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977 Students Enroll for the 1975/76 School Year

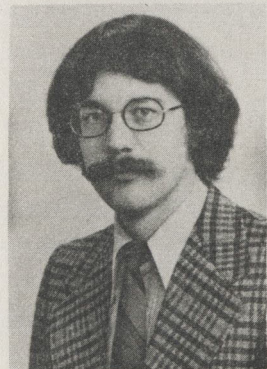
Based on preliminary statistics made available by Dr. Douglas Ribbens, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dordt's enrollment at the start of the first full week of school stood at 977 students, ten less than the record number of students set last year. Registration officials report that 329 new freshmen have registered.

Dordt has again attracted a student body from a wide geographical area representing 28 states, 7 provinces of Canada, and 4 foreign countries, including 1 student from Greece, 1 from Honduras, 1 from Mexico, and 2 from Viet Nam.

Enrollment figures by states and provinces are as follows:

Iowa.....	278	Colorado.....	28
Minnesota.....	94	Montana.....	20
Washington.....	64	Indiana.....	14
California.....	61	New Jersey.....	13
Alberta.....	59	Manitoba.....	11
Michigan.....	55	Arizona.....	9
British Columbia.....	51	Florida.....	8
Wisconsin.....	41	Kansas.....	8
South Dakota.....	39	Nebraska.....	6
Illinois.....	38	Pennsylvania.....	6
Ontario.....	37	Mississippi.....	5
		North Carolina.....	5
		North Dakota.....	5
		New York.....	4
		Oregon.....	3
		New Mexico.....	2
		Viet Nam.....	2
		Idaho.....	1
		Massachusetts.....	1
		Missouri.....	1
		Utah.....	1
		Virginia.....	1
		Quebec.....	1
		Prince Edward Island.....	1
		Saskatchewan.....	1
		Greece.....	1
		Honduras.....	1
		Mexico.....	1

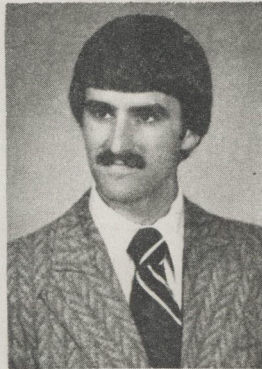
Faculty and Administrative Positions Filled



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Instructor in Psychology



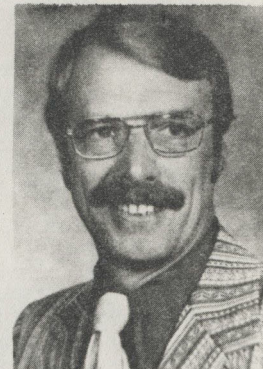
Verlyn De Wit
Development Representative



Tim Schiebout
Teaching Assistant
in P.E.



Evert Van Der Heide
Instructor in Economics



John Verwolf
Director of Student Programming and Placement

Dordt has hired several new persons to fill openings in its faculty and administrative staffs for the 75/76 school year. Please see page 4 for a complete write up on the background and duties of these new members of the Dordt family.

In announcing the new appointments, President Haan stated, "We are extremely pleased and fortunate that we have been able to attract people of this caliber. They have all demonstrated a high degree of professional

Van Dyk Receives Ph.D.



from
Cornell

Professor John Van Dyk, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and recently on leave of absence at Cornell University, has received his Ph.D. in Medieval Studies. His dissertation is titled, "The Value of the Commentaries on the Sentences of Peter Lombard for the History of Medieval Philosophy." In it he discusses the need for medieval philosophers to study commentaries on Lombard's Sentences.

In the two years Van Dyk attended Cornell, he was a teaching assistant and also received two fellowship grants. He is also co-authoring a book on Medieval Philosophy with the Department Head from Cornell. Dr. Van Dyk came to Dordt in 1966.

competence and a genuine solid commitment to the Lord and the Reformed Faith. They will play important roles in Dordt's continuing effort to serve Christ and His Kingdom through Christian Higher Education."



