Tony Campolo challenges students to be “agents of change”

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With a compelling mix of passion and humor, Christian writer and activist Tony Campolo challenged Dordt students last week to reject the values of their culture and “live radically for Jesus.”

Campolo, a frequent media commentator and a former advisor to President Bill Clinton, was on campus to deliver a set of lectures about “God’s Revolution and Your Responsibility.”

In his lectures on Wednesday and Thursday nights, Campolo declared that the mission of the church is not as much about the next world as it is about the “here and now.”

“If Jesus had a mission statement,” Campolo said, “It would be, I have come to declare that the kingdom of God is at hand.”

Campolo said that Jesus “invades and transforms” our lives in order to use us “to change the world that is into the world that ought to be.”

Campolo, who is the associate pastor of a Baptist church in Philadelphia, fiercely rejected modern cultural values because they tell students that the point of education is “to get a job.”

Santa Fe, New Mexico. . .

150 attend Horton meeting

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On Thursday, Nov. 1, over 150 concerned students gathered near the Grille at 10 p.m. to discuss the decision to cut Dr. Horton’s position in the music department.

Senior Nate Nykamp organized and led the meeting after less than a day of planning, responding to a heated DordtTalk thread from the previous day. Although Nykamp sent out several mass emails announcing the meeting, he cited DordtTalk as the key starter. Beyond that, the meeting announcement was spread by word of mouth.

“I wanted to get students’ questions and concerns out there, and maybe give some hope that something could be done,” said Nykamp.

Realizing the potential volatility of the issue, Nykamp set some basic ground rules before the meeting started, threatening to end the meeting if any administration-bashing took place or if any questions were asked disrespectfully.

“It could really have spun out of hand if we had let it,” Nykamp commented.

During the meeting, Nykamp, along with representatives from Student Forum, fielded a variety of questions from students and professors. Although Nykamp admitted...
History department will add a new professor due to additional course

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In the fall, the history department will add one professor because of changes to the general education requirements.

The current one-semester Western Civilization course will be replaced with a two-semester course called The West and the World. This new course will emphasize the connection between worldview and culture and will also allow more of ancient and medieval history to be covered, as well as the history of Christianity.

The history department will also help students develop a biblical worldview and determine their cultural calling.

Because of this expansion, the history department will hire another professor for next year. The usual semester load for a professor is four inputs, or four classes. When the general education requirements changed, additional seven or eight inputs were added to the history requirement, which is the equivalent of another full-time professor.

The history department would also like to even out the Western Civilization class sizes (about 60 students) to make them more compatible with other general education classes (about 20 students).

Upperclassmen who have not taken Western Civilization yet will not need to take both courses of The West and the World. Both classes will only be required for incoming freshmen, but upperclassmen will still need to take one of the courses.

The requirements to fill this new position have not been set, but the new professor will need to be qualified to teach this new course from a biblically Reformed perspective. The new faculty member might also take over some of the currently offered courses.

Agriculture education now offered

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Dordt College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have finalized an agreement that will allow Dordt students to obtain a degree in teaching high school agriculture.

The program offers students the opportunity to take their first three years of classes at Dordt and transfer to Nebraska-Lincoln for a final year of study. Graduates will obtain a B.S. in agricultural education from UN-L, and students will be able to transfer credits in order to obtain their teaching certification in four years.

The program is part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's program which offers specializations in agriculture education, mechanics and engine works, welding, woodwork, crop science, agronomy, animal science and fundamental hydraulics.

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Students meet with Tony Campolo in the Eckhardt Lounge. Photo courtesy of Jane Ver Steeg.

Tony Campolo: challenging students to be "agents of change"

"Don't die on me, Dordt students. Take a risk!"

Eckhardt Lounge after each of his two evening lectures. At the end of his visit, Campolo invited Dordt students to give him their names and addresses so he could send them information about working in America's inner cities over the summer.

"Isn't it risky? Of course it's risky," he said bluntly. "It's also risky to live in a middle-class suburb surrounded by materialism and consumerism."

He offered to write personally to students' home churches to get donations for education expenses if they would give a summer of work to "minister to people" with him.

