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Van Til Retires After 26 Years of Service



Nick Van Til, professor of philosophy and history at Dordt for 26 years, will be retiring this year. Van Til has always been regarded as something of an institution at Dordt; he has seen it grow from five professors and 36 students to a faculty of over 70 and a student body of 1200.

Not only has Van Til seen growth, he has seen a wide variety of teaching experiences. He has prepared lectures for 22 different courses; he has instructed all ten courses for the philosophy major and has also taught American Government, Geography and Speech. Recent students will remember him as freshmen in his Western Civilization class, but when Dordt was very young, Van Til assisted in a number of ways. He even directed the drama productions and led the Pep Band (in honor of this, Van Til was asked to direct Sousa's "Washington Post" march at a recent band concert).

Van Til has had a colorful career, but his education was no less varied. He was born in Highland, Indiana, a suburb of Chicago, and soon after moved to Fremont, Michigan where he attended the Christian grade school located a mile and half away from the family farm. He had been out of

grade school three years before he was finally able to attend high school. Van Til credits these three years with providing him with his vast vocabulary. He was somewhat isolated on the farm and, with the help of his older brother, he learned to read the English classics, as well as history and theology. He used his dictionary religiously to aid in his homespun education.

After attending high school, Van Til went on to earn a philosophy degree from Calvin College. For three and a half years following his college years, Van Til served his country in World War II. Because of the lack of recreational facilities on the ship where he was assigned, Van Til studied his pocket Bible and dictionary.

When Captain Van Til had completed his military service, he studied Apologetics for a year at Westminster Theological Seminary; he followed that with a year of music study at the Philadelphia Music Academy. Finally, he attended the University of Michigan and received his Master's degrees in both history and philosophy. At this time, he took the position at Dordt, where, despite his extensive training, he has continued to be a scholar as well as a teacher.

Van Til has completed an amazing amount of copy for such publications as *Pro Rege*, *Renewal*, and KDCR's "Plumline" program. He considers himself a writer, rather than a public speaker, and the clarity of thought and careful research that goes into each piece is evident. Van Til will continue to write after retirement; not only is there a demand for his material, it is quite unlikely that his pursuit of knowledge will end with his emeritus status.

Van Til has been honored in a number of ways. He was presented a plaque from the student body which bore the inscription of Colossians 2:3: "In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

At graduation, Van Til received a gold watch in honor of his retirement. He was also surprised at graduation by another tribute. The sixth book to be published by the Dordt College Press, *Building the House*, was dedicated to:

"Nick R. Van Til
on the occasion of
his retirement from the faculty
of Dordt College
May, 1981."

This book is a collection of historical, theological, and philosophical essays on the subject of Christian education, written by members of the Perspectives Division at Dordt. In their words: "It is with affection for the man and with gratitude to God that the members of the Perspectives Division, who worked closely with Van Til for the last several years, dedicate this book to him."

The final essay is a biographical one, tracing the academic career of Nick R. Van Til; it is entitled: "Let This Mind Be In You," and includes a listing and summary of Van Til's writings.

Perhaps the most accurate tribute to this man's work is contained in the book's preface, written by President B.J. Haan: "... Professor Nick Van Til has throughout the years shown a readiness to sacrifice personal interests for the welfare of Dordt College. And his genuine devotion to his Lord and Savior, his strong support of the church and Christian education, his activity in political and societal affairs, and his example of a wholesome Christian life have been of inestimable value to the Dordt College community."

DORDT'S TUITION 2ND LOWEST IN STATE

Tuition costs for the average college student are going up all over the country. Needless to say, Dordt is no exception to the trend. For the next school year, tuition will increase by \$350, and room and board will increase by \$100. This will make the cost for the 1981-1982 academic year \$4,810 per student, including tuition and room and board costs, a 10.3% increase.

In spite of this tuition hike, there is only one other private college in the state of Iowa with a lower cost per student than Dordt. The average cost for such an institution in the state of Iowa is \$5,587 per student for the coming school year. Increases in cost ranged from 8.1% to 16.4%, with an average increase of 11.4%.

Among the denominationally-affiliated colleges in the United States, Dordt remains the lowest in tuition and room and board costs. These costs, however, are affected differently by distance from the colleges and residency in the state.

From the President's Pen

by Rev. B.J. Haan



Reasons for Hope

Dordt College is still in the process of celebrating its 25th anniversary. Programs in churches not yet visited are being planned. The delightful success of meetings already held on the West Coast, including Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Agassiz, British Columbia in Canada, indicate that we should go to other areas as well.