From the President's Pen....

by Rev. B. J. Haan

The Urgency of Continued Communal Discussion

If there ever was a time for Christians everywhere to come together and discuss issues, it is today. There are many problems facing the believing community in our day which cannot easily be resolved. What often happens in endeavoring to present solutions to these problems, is that those who write either lack clarity, present inadequate, partial answers, or perhaps venture out in a questionable direction. Without taking the time to understand the writer's intentions and basic commitment, fellow believers will lash out in angry rebuttal, making serious and fierce charges and arouse God's people, most of whom hardly know what it is all about, to arm for battle. A climate is created in which emotions run so high and the determination to win the fight on the basis of the accusations presented is so strong that any kind of sensible and helpful discussion, at least for the time being, is out of the question. If Christian scholars and leaders lived in closer association with each other and engaged in honest continuous communal scholarship, most of this regrettable and unnecessary charge and counter-charge could be avoided.

This would not lead to the neglect of truth but would serve to advance truth in a responsible manner. It would help to avoid the temptation, which is quite prevalent among us, to soft-pedal if not actually reject basic Reformed principles in the zealous attempt to combat ideas which appear to threaten the faith. We have seen too much of careless, reckless debate both on the part of "conservatives" and those who seem to challenge the present status, the "non-conservatives."

Obviously, there is reason for concern. We know that some strange and unacceptable views are floating around us and, at times, very close to us. To complicate matters, there are very puzzling inconsistencies among us. We know of some who are fanatically devoted to the extermination of all that goes contrary to or in any way raises questions about our present "Reformed" doctrine, while their lives and business practices are plainly secular. On the other hand, there are those so ready to criticize and "reform" the present system while their own life style also leaves much to be desired and only raises more suspicion concerning the theories which they advocate. In other words, whom can you really trust? Whom are you to believe?

All the more reason, therefore, that we see the urgency of Christians coming together to talk openly and in the spirit of forbearance wrestle communally with the vexing problems which confront us. This will provide the atmosphere in which honest differences can be tested and be recognized as beneficial to a wholesome, on-going development of the faith. Today it seems as though all differences have to be viewed with grave suspicion as a threat to the faith of our fathers, even though our fathers themselves often exercised far greater charity and tolerance within the boundaries of our confession.

We, at Dordt, are grateful that communal scholarship can be carried on with profitable results. The faculty continues to engage in such discussion. The entire campus life reflects these communal efforts to integrate faith and learning. Furthermore, Dordt has given leadership to the constituents in promoting communal study. Last spring Dordt hosted the conference on Hermeneutics, attended by over 100 ministers. It was a beautiful experience. This fall, in November, the ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian and the Reformed Church of the U.S. in the Dordt area will meet at the college. There will be papers on the unity of Scripture, the Sabbath, and possible cooperative efforts by denominations of Reformed persuasion.

In the spring of 1976 we plan to have another conference, mainly for Christian Reformed ministers, on the "famous" Report 44. Is this report truly acceptable? Has it opened the door to an unreformed hermeneutic? Our view of Scripture and the interpretation of Scripture are crucial. Does Report 44 do justice to the biblical, Reformed view of Scriptural authority? Well, this is what we want to discuss in brotherly fashion. If Report 44 is inadequate or misleading we better find out and make amends. But this will not happen if both "sides" are out to prove their point without listening carefully to each other.

Most important of all, let us recognize how deeply dependent we are upon the Lord and the indispensable, powerful movement of His Spirit. All of us have our weaknesses and inadequacies. But if we sincerely, as redeemed sinners, implore Him for His grace, He will bless us and make us a great witness in our difficult times.

