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Streaking sweeps the nation

And then there is Dordt

A new location is being sought for the Reformational Dugout, presently occupying a small room behind the Elite Barber-shop in downtown Sioux Center. A recent change in ownership of the building has necessitated the move.

One student who works at the Dugout emphasized, "We're definitely not closing." Hours will remain the same for the rest of this year: from 2-4 p.m. each afternoon. If the Dugout cannot find a new place to rent, it may have to close by May 1—a few days earlier than usual.

The Reformational Dugout is a small bookstore dedicated to encourage Christian scholarship and Biblically oriented education among students and area residents. Operated by interested Dordt students as a part of the Sioux Center community, the bookstore remains non-profit, selling books at almost cost price.

T-shirts, novels, poetry, theology, philosophy.

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North Hall to lose

Mom Alberda

After five years of being "mom" to the girls of North Hall, Mrs. Alberda is retiring. She will be returning to her family and community in Manhat- tan, Montana. She has no special plans, but says that she has never had problems finding things to keep her busy at home. Mrs. Alberda said that her five years at Dordt have been enjoyable and also educational. She said she has learned to understand young people better and that she has "appreciated and love" the girls of North Hall.

Mrs. Alberda also said it was her "hope and prayer that the Lord will continue to bless Dordt College."
The world calls the move and the church is on the run. The King is under attack, seemingly defenseless. The horsemen of the King, bishops, and pawns stand in confusion; who should move? Will the Church soon be forced into a checkmate or at most a stalemate?

Dordt College illustrates how the Church can be stalemated. Theological and philosophical jargon and other small imaginative ambiguities rise up to split the body of Christ. College expansion plans must wait because of insignificant issues. These small things grow rapidly into people. The cry of working in love turns to character assassination. The faculty is split! Stalemate! Being concerned about doing Christ’s will is reduced to doing Christ’s will.

The Church stumbles over false problematics. Anticipation of the second coming of Christ is lost in arguments over whether the sphere is sovereign, authoritative, or universal. A.A.C.S., how many Words “3 o’r l,” soul vs. body, cultural mandate or great commission; the list of discussions is long. The Kingdom perspective of God’s servants is failing in theological debate. Symptoms are regarded as diseases, and our sense of priority is dead. The skeleton of the King have taken up arms in civil war. Ever since the Renaissance this has been true, and the Devil sneaks in the back door. The process of secularization rolls on. The world plays the tune, the Church dances, and the Devil pulls the rug from under its feet. O God, how long?

The reformation must recur. The splintered Church must realize that the task is not to fight itself and its own sin only, but to establish God’s Word as the authority that calls the move. The Church must unite, recognize its task, and move toward accomplishing that great work. Who cares if 50 angels can dance on a pin head, or whether they don’t dance at all? God’s Kingdom doesn’t come on pins or angels, but by the proclamation of the Word of God applicable to all of life.

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Are you pro-NACPA?

The February issue of Politikon must have really shocked most NACPA readers. Responses from the readership are printed in letters to the editor. There were two such communiques in this edition. The first was short and slightly edited to delete the cursing. It accused NACPA of being racist. The second letter had no “offensive” rhetoric but it also resorted to name-calling, charging NACPA with being “un-American, un-Christian and anti-front.”

I read and reread those two letters with sheer naive amazement. I found it hard to believe or understand such vituperative accusations. There is plentiful evidence in NACPA’s constitution, position papers and in its Politikon which shows that it does not adhere to any form of racism or communism. Instead NACPA is striving to articulate and implement distinctively Christian political thought and activity.

These letters to the editor highlight two facets of the opposition which NACPA must deal with: opposition from non-Christians and from Christians. If the first letter had a definite un-Christian abusive tone which attempted to vitally negative those involved with the Politikon, the second letter came from a Christian who seems to believe that any organization which criticizes the government or calls upon it to actively promote justice, in the many areas of life with which it is involved, is communistic because it promotes “Big Government.” To write NACPA off as a “red front” is a shallow observation and an unjust condemnation.

