to other pieces of apparatus, the second area of concentration is vaulting. The performers have almost mastered all skills, and now use the time for warming up activities on other apparatus.

Belonging to the gymnastic team has certain physical benefits such as upper body strength, flexibility, coordination and balance. Gymnastics must be done many times a week, so strong arms, shoulders, and backs. Co-ordination and balance are essential for all activities on the various pieces of apparatus, for proper performance of activities, timing is also very important.

Dr. Calbeek reports that all members of the team are performing very well and have become a talented group. With two coaches, the performers are given more individual attention and consequently progress rapidly. If staff and administration allows the gymnastic group may become an annual team at Dordt.

Henry Knoop, Manager
Sioux Center Hockey Club
Dordt College Hockey Club

Jo Romy
Dordt Students Attend Model UN

Four members of Dordt’s Political Science Club represented the country of Poland at the annual Trigve Lie Model United Nations which convened at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, campus on Dec. 5.

Harvey Jansen, Gail Stockmeier, Doug Vandenberg, and Steve Van Dyk joined delegates from colleges and universities in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas at the three-day session.

Model United Nations sessions are designed as a learning experience for the delegates who participate. In the hope of discovering how the real UN is operated, what positions the various countries hold on important issues, the delicacies of international relations, and solutions to world peace, the Trigve Lie Model UN at least partially achieved each of these goals for the delegates from Dordt.

Normal UN procedure was followed very closely. The secretariat staff from the U of Iowa set up and coordinated the entire proceeding. By offering an extensive amount of information, films and speakers, they made the participants aware of the extent and seriousness of the issues debated.

There were three main areas of activity: The Commissions, the Security Council, and the General Assembly. Each delegate from each country was assigned to one of the five commissions which met and were presented working papers and resolutions from various nations. After discussion, debate, and amendment, each commission drafted reports and resolutions. These were submitted to the General Assembly for voting. Trigve’s Lie Model United Nations is not of the traditional kind. The GA is on the floor of the UN building and the delegates are made aware of the position of each country on each issue. Much bargaining and compromising has to go on in order to reach solutions agreeable to a majority.

Delegates were required to represent their country’s views as closely as possible. In observing this principle, the cause of the failure of the UN in reaching its high goals of world peace and brotherhood is made evident. The most obvious fault of the Model UN, and also of the real UN, is that no nation considers his or her Word in the making of foreign policy. In God’s hands, attacks would have raised another god: their own national interest. No country will yield a shred of ground to another’s sovereignty for the good of all mankind. World peace is an elusive prize. Only when ambassadors and delegates can put aside their nations’ selfish interests and can concentrate on the best interests of humanity as a whole, will the UN experience measurable success.

Christians realize that only when men are guided by a love of God will true peace for humanity and a lasting peace come to express. Although the UN does not concur in this belief, Christians should still support it. The UN goals of peace and brotherhood are right and noble. The means which it employs to attain these goals have failed and will continue to do so.

It is up to Christians to show the world the road to true peace and human brotherhood. The possibility of the nations ever listening to and following God’s way may seem remote. But Christians must not allow doubts to hinder God’s Kingdom work. It is their duty to show and tell. Then if men’s hearts are to be turned, God will do it.

Gail Stockmeier

Defenders Drop Game to Dakota by 6

Although the Dordt Defenders played a strong ballgame on Tuesday Dec. 6, against Dakota State College, they lost it by a small 6 points, 78-72. Larry Louters and Warren Vander Pol threatened Dakota State as they led their team with 25 and 22 points respectively. Other scorers were: Rog Arenholz with 8, Ray Leenstra netted 7, Rog Walstra-5, Steve Holz with 8, Ray Leenstra-5, Randy Niwenhuis-4, Dakota State center Cliff Anderson dropped 37 points through the hoop backed up by guard Rick Jensen who scored 18. The Defenders made 14 out of 21 attempted free throws for a 67% average. This leaves the Dordt team with a 1-3 record.