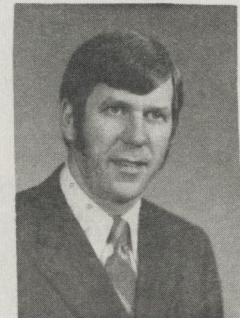
Annual Tri-State Teachers' Institute is October 2 & 3

The Tri-State Teacher's Institute takes place at Dordt College on October 2 and 3. The theme of the institute is "Freedom to Excel." Those invited to the institute come from District 5 (Colorado and southeast Iowa) and District 6 (northwest Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and South Dakota).

Dr. Lester De Koster, editor of the Banner will address the group—about 350 elementary and high school teachers from Christian schools—in his message, "The Measure of Excellence." He will also lead two sectionals, "Calvin's Church Today" and "Freedom of the Press." Teachers can choose the sectionals they wish to attend. Other sectional leaders include Dordt professors Gerald Bouma, Hugh Cook, Case Boot, James De Jong, Hester Hollaar, Gary Parker, and Rebecca Woodward.

The Tri-State Institute has been held at Dordt since 1960. On October 6 and 7 of that year, 250 teachers, representing 45 Christian elementary and high schools of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, met for the inspirational address and sectionals. They ended the conference with a banquet at the Orange City Christian School. Before 1960, Tri-State was held at Western Christian High in Hull.

Vander Stelt Speaks at Conference in South Africa



Mr. John Vander Stelt, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology at Dordt College, was one of the featured speakers at an International Reformed Conference held at the University of Potchefstroom in Potchefstroom, South Africa, September 9 to 13.

The theme of the conference was "Reformed Higher Educational Institutions as a Bulwark for the Kingdom of God—Present and Future."

Noted speakers from South Africa, the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, France, Japan, England, Indonesia, Korea, Australia, West Germany, and Kenya were on the program.

Mr. Vander Stelt spoke on "Coordination Between Christian Institutions" to the conference.

Haan Emphasizes Christian Life-Style at Convocation Exercises

"What life-style should characterize the Dordt community? What does our statement of purpose recommend and anticipate? What do we really want?" is what Rev. B. J. Haan, president of Dordt College, asked the students and faculty gathered at the convocation exercises, August 27, 1975.

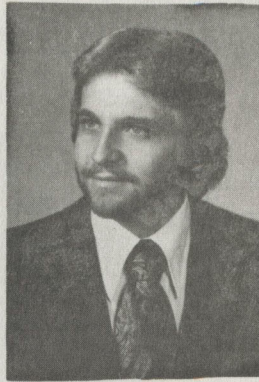
Rev. Haan described what a Christian life-style at Dordt means, and what it means "to put on Jesus Christ, to turn on the light, to let God's glory shine in the realm of thought." He said that Dordt life can be divided into the academic and non-academic aspects. In the academic, the highest loyalty to Christ and His Word, the highest commitment to discernment and excellence in scholarship are demanded. Concerning the non-academic life, Haan asked, "What kind of battle, testing of spirits is taking place? Are we putting on Christ?"

The Apostle Paul warned against typical characteristics of most colleges: intemperance, adultery, and personal bitterness. "There's a far more beautiful life open to us," Haan said, "We must test all in the light of Scripture and we must study what God's Word recommends for our times."

He ended his address challenging the faculty and students to make Dordt "a campus that is consciously Christian also in its rules and regulations, is truly an example in godly living."

Also at the convocation, the Concert Choir sang "Jesus, Our Lord, We Adore Thee" and "I Sing the Mighty Power of God." "Light," a smaller group of students who went on tour this past summer, sang "The New 23rd." Joan Ringerwole played the organ prelude and postlude.

Admissions Counselors Available for Home Visits



Eugene Vanden Bosch



Daryl Vogel

In an effort to be of total service to people of Dordt's constituency, the college is making the time of its two admissions counselors, Mr. Eugene Vanden Bosch and Mr. Daryl Vogel, available at no cost or obligation for home admissions counseling visits.

Both of these gentlemen are experienced and very capable of advising young people and their parents regarding such important matters as career plans and educational requirements, college financial aids, application requirements, etc.

