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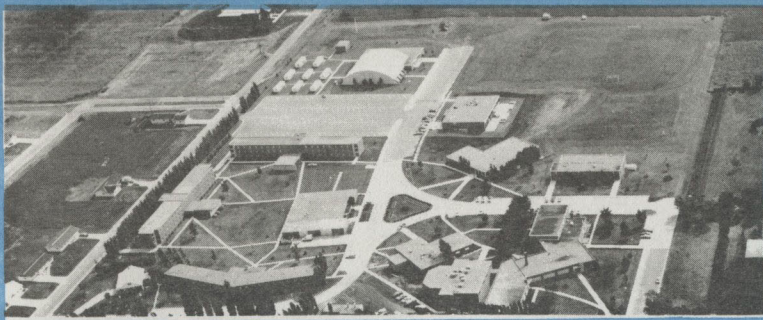
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## New Agriculture Program Gets Under Way

### 50 Students Sign Up for Agri-Business Major

"Agriculture today is very complicated," Duane Bajema, instructor of agriculture, stated, explaining why Dordt College began on-campus agriculture courses this fall. Leaning back in his chair, he continued, "It requires expertise in many areas. The more training you receive, the more advantageous it becomes."

About 85 students, including six girls, are taking some of the six classes Bajema teaches. One girl enrolled in Animal Science thought the course was "really good. I've learned a lot because I've never lived on a farm."

Animal Science includes three hours of instruction in class each week, as well as a three-hour lab. Bajema explained that the class used lab time to visit area farm operations specializing in swine, dairy cattle, feeder cattle and poultry. The class also toured two meat processing plants, Sioux Preme Packing Co. and Siouxland Processing & Lockers.

The purpose of the labs, according to Bajema, was to "give actual on-the-scene work and experience in the different areas the class is covering." The labs gave practical background paralleling the classroom theory, he said. His second semester course Crop Production also includes labs.

Bajema noted that his classes had covered controversial conservation and ecology issues such as use of insecticides and pesticides and chemical versus organic fertilizers. By remaining neutral and covering both sides, he felt students could make their own decisions as Christians. He emphasized that not the things themselves but misuse of them was wrong.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," he said, quoting Psalm 24:1. One concept he has stressed is, "We must subdue the earth to God's glory rather than rape and degrade it for personal advancement."

Noting that only one of the 50 students majoring in agri-business is a girl, Bajema commented, "I think in the Christian Reformed Church and at Dordt College it's going to take a while for girls to realize that there are opportunities for them as well."

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## New Year's Greetings

### THE HIGH GOAL FOR 1978

Again we enter a New Year. My, how time flies. There is something gracious in the division of time into minutes, hours, days, months, and years. God did this with a beautiful purpose in mind. Obviously before sin, in Paradise, the division of time had a quite different meaning and purpose from what it now has, after the fall. The Bible calls upon us to "redeem the time, for the days are evil." That has very serious overtones, does it not?

But now notice, we are able to redeem the time. That is beautiful. Why? Because Jesus Christ has redeemed time as our covenant Head and Saviour. He has brought back to us the true meaning and purpose of time. And He, by His Spirit and Word, gives us the grace and strength actually to redeem the time. We do this by honoring, in all areas of life, the will, the law, of our King.

Most important is our responsibility to our children so that they may live as Christ's covenant members to His praise. The Psalmist was very conscious of this. He was forever talking about the covenant seed, the generations to come. God's children must be taught the Lord's will and be encouraged to walk together as His people in the midst of the earth, praising their God.

Listen to David in Psalm 48:12-14.

Walk about Zion, go round about her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels; that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide for ever.

These are beautiful and meaningful words. They urge upon us to let our children know the glories of God's kingdom, the greatness of our God, the hope of God's covenant people when they know, love, and obey their covenant, faithful God.

In these days that are evil, we have much to live for. Let us especially do all in our power, through church, home, and school, to prepare our covenant children to witness together as God's children in the world. Then God will be praised by the generations to come. Then 1978 will be truly a blessed year.

Rev. B. J. Haan



Left to right, Geraldine Folkerts of Tilley, Alberta and Debbie Kamsteeg of Victoria, British Columbia shown examining a baby chick in the Animal Sciences course lab.



### From the President's Pen...

by Rev. B. J. Haan

## "The Call for Calvinists to be Truly Calvinists"

At the beginning of a New Year it is customary to take inventory of ourselves as individuals, families, churches, educational institutions, etc. What have we accomplished? Where have we failed? What should we have done which was left undone? What about our philosophy of life? We are supposed to be Calvinists. How much of our Calvinism have we espoused, promoted? In fact, have we truly grasped what is included in our Calvinistic heritage and put it to work? Is it possible that precisely because we have neglected our rich heritage, failed to study, understand, and apply the principles of our faith that we are in such a sad state of affairs—we who are supposed to be advocates of the biblical, Calvinistic world-and-life view?