"I'm calling upon you to do something daring," Campolo said. "Don't die on me, Dordt students. Take a risk!"

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that he would not be able to answer every question, he promised to take the questions to the administration.

Ultimately, Nykamp was pleased with how the meeting went. "The students seemed really supportive, and they handled the meeting excellently."

I think it went well," said junior music major Ross De Wit, echoing Nykamp's sentiments. "It was good to see so much student support."

Not everyone who attended shared Nykamp's optimism; "I felt like it went nowhere," said sophomore music major Emily Greenfield. "Hopefully the questions will be answered."

In fact, the plans to answer those questions are already underway. Last Tuesday, Nykamp met with Student Forum to discuss the meeting.

Student Forum formed a subcommittee to bring the student questions to several members of Dordt's administrative cabinet. The subcommittee is headed by Nykamp and consists of Forum members and music majors.

Nykamp plans to set up another meeting that will include both students and administration, so that questions may be asked and answered face-to-face.

"This meeting should close the communication gap and end all of the gossip that I've been hearing," Nykamp said.

Details about this next meeting are to come.
The problem of poverty

Approaching the ethical right to property

Micah Schuurman

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"The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed." -Gandhi

Suppose that a man owns 1,000 hamburgers. Suppose that he stacks them in a pile and sits upon them. Suppose that people all around him are dying from starvation.

If he does not give these people access to his hamburgers, he commits murder. What makes murder so evil is that it fails to recognize the image of God in the person who is murdered. When a person sits idle by what neighbor starves, that person ignores his neighbor's divine spark. Make no mistake about it, failure to intervene is murder.

By this definition, I, Micah Schuurman, am a murderer. As a matter of fact, by this definition, everyone in the American middle class is a murderer.

The American understandings of democracy, capitalism and property rights are based upon the political philosophy of John Locke. Locke wrote that everyone could accumulate as much property as he or she wished. His only stipulation was that a person not take so much wealth that it prevented others from providing for themselves and their families. However, at the time that Locke wrote this, America was mostly unsettled. He pointed to the American frontier, saying that there was no shortage of property.

He said that anyone who wished to use his labor to produce wealth would have the opportunity to do so. For this reason, Locke concluded that people may accumulate as much wealth as they can.

In America, we still live by this principle. Bill Gates can own as much as he can produce, and no one really objects.

The problem is that while we live by Locke's conclusion, we don't live by his premises. We assume that it is ethical for us to own as much property as we can accumulate without remembering that the conditions under which Locke made his conclusion are very different.

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There is scarcity. 16,000 children die each day due to hunger. The great American frontier, as exhibited by Locke, is gone. The only land available for homesteading in America is practically wasteland.

Locke's argument for unlimited property is no longer valid. We need to rethink property. We need to rethink capitalism. Even Locke would agree; our current definitions of property and capitalism are no longer ethical.

When I have said this to people, they often respond by saying that they already give away some of their money to the poor. This reply represents an incorrect attitude. "Their money" was never theirs. They respond, "I have a right to my property." Why? "I worked for it." Why do you have a right to what you work for? "I just do it." This is how corrupt our society has become. The ethical basis to our accumulation of wealth is gone. In fact, what used to be the ethical basis of our definition of property now condemns our current wealth-driven society.

People say that communism doesn't work. I agree. However, capitalism works, but less. Some say that communism is responsible for the deaths of 20 million people in the last century. It could be argued that capitalism is responsible for the deaths of 6 million children each year.

Don't just go and write a check to people in Africa. Don't just hand out your hamburgers. Rather, direct every penny of your excess wealth to create sustainable wealth production among the poorest people in the world.

Don't just hand out fish. Teach poor people to fish. Protect streams for fishing. Provide protection against those who would steal fish from their neighbors. If we are going to eliminate poverty, we are going to need a comprehensive approach, not an ideology. Communism and capitalism are not truths. They are idolatrous ideologies. Jesus is truth.

A public apology

Writer apologizes for fabricated news article

Gerrit Van Leeuwen

Guest Writer

I would like to issue a full and public apology to Bob Taylor, Daniel Davis, and anyone else who was affected by my article.