If you would like to have one of them call at your home, please fill in the form shown below and send it to: Director of Admissions,

Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250. The Admissions Office will get in touch with you to make an appointment. Or you may simply call the college to request a personal contact. The telephone number is 712-722-3771. Ask for Mr. Howard Hall, the Director of Admissions.

During the month of September, Mr. Vanden Bosch will be visiting the southwest and central Minnesota areas, and northcentral Iowa. He will be in Wisconsin, Illinois, and southern Iowa in October. November and December plans call for trips to South Dakota, the East Coast, and parts of Canada.

Mr. Vogel will again be traveling throughout the western half of the continent visiting Montana, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, Oregon, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

People residing within the more immediate area of Dordt should feel free to request a personal visit any time throughout the year. Mr. Howard Hall, Director of Admissions, is always available for such appointments if Mr. Vanden Bosch and Mr. Vogel happen to be out of town.

Request for an Appointment

Yes, we have some things we'd like to discuss with one of the Dordt Admissions Counselors. Please contact us to make an appointment to visit our home.

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
 Address _____
 Parents' Name _____
 Telephone Number _____

Dordt College Academic

Calendar for the 1975/76

School Year

'75/'76	Activity
Oct. 2-3	Tri-State Institute—No Classes
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving recess—12:10 p.m.
Dec. 2	Classes resume—7:35 a.m.
Dec. 12	Review Day
Dec. 13-17	Testing
Jan. 14	Second Sem. begins—7:35 a.m.
Mar. 18	Spring vacation—12:10 p.m.
Mar. 30	Classes resume—7:35 a.m.
May 3	Review Day
May 4-6	Testing
May 7	Commencement—10:00 a.m.

Thalians to Perform "The Tempest" in New Community Theatre

The Thalians, directed by James Koldenhoven, will present their first drama performance of the year on October 22-25 at the Te Paske Theatre. The play, "The Tempest," was written by William Shakespeare and is thought to be the last complete play that he wrote before retiring from the London stage. Shakespeare wrote it when his company, The King's Men, needed a script to perform for James I of England.

The five-act play takes place aboard a ship and an island inhabited by witches and monsters. Besides the one female role, there are 10 other speaking parts.

The play will be performed in Te Paske Theatre, an auditorium in the new Sioux Center Community High School, opened this fall. Equipped for professional music and drama groups, the theatre seats 518 in tiered rows. The theatre contains an orchestra pit,

a moveable stage, five sets of curtains, and a catwalk system. All sets and backgrounds can be mounted on wagons that ride on retractable and rubber wheeled casters. This allows the stage crew to roll the sets to the rear of stage and another setting can be placed in front of the original sets.

Stereo sound effects and music will be played on double Tranberg tape decks and turntables. One-hundred and twenty-five lighting instruments, including two follow spot lights can be controlled individually from the control booth at the auditorium's rear.

By joint agreement, the new Te Paske Theatre is used by the Sioux Center Community Schools, the city of Sioux Center, and Dordt.

James Koldenhoven is chairman of the City Recreation and Arts Council which schedules performances in the theatre.

Dordt's Library Building Begins 10th Year of Service

New Staff Members

Richard Buckham
Instructor in Psychology

Mr. Buckham came to Dordt from Turlock, California. He was working on his Ph.D. in Psychology through the University of Nevada. Buckham is a 1968 graduate of Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, and will teach Physiology Psychology, Social Psychology, and History and Systems of Psychology courses at Dordt.

Verlyn De Wit
Development Representative

A 1973 graduate of Dordt, Mr. De Wit is a native of Hull, Iowa and has taught business education at Central Minnesota Christian High School in Prinsburg, Minnesota since graduating from college. He and his wife Judene have one daughter, Shannon. De Wit will be in charge of Dordt's Deferred Giving Program, Special Subscriber Organization contacts, and Alumni Relations.