### Growing Interest in Calvinism

As many of my readers know, I have in my capacity as president of Dordt College strongly labored for the Reformed, Calvinistic world-and-life concept. And we at the college are extremely grateful to God for the growing support which we are receiving from many quarters both in Canada and the states. Sorry to say, there are yet a significant number of people in our circles who have not the foggiest notion of what it means to be a Calvinist. In fact, I have frequently been opposed, by some who claim to be Reformed, for promoting Christian social organizations. This, of course, has been extremely exasperating to me and my colleagues. But we have not allowed this to daunt our courage. And, again, we are very thankful for the Lord's blessings upon our labors. We admit that in all these efforts we have made mistakes and have not been free from sin. Nonetheless we are confident before the Lord that the direction in which we have gone is consistent with that which is best in our tradition and true to the Calvinistic concept.

### Young and Old Impressed

We are particularly pleased to see so many covenant youth excited about our faith. They sense the vigor and vitality of it and find real meaning and purpose for life in our covenantal-kingdom perspective. But a vast number of parents and other adults in our communities have also expressed an eager readiness to become a part of this Christian, biblical perspective and program.

### The late Rev. John Gritter's Appraisal

Just the other day I came across the book *Christianity and the Class Struggle* by Abraham Kuiper. It was translated from the Dutch by Derk Jellema. What especially impressed me and reconfirmed me in my convictions was the "Forward" to the book written by the late Rev. John Gritter. Gritter was a well-known and highly revered minister in the Christian Reformed church, having served congregations in the Midwest (Rock Valley) and Michigan (Franklin Street, Grand Rapids) and Canada (Aylmer, Ontario).

Remember, this was written in 1950. Here is what he wrote on the biblical philosophy concerning the Christian's responsibility in the social arena:

That is in essence also the social philosophy of us Calvinists in America.

In practical life we have thus far, generally speaking, done very little with it. We have scarcely gone beyond the talking stage and today we don't even talk about it very much. We thank God for a fairly strong church life; we are rapidly extending our system of Christian Education; our institutions of mercy have made long strides ahead; in the use of the press for Christian truth we have perhaps a good beginning. In the political sphere we are doing almost nothing; in the matter of social justice we are not doing much better. We have a few scattered expressions on our place in the social struggle; we have no body of social literature to which we can point; the few small organized labor groups are compelled to fight for their very existence.

It seems very strange indeed that many Christians, also of supposedly Reformed hue, who are all aglow for Missions and full of zeal for Christian Education and Christian Mercy, seem to realize absolutely nothing of the implications of their religion in the social realm. Perhaps it is too much to expect of the average Christian that he shall think his religion through in all directions. We leaders have not done much to guide them in that

respect, either. At any rate, there is a gap there in our present setup, as anyone can see. And the world today is in a sorry mess, and the application of Christian principles to the social problems is sorely needed!

A number of our studious young people, impressed with the beauty and the urgency of our Calvinistic system of thought and its application along the whole line of human activity, have noticed this gap. They felt that this was a serious situation. They looked for guidance in making explicit and vocal the implications of our Faith for the social structure. They turned to the great Dr. Abraham Kuiper, that mighty exponent of Calvinism for our modern day, and found in him some very fundamental material.

I sincerely pray that this challenge of the late Rev. J. Gritter will be met with far greater zeal and determination in the year 1978 than heretofore. Soli Deo Gloria!

## Etcetera

Joan Ringerwole, associate professor of music, will give an organ recital at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D., on March 12.

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The Curriculum Development Centre, Toronto, has published "Reclaiming the Land," a 95-page study of the book of Joshua for junior high and high school written by 1969 Dordt graduate Don Sinnema. Thirteen learning activities supplement the well-written study guide.

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The Ferdinand Roten Galleries of Baltimore will stage a one-day exhibition and sale of art work at Dordt on February 23.

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Laurie Nikkel, a freshman from Pella, Iowa, captured second place in the freshman division in a voice competition sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. About 50 other singers from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri vied for awards in the weekend competition held at Iowa City. At Dordt she has studied under Dr. Gary Warming.

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The Dordt College Concert Band climaxed their 13 day East Coast performance tour with a home concert in Dordt's gym on January 18.

# Forward Thrust Campaign Hits

## \$1.9 Million Mark

### Total Need: \$2.25 Million

The Forward Thrust Campaign for the new chapel-music center and library addition hit the \$1.9 million mark recently, according to reports from the college development office.

College officials now predict that the final costs and expenses for the Forward Thrust project will total somewhere near \$2.25 million.

Campaign Chairman Lyle Gritters reports that drive activities for the last half year of the Forward Thrust Campaign will concentrate primarily on contacting CRC people in the western part of the United States and Canada. "We hope" said Gritters, "that all of our campaign work will be completed by next summer."

Commenting on the continued success of the drive, Gritters took special note of the outstanding response this fall from all parts of Canada: "the response from our constituency in Canada has been just great, with commitments totaling \$125,000 already received as of December 31 from a relatively small group of people."