In last week’s issue of the Diamond, there was an article published that discussed some of the problems Covenant Hall has had to deal with this year. The article was written as an assignment for class and was not originally meant to be published. When asked to submit it to the Diamond, I did not thoroughly prepare it for publication, and as a result I hurt some people.

"To all the readers that took offense, I apologize."

The quotes from Bob Taylor were fabricated; Bob Taylor is a very good RD who loves and respects the residents in his hall, and he would never say anything malicious or hurtful about them. I am sorry, Bob. That I did not use direct quotes from you.

Also, I would like to apologize to Daniel Davis. The article has been viewed by some as mockery that illustrates Daniel Davis's shortcomings as an RA. I would like to point out that Daniel Davis has been an exceptional RA, and my article was not meant to make fun of him or the situation in Covenant. I apologize, Daniel.

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In the words of Bill Liese, "I would like to believe—and it may take a while to reestablish—that these words here reflect who I am." The article about Covenant does not.
Wal-Mart Supercenter draws crowds, opinions

Cheryl Hiemstra
Editor

A full parking lot, crowded aisles, free cookies and plenty of Dordt students welcomed the grand opening of the new Super Wal-Mart last Wednesday. Students were excited about the new, wider selection. "We bought fish!" said Jackie Stone, sophomore.

A Wal-Mart assistant manager also emphasized the wider selection in the new store. "Honesty, I think that Wal-Mart provides huge benefits for communities...groceries are probably going to be our biggest benefit to the town because we provide so much opportunity and so much in the same store."

We provide for hometown people, she said, "people who may not want to drive out of town—we provide it all here in one store," she added. "Approximately 20 years ago Sioux Center solicited for a Wal-Mart. So they flew down to Beto and it's just grown from there."

Wal-Mart employees said that some of the transition was a little hectic, and a week later, some of the transition is not completely worked out. However, not all students greet the coming of Wal-Mart with such optimistic feelings.

Branden Kooiman, senior, agrees that Wal-Mart provides cheap goods bought at Wal-Mart but Wal-Mart helps makes sales to two local people as the passion students and professors have for creation care, he said.

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The new Wal-Mart employs around 200 employees; 70 transferred from the smaller Wal-Mart. The former Wal-Mart building was sold to two local people as a new investment.

Part 3: Administration & Organizations

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The Diamond spoke with Dr. Carl Zylstra, president, about global warming, as well as with members of the community who have made efforts to see the college respond to the phenomenon in concrete ways.

When asked what he knew about global warming and human contribution to the phenomenon, Zylstra admitted a level of uncertainty regarding the causes of global warming. "I don't know enough about the science," he said, but went on to add, "I know that what we do as people has an impact on the environment and climate."

Zylstra sees Dordt contributing significantly to the climate change response. "Our biggest contribution will be graduates," he said. He emphasized that we need to concentrate on education "in the area of climate change." He highlighted the importance of stewardship. "Al Gore is my mother reincarnated," he said and clarified the statement by saying that like Al Gore, his mother always stressed the importance of taking care of what we have been given. Zylstra added that this stewardship is something that informs the operation of the college. "We ought to be conserving regardless of climate change."

Zylstra identified some specific ways that the college is doing this. Several examples he gave include Dordt's contract with the city to "get a high percentage of renewable energies" as well as changes that have been made to landscaping practices at Dordt so that they "require fewer inputs."

He felt that as an institution, we need to use as little fossil fuels as possible and make sure the new buildings we build are energy-efficient. Zylstra said that Dordt is going to be sturdily toward the environment with new construction. "I can promise we'll be as responsible as possible," he said.

The president also encouraged students and professors to get more involved in addressing the topic of climate change. He added that he was pleased with the level of environmental concern students and professors have. "One of the encouraging things is the passion students and professors have for creation care," he said.

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Wal-Mart bargain computer draws little interest

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Wal-Mart is now offering personal computers at the bargain price of $199. Compared to most personal computers, which cost a minimum of $349, the Everex TC2302 Green GPC is an affordable personal computer that allows people on a lower budget to own a computer.