At the time Dordt is busy with its 25th anniversary, the Christian Reformed Church is getting ready to celebrate its 125th anniversary in 1982. I am somewhat well-informed about the latter since I am a member of the denominationally-appointed committee whose task it is to give direction to the coming event. Much, of course, has happened in the CRC since the acknowledgement of the 100th anniversary in 1957. Someone once commented that perhaps more significant changes and decisions have taken place during the last 25 years than during the 100 years prior to that. At any rate, this anniversary offers a very good opportunity for the CRC to do some serious soul-searching.

There is obviously much for which to be thankful and to praise God. But there are also matters of deep concern to many in the church. Love for the CRC among its members still runs very strong. This gives us high hope for the future if only we dare to face up to our problems in a sincere and systematic way, without political game-playing or premature actions of a radical or divisive nature. There is good evidence and reason to believe that the CRC is still open to a harmonious and unified effort to grapple with our problems and resolve our differences in a biblically-directed and spirit-controlled context. The least we can do for the welfare of our children, the power of our Reformed witness, and the honor of our covenant God is to make a valiant attempt at united study and a loving confrontation of those with varying mind-sets among us.

A good beginning in this direction is a meeting planned for May 18-20, on the Dordt campus. This meeting is sponsored by the Renewal Council with the cooperative support of the Anniversary Committee. If this event is well-received and proves to have the proper format, other similar meetings will be staged in various parts of the denomination.

What is going to happen at the coming

Renewal Council gathering? Leaders from various places and institutions in the CRC are coming together to discuss the state of affairs in the CRC in connection with the celebration of its 125th anniversary in 1982. The idea is to evaluate the following subjects: the theological, broadly-conceived status in terms of our common, distinctively-Reformed history; the relevancy of the Reformed faith for today's challenges and opportunities; the extent to which our church is honoring that faith and is directed by it; the more serious threats in recent years to that faith in our circles; and what is needed to revive and make more effective the witness of our distinctively-Reformed faith. There will be four presentations, all related to the above-stated purpose. The ministers of our local six classes, as well as the Wisconsin area are invited to be present at these lectures.

After a day-and-a-half meeting with a larger group, the Renewal Council (composed of about 20 representatives from throughout the denomination) will be in session to discuss the plans for the coming year of the publication *Renewal*. We hope that, out of this conference, materials for the *Renewal* will be available and published. *Renewal* intends to devote a good deal of space during the next two years to the theological state of affairs in the CRC. This promises to be of great benefit in helping to set out the issues and to stimulate discussion which may lead to a better understanding of our situation in the CRC and what we should do about it.

Renewal is in its sixth year of publication with approximately 2,000 readers. Those who would like to follow the coming articles on the state of affairs in the CRC are invited to subscribe to this publication. If you live in the United States, the price is \$7.00 for one year's subscription, which includes 22 issues. If you are from Canada, the price is \$8.00 for the same amount of issues. Write to: *Renewal*, Box 333, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

There are other signs which promise better things to come for the CRC. Recently, a Christian school task force was formed to study ways and means to promote Christian education among us. Members of this task force include the presidents of our five colleges (Calvin, Dordt, The King's, Redeemer, and Trinity); Dr. Henry Beversluis, Rev. William Brink, Dr. Joel Nederhood, Dr. Robert Recker, Dr. Mike Ruiter, Mr. William Gritter, Mr. Tom

Pollet, and Dr. John Primus are also on the task force. This group has already met twice and demonstrated an amazing oneness of mind and covenantal-kingdom grasp, as well as determination of spirit and purpose. Our concerned people should be hearing a great deal from this task force which will encourage them in their commitment to Christian education which is based upon sound biblical, Reformed principles.

Indeed, exciting days lie ahead. Let's all work together for the strengthening of the church which we love and to which we owe so much spiritually.

DORDT TO OFFER SUMMER COURSES

This summer, Dordt College will be offering two courses for graduate credit. These courses are not part of a master's degree program, but might possibly be transferred to such a program.

The two courses being offered are "Introduction to Learning Disabilities for the Classroom Teacher," taught by Miss Barbara Top, Associate Professor of Education, and "The Teaching of Problem-Solving Strategies," taught by Arnold Veldkamp, Associate Professor of Mathematics.

The learning disabilities course will be of interest to elementary and junior high school teachers; however, interested high school teachers are also welcome. The math courses will be of special interest to mathematics teachers on the junior high and senior high level, but also to elementary teachers who have background in mathematics.

The courses will be offered during the month of July, from the sixth until the twenty-fourth. Class will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and three semester hours of graduate credit will be given for each course. Housing will be available, both with and without eating facilities.