Business Manager Bernard De Wit indicates that progress on the building project has been somewhat slower than anticipated. By the time the January *Voice* goes to press, the concrete sections (called double tees) which form the outside walls, should be in place. De Wit said that both buildings were scheduled to be completely enclosed by the end of December.

President B.J. Haan still anticipates being able to hold the formal dedication of both buildings in conjunction with the commencement exercises which are scheduled for May 12, 1978.

The sizeable addition to the library is already enclosed and work is progressing on the interior of the facility. It was originally hoped that this addition would be ready by the second semester; however, it will probably not be completed until the start of the '78-'79 school year.

The Board of Trustees is counting on the total amount needed for the project being raised through gift commitments, even though the total has been raised several times to reflect higher building costs, a parking lot, and the addition of the library expansion to the campaign. It is anticipated that raising the approximately \$350,000 needed yet to complete the project will be a very challenging task for the school and will require a very generous response from those yet to be contacted.

## Campaign Results by Churches

This report shows the campaign results through December 31, 1977 by Christian Reformed Churches in the Midwest.

Phases I and II of the campaign has been completed in the churches listed.

A report on the responses from the other geographical areas of Dordt's constituency will be made next summer after the college has completed its Phase II work in those areas

### Classis Minnesota North

Bunde .....	\$30,840
Pease .....	\$13,585
Prinsburg .....	\$57,270
Raymond .....	\$10,400
Renville .....	\$5,485
Thunderbay I.....	\$3,100
Willmar .....	\$2,250

### Classis Minnesota South

Bigelow .....	\$500
Chandler .....	\$7,115
Edgerton I .....	\$18,460
Edgerton Bethel .....	\$12,870
Hills .....	\$750
Holland, Minn. ....	\$600
Leota .....	\$13,750
Luverne .....	\$2,115
Pipestone .....	\$11,100
Volga .....	\$12,380
Worthington.....	\$7,550

### Classis Northcentral Iowa

Ackley .....	\$1,950
Austinville .....	\$10,560
Britt .....	\$2,400
Holland .....	\$5,000
Hollandale .....	\$5,600

Kanawha I .....	\$13,250
Kanawha Wright... ..	\$22,645
Lincoln Center.....	\$9,000
Parkersburg .....	\$4,350
Wellsburg I .....	\$25,540
Wellsburg II .....	\$720
Woden .....	\$9,700

### Classis Orange City

Hartley .....	\$100
Hawarden.....	\$900
Hospers .....	\$8,630
Hull I .....	\$66,990
Hull Hope .....	\$2,420
Ireton .....	\$14,810
Le Mars .....	\$250
Ocheyedan .....	\$13,460
Orange City I.....	\$49,100
Orange City Calvary ..	\$11,975
Sanborn .....	\$80,937
Sheldon I .....	\$28,445
Sheldon Immanuel..	\$13,250
Sibley .....	\$6,385

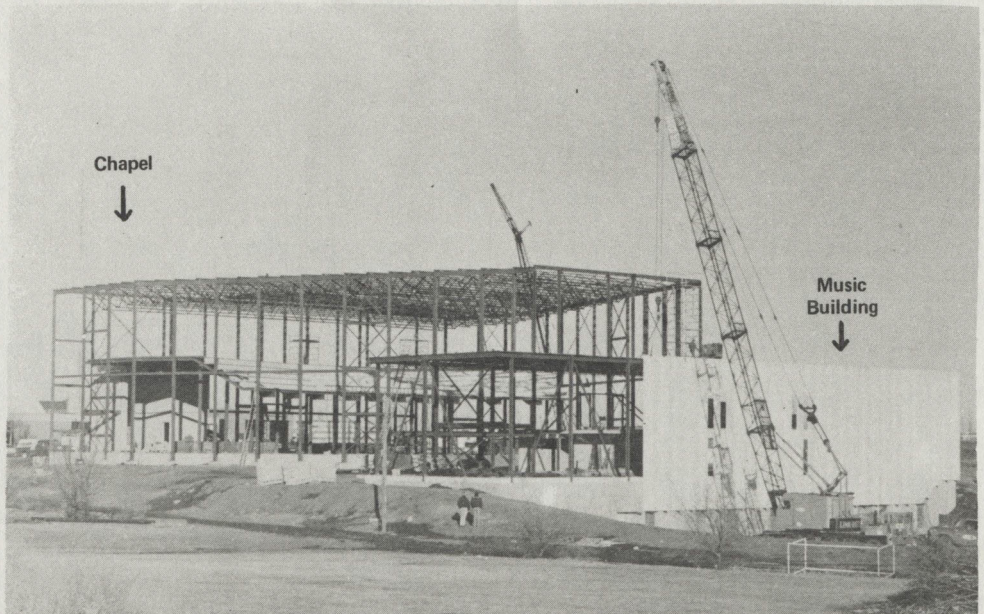
### Classis Pella

Cedar .....	\$11,425
Des Moines .....	\$1,930
Leighton.....	\$2,660

Newton .....	\$3,860
Oskaloosa I .....	\$13,080
Oskaloosa Bethel .....	\$4,550
Pella I .....	\$22,520
Pella II .....	\$7,190
Pella Calvary.....	\$37,635
Pella Faith .....	\$21,970
Peoria.....	\$26,555
Prairie City .....	\$2,325
Sully .....	\$16,710
Tracy .....	\$500