This low price is made possible through the use of a free operating system and office suite. The Everex Green GPC runs on g0s, a Linux operating system, and uses OpenOffice, a free software suite, for functions such as word processing and spreadsheets. Also, because of its operating system, the Everex Green GPC does not require the expensive hardware needed by the typical PC, which further lowers the cost.

However, the cheap price does not seem to appeal to Dordt students. Of 40 students polled, only three showed interest in buying one.

"It's a lot cheaper than a regular computer," said sophomore Michael Eekhoff.

Some students had other plans. "I would just build my own," said freshman Nick Sohre.

The price tag does come with some disadvantages. Most people are not familiar with the Linux operating system, and this system has compatibility issues with Windows-compatible programs. However, these problems can often be remedied with other free programs.

The $199 price tag does not include a monitor, but it does include a mouse, keyboard, and speakers.

FACT club raises money for Indian school children

The FACT club is sponsoring a penny drive. For every $13 raised they can give one child in India school supplies for a whole year. FACT set up four jars in the library (one for each class). Any spare change, extra dollars or even checks can go into each class's respective jar. Bekah Tazelaar, FACT club member, said, "We want people to think outside of Dordt College and give money to supply those in need!"
Film viewers showed up for cotton candy and the screenings of the films on Friday night. Photo by Kelly Cooke

PJ Films triumph in Prairie Grass Film Challenge

Kristina De Graaf  
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Students and community members alike gathered Friday night for the second annual Prairie Grass Film Challenge. This year, PJ Films of the University of Iowa swooped in for first prize, with Duck, Duck, Goose Productions of Dordt College in a close second. 18 teams entered the competition this year, although only 10 teams managed to beat the clock and submit their films by the deadline. Teams had 48 hours to complete their films from start to finish, and the time limit was one of the greatest challenges. “There is always something that you could do better,” said Elliot De Wit, of Duck, Duck, Goose Productions.

All the same, many people commented that they were amazed by the quality that participants produced in just 48 hours. Andy Schuttinga, a psychology professor, said he was especially impressed by the creativity of the competitors. He wasn’t the only one who liked what he saw. Mark Volkers, instructor of digital media and production at Dordt, said that “the entire executive committee of the Prairie Grass Film Challenge was impressed with how much the quality of the films improved over last year. It was,” he said, “quite amazing to see that much improvement in just one year.”

Several faculty members and staff from Dordt comprised one group of judges, while Bob Taylor and several others from Passenger Productions offered their expertise as well. Films were judged on a variety of aspects, including the story line, production, overall aesthetics, and “content worth consuming.” Dordt has been stressing “content worth consuming” throughout the film festival. “We want to get young people – and not just young people, but all of us – to think critically about films,” said Christopher Rehn, professor of business and second-year judge for the festival.

The Prairie Grass Film Challenge attracted an estimated 700 to 750 people this year, a great deal more than last year’s estimated 400. “It went off really well,” said Rehn, about both the increased quality of the films and the participants’ good-natured competition. “It was great to see a real camaraderie between the teams afterwards. So many participants were congratulating each other – it wasn’t a nasty competition.”

Duck, Duck, Goose Productions won $250 for their film “Stand Up Twins.” Photo by Kelly Cooke

First place, “Best of Show,” won $500, Avid editing software and the Dordt Award. Second place received $250 and Avid editing software. The “People’s Choice Award” is yet to be decided, as voting extends for 10 days after the initial viewing.

Top Five Films

Ceiling Dragon: Tainted Memory
Joel Veelkamp, Nathan Gorter, Ben Slager, Zach McCoy, Isaiah Hooghi, Piper Karcz

DC Watch: The Remnant
Joss Brauning, Mason Welsh, Nate Nykamp, Jon Nederhoff, Matt Siepderka, Katie Waymire, Rachel Engle, Evan Gilstone

Duck, Duck, Goose: Stand-up Twins
Elliot De Wit, David De Wit, Ben Christians, Andrew Voss, Kenny Greder

Moonlight Productions: Time Spin
Vam Eshkoff, Philip Van Maaren, Dale Vander Griend, Jordie Roeschbo, Helia De Hoop, Brett Cooper, Morgan Attema, Garry Renebobs

PJ Films: The Bear
Patrick Bottaro, Joseph Clarke, Derek Rendfeld, Alex Saldena, Andrew Wardak, Eric Adams
NC/DC "remixed"

No more solo acts: groups and duets take the stage

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Music rang throughout the BJ Haan auditorium Saturday night as Dordt and Northwestern College joined to battle for coveted NC/DC Extreme glory.