Tim Schiebout
Teaching Assistant in P.E.

Mr. Schiebout will teach physical education activities, coach cross-country and track, and will assist in the intramural programs at Dordt. A 1975 Dordt graduate, Schiebout is a native of Maurice, Iowa. His wife Rochelle is working at Gifts Galore in Sioux Center.

Evert Van Der Heide
Instructor in Economics

A native of Goshen, New York, Mr. Van Der Heide received his M.A. from Wayne State University in Detroit this spring. His field of concentration was Public Finance, Labor, and Banking. As a member of the Business Department faculty, Van Der Heide will teach all six economics courses offered by Dordt plus an Introduction to Business course. His wife Linda will be working part time in the circulation department at the Dordt library.

John Verwolf
Director of Student Programming and Placement

Mr. Verwolf comes to Dordt from Seattle, Washington where he was principal at Watson-Groen Christian High School for the past ten years. He will be responsible for counseling students in program and major selection and assisting graduates in job placement. He and his wife, Adeline, have four children, Donna, Debra, David, and Douglas.



An inside view of the Library as it looks today.



Miss Hester Hollaar
Head Librarian

August 25, 1966 was an important date in Dordt history. On that date dedication ceremonies were held for the opening of Dordt's new, spacious, and very attractive Library Building.

It all began back in December of 1964 when Dordt received a \$117,000 grant to build a sorely needed new library. Growing pains had made the old library located in the west end of the old Classroom Building hopelessly inadequate.

The new Library Building was completed in the summer of 1966 at a cost of \$325,000 providing lots of space for bookshelves and study desks plus a large classroom and a number of conference rooms. At that time, Dordt's Library holdings totalled 21,000 volumes.

Today, the Library houses approximately 74,000 volumes and provides individual study space for close to 300 students. Because of growth, the large classroom had to be converted to a periodicals section; and, all but one of the conference rooms have been pressed into service. Now, space in the Library is at a premium with little available

space for expansion.

Since 1966, the Library has added a pamphlet file, a microfilm and microfiche collection of periodicals, records, tapes, filmstrips, and out of print books. Each year, the staff adds about 5000 items, a large number of these requested by the faculty for class work.

In the first year of use, 30,000 items were checked out of the Library for student use. Last year, the usage totalled 73,000 items.

To handle this very sizeable work load, the Library employs 4 full time, 6 part time, and 10-15 work study students, all under the capable direction and leadership of Miss Hester Hollaar, Head Librarian at Dordt since 1964.

Dordt is extremely proud of its Library and considers it to be one of the finest small college libraries in the region. In 1971, when Dordt received full accreditation, the visiting North Central accrediting team singled out the Dordt Library for special recognition for its comprehensive up to date selection of materials in the various fields of learning.

On July 23, 1975 Walter Ouwens, a Junior student from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada died as a result of a heart malady with which he struggled during his whole life. When Wally dropped out of school earlier this year, he was very weak and found it impossible to do his academic work. Subsequently he submitted to two major heart operations. All along there was hope that he would recover. But our heavenly Father willed otherwise.

We express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ouwens and their family; and also to Linda Falkena, a Dordt graduate, to whom Wally was engaged to be married. May they be enabled, even in this, to give thanks to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 15:57)