### Classis Sioux Center

Doon .....	\$800
Harrison .....	\$750
Inwood.....	\$23,780
Lebanon.....	\$6,600
New Holland SD.....	\$1,370
Platte SD .....	\$4,150
Rock Rapids .....	\$325
Rock Valley I.....	\$14,895
Rock Valley Calvin... ..	\$24,020
Rock Valley Trinity... ..	\$19,430
Sioux Center I .....	\$48,518
Sioux Center Bethel... ..	\$73,341
Sioux Center Covenant..	\$21,336
Sioux Falls .....	\$3,100



Construction in progress: A picture taken from the back of the new chapel-music center shows construction personnel putting the large concrete sections into place forming the outside walls of the music building.



STUDENT FORUM officers for the 1977-78 school year, left to right: Marlin Van Schepen, Ireton, Iowa, Sophomore Class President; Randy Mouw, Corona, California, Freshman Class President; John Kanis, Pella, Iowa, Senior Class President; and Cleon McClure, Luverne, Minnesota, Junior Class President.

## Dordt Faculty Critique South Africa

Several of the Dordt faculty have recently expressed concern over the South African government's apartheid policies.

President B. J. Haan joined the presidents of several other Reformed colleges and graduate schools in signing a letter to Potchefstroom University—a sister Reformed university with an enrollment of about 7,500—encouraging a Biblical, Calvinistic policy in regard to the situation there.

In addition, Dr. Willis Alberda, Hugh Cook, Norman Matheis, John Vander Stelt and Dr. John Van Dyk sent a telegram to seven faculty members at Potchefstroom. The Dordt professors indicated support for the leading role taken by their Potchefstroom colleagues in the formation of the "Koinonia Declaration."

The "Koinonia Declaration," also signed by black and white Christians in English- and Afrikaans-speaking denominations in and around Johannesburg, presented a Biblical critique and positive guidelines on the South African government's responsibility to administer justice to all.

# DeWaal Speaks on All Spheres of Life

"Any movement that tries to maintain a corner of the truth, a partial truth, will never be a Reformer, a renewer today," Dr. Sidney C.J. DeWaal told a crowd of over 800 Sunday, October 30, at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

DeWaal keyed the Dordt College Reformation Week lectures Sunday afternoon and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, October 30-November 2. He also spoke in chapel Tuesday and in some classes. He is pastor of the Third Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alta., and dean of students at King's College in Edmonton.

"As children of the Reformation, knowing our one-sidedness, we share a commitment to share the truth," he said. He explained one-sidedness as picking up one corner of the truth as if it were all the truth. Emphasizing unity, he added, "All corners fit together; don't cut it into pieces."

If, DeWaal suggested in his talk, Christians "become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, obedient servants of God the Father through the Holy Spirit, then Reformation—God's beginning—shall continue and the body of our Lord shall mature."

### Renewal in the Family

"The family is having a difficult time of it," DeWaal observed October 31. He suggested that members of the family begin renewal by evaluating interpersonal relation-

ships. "How healthy are the relationships between husband and wife, between father and mother and children?" he asked.

DeWaal reminded his audience that husband-wife and parent-child relationships are "one of a kind." Therefore, don't use children as "pawns to strengthen a sagging marriage relationship," he warned.

DeWaal concluded, "In order to really live the full, rich Christian life, I, as a total human being in all of my relationships with and without the family, must learn to be at peace with God, myself, and my neighbor."

### Renewal in Education

Renewal in education means "humanization of education from the Christian point of view," according to DeWaal. He elaborated on this theme November 1.

Warning against two extremes in Christian thinking, DeWaal said, "There is no dichotomy in education; it is not child-centered or God-centered." He explained, "The Bible shows the child, seen as an integrated unity, is a person who always stands in relation to God, others, and creation."

DeWaal emphasized the role of the teacher. He suggested setting appropriate, flexible goals with which the student grows in identity. In addition, he said that attitudes characterize effective teachers and are more important than teaching methods.

DeWaal expressed his ultimate goal in

education: "Change of self for freedom in Christ." Concluding, he said, "Reformation in education is long overdue. Perhaps you at Dordt here can lead the way."

### Renewal in the Church Means Fellowship

Renewal in the church, according to DeWaal, "calls for good, deep fellowship and radically transformed relationships with the people of God." This was his topic November 2.

Leadership in the church is one crucial issue today, he felt. Noting how times change, he said, "Fifty years ago it was survival. Today, it's the quality of life" the church is concerned about.

"Because of the changeful times in which we live, fellow Christians are extremely lonely," he stated. "Full fellowship of availability and liability to and for each other must be developed. Bring the church from a place where everyone is doing his own thing to a place of sustained fellowship among the family of God."