Registration should be completed before June 19. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact:

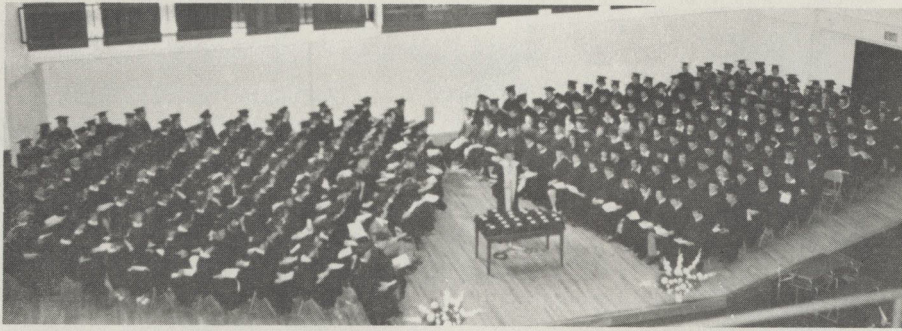
Abraham H. Bos
Associate Academic Dean

25TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The 25th Anniversary Campaign is still underway and is receiving the whole-hearted support of Dordt's constituency. The campaign funds have been earmarked for two primary projects: the new Engineering program and the Dordt Agricultural Stewardship Center.

As of May 1, this campaign has passed the million dollar mark, with \$125,000 being assigned to Engineering and the remaining \$875,000 going to the "Dordt farm." It is only through the vision and generosity of the friends of Dordt that these vital projects have become reality. Dordt College expresses its gratitude to those who have contributed to this cause.

Dordt Awards 236 Degrees on May 8



The Dordt College Chapel was the setting for the graduation ceremonies for the class of 1981. The class chose Hebrews 10:23 as their text: "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Rev. J.B. Hulst addressed the graduates regarding "The Hope We Profess," choosing his texts from the book of Hebrews. At the conclusion of his speech, he solicited responses from the faculty, graduates and audience concerning their professed hope for the future.

Once again, the graduates were presented their diplomas according to division. The categories were: Arts, Education, Language/Literature, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Perspectives. A total of 218 students received their bachelor's degrees as graduating seniors.

Those who were awarded bachelor's degrees are as follows:

Faith Aardsma, Denver, CO; Calvin Ahrenholz, Renville, MN; Curtis Ahrenholz, Renville, MN; Paula Arnold, Indianola, IA; Donald Aupperlee, Prospect Park, NJ; Joyce Bakker, St. Catharines, ON; Margaret Bakker, St. Catharines, ON; James Mark Beach, Albuquerque, NM; Terry Beimers, Sioux Center, IA; Maria Bitter, Port Alberni, BC; Donna Boender, New Sharon, IA; Barbara Boer, Sioux Center, IA; Cheryl Bonnema, Le Mars, IA; Gregory Bonnema, Raymond, MN; Randy Bonnema, Prinsburg, MN; Patricia Boonstra, Maple Ridge, BC; Deborah Boot, Sioux Center, IA; Linda Bosma, Fulton, IL; James Bouma, Bradenton, FL; Wendy Bouwman, Rocky Mountain House, AB; David Brauning, Grafton, NE; Gerrit Brouwer, Escondido, CA; Jacob Brouwer, Escondido, CA; Christina Bruinooge, Weyburn, SK; Cheryl Buteyn, Denver, CO; Deborah Butler, Iowa City, IA; Carolyn Buwalda, Lake Worth, FL; Sharlene Byker, Hawarden, IA; Daniel Davelaar, Maurice, IA; David De Blaeu, Oostburg, WI; Bruce De Boer, Leota, MN; Cheryl De Bruin, Oskaloosa, IA; Denise de Groot, Calgary, AB; Stanley De Groot, Pella, IA; Charles De Jager, Lethbridge, AB; Thomas De Jager, Lethbridge, AB; Timothy De Jager, Coaldale, AB; Deborah De Jong, Lansing, IL; James De Lange, Platte, SD; Sheryl Dengler, Rock Rapids, IA; Barbara De Visser, Newark, NY; Susan (Atkinson) De Vries, Seattle, WA; Wilma de Waal, Chilliwack, BC; Denise de Wit, Red Deer, AB; James De Young, Clinton, MS; Peter Deys, Redcliff, AB; Brian Doornbal, Lacombe, AB; Kathleen (de Schiffart) Doornbal, Lacombe, AB; Christine Du Mez, Oostburg, WI; Alice Dykstra, Lethbridge, AB; Richard Eckardt, Cedar Falls, IA; Douglas Eisma, Inwood, IA; Peter Ellens, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON; Leonard Fakkema, Oak Harbor, WA; Rodney Flikkema, Portland, OR; Timothy Franje, New Sharon, IA; Karen Fynaardt, New Sharon, IA; Russell Fynaardt, New Sharon, IA; Diane Galema, Lafayette, IN; Cheryl Gartman, Oostburg, WI; Richard Geertsma, Sedro Woolley, WA; Kenneth Geleyne, Lynden, WA; Lyle Gorter, Worthington, MN; Marshall Greiman, Garner, IA; James Groen, Raymond, MN; Bruce Groenendyk, Leighton, IA; Brian Groeneweg, Sheldon, IA; Kevin Groeneweg, Hull, IA; Robert Grotenhuis, Sioux Center, IA; Peter Hamstra, Phoenix, AZ; Mark Heard, Rockford, IA; G. Joyce Hedlin, Yarrow, BC; Janet (Barnes) Heeringa, Portage, MI; Peter Heersink, Grimsby, ON; John Henderson, Seattle, WA; Everett Hoekstra, Sioux Center, IA; Daniel Holwerda, Colorado Springs, CO; Roy Hoogerhyde, North Haledon, NJ; Theresa Houtman, Escondido, CA; Elroy Houtsmma, Sioux Center, IA; Mary Houtsmma, Sioux Center, IA; Mark Hubers, De Motte, IN; Lyle Huisman, Hospers, IA; Debra Huizenga, Cambria, WI; Diane Huizenga, Cambria, WI; Tina Huizing, Lethbridge, AB; Julie (Folkerts) Hulstein, Inwood, IA; Rebecca Huyser, Sully, IA; Brian Jaarsma, Houston, BC; Brenda Kallemeyn, Sioux Falls, SD; Carol Kanis, Pella, IA; Kent Kelderman, Des Moines, IA; Marvin Kleinjan, Bruce, SD; Ronald Knol, Edmonton, AB; Cindy Koldenhoven, Sioux Center, IA; Cheryl Kolean, Holland, MI; John Koning, Port Alberni, BC; Ginny (Van Wieren) Koole, Holland, MI; Ronald Koole, Jordan Station, ON; Marcia Koning, Prinsburg, MN; William Koopmans, Telkwa, BC; Tamara Kreun, Edgerton, MN; Pamela Kreykes, Sheldon, IA; Randall Kroese, Sioux Center, IA; James Kroon, Waupun, WI; Daniel Kuik, Hospers, IA; Gregory Kuiper, Hospers, IA; Jana LaBrenz, Grand Junction, CO; Lynn Landhuis, Denver, CO; Joyce Leensvaart, Denver, CO; Dinh Van Lo, Hull, IA; Marcia Louters, Hollandale, MN; Gwen (Ver Burg) Lyon, Walla Walla, WA; Evelyn McKim, Brandon, MB; Todd McKim, Brandon, MB; Karen (Sterken) Medema, Delavan, WI; Timothy Meendering, Sheldon, IA; Bonnie Miedema, Alton, IA; Brent Mollama, South Holland, IL; Joel Moody, Sheboygan, WI; Donna Mulder, Parkersburg, IA; John Mulder, Abbotsford, BC; Marilyn Mulder, Norwalk, CA; Mark Mulder, Edgerton, MN; Roger Mulder, Renville, MN; Cynthia (Ribbens) Nederhoff, Sioux Center, IA; Kathryn Nieuwenhuis, Regina, SK; William Nieuwenhuis, Delavan, WI; Armand Olivier, Sioux Center, IA; William Patten, Seattle, WA; Gary Peters, Sheldon, IA; Linda (De Boer) Peters, Littleton, CO; Walter Poehner, Columbia, South America; Randall Poel, Grand Rapids, MI; Gregory Poumakis, Lantana, FL; Frances Radsma, Calgary, AB; Robert Reichert, Hastings, NE; Cynthia Reynolds, Seattle, WA; Julie Riebkes, Cedar Falls, IA; Dennis Rowenhorst, Orange City, IA; Janna Rubingh, Ellsworth, MI; Bernita Saathof, Abbotsford, BC; Lyle Schaap, Sheldon, IA; Susan Schnabel, Aberdeen, SD; Michael Schouten, Hawarden, IA; Colin Senneker, Vauxhall, AB; Duane Severson, Platte, SD; Liz Siebring, Mill Bay, BC; Doreen Skillen, Sioux Center, IA; Paul Slager, Monroe, WA; Arlyn Slagter, Raymond, MN; Barbara

An additional 18 students received their Associate of Arts degrees after completing the two-year Secretarial Science program.

Following the presentation of diplomas, the Board recognized Professor Nick R. Van Tiel for 26 years of service to the college. He was given the gift of a gold watch in commemoration of his work for the college.