The Northwestern College / Dordt College (NCDC) Extreme competition is an annual singing competition between the neighboring rival schools. Over the course of its four-year existence, Dordt reigns with three wins.

For the past three years, individual singers faced off with other individual singers. This year, however, the colleges decided to make it a group competition with two or more singers. There is also a new name: NC/DC Extreme Remixed.

The Student Activities Committee at Dordt and a similar group at Northwestern organize the friendly competition each year. Dordt's SAC leader Bekah Tazelaar says that Saturday afternoon was spent organizing the event: "The usual (getting ready), mics, organization of singers, (and) fighting off the crowds."

This year, the singers had to prepare a little differently. Freshman Michelle Kistler said that choosing a song and partner wasn't too difficult for her. Her partner, sophomore Adam Van Der Molen, asked her to sing with him for the competition. Kistler said they "knew each other from church retreats and conventions," and because she was interested in participating in the competition she agreed to sing.

When it came to choosing a song, Kistler said they both had their own ideas, but after trying a few decided to sing "Quando, Quando, Quando" by Michael Buble and Nelly Furtado for the first competition. Kistler said her biggest fear was that because she was a freshman, people wouldn't vote for her.

And after hearing the other groups she thought, "no way, we'll ever make it." But afterwards, Kistler said it was a "nice surprise" to see people voted for her and Adam.

The greatest thing about being a freshman in the competition, Kistler said, is that it "shows talent [exists] all across the spectrum of classes."

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The four groups representing Dordt on Saturday night were chosen after the first competition. Kistler said, that it "shows talent [exists] all across the spectrum of classes." The four groups represented Dordt with eight Dordt groups singing. "As Long as You Love Me," by the Backstreet Boys. Photo by Kelly Cooke.

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- Michelle Kistler and Adam Van Der Molen singing "Someday We'll Know";
- Bethany Kooiman and Nate Schaar singing "You Raise Me Up;" Nate Woudstra and Kelsi Kamper singing "When the Stars Go Blue;" and the North Street Studs (Justin Carruthers, Tim Boonstra, Jathan Robinson, Dan Elgersma, and Tim Keep) singing "As Long as You Love Me."

The judging panel consisted of three judges: Jeff Guthmiller, Associate Director of Admissions at Northwestern; Leendert Vanbeek, Linguistics and Foreign Language professor at Dordt; and Tom Hydeen, Worship Director at the First Reformed Church of Orange City.

The judges' critiques for the Dordt competitors concentrated largely on choreography rather than singing quality. Their advice tended to be the other way around for three out of the four Northwestern groups.

The judges' opinions of the NC/DC semi-finalists do not make the decision. Voting opened the following Monday of the competition and stayed open for four days. The students of the two rival schools had a chance to choose their two favorite groups from each college. The winners will not know who moves on until the night of the November 16 performance at Northwestern College.

Well, I'm off to the Library...

Wow. Robert spends a lot of time in the library. I wish I was that serious about studying...

In the Library...

Cartoon by Nate Gibson

Ask Alvin

How come so many people are boring, and how do I make them not boring?

I mean, I think they're fascinating and hilarious, but they just seem to be boring themselves. It makes me cry.

How do I become more engaging to them? Am I too shy?

No, it wears me out too. Let me softly put my hand on your shoulder and look you in the eye to say, "You know what, most people are boring by nature." That's pretty much what a professor told me last year (he kept his hands to himself). He said this in regards to the response papers our class had turned in. As usual, I laughed.