DeWaal recommended more congregational involvement in the ministry of the church, including worship services. He called his audience to become the "mighty agents" of the church by first making sure of their own salvation and then committing themselves to God's service in fellowship with their fellowmen.

## "Our School"

In an article in the *Renewal* magazine recently, Rev. John Hellinga, former pastor of the 1st CRC in Orange City, Iowa, and presently serving the Guelph, Ontario CRC, wrote the following:

"At this point I like to pay a compliment to Dordt College. Dordt strives hard to be a college for the community. This young college is not just an academic institution where professors and students can interact, but Dordt has a powerful cultural formative influence in the Iowa community and the Reformed community at large. Preachers, educators, and its loyal constituents speak about Dordt as "our school" with our distinct Reformed outreach. Hats off to an academic community that has time to organize ministers' conferences, political gatherings, and social meetings even for the widows of the community!"

Thank you, Rev. Hellinga, for the very nice compliment. Dordt does strive very hard to be a "college of the people" dedicated to the best in Reformed, Calvinistic scholarship.

## Basic English Revisited

Are high school students adequately learning the three R's (reading, writing, and arithmetic)?

No, according to Verne Meyer, English and theatre arts instructor at Dordt College, and Pat Sebranek, English teacher in Union High School near Racine, Wis. Consequently they decided to write an English handbook, "Basic English Revisited."

While teaching English in a northern Michigan high school, Meyer became concerned that students seemed to write poorly and that the curriculum design in the high school did not encourage a lot of writing.

He then accepted a teaching position in Wisconsin and met Sebranek, who had the same feelings.

"A popular thrust in education today, and an important one, is to do a better job of teaching the three R's" said Meyer. "but we were concerned that, while two of the three R's are reading and writing, a student spends only one sixth of the school day in English class actively learning how to read and write. For that reason we wanted to find a handbook for teaching reading and writing in all disciplines."

But they couldn't find such a source, so they wrote one: a 35-page publication called "The Four-Year Sentence." The response to it in their high school and in area schools was favorable so they decided to expand on it and write a second edition.

For two years, the two men researched, wrote and compiled information which has just been published in the handbook, "Basic English Revisited."

In addition to basic grammar rules, instructions for writing essays and research papers, a list of commonly misspelled words, reading instructions, and library skills, the 116-page book includes math symbols, hand



Verne Meyer  
Instructor of Theatre Arts

signs, commonly used parliamentary procedures, a dictionary of prefixes, suffixes and roots, traffic signs, a periodic table of the elements, a table of weights and measures, a map of the U.S. and the world, the preamble to the Constitution, emergency first aid tips—illustrated with comical examples and cartoons.

"Right now we're concentrating on publicizing the book to schools," says Meyer, "but we believe it would also be very useful as a handbook for the family."

"Basic English Revisited," a paperback, is available at the Dordt College Bookstore or can be ordered by sending \$2.45 to "Basic English Revisited," 275 Robins Run, Burlington, WI 53105.

## New Dordt Orchestra

### Receives Standing Ovation

An enthusiastic crowd in the Dordt gymnasium gave a standing ovation to Clarence Doornbos and his Dordt College Orchestra, for their first concert ever in Dordt's history, on November 11.

The 39-piece orchestra includes an 18-piece string (violin, viola, cello and bass) and a 21-piece wind and percussion section.

Doornbos is an instructor of music at Dordt. He graduated from Calvin College in 1962. He received his masters degree in music from Vander Cook College of Music in 1966. Doornbos is originally of Zeeland, Mich. He previously taught in Kalamazoo Christian High School, in Michigan, and started the instrumental program in Bellflower, Calif.

He came to Dordt in 1976. In addition to conducting the orchestra, he teaches several music classes as well as private instrumental lessons to students.

Doornbos received the conductorship of the orchestra from the Music Department because of his experience with stringed instruments in high schools in the past. He said the department had been interested for some time in expanding. The orchestra came about when it was discovered that the number of string players on campus increased sufficiently to start a group.

Doornbos said that he had had confidence in the orchestra in the November concert and that the members themselves were pleased with the performance. Doornbos summed up the audience response as "gratifying" and the comments he has received since then show an enthusiasm for the new group.

He hopes that ". . . the fact we have something here (at Dordt) will be a motivational force for a student to start in strings below the college level." He observed that interest in string programs in high schools is rising in some areas. He cited Christian schools in Colorado, Michigan, Washington and Northwest Iowa as examples.

Starting a child on the strings usually begins in the fourth grade, whereas a beginning band student usually begins in fifth grade. Doornbos stressed the importance of an early start on the stringed instruments.

Plans for next year for the Dordt Orchestra include expanded rehearsal time. Doornbos is considering the possibility of a concert with the area high school orchestras in the second semester. He would like to see a wider support for strings in the community.

## Etcetera

Miss Sandi Nieuwendorp of Sheldon, Iowa, and Mr. Ken Schreur of Kanawha, Iowa, have been selected as recipients of the 1977-78 Dordt Anniversary P.E. Awards for their contributions to the Physical Education programs at Dordt College.