As has become traditional, the Concert Choir offered two musical selections at the close of the program. Both selections were very appropriate to the occasion. "Entrada and Praise" was written by a member of the graduating class, Miss Bev Van Gelder; "See That You Love One Another" was written for the 1981 Choir by their conductor, Professor Dale Grotenhuis. After closing prayer by President B.J. Haan, all present joined in singing Dordt's alma mater.

Scholarships and Grants Awarded

Minnie Julia Dahm Pre-Medical Scholarship
Gregg Vande Kieft - Pella, IA

Minnie Julia Dahm Medical Technology Scholarship
Diane Walhof - Edgerton, MN

Dahm Memorial Music Scholarships
So. - Cindy Ripperdan - Vinton, IA
Jr. - Suzette Luyt - Kingston, ONT
Sr. - Melanie Covert - Harrisville, PA
Laura Vander Windt - Le Mars, IA

James K. Van Drunen Special Gift
Joanne Claus - Smithers, BC

Martin Seven Awards

Physical Education
Dan Kuik - Edgerton, MN
Barb Boer - Sioux Center, IA

Speech
Radio Broadcast Announcing
1st - Bob Grotenhuis - Sioux Center, IA
2nd - Peter J. Deys - Redcliff, AB

Oratory
1st - Jack Vande Hoef - Springfield, ONT
2nd - Cindy Koldenhoven - Sioux Center

English/Writing
Scott Vande Griend - Rock Valley, IA
1st - Expository Writing
2nd - Poetry

Wall Street Journal Award

for the Outstanding Business Administration Senior
Doug Eisma - Inwood, IA

R.J. Dykstra Scholarship

Susan De Boer - Oostburg, WI
J. Peter Meyer - Clinton, MS

John Bonnema Award

Charles Jansen - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Team Management Award

Kiplinger Letter
Len Van Drunen - Pella, IA

Iowa Association of CPA's

for Outstanding Accountant
Bill Vlieger - Sioux Center, IA

Secretarial Science Award

for Outstanding Secretarial Student
Krista Van Wyk - Pella, IA

Future Business Executive Award

for Outstanding Business Freshman
Theresa Gietema - Salem, OR

Ringerwole Organ Scholarship

Laura Vander Windt - Le Mars, IA

Alumni Scholarship

Ida Kaastra - Springfield, ONT

Ground-Breaking Held for Dordt Dairy Facilities



Faculty and parents join to plow the first furrow together.

On Thursday evening, May 7, the first official ground was turned over at the future site of the dairy facilities of the Dordt Agricultural Stewardship Center. This ceremony marked an important milestone for Dordt College in the development of its agriculture program. It is the first real evidence of the "materializing" of the goals of the program, according to Ag instructor Henry De Vries.

The program of May 7 was designed to emphasize the wide-ranging impact that this event will have. Serving as master of ceremonies was Agriculture professor Henry De Vries. The opening remarks and prayer were offered by Mr. John B. Broek, a local farmer and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Stewardship Center. Speakers representing a wide variety of organizations offered comments and greetings. Speaking for the city of Sioux Center was Mayor William L. Mouw; the presidents of the Sioux County Beef and Dairy Associations were also present. Ida Kaastra, an agriculture major and president of Dordt's Ag Club, represented the student body; Rev. B.J. Haan also spoke for the college. R.H. Lounsberry, Secretary of Agriculture for the state of Iowa, was the keynote speaker.

John Byl, another local farmer and general adjunct for the A.S.C.'s Board of Directors, and Duane Bajema, Dordt Agriculture professor, explained the ground-breaking ceremony. The ground was broken by a hand plow, the same kind of machinery originally used to turn the virgin prairie in Iowa. With Ida Kaastra steering the plow, four furrows were plowed, each with a different representative group of people



Secretary Lounsberry addresses the crowd at the ground-breaking.

providing the power. Those four groups were students, parents, faculty, and the Board of Directors. Closing remarks and prayer were offered by Dr. A.J. Boeve, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees. The agriculture program hopes to involve these people on a continuing basis; the Center will be equipped to educate, dispense information, and lead both the community and constituency in the area of agriculture.

The dairy will consist of three units which will be separate from each other. A 120-cow production herd will consist of 100 milking cows and 20 dry cows, a 12-cow unit will be used for education experience and research projects by the students, and a 30-cow unit will be available for viewing by the general public. The herd to be viewed will contain the outstanding animals with the best production, and they will receive additional care and attention.

There will be a double-six herringbone milking parlor, an office and veterinary facility, and hospital and maternity pens all contained in the main structure with the herds. Replacement stock, calves and heifers, will be kept in separate facilities behind the main building.