The freshmen basketball team suffered a defeat against Dakota State V., Dec. 8 by a score of 70-67. Larry Louters as the big point getters for Dordt, could only muster 5 points and left the game with Ron de Groot, who dropped in 19 counters for the losing cause. Gritters and Koning added 18 and 15 respectively.

Keith Vanderzwan

Sioux Falls Squeaks By Defenders

The Dordt Defenders lost a squeaker at Sioux Falls this Wednesday as a Sioux Falls College defeated them 86-82. The Sioux Falls squad had difficulty in taking the game away as they stayed within 6 points of the trailing Defenders throughout the game. Louters came back to work after missing a game and dropped in 32 points. Vander Pol was right behind with 26, Randy Niwenhuis enjoyed a 13-point game. Bill de Jager and Odorn did the light work for the winners as they tallied 23 and 15 counters respectively.

Dordt had a chance to win the game in the last minute of play but the Defenders couldn’t seem to put their last three shots in. ‘Two free throws in the last three seconds for Sioux Falls insured them of victory.

Bill de Jager

Westmar Takes First Win Over Defenders

Rhoda’s varsity basketball team seems to have a problem winning games this season as they dropped a 18-76 counter to the Westmar Eagles. It was Westmar’s first win in six games, and Dordt’s fourth loss.

Rog Walstra opened the game with a swift bucket on his quick drive was nipped seven minutes later. He was taken back to the bench with 3 fouls against him. Captain Warren Vandermel played a tremendous strong game as he led Dordt to a 47-45 lead before half time with 13 counters. Steve Crull assisted the driving veteran with 11 points and improved Leenstra added 8 more. After the recess, Westmar switched to zone basketball and Dordt’s offense fell apart. Shot after shot fell short and Rhoda’s ball players’ shooting percentage dwindled. Westmar added 41 counters to their half time score with the help of Gates and Stratham, who both finished the game with 29 and 18 points respectively.

Vander Pol finished one of his better games of the season with 26 points. Rhoda commented that “their zone in the second half and our shooting percentage’ brought about Varsity’s fourth consecutive loss. Both coaches agreed that it would have been a different ball game if Larry Louters would have played. Louters, one of varsity’s big guns, was unable to play last weekend.

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ON CAMPUS

Dec. 18---Friday, Opera "Hansel and Gretel," C106, 7:30 pm.

---Friday, Siouxland Conference Basketball Tournament, semi-finals, Gym, 7:00 & 8:30 pm.
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Dec. 21---Monday, Opera, C106, 7:30 pm.

OFF CAMPUS

Dec. 18---Friday, Hockey, Bladers vs. Iowa State, Sioux City Auditorium, 8:00 pm.
Dec. 19---Saturday, Hockey, Bladers vs. Iowa St., Sioux City Auditorium, 5:30 pm.
---Saturday, Bake Sale, First Christian Reformed Church by Young People, 9:00 am.
Dec. 22---Tuesday------THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!!!

Fines Set Up for Freeloaders

The new penalties put into effect by a faculty-student committee to halt freelousing in the Commons have met with mixed reaction. These rules include a 10-dollar fine for the first offense, a 20-dollar fine and a letter sent to the parents for the second, and suspension from school for the third. Any result of these rules and the signs in the Commons, freelousing is pretty well under control.

But, it has been asked, what does freelousing actually involve? In the strictest sense of the word it refers to the taking of food by boarding students to students and guests who are not paying board. It is believed that many students, especially freshmen, are unaware of this policy which was mentioned in the first issue of the Diamond this year. Actually no food is lost to be taken from the Commons. Health reasons, including the growth of bacteria on food in the dorms, also play a part in this problem.

Boarding students are allowed to eat all that they want in the cafeteria. To satisfy between-meal hunger, the snack bar has been set up. The food there is priced so that the management merely breaks even. It is not set up for profit.