## Women's Volleyball Team Shares Conference Championship



**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**, back row, left to right: Coach Huisman; Marlys De Witt, Jenison, Mich.; Cynthia Zylstra, De Motte, Ind.; Tammi Kreun, Edgerton, Minn.; Roxanne Nobel, Le Mars, Iowa; Irene Vander Pol, Ripon, Calif.; Nancy Groen, Renville, Minn.; Pearl Vander Wal, Ripon Calif.; Terri Vander Griend, Sioux City, Iowa; Cheryl Wagner, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Manager Gayla Vaandrager, Sheldon, Iowa. Front row, left to right: Janice Van Olst, Saskatoon, Sask.; Barbara Slegers, Chino, Calif.; Wendy Bouman, Rocky Mtn. House, Alta.; Faith Aardsma, Denver, Colo.; Valerie Schaap, Chandler, Minn.; Barb Boer, Sioux Center, Iowa.

The women's volleyball team tied for first place in the IA-Kota Conference with an 11-3 win-loss record. Overall, including non-conference games, they compiled a 22-9 showing.

The team, coached by Etta J. Huisman, had the new talent of eight freshmen and the experience of seven returning upperclassmen.

For the second consecutive year the team championed the Buena Vista Invitational in Storm Lake, Iowa, on October 22, remaining undefeated during all 12 tournament games. The Defenders split four games on October 29 at the University of South Dakota Volleyball Invitational in Brookings, S. D.

Dordt climaxed the season when they played the first- and second-ranked teams in the state at the State Tournament on November 4-5. They split four games. Against the top squad in the state, Loras College, the Dordt spikers and setters had scores of 5-15, 16-14 and 15-17, as Dordt won the second game to force a third and deciding game in the match.

They kept the excitement running high in the next match against second-ranked Graceland College by again forcing the match into a third game. Coach Huisman said during this tournament the team demonstrated that they were "capable of a very high caliber of play," even though they lost both matches.

Seniors Marlys De Witt of Jenison, Mich., and Terri Vander Griend of Sioux City,

Iowa, co-captained the 1977 team. They were selected as the Most Valuable Players of the team and were chosen to receive honors on the All-Conference first team.

Irene Vander Pol of Ripon, Calif., and Barb Boer of Sioux Center were voted the Outstanding Freshmen. They were selected to be on the All-Conference second team.

According to Huisman, the members of the team experienced "a great feeling of unity." With 11 of the 15 players returning, she also sees a bright future for the 1978 Dordt team.

## 1977-78 Concert Choir Tour Itinerary

Wed., March 22 . . . . . German Valley, Ill.  
 Thurs., March 23 . . . . . Western Springs, Ill.  
 Fri., March 24 . . . . . South Holland, Ill.  
 Sun., March 26 . . . . . Grand Haven, Mich.  
   Muskegon, Mich.  
   Holland, Mich.  
 Mon., March 27 . . . . . Hudsonville, Mich.  
 Tues., March 28 . . . . . Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 Wed., March 29 . . . . . Sheboygan, Wis.  
 Thurs., March 30 . . . . . Waupun, Wis.  
 Fri., March 31 . . . . . Pease, Minn.  
 Sat., April 1 . . . . . Wellsburg, Ia.  
 Sun., April 2 . . . . . Garner, Ia.  
 Mon., April 3 . . . . . Pella, Ia.

## Agriculture Program

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Bajema contrasted that with the trend at secular schools, where he said girls "have really come on strong" in agriculture. He quoted an article in the March 31, 1977, issue of "Farmland News" on the rise of the number of girls in agriculture. The author said it is a misconception that "agriculture is as all-male as football."

Another common fallacy about agriculture, Bajema felt, was that students raised on the farm would have an easy time in agriculture courses. He observed that many students from rural areas had complained how difficult some of the material was. However, "Some of them are starting to get a vision as to what agriculture is all about," he said.

Although sympathetic to the plight many farmers are in, Bajema said he opposed the United States' national farm strike that American Agriculture Movement initiated on December 14. He feared the possibility of violence and felt the strike would upset the natural flow of products.

"Anytime you stop selling livestock and grain, it has to be sold later," he said. "That causes market accumulation, resulting in lower prices." He noted the bad effect this had in the Nixon era with the price freeze. On that basis, he opposed "distorting free movement of products."

Bajema also believed the strike would have repercussions for the consumer. To end it, he suggested farmers should promote a free market, reduce overproduction and increase use of export markets.

"We are no longer throwing military hardware around but are flexing our muscles with food," he said, referring to export limits as political leverage. Pointing out that wars have been caused by lack of food, fiber or material resources, he said restricting exports "could be the fuse that ignites a bomb."

Looking to the future of agriculture, Bajema cited a passage in Leviticus where the children of Israel were instructed to leave the land to subsequent generations in better condition than they received it. This, he said, was because the land was not theirs; neither is it ours, he added.

"We have a direct responsibility to maintain the soil and to the consumer," he concluded. "We must have freedom of labor to feed the population with a quality, safe product."