It might be that you don't know them well enough... or the downside may be that you do know them and you aren't compatible as friends, as co-workers. If you don't know them well enough and are wondering if you're too shy, then you probably are. Once, in high school, I was looking through a friend's day planner and - I remember this three years later - she wrote in, "Know friends better. Ask questions!" She is one of my best friends.

If you don't have a desire to learn about the people around you, are you happy? If the fascinating, beautiful people seem to be boring themselves, are they happy? Are you having trouble getting out of bed to start the day? Do you listen to "Radiohead" too often/not enough?

In my 19 years of life and about five months of bi-monthly advice spewing, I think I have come to the conclusion that happiness is from communication and fellowship. You know, interaction with others (including self—see Lisa Vander Plas and ask her about "Walden"). This fellowship involves music, film, poetry, prose, stories, asking people questions about themselves, their opinions and beliefs, hypotheticals. Don't be fooled by how intimidating people are or how happy they seem. It's difficult to be honest sometimes. Most people in my experience are much more approachable and depressed than they seem... even especially when you're totally crushing on them, but that's a different column. Also, don't be fooled because they really may be very, very boring people. Boring people need love too.

Don't take my word for it... personally, I think this whole advice thing is a lot of bunk; you need to figure this out yourself and have a personal epiphany.
Clash in the Corn has national implications
Blades match up Friday against first-ranked team

Jesse Veenstra
Staff Writer

The season is well underway, but things are just heating up for the Dordt Blades as their quest for a national-tournament berth continues.

With a record of 9-5, the Blades are right where they want to be as they host the Clash in the Corn on Nov. 15-17 at the Ali-Seasons Center.

"The Clash in the Corn will have a major impact on the national rankings," said junior Matt Chesla.

"Northern Colorado is ranked first in the nation, we (Dordt) are ranked fourth in the Pacific, CSU-Northridge is ranked ninth in the Pacific, and St. Olaf is a solid Division II team," Chesla said.

"The Clash in the Corn will feature hours of exciting and intense hockey and will be crucial in the Blades' run at the national tournament.

Dordt will play at 8 p.m. each night at the Vernon Arena in the Ali-Seasons Center.

Last weekend, Dordt traveled to Fremont, Neb., to take on Division II University of Nebraska-Lincoln and regional rival University of Wyoming.

The Blades suffered a tough, hard-fought loss to UNL, falling 6-4, but bounced back with a 4-2 victory over the University of Wyoming.

"Beating Wyoming was a huge win for us because it will have important implications for our national ranking," said captain Jared Rempel. "We needed a win to stay where we are (fourth), or we could even move up a spot."

Women's soccer fifth in GPAC, men ninth

Amanda Henke
Staff Writer

The Dordt soccer teams ended their seasons at the beginning of November with a pair of losses.

The women were beaten by Hastings 0-1 in their postseason opener, while the men dropped their final game of the regular season to Dana.

Both teams were coached this year by Bill Elgersma, and each had records above .500.

The women posted a season mark of 10-7-1 and recorded six shutouts.

The men's defensive squad held opponents to 31 goals, while the offense accounted for 31 of their own.

The main goal keepers for the 2007 season were Rosalyn De Pooter and Jordan Huiskens.

De Pooter registered 1,663 minutes in goal for the men, with a record of 5-5-2.

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The men's defensive squad held opponents to 31 goals, while the offense accounted for 31 of their own.

The women's player of the year was Groen second-team all-conference recognition for the women.

The men's all-conference honorees were Ryan Coon (first team), Danny Koolehaas (honorable mention) and Tim Walstra (honorable mention).

Both teams will return a majority of this year's players for the 2008 season. One women's player (Groen) and three players for the men (Coon, Koolehaas, Walstra) will be lost to graduation at the end of the year.

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For which famous coach would you most like to play?

Tony Dungy — he could probably coach basketball just as well as he does football.

What do you have any NBA or college team loyalties? Georgia Tech — don't really know why.

Any sports role models? Daniel "Rudy" Ruiger — football legend of the Fighting Irish.

What can we expect for the Men's Defender Basketball team this season? Passion, intensity, hard work, excellence, and wins.

What are your plans post-Dordt? To see the world, living the dream. Compiled by Alanna Dake