It’s this rejection by a Christian that is especially hurtful to NACPA. Christian political action desperately needs the united support of all Christians. Loving criticism must always be welcome, but NACPA can’t afford indifference or opposition from the Body of Christ. That brings us directly to each one of us here at Dordt. Among the many educational and political opportunities that we have is a chance to learn how to respond to NACPA and to support it in a very personal way. Each of us can attend public meetings, join NACPA or do odd jobs for them once in a while.

What’s especially important is our attitude toward NACPA when we leave Dordt. Will we be part of a visionless, uninformned opposition, or will we just not care what happens to NACPA in our own community? Will we care enough to know better than to name-label Christian movements? I’m praying that each of us will defend NACPA’s existence and objectives to fellow Christians and to the whole community. Instead of supporting secular political parties with our time and money we have a God-glorifying organization that needs our help. NACPA is another place for us to work together in love for the Lord. If these two letters say anything to us, it’s that there’s a lot of work to be done!
Dorm parents ready to leave

--Mike Kulely

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Likkel have been the West Hall dorm parents for the past three years. Sorry to say, they will not be dorm parents this next school year.

The Likkels plan to do many interesting things after they leave Dordt. They have built a new home in Jenison, Michigan and plan also to do a lot of travelling and visiting.

In their travels they hope to see more of the United States, and visit foreign countries. The Likkels have done much travelling already, including a tour in Europe and in Columbia, South America. In their travels in the States they have been from the General Fund and costs each student $42,000.

Mr. Likkel was in education for forty-three years as a teacher, and school principal. Mrs. Likkel also taught. To enrich their knowledge, and enjoy themselves, they plan on reading educational materials, attending edu-

Information Forum

Women's basketball, volleyball and softball may go intercollegiate. At the last Student Forum meeting, Thursday, March 7, Steve Van Dyke reported that the Athletics Committee had given these women's sports full financial support. Faculty and Board must approve the decision before it can go into effect.

No reports were heard from any other academic committees. Representatives discussed Forum's difficulties with committees that appear to be ignoring committee chairpersons and thus only meet once or twice a semester. As a result, Forum's recommendations to those committees come to a standstill. Two Forum members were appointed to a committee to chairpersons asking that meetings be held to consider Forum recommendations when presented.

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Nederhood to lecture

Dr. Joel Nederhood will be on Dordt campus April 8 and 9. His lectures will be a continuation of the convocation theme "Life Through Death in the Academy. His first lecture will be a meeting, open to the public, at 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the gym. The lecture is entitled "The Cross and the Kingdom", and the Dordt College Concert Choir will be featured. His next talk will be in chapel, April 9, and is entitled "Kings and Peoples-Personally." He will give another lecture for students and faculty at 3:00, this one entitled "The School of the Lord." Dr. Nederhood is planning to lecture in various classes throughout the day.

Pay how much for what?

--Gail Stockmeier

The Northwest Iowa Chapter of NACPA (National Association for Christian Political Action) hosted a panel discussion on "The Christian Attitude Toward Taxes" Thursday evening, February 28. Four area businessmen comprised the panel: Adolf Bylsma, a body shop operator, Wesley Elgersma, a life investor, Barry Gesma, a car dealer, and Gilbert DeStiger, a contractor. Dr. Willis Alberda, Dordt Professor of Mathematics and Sioux Center City Councilman, served as moderator.

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but only a minority of the panelists felt flagrant violations of fairness and equity occurred. The panelists felt that loopholes were used by the government to stimulate the economy, and were unsure as to which specific shelters beside Social Security and income allowances should be corrected.

A general feeling of pity for the poor small guy who earns $6000 to $8000 per year pervaded the panel. A member of the audience (Mr. Cook) suggested that income inequities could be remedied by the Christian community, beginning with our own underpaid, such as Christian School teachers. Then perhaps taxation would not be such a burden.