## Etcetera

Kenneth Venhuizen, instructor of sociology, keeps professionally trim by counseling several hours a week at Bethesda Midwest in Orange City, Iowa. He serves as a psychiatric social worker for the Christian mental health agency, a satellite of Bethesda Hospital in Denver.

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John Vander Stelt, associate professor of philosophy and theology, spoke at a Reformation Day Rally for five churches in Lethbridge, Alta.

## Fall Foundation Drive Results Running 10% Ahead of Last Year

The 1977 Dordt College Fall Foundation Drive for operating support for the '77-'78 school year is about 80% complete with close to \$100,000 turned in to the Development Office by January 1.

The Development Office now estimates that the final total could come very close to the \$125,000 goal established for the campaign. This would be a very significant increase over last year's total of \$109,750.

All campaign chairmen who still haven't completed their drives are encouraged to finish their work and submit the results as soon as possible. Also, church and classical treasurers who are holding Foundation Day results are asked to forward these gifts within the next few weeks. The college would like to wrap up the campaign by February 1.



A new MALE CHORUS group has been formed this year by the Dordt College Music Department. Professor Dale Grotenhuis is the director of the chorus, shown above rehearsing for their first performance.

## Lecturers to Examine Christian Approach to Media and Economics

What institutions are shaping your children, your culture and your government the most? Many contend the mass media are.

What do politicians consider first in drafting legislation? Usually economics. Recognizing the phenomenal influence exerted on culture today by the media and by theories of economics, Dordt attracted three experts for a lecture series on mass communication January 31 and February 1 and on economics February 27 and 28.

Dr. Thomas J. Ozinga, director of college relations at Calvin College, will examine "Interpersonal and Mass Communication: Challenges for Christian Lifestyle" at 7 p.m. January 31; "Ethical Problems in Mass Media: Journalism, TV, Advertising" at 3 p.m. February 1; and "Christian Witness Via Mass Media: Nobel Work or Mere Hucksterism" at 7:00 that evening.

Ozinga graduated from Calvin in 1960 with majors in English, history and speech. The University of Michigan conferred the M.A. on him in speech-communication in 1961, and he earned the Ph.D. in mass communication and public address at Michigan in 1967.

He taught speech and journalism at Calvin since 1963. In addition, he team-taught the Senior Preaching course at Calvin Theological Seminary each fall quarter from 1969 through 1976. During 1975 and 1976 he wrote a series of "Banner" articles on mass communication. He has also participated in a variety of conferences on the media.

One of Ozinga's colleagues, Dr. George N. Monsma, Jr.—chairman of the Department

of Economics and Business at Calvin—will speak in February along with Dr. Marvin G. DeVries, dean of the F. E. Seidman Graduate College of Business, one of the Grand Valley State Colleges in Allendale, Mich.

With the presupposition that Christianity affects all of life, not just the Church, Monsma will present "A Christian Critique of Orthodox Economic Theory" at 3 p.m. February 27 and "Love, Justice, and U.S. Economic Life" at 7 p.m. February 28. He will suggest changes in policy and personal behavior which would be consistent with Biblical norms. Most of his research has been directed toward developing a Christian response in the area of welfare economics.

Prof. Monsma received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University, where he taught for one year while preparing for his degree. He has taught at Calvin since 1969. He has published several articles in "The Reformed Journal," "The Guide" and "The Banner."

Inflation and unemployment never seem to go away anymore; Dr. DeVries will discuss their impact on 1978 and 1979, at 7 p.m. February 27. He will follow up with a lecture on "The Future of Capitalism" at 3 p.m. February 28.

Dr. DeVries has been associated with Grand Valley Colleges' division of Business and Economics since 1963, rising through the ranks to his present position. He has just returned from a nine-day trip to Poland, where he met with officials and students at the Academy of Economics in Krakow. He has served the Christian Reformed Synodical Interim Committee as financial adviser and recording secretary.

## Etcetera

The Dordt golf team, organized formally for only its third year, broke several records this season.

Bill Nieuwenhuis of Delavan, Wis., won a medal—the team's first medal—by placing fourth in a Tri-State Conference Tournament. He also turned in the first sub-par round that a Dordt player has ever submitted, shooting a 69, one under par, at the home course.

The team as a whole broke Dordt records for the home course and courses in Sioux City and Le Mars.

Coach Abraham Bos expects even stronger years ahead, since six sophomores and one freshman comprised this year's young squad.