Education Majors

Job Placements - 1974/75 Class

Graduate	School Location
Mary Baak	Harrisville, Pa.
Paulette Broek	Smithers, B.C.
Rodney Broekhuis	Pella, Ia.
Duane Buys	New Holland, S.D.
Anelia Clark	Duncan, B.C.
Clayton Danzeisen	De Motte, Ind.
Marilee De Groot	Peoria, Ia.
Helen De Groot	Burnsby, B.C.
Rudy De Groot	Calgary, Alta.
Marjolynn De Jong	Ontario, Calif.
Joanne De Vlieger	Mt. Vernon, Wash.
Alice Doornbos	Burnsby, B.C.
Darlene Dreesen	Edgerton, Minn.
Christa Drumm	Surrey, B.C.
Larry Eggink	Leesburg, Va.
Ardene Emmelkamp	Sioux Center, Ia.
Ellen Folkerts	Dundas, Ont.
Judy Fopma	Edgerton, Minn.
Ruth Gerritsma	Agassiz, B.C.
Dan Gibson	Chatham, Ont.
Sandra Huls	Sheboygan, Wis.
Patricia Ippel	Baldwin, Wis.
Martje Kesting	Pella, Ia.
Shirley Klein	Pantego, N.C.
Kathy Koning	Platte, S.D.
Nancy Kroeze	Ireton, Ia.
Corliss Kruis	Oak Harbor, Wash.
Lynn LeMahieu	Leesburg, Va.
Nancy Matheis	Surrey, B.C.
Carla Mulder	Edgerton, Minn.
Ruth Navis	Rock Valley, Ia.
Elaine Olthoff	Wellsburg, Ia.
Clarence Oudman	De Motte, Ind.
Wilma Pastoor	Aylmer, Ont.
Stanley Pilon	St. Catharines, Ont.
Duane Plantinga	Calgary, Alta.
Kathleen Ponstein	Leesburg, Va.
Joanna Romyn	Edmonton, Alta.
Richard Schemper	Denver, Colo.
Timothy Schiebout	Sioux Center, Ia.
Gregg Sjoerdsma	Cerritos, Calif.
Linda Stravers	Rock Valley, Ia.
Mary Streelman	Sheboygan, Wis.
Andrea Struyk	Burlington, Ont.
Keith Van Duyn	Edgerton, Minn.
Derk Van Eerden	Edmonton, Alta.
Marlys Van Engen	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Ruth Van Koevinger	Edgerton, Minn.
Alvina Van Maanen	South Holland, Ill.
Kathy Van Prooyen	Highland, Ind.
James Van Ry	Lake Worth, Flor.
Margery Van Zee	Oskaloosa, Ia.
James Vande Kerk	Oak Lawn, Ill.
Hank Van De Kraats	Lethbridge, Alta.
Del Van Den Berg	Oskaloosa, Ia.
Jane Van Den Berg	Oskaloosa, Ia.
Genell Vandenburg	Chandler, Minn.
Darlene Vanderbrug	Sibley, Ia.
Frank VanderGriend	Lebanon, Ia.
Margaret Veldhuisen	Thunderbay, Ont.
Cynthia Veltkamp	Lynden, Wash.
Patti Venhuizen	Sheldon, Ia.
Lori Vos	Sioux Center, Ia.
Betty Yff	Oostburg, Wis.
Cheryl Zylstra	Surrey, B.C.

Etcetera

At the Reformation Day Rally, to be celebrated on Sunday, October 26, Dr. Edwin Palmer from Wayne, New Jersey will be the speaker. He is the executive secretary of the New York Bible Society, the organization that is translating the New International Version Bible.

Edward Doornenbal, a former Dordt student from Lacombe, Alberta, has been accepted at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Only one-third of his class is made up of students who have had less than three or four years of college preparation. Ed attended college for two years at Dordt.

Steve Marcus, a 1975 Dordt graduate; will attend the San Francisco State University Graduate School in international business. Steve majored in business administration at Dordt.

Dordt students are sponsoring a "Bike-a-thon" on September 20 to raise money for the CRWRC (Christian Reformed World Relief Committee). Students, faculty, and staff can ask sponsors to pay for their riding bikes to and from Oak Grove State Park, about 30 miles. Sandy Van Den Berg, a junior from Manhattan, Montana, is chairman for the event.

The Dordt College Book Club Drive is expected to reach a total of \$9,200 this year, an increase of \$200 over last year. The Book Club drive is conducted by the Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce among local businessmen and funds raised are used to purchase books for the library.