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Between a meeting with members of the Phi Kappa Sigma Club and a dinner appointment the Diamond Press, Mrs. Steensma, the Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Teacher Education Program, which she originated, at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. She has spent 25 years as a teacher at both the college and junior high school. She is now in her sixth year as an instructor on the college level. After briefly discussing the education program at Covenant, she brought us to the teaching of the aims of the methods courses, that is, to graduate teachers who will be productive teachers who can create their own materials and are not too dependent upon text books. Through the programs, the students will have had some basic work in which they produce the basic thinking that goes into curriculum production. If the teacher needs to use a text book, he will have learned to use it more flexibly.

Into her program Steensma is also building a great use of literature. In her discussion of the program she emphasized the inter-relatedness of the various disciplines. In the basic professional education courses, there was no distinction made between elementary education and secondary education. She noted that "all the principles apply, for instance in psychology of education program, the secondary student needs to know the development and how concepts are developed in a hierarchy, so that once they have students that are not performing at their required level, instead of the teacher in the lower classes, they can get busy and do something about it themselves."

She also outlined for us her basic philosophy of education (found in greater detail in her book, To Those Who Teach). Simple words, and deeds are based on Christ. They must always dig deep to make sure that our thoughts, speech at 9:30, and a brief discussion followed.

Rev. John Fondse, Rev. B.J. Haan, Rev. John Hellinga, Rev. Vandem Heuvel, Mr. George Bierema, Mr. Jerry Bonnen, Mr. L. J. De Groot, Miss Anne De Vries, Mr. Peter Kootma, Al Vander Griend, Mr. Marion Van Soelen, Mr. Lee Woudstra. At a recent meeting, the Rev. Peter De Jong, Dutton, Michigan, spoke to the Study Group on the problem areas in the A.A.C.S. thinking. The Study Group was asked to report the general public position on matters being discussed at the meetings.

Where are we going? What can we be sure of? Is there anything we can depend on? Searching questions are being asked by people all over, yes, even in Christian Reformed cirles, said Rev. P. De Jong in his speech, March 6, in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

Rev. De Jong, pastor of the Dutton, Michigan, Christian Reformed Church, constructed his speech around the model of the Foolish and Foolish Builders as found in Luke 6:46-49. De Jong said the building is still one solid, firm foundation on which our lives can find their roots. That unshakable foundation is Jesus Christ. He is the great builder.

De Jong pointed out that assuming someone's ideas are based on Christ is as dangerous as outrightly denying them. As an example, he stressed that, in our culture, the challenge for Christian believers is to understand the Scriptures with this idea. Accusation is also part of the scriptural basis for it. De Jong also brought in certain AACS publications as the Bible records of God and man's response: that it contains no moral lessons and gives no lasting commandments.

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De Jong closed by repeating the idea that we must always dig deep to make sure that our thoughts, speech at 9:30, and a brief discussion followed. Rev. Henry Vanden Heuvel brought the evening to a close by leading the singing of a song and closing in prayer.

This presentation was part of a tour Rev. De Jong is making, gathering information about the AACS, and lecturing as he goes. De Jong was sponsored by the Senior Men's Society of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in conjunction with the Reformed Fellowship.
Bowing dust off the issue

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We can speak of Christ's redemptive work resulting in the redemption of creation as well as of the elect. As man is redeemed the enmity between man and the creation is (in principle) removed because the entire creation is made subservient to God. Redeemed man, in accordance with all things working together for his good as God used the creation instrumentally to work out his salvation. Is this the purpose God had in mind when He initially made the creation?

Diamond: "No, this purpose applies to the situation after the Fall. The Dooyeweerdian concept of an unfolding creation and our working to enhance it is a good description of man's original purpose, but it applies only to the situation Adam was in prior to the Fall and to what would have been in the Fall without man's corruption. However, in the here and now this concept has a second-place. The cultural mandate still has a place and still stands as a divine command, but it is not man's primary task. This whole view leads us to take into account the Fall as the curse and the effects these have had. The Devil rules this world (John 12:31, 14:30). This is not our home, we are strangers and pilgrims here and our main task is to save people out of the hands of the enemy and into the hands of the King we serve."

Diamond: "So, then, the cultural mandate is to be subservient to the Great Commission?"