New officers were recently elected to the Agricultural Stewardship Center's board of directors. They are: John B. Broek, chairman; Ken Huisman, secretary; Dean Schmidt, treasurer; John Byl, general adjunct. Also, a farm coordinator has been chosen; Mr. Brad De Vries will undertake this position. The dairy will begin operation next fall sometime; construction will be finished, it is estimated, by late fall.

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Slegers, Chino, CA; Mary (Hebden) Stuit, Sioux Center, IA; Stanley Sturing, Oskaloosa, IA; Jon Sybesma, Platte, SD; Debra Sytsma, St. Catharines, ON; Jayne (de Bruin) Tien, Oskaloosa, IA; Barbara Tinklenberg, Edgerton, MN; Gail Tinklenberg, Highland, IN; Greg Uttinger, Anderson, CA; Gerald Vaandering, Brantford, ON; Pauline Van Biert, Abbotsford, BC; Michael Vande Haar, Pella, IA; Jacob Van de Hoef, Springfield, ON; Joanne Vander Beek, Burnaby, BC; Dianne Vander Hoek, Mount Lehman, BC; Greta Vanderhoek, Richmond, BC; Janneke Vander Kooy, Mt. Vernon, WA; Jacobus Vandermercy, Beamsville, ON; Tena Vander Waal, Doon, IA; Cynthia Vander Zee, Sioux Falls, SD; Ken Vanderzwaag, St. Catharines, ON; Kevin Vande Streek, Waupun, WI; Leonard Van Drunen, Pella, IA; Barry Van Dyke, Sioux Center, IA; Marianne Van Elburg, Thunder Bay, ON; Beth Van Essen, Edgerton, MN; Beverly Van Gelder, Orange City, IA; Douglas Van Gelder, San Bernardino, CA; Dianne Van Gorp, Leighton, IA; Clarence Van Grouw Jr., Redlands, CA; Barbara Van Gyssel, Ponoka, AB; Susan Van Holland, Rock Valley, IA; Corrine Van Horsen, Lynden, WA; Mary Van Korlaar, Edgerton, MN; Larry Van Korlaar, Sioux City, IA; Betty Van Loo, Randolph, WI; Dawn Van Velzen, Sioux Center, IA; Arla (Vander Woude) Van Zanten, Chandler, MN; Dennis Van Zanten, Luverne, MN; Theresa Veldkamp, Escondido, CA; Kathy Velgersdyk, Sioux Center, IA; Melanie Ver Hey, Edgerton, MN; Anita L. Verwoerd, Whitby, ON; Mark Veurink, Harrison, SD; Cynthia Villebro, Hornick, IA; Janice Viss, Modesto, CA; Kathleen Visser, Sumas, WA; William Vlieger, Sioux Center, IA; Dayton Vogel, Sibley, IA; Frederick Vreeman, Anchorage, AK; David Vruwink, Fayetteville, NC; Jeanie Werkema, South Holland, IL; Patricia (Van Wyk) Wetselaar, Pella, IA; Thomas Wetselaar, Hamilton, ON; Michael Wielard, Pella, IA; Karen Wiersma, Ephrata, WA; Kimberly Wiescamp, Alamosa, CO; William Willemstyn, Orange City, IA; Alvin Wissink, Sioux Falls, SD; Kevin Wolterstorff, Renville, MN; Valerie Yonker, Holland, MI; Ronald Zantingh, Smithville, ON; Daniel Zinkand, Sioux Center, IA; Peter Zuidhof, Taber, AB; Teresa Zuidhof, Lacombe, AB; Phyllis Zylstra, Kellogg, IA.

Those who were awarded Associate of Arts degrees are as follows:

Kathryn Boogman, Riverside, CA; Lori De Vries, Pine Bush, NY; Debra Dykstra, Hospers, IA; Daniel Elenbaas, Wellsburg, IA; Rosalee Hibma, Harris, IA; Ellen Kats, Rock Valley, IA; Debra Klyn, Pella, IA; Jennifer Mannes, Denver, CO; Ruth Mersman, Kentwood, MI; Gail Mouw, Ireton, IA; Jill Nieman, Britt, IA; Arlene Pleima, Pella, IA; Linda Statema, Ireton, IA; Krista Van Wyk, Pella, IA; Ronda Veenstra, Escalon, CA; Pamela Van Hove, Sacred Heart, MN; Dawn Ver Hill, Pittsburgh, PA; Debra Verbrugge, Corwith, IA.

FOURTH PSALM RECORD IN PRODUCTION

Once again, the Concert Choir is completing another album of psalm arrangements from the Psalter Hymnal this spring. This will be the fourth volume of this record set; the first three volumes are still available, either separately or as a set.