Mike Cassidy, Commons manager, says that Monday morning the cafeteria spent $15 less than usual on rolls for breakfast. This may not seem like much, but when this saving occurs at all meals, Mike is allowed to plan special meals often, such as a delicious dinner he served Wednesday evening.

The cafeteria staff is working to give Dordt the best service that is possible for the money. They ask the students to cooperate by obeying the rules of the dining hall. But, perhaps more important, students should feel free to express any problems they have to Dordt. For does petty pillering have a place at Dordt?

Karen Helder

Chorale to Present Concert at Leota

The Dordt College Chorale will be spreading its Christmas joy in Leota, Minnesota, this Sunday, Dec. 20. The program will again be centered around the choir's theme of "Light." Winnie Maas, program chairman, explained that this theme will be carried out with the verse, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings." Mal. 4:2.

The choir, performing both during the service and in a concert afterwards, will sing parts of the Magnificat and a number of carols. They will also sing the two cantatas performed with the Messiah on Dec. 6 and the Messiah will be presented in its entirety on Dec. 22.

The choir will be accompanied by various instruments, including the string quartet and harp.

Audrey Molder

SC Adds New Member

Eight new Student Council members joined the Council meeting held on Dec. 15. The bi-monthly meeting, Student Council was the result of an election held on Dec. 10. Dick Heidkamp and Dee Maas were elected from the senior class, Dave will also serve as secretary-treasurer. Dee will act as class delegate to the Student Council,寨 provided in the amendment. The junior delegates, Rita Hopina (pres.), and Bryce Hopina (secy-treas.) as their representatives, Clayton Negen (pres.) and Sue Maatman (secy-treas.) were the Sophomore choices. The Freshmen voted Karen Helder (pres.) and Lynda Falkena (secy-treas.) to represent them in Council.

The problem of a communication gap between the students and Council, in which representatives to carry the Council load to a Symphony on Oct. 17 where students and Council council discussed their concerns, the Symposium, coupled with the suggestions of the Student Interim Committee, resulted in election to provide an opportunity to elect two more representatives for each class.

The Student body responded, as a whole, rather weakly to this proposal. Ten women took top honors with five candidates for the two positions. The Sophomores and Juniors, with the help of the3 seniors, met and managed to represent three candidates. The Social council members had little difficulty choosing their reps with only presidential candidates from the Junior class.

The effectiveness of Student Council, faculty council relations, and the question of representation improve to be the major issues of the conventions that took place.

Some students excused the lack of participation by noting that this was a busy time for elections, and many students had no time for campaign work. Others pointed out the importance of the organization's role in the school and the need for election campaigns. Some described the situation as "apathetic." Why was this so? In the reason, frustration accompanied the trip to the polls for many students. "Help! Am I any better off doing this?" questioned one Junior. A Senior remarked, "At least I've got no problem with indecision with this ballot!"

Student Council president Marly Breems told the Diamond that he wasn't "too bent out of shape about it." He noted this is a busy time, and that he was interested in the ability to raise candidates for each next year.

Karen Walte

Student Council Holds Forum With Faculty

Tuesday evening in the Student Conference Room interested members of faculty to discuss the role of the Student Council at Dordt. They discussed the fact that it has lost contact with the student and students as seen especially in ignorance of the workings of faculty-student committees, apathy in elections, and stagnant social activity.

Discussion revolved around several key aspects such as: does Council represent the average student or only more interested students? Does Dordt students show the same Christian background with both good and bad reflections? Was the Student Council in the light of the purposes set forth in its constitution? The problem of a symbol of a synthesis of existing of both students and teachers was also discussed in the light of present college structure.

This meeting provided an opportunity for the Council and faculty to share opinions on these questions. However, some Reformed students seem to jump from topic to topic without reaching definite conclusions. This perhaps could be attributed to the evasiveness of the central thought, and in many angles from which it was viewed.

The Council was advised to discuss what was said and try to formulate some specific questions which could be considered at a later meeting. Although no great decisions were made, channels of communication were opened.

Karen Helder