O'Donnell: "The cultural mandate and the Great Commission are related. The cultural mandate deals with achieving quality of life the Great Commission deals with life versus death. We live in a world of spiritually dead people and our primary task in service of God and advancing His kingdom is to be instruments in bringing life to these people through evangelism. That work of giving life takes precedence over achieving quality of life since a person cannot enjoy quality of life before they're actually alive. There's a connection. Christians working only for a Christian community when people are dying spiritually all around us... Christian culture can and should be a tool for evangelism, so that one reason a Christian biologist would work at developing a Christian Biology is so that he could have a cow's milk and a balanced ecology."

Diamond: "If as you stated earlier 'the Devil rules this world', in what sense can we say that Christ was and is victorious? (Col. 1: 19)."

O'Donnell: "Christ has a partial victory now, although he's won entirely in principle. It's abundantly certain that the cosmos will be destroyed in the creation of a new heaven and earth. And I imagine it will be brought about by a work of God, and that's one of the practical implications. And we see in the present time there has been a very practical implications as we will see in the following discussion on pollution where creation is viewed in a men-centered way and not in the way it was normatively brought to the use of man."

This contrast and separation of the cultural mandate and the Great Commission as related to the division between a creation which will be destroyed, and mankind, which will be preserved, has very practical implications as we will see in the following discussion on pollution where creation is viewed in a man-centered way and not in the way it was normatively brought to the use of man and I apply that term to man and the application to creation i.e. 'livelihood'.

Diamond: "You say that you believe 'that our covenantal obligations to our Lawgiver are exhaustively contained (at least in principle) in the Dooyeweerdian concept of creation gradually unfolding into the Kingdom. Things won't get better, but will get worse and worse (see Matt. 24) in both the creation and in the Church. When things are at their lowest ebb ever, Christ will come in and He will bring His kingdom to fulfillment.'"

O'Donnell: "That's correct. When Adam was in the Garden he was given a command to do everything possible to rule over creation and to make use of it. And not only animals but in the creation. So I would say we have a command to do everything possible to rule over creation and to make use of it."

Diamond: "If you take the case of Noah, isn't there a sense in which providing safety for the animals in the ark he acted in a mediatorial role?"

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---David Downs

The Morningside College Faculty Trio (violin, cello and piano) appeared in concert Monday evening in C106, with the support of the Iowa State Arts Council. 'There' were only two works on the program, the Trio played Mendelssohn's "Trios No 1 in D Minor, Opus 49." The Morningside students demonstrated their versatility presenting a well-balanced performance of this demanding work. After intermission, the Trio played Mendelssohn's "Trios No 2 in E Minor, Opus 38". The Morningside students demonstrated their versatility presenting a well-balanced performance of this demanding work. The final two movements were particularly exciting, 'curating with energy. Despite all the complicated technicalities, 'the Trio maintained control. laws, a given way of disposing of waste. As long as that way is open to us, the fact that it doesn't go back into soil and is recycled is not a matter of whether God was glorified or not. Man has the room to dispose of waste without upsetting the balance of creation, without endangering the livelihood of something on the earth."

"I don't mean to isolate man from the creation. I recognize fully the concept of vassal-kingship, that man is appointed in the cultural mandate to be king and ruler over the earth. Whether he carries out that order over the earth faithful to the commands of God, or whether he disobeys, it has meaning, and the meaning is in the outcome itself."

"Let's use phosphates and drinking water which I think is a more real danger than plastics filling the earth. To be concerned about our neighbor means we're going to be concerned about his drinking water and really endangering the future supply, so that there may be people who die of thirst in 30 years, then I think that the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself requires the halting of the use of phosphates."

Diamond: "In your view, do you state that all of life is religious? Does that mean that our scientific activities are religious actions?"

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The Morningside College Faculty Trio (violin, cello and piano) appeared in concert Monday evening in C106, with the support of the Iowa State Arts Council. There were only two works on the program.

Maurice Ravel's "A trio" in four movements, was the first part of the program. The Morningside Trio's playing was characterized by gentle lyricism on the slower portions, and by dynamic energy on the more vigorous portions of the work. The clarity of the ensemble was particularly noteworthy, as well as their sense of nuances so characteristic of impressionistic music.