The response from the people regarding this project has been positive. It is indeed a blessing to have access to recordings of music from our church's own hymnal. This project will continue to produce one record a year until all the psalms have been recorded at least once.

Should you be interested in purchasing one or all of these records, contact the Dordt Bookstore, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250. They make great gifts!!

Foreign Study Programs: Dordt Students Live and Learn

by Sandra Langley



The Goethe Institute in Iserlohn, West Germany.

This article is the third and final in a three-part series focusing on the study program which Dordt offers in foreign countries.

1981 is the first year that Dordt College has offered a program of study in Germany. Three students were enrolled in the eight-week course at the Goethe Institute in Iserlohn, West Germany: Lori De Kruyf, Puyallup, Washington; Carol Reitsma, Lombard, Illinois; and Heidi Zinkand, Sioux Center, Iowa.

These students travelled to Amsterdam with participants of the "Dordt College In The Netherlands" program and spent four weeks there learning Dutch art, language, and history. During March and

April, they lived with German families from the Free Evangelical Church and, after placement tests, were enrolled at one of the three levels of instruction at the Goethe Institute.

During May, these students were free to remain in Germany for further study or to return to The Netherlands. Dr. William Stronks, who is in charge of the overseas programs, envisioned a great deal of contact on weekends between students in the Dutch and German programs; this is possible because of Iserlohn's proximity to Germany's western border.

Dr. Stronks commented that the pre-requisites for the German program are more demanding than those for the Dutch program. He hopes that students taking placement tests will qualify for the Institute's middle level, for the most part. He further commented that one excellent benefit of attendance at the Goethe Institute is its multi-national character. Fellow students would probably include those of Arabian, Japanese, Yugoslavian, Italian, and Israeli descent, as well as other American participants.

Dr. Stronks especially stressed the universal appeal of Christianity as one reason for Dordt's involvement in the overseas study program. "Once you've been in another country, you can walk into any new situation. Besides, the Apostle Paul travelled widely. Maybe we should too."

If you would like more information about the foreign study programs at Dordt, either in the Netherlands, West Germany, or Mexico, please feel free to contact:

Foreign Language Department
Dordt College
Sioux Center, Iowa 51250

Dordt to Host Conferences in August

I.C.I.C.H.E.

On August 13-20, representatives from all over the world will convene at Dordt College for the third annual International Conference of Institutions for Christian Higher Education (ICICHE). The ICICHE is an ecumenical movement of Christian colleges, universities, theological seminaries, and associations directly or indirectly involved in the advancement of Christian scholarship. Over 120 institutions from all over the world have been invited to participate.

The previous conferences were held in Potchefstroom, South Africa in 1975 and in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1978. The purpose of these meetings was to enable various institutions of Christian higher education from various parts of the world to strengthen each other in their common task of developing and transmitting biblically-directed insight into the nature of reality and man's task in this world.

Participants of the ICICHE share personal and institutional information to mutual benefit, but they also address themselves theoretically to crucial questions that permeate nearly every culture in the world. This year's ICICHE topic for discussion is: "The Challenge of Marxist and Neo-Marxist Ideologies for Christian Scholarship." The keynote address regarding this subject will be given by Dr. Sander

Griffioen of the Free University of Amsterdam.

On the first three days of the conference attention will be given to the chosen theme. A series of five main speakers will examine specific sub-topics of the conference theme. Following each individual speaker, a respondent will present a case study which will elucidate ideas and problems presented in the main papers and make any abstract discussions more tangible and applicable.

On Monday and Tuesday of the conference, workshops and plenary sessions to bring about conclusions and resolutions of the workshops will be held. Following these sessions will be discussion by institutions of ICICHE on matters of mutual concern. Four colleges and universities will address questions regarding their Christian identity, its expression, maintenance and threats.

Four theological seminaries will also address a set of questions about the meaning of being a confessional seminary, how this identity is defended, and how it contributes to society as a whole.

There will also be ICICHE business meetings, reports and discussion of the future of the organization during the final section of the conference. This conference is open to the public for a small fee. If you are interested in attending, contact:

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Dordt will also be hosting the Christian Schools International (CSI) Conference on August 4, 5, and 6 this summer.

This year's theme, "Charting a Future," will use Joshua 3:5b for its text: "Consecrate yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." The keynote speaker for this conference will be Rev. John R. Sittma, pastor of the Christian Reformed congregation in Sanborn, Iowa.

A wide variety of sectionals will be offered on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the conference. Topics dealt with will include: shifts in curriculum, spiritual leadership in the school, human rights, church-school relationships, economic implications for Christian schools, board member orientations, time management, curriculum study, funding, press relations, salaries, and CSI schools in Canada.