Mrs. Ila Klemm, of Sioux Center, Iowa, wife of KDCR program director Ron Klemm, is working as a part time teaching assistant in English and Speech this year. She is teaching a freshman English section and an oral interpretation course.

The first travelogue of the season, entitled "Constantinople, Turkey" will be shown in the Gymnasium on October 3.

Mrs. Mary Van Hook, of Orange City, Iowa is serving as a part time teaching assistant in Sociology for the 1975/76 school year. She is teaching an evening Introduction to Social Work course.

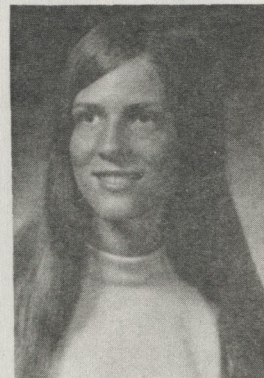
Miss Joan Ringerwole, Instructor in Music (organ) has returned to Dordt after a 2 year leave of absence for advanced study at the University of Iowa. She will present an organ recital on September 19.

Mr. Rudy Zuiderveld, who had replaced Miss Ringerwole during her leave, has enrolled at the University of Iowa for further study.

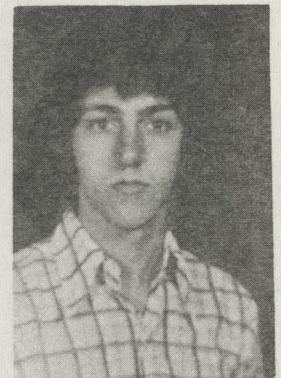
Dordt College Music Grants Awarded



Marlene Boersma



Mary Felten



Harvey Mulder

The Dordt College Music Department has awarded music grants to three entering Freshmen for the 1975/76 school year. They are: Marlene Boersma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boersma, of Raymond, Minnesota; Mary Felten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Felten, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and Harvey Mulder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mulder, of Brampton, Ontario.

The students were chosen on the basis of a taped audition sent to the music department. They will perform their selections in a fall recital.

Boersma's Beautiful Flowers



Albert J. Boersma plants about 20,000 flowers each year for Dordt College and Sioux Center.

A retired Christian school principal and teacher, Mr. Boersma devotes his spring and summer time to planting and maintaining Dordt's shrubbery, trees, and flowers, and about 13 flower beds for the city, including two large ones in front of the hospital.

He stated that he has planted every tree, bush, and flower on Dordt's campus. Some of the 20-year-old trees now dwarf the buildings.

Equipped with a good sense of ecology, he is an avid bird-watcher. He estimated that about 90 purple martin families live in the six martin houses he set on the campus. "Some people claim that a martin eats up to 2,000 mosquitoes a day," he noted.

In the past Mr. Boersma has set up over 500 bluebird boxes on fenceposts at farms along the Sioux and Rock rivers in Northwest Iowa. Until this year he has returned to each house to keep it in shape for future bluebirds.

Born in Friesland, The Netherlands, 68 years ago, Mr. Boersma knows Friesian and Dutch. In his early years he lived in Paterson, New Jersey and on farms near Fairview, South Dakota, Inwood and Rock Rapids, Iowa. He helped his family farm 640 acres after graduating from the eighth grade.

When he was 25, he said, the Lord directed him to Western Academy (now Western Christian High), where he graduated after three years. He attended college for two years, but due to a lack of money, he started selling for the Fuller Brush Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan, delaying the completion of his college education until many years later.

In 1944 a severe shortage of teachers—due to the war—caused him to start teaching junior high in Holland, Michigan. One and a half years later, the Pease, Minnesota Christian School hired him as principal and junior high teacher for two years.

Until 1971—for 23 years—Boersma was principal of the Sioux Center Christian School. Until 1968 Boersma taught junior high science and math courses. On the side, he took care of the flora for the Christian school as well as on Dordt's campus.

"I enjoyed my teaching," Boersma reminisced, "as my grandfather—who lived in the same place for 92 years—said, 'you only need one good job and one good place to live.'"