After intermission, the Trio played Mendelssohn's "Trios No 1 in D Minor, Opus 49." The Morningside students demonstrated their versatility presenting a well-balanced performance of this demanding work. The final two movements were particularly exciting, 'curating with energy. Despite all the complicated technicalities, 'the Trio maintained control.
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Pre-sems on the go again

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Planning to attend College Days (organized by the Seminary for March 22-24), Steve Merz and Cal Tuninga will be drivers.

The schedule for Friday includes: attending classes, chapel, bookstore visits, and campus tours. Friday night RTS will host a party for their guests.

Saturday will start with fellowship, and a pre-sems meeting organized by the department heads. The afternoon will see a seminar on practical concerns like preaching, finances, and housing.

Monday, Steve Merz's carload will travel on to Michigan, and Cal Tuninga's carload to New Orleans, where they plan to spend the rest of their spring break.
Baseball team opens spring training

Dordt's baseball team has opened spring training and anticipation is running high. Coach Syne Altena commented that this is one of Dordt's best ball teams. Players were selected last fall by Altena and the team includes: Jim Brill (P, OF), Jerry De Wit (3rd), Brad Dirkse (SS), Lyle Faber (P, 1st), Bernie Gabrielse (Catcher), Dan Gritter (2nd), Dave Hiemstra (OF), Jim Gray (Catcher, OF), Tom Le Mahieu (2nd), Dave Miller (OF), Joel Peters (1st, OF), Ivan Van Dyun (P, INF), Kent Van Groningen (P), Doug Van Andel (Catcher), Doug Vander Griend (3rd), Bob Vander Pol (INF), Rick Veldman (SS), Dave VanAndel (P, INF), Roy Atwood (OF).

In speaking with Coach Altena, he made some comments on the team. He believes Dordt's strength lies in their offensive game. The Defenders are a very strong hitting ball club, but have failed to win many ball games in the past because of defense. Dordt's defense has been weak because they lack practice in fielding and therefore cause both mental and physical errors.

Coach Altena said the team has a tremendous positive attitude and realizes their weaknesses. He said the team will concentrate on these weaknesses as the season progresses and hopes to become a defensive machine.

Coach Altena also cited some top players to be watched this year. In hitting, 3-year letterman Dan Gritter is very consistent with both bat and glove. Dan is this year's captain and commented that this is the best ball club he has played on. He feels Dordt has great potential if the defensive game is improved. Back from last year's pitching staff is Lyle Faber, a good pitcher and batter. Dave Hiemstra will be back in center field with his usual good defense.

At short stop Brad Dirksen with his strong arm will be filling in the hole. Freshmen to look for are Rick Veldman and Jim Brill as pitchers. To round out the battery, Bernard Gabrielse and Doug VanAndel will be sharing the catching chores.

Dordt has a 24 game schedule with a tour of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri during spring break. The Defenders will play at a new location north of the swimming pool.

Saturday night, March 2, saw a vigorous round of 'grab your partner, do-see-do.' Approximately 100 Doubtsters attended.

Women's softball next on agenda

The next main event on the agenda for Women's sports is softball. Practices are already being held under the guidance of Coach Hausman. It looks as if it should be a good season with the return of some fine upperclassmen and also some good potential coming from the new recruits of freshmen. Scheduling of games will be made soon.

As far as track is concerned, a lack of interested players has stifled that sport. There are a few girls running independently, receiving help from the men's coach. But that's the extent of that. Tennis is another question mark. With only a few present for the opening meeting, more girls are needed to fill in as a partner and produce a team. If enough players turn out, they too will be working independently. Possibly meets will be held at the same time as softball games, to save traveling expenses.

---Cheryl Otto

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After Spring Break I-M will continue with Men's Baseball, Co-ed Swimming, and hopefully there will be an activity scheduled for the girls. Either soccer or football. If interested, girls, voice your opinion to Rachel Hollman, Nancy Mathes, Clarence Oudman, Jim Geertsema, or Mr. Altena.