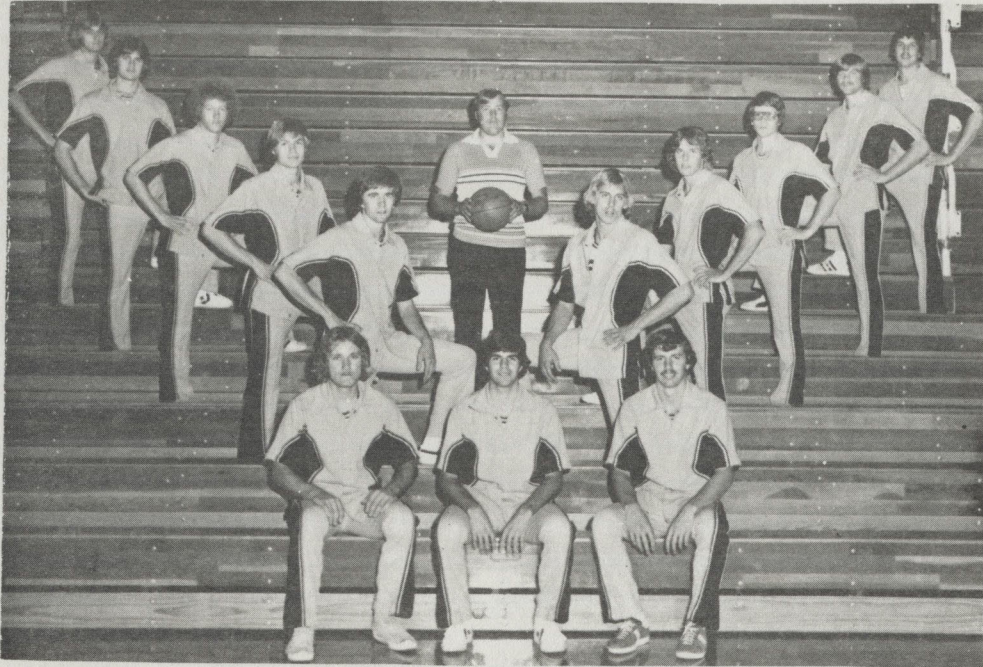
Associate Professor John Vander Stelt attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion at San Francisco December 28-31. The Rev. Wayne Kobes attended the Society for Biblical Literature's annual confab, also held at San Francisco that same week.

Prof. Kornelius Boot of Dordt addressed the national Modern Language Association on December 29 at its annual meeting in Chicago.

The women's basketball team has culled a 3-3 record so far this season. They have a 1-0 record in Conference action. According to Coach Marion Van Soelen, the strongest part of the team's game is running.



# Defenders Bounce Back



1977-78 Men's Varsity Basketball Team, left to right: Benton Mulder, Pella, Iowa, Jerry Vande Pol, Pella, Iowa; Vern Droge, Manhattan, Mont.; Arnie Veldkamp, Sioux Center, Iowa; Phil Smith, Ward, S.D.; Henry Lengkeek, Volga, S.D.; Dean Visser, Sioux Center, Iowa; Randy Jeltema, Orange City, Iowa; Barry Miedema, Alton, Iowa; Marlo Branderhorst, Pella, Iowa; Daryl Vander Well, Hull, Iowa; Bob Rip, Oak Harbor, Wash.; Terry Crull, Ridott, Ill.

Facing a 1-3 deficit after Thanksgiving vacation, the varsity basketball Defenders bounced back to a 5-4 record by Christmas break.

A tough beginning schedule against strong schools helps account for some of the early losses, as Dordt suffered defeats from Mt. Marty, Simpson and Central Colleges.

Coach Rick Vander Berg, in his first year at Dordt, attributed the subsequent victories largely to more consistent defense and sharper shooting. He also noted that his team is holding its ground better in rough, "physical" matches.

Though he expects strong competition

from Northwestern and Yankton, he said he expects to fare quite well in the five-team Tri-State Conference.

Jerry Vande Pol led the team with 158 points, averaging 24 points in the last five games. Terry Crull collected 153 points, and Bob Rip garnered 120. Rip grabbed the most rebounds, 88, followed by Crull's 80.

Freshmen Kevin Wolterstorff and Dennis Van Zanten led the junior varsity to a brilliant 7-2 tally by Christmas vacation, according to Coach Syne Altena. The main ingredient to the team's success, according to the coach, is their sweat. "They've just worked hard."

## Memorial Gifts

- \$1,000 - for the new chapel in memory of Peter P. and Jennie Eekhoff of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, from their children.
- \$200 - in memory of Rev. Edward J. Tuuk from his son, Donald Tuuk, Chicago, Illinois.
- \$50 - in memory of Mrs. Gertie Ahrenholz from Dick Ahrenholz, Raymond, Minnesota.

## Cross Country Team Goes to National Finals

The Dordt College cross country team qualified for the national finals this year, held at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Nov. 17.

Loras, Northwestern and Dordt, the top three winners of District 15 finals, qualified for the nationals. 450 runners from almost every state entered the 5-mile race. Dordt's top runner at the national finals was Ken Schreur.

Coach Len Rhoda said the team came back from last place in District 15 last year to end up in third place this year.

"We had a great year," commented Rhoda, "and a very successful one. We had many good runners which gave the team depth."

Ken Schreur of Kanawha, Iowa, earned All District Runner and Most Valuable Runner awards and was also an All Conference Runner along with Len Fakkema of Oak Harbor, Wash. Schreur and Bernie Haan of Sioux Center co-captained the team.

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