Dordt to Observe Bicentennial With a Variety of Activities

Dordt College will be observing the Bicentennial of the United States with a variety of activities throughout the 1975/76 school year.

The theme of this year's college retreat was "You and Your Nation."

A special team-taught bicentennial course, entitled "America in the Eighteenth Century" is being offered at Dordt this semester. The course, being taught on Tuesday evenings, will examine how people thought and acted in American society during the eighteenth century, and will explore the origins of the Declaration of Independence.

In addition to the above, a bicentennial lecture series has been formed which will give consideration to American Civil Religion. Lecturers appearing on campus as part of the series include: Rockne McCarthy, Professor of History at Trinity College, Palos Heights, Illinois, in September; Richard Perard, Professor of History at Indiana State University, in November; and James Skillen, Professor of Political Science at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts along with Rex Downey, a Pennsylvania attorney, who will lecture in February.

And, of course, many members of the faculty and student body will be participating in various community bicentennial observances.



In Memory of One of Dordt's Founding Fathers

On Sunday, August 17, 1975, Mr. Egbert Meyer, Volga, S.D., was called to his eternal home. Funeral services were held in the Volga Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday, August 20. Another leading spirit in the establishment of Dordt College is no longer with us in the church militant. Mr. Meyer was, indeed, a stalwart on the front lines of the battle in the kingdom of our Lord. He was particularly strong in the promotion of Christian education and was without question one of the key persons in the founding of Dordt. It was more than once in the history of Dordt that Mr. Meyer's quiet yet persuasive conviction turned a threat to the college's continued existence into a positive thrust forward.

His service to Dordt began in 1951 when he was elected to the original steering committee. For three years the committee met practically every month at Rock Rapids, Iowa. Meyer hardly missed a meeting even though he had to drive 90 miles one way to attend. When the society was organized in 1953, Mr. Meyer was elected to the Board and played a significant role in the Place and Building Committee. He seconded the motion to purchase the Doorninks property (present site of Dordt College) for \$14,900.00 on May 28, 1954. He served two six-year terms on the Board of Trustees from 1953 to 1967. His presence on the Board was a power in itself. And his wisdom, kindness, humility, courage, and insight helped significantly to give a quality of life to Dordt College which it is hoped will never be lost.

We cannot refrain from expressing a special note of appreciation to Mrs. Meyer. She traveled literally thousands of miles with her husband to Dordt meetings and to National Union of Christian School Board meetings. (Mr. Meyer served several years on the NUCS National Board.) May the Lord richly reward and bless her in the days ahead and the life to come.

Etcetera

The Dordt College Spring Debt Reduction Drive for building debt retirement funds reached a total of \$81,091, going \$15,000 over the goal established for the drive and close to 11% higher than the previous year. Churches with the highest totals based on a per family average include Spokane, Washington Calvin, \$19.62; Sioux Center I, \$16.80, Bejou, Minn., \$12.13; Lincoln Center, \$11.46; and Hull I, \$11.31.

Pro Rege, the quarterly faculty educational journal of Dordt College, began its fourth year of publication this fall with its September issue. The journal features articles by Dordt faculty members regarding matters relevant to, and those which constitute Christian education. This journal has enjoyed excellent success and may be ordered by writing Managing Editor, Pro Rege, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

This past spring 60 students from six Christian High Schools participated in a Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Dordt College Mathematics Department. Two students, recognized for superior achievement on the two 50 minute tests were Bob Alsum from Denver Christian High, Denver, Colorado and William Engelsma from Ontario Christian High, Ontario, California.

Dr. Marvin De Young, member of the Dordt College faculty since 1958, has been appointed Director of Auxilliary Services effective with the start of the 75/76 school year. De Young will be responsible for managing the College Book Store, campus printing, the Media Center, and serving as engineer for KDCR. He will also continue to teach an engineering graphics course.