There will be a fellowship meeting on Wednesday evening and the featured speaker will be Dr. Harold Pluimer, a futurist from Minneapolis, Minnesota. He will speak on "An Encounter With The Future—Entering the Eighties."

Thursday will be the final day of the conference and the day's activities will include a symposium of the future of Christian education, especially in the area of Northwest Iowa, are also welcomed and especially encouraged to attend.

The Dordt College Press: Making Good Books Available

The Dordt College Press is not a name you will see featured in the Literary Guild or Book-of-the-Month catalogue. In fact, not a large number of people are even aware that it exists. The Dordt Press certainly can't compete with the likes of Doubleday, McGraw-Hill, or Prentice-Hall, but it doesn't want to either. It differs from these large companies in one primary respect: purpose.

The Dordt Press, which was officially established several years ago, does not exist to make a profit. Indeed, the most the Press asks for is to break even. The Press exists to make available to people in the Reformed community reasonably-priced books of value, perception and insight.

The Press began with publishing alone, but with the staff addition of Fred Haan, Director of Printing, in 1978, the Dordt Print Shop was born and the Press began the entire production of its books. All operations involved with putting a book together were supervised at Dordt: writing, proofreading, typesetting, layout, printing, collating, and distributing. Most of the books are written by professors or persons associated with the college in some way.

Dr. Russell Maatman has contributed two books to the Dordt Press library. *The Unity In Creation* (\$4.95) is a book which addresses the question "Is there a Christian physical science?" Written in plain talk, this book develops the thesis that physical science is possible only because men know, even though they might suppress the idea, that God created the world and controls it.

Maatman's other volume, *The Bible, Natural Science and Evolution* (\$4.95) analyzes the argument concerning evolution and is, needless to say, a valuable asset in any Christian's library. Maatman presents the Bible as an authority and uses it thus to

refute certain positions. This book, previously printed by another company, is in its second printing under the Dordt Press label.

The Armor of Light (\$5.95) is an anthology of stories by Christian writers. This collection, assembled by Merle Meeter, formerly a professor of English at Dordt, includes many different types of fiction, all of which reflect the writer's faith in some way or another. Stories by well-known and unknown Christian authors are included, each revealing a strong faith without being intrusive.

Sign of a Promise and Other Stories (\$6.95) was written by James C. Schaap, instructor of English at Dordt. This is also a collection, but it contains original short stories about first generation Dutch immigrants and their children in the Midwest from approximately 1850 through 1920. These stories are based on historical accounts printed in area histories or related to Schaap by people he has met. The wide variety of humor, sentiment, pathos, tragedy and hope combine to form a picture of the stalwart immigrants who were the ancestors of many of us.

The two most recent volumes added to the list are *Reading the Bible As History* (\$4.25) by Theodore Plantinga, which is being published and printed by Welch in Burlington, Ontario and distributed by the Dordt Press in the United States, and *Building the House* (\$5.95) a collection of historical, theological, and philosophical essays dealing with Christian schools and dedicated to Professor Nick Van Til, who is retiring this year (see Van Til article, page 1).

All of these books are worthwhile additions to the library of any home of the Reformed persuasion. They are available for the prices listed plus postage from the Dordt Bookstore.

Newsbriefs

Nawyn Dissertation to be Published

Dr. William Nawyn, member of the Dordt History Department, has been approached by the UMI Research Press, which is part of the Xerox Publishing Group in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with a publication offer of his recently completed Ph.D. dissertation. Nawyn's dissertation, "American Protestant Churches Respond to the Plight of Germany's Jews and Refugees, 1933-41," will be included as a volume in a series of books entitled *Studies in American History and Culture*, edited by Dr. Robert Berkhofer of the University of Michigan.

According to UMI, its purpose is to publish "a very limited number of dissertations that are among the very best in research being done in selected fields, while also being of broad interest and significance to scholars, researchers, and professionals in that field." Dordt College is proud to have one of its faculty members selected for that honor.

Magee Receives NEH Grant, Speaks at Conference

Professor Noel Magee, a member of Dordt's Music Department, has been chosen as the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities stipend to participate in a Summer Seminar for College Teachers. The eight-week seminar will include twelve participants from all over the nation and will be held at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York City. The topic of study is "The Practice of Schenkerian Analysis."

The purpose of the (NEH) seminars is to provide college teachers with opportunities to work with distinguished scholars in their fields at institutions with libraries suitable for advanced study. These seminars are especially designed for this program and are not intended to be identical to courses normally offered by graduate departments.

Magee also delivered a paper at a recent meeting of the Great Plains Chapter of the College Music Society held in Kansas City, Missouri. His topic was: "The Fugues and Fugal Theories of Anton Reicha." This newly formed regional chapter includes the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

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