Full house for “The Reckoning”

Dordt’s Schaap co-wrote the original screenplay

Nate Nykamp

Staff Writer

“The Reckoning,” a documentary of the Dutch Resistance in World War II, premiered on Oct. 12 in a filled-to-capacity B.J. Haan Auditorium. The documentary combined detailed interviews with stunning archive footage to present what producer Corey Niemchick called “a small part of a much larger story.”

“The Reckoning” focuses on the stories of six ordinary people whose lives were drastically affected by the German invasion. None of these people was anything out of the ordinary before the war, but they acted in extraordinary ways once the war started.

“They were distinguished by their unwillingness to stand aside and allow these atrocities to happen, and they did so at great cost,” says Diet Eman, an interviewee who was present at the showing. Eman was forced to put off her wedding plans due to the war. Ultimately her fiance was arrested and killed because of their involvement with the Resistance.

Frieda Menco, a Jewish woman who was a young girl at the time of the war, still feels anger towards those who took the life of her father. Many of those interviewed spoke of how they questioned and cursed God as they wondered why these things were allowed to happen. But they did not give up their faith, and they did not stop fighting even though the situation looked hopeless.

When the film was over, the audience was silent out of respect for the powerful and shocking nature of the stories presented. This documentary challenges the viewers to remember the courage of previous generations and inspires us to challenge the evil still present today.

“The Reckoning” makes use of some shocking footage from the Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps and may not be suitable for younger viewers.

“This is the biggest Christian story of the 20th century: people willing to die for people they didn’t know.”

-James Schaap

“Straight Talk Express” headed to Dordt

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Dordt students will soon get a chance to meet one of the 2008 presidential candidates.

John McCain, one of the leading Republican contenders for president, will visit Dordt’s campus on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. in the West Commons.

The visit was arranged by senior Dustin Gritters, president of the Non-Partisan Politics Club, who has been actively trying to get candidates from both parties to speak at Dordt.

John McCain is a 71-year-old senator from Arizona with a reputation for breaking from the Republican Party on issues like taxes, immigration and stem-cell research. He was defeated in the 2000 Republican primaries by George W. Bush. Since declaring his candidacy for the 2008 race, McCain has attempted to strengthen his sometimes-strained relationship with American conservatives. But despite an early lead in the polls, his popularity with Republicans dropped sharply after he led a failed campaign last summer to pass an immigration bill that conservatives viewed as an amnesty measure.


McCain is known for his firm support for the war in Iraq (and his criticism of Bush’s early handling of it), his support for fiscal responsibility and his moderate stance on immigration. He attracted some controversy at the end of September when he described America as a Christian nation “in the broadest sense,” and said that he’d “prefer” to have a Christian be president.
Hubner advances in world drum competition

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Dordt student Jamin Hubner is trusting God for the right drum solo to impress judges at the district level of the world's largest drum competition. The Guitar Center Drum Off holds its nineteenth annual district competition on Oct. 24 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Drummers participating in the competition have five minutes to prepare and three minutes to impress the judges with an original solo. Hubner called those first five minutes "the shortest of my life. I'm extremely picky about how my drums are set up, so I can get pretty freaked out."

During the three minute solos, drummers are critiqued on difficulty, creativity and drumming ability, by judges who are often students studying music or members of local bands. Hubner said that it is hard to know exactly what these judges are looking for: sometimes it's speed and other times it's the overall musicality of the piece.

The first preliminary round was open to all drummers wanting to participate. Hubner traveled to the Guitar Center Store in Sioux Falls, S.D., and tied with another drummer for first place. He described his opponent as "a really good player," but Hubner was able to break the tie to win in a two minute drum-off. Hubner will advance to the district tournament in Minneapolis. If he wins that competition, he will continue to the regional tournament in Chicago and possibly the finals in Las Vegas. The winner takes home a grand prize of a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser; second prize is $10,000 in cash and sponsorships.

Although the Toyota and the cash could be put to good use by Hubner, he says that the experience is just as valuable. "I'm just happy to learn from others and make connections with people," Hubner said. There is definite pressure to win, he says, but "I trust God, whom I call the 'giver of the groove,' will put something in my head and something on sticks to play for His glory."

Hubner has been playing the drums since he was six years old. In his three years on Dordt's campus, Hubner has been involved in Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, the GIFT team, and teaching younger drum students.

Parents' Weekend Activities

Jurgen Boerema
Staff Writer

The Dordt Theatre Department will be performing "The Winter's Tale" on Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Te Paske Theatre. A Saturday matinee will be offered as well. There will be four performances for the general public nightly the following week, Oct. 24-27.

Friday, Oct. 19:
Campus tours will be available and parents are invited to attend classes. The Dordt College Music Department will hold a Fall Music Festival at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Defender JV Volleyball starts at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m. in the De Witt Gymnasium. Both teams will play Dana College. The Dordt Blades will play Creighton University at 7 p.m. in the All Seasons Center.
Star-gazing will be offered from 8 to 10 p.m. on the roof of the Science Building (weather permitting). Comedy League will end the night with a performance at 10:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Saturday, Oct. 20:
A President's and Sibling Brunch will be held. There will also be an opportunity to visit with the faculty at theRec Center at 10:15 a.m. A men's basketball scrimmage will be held against Iowa Lake Community College in the De Witt Gymnasium.
Academics in Action model classes will be open to guests at 11:15 a.m. The Dordt College Jazz Band will perform in the Campus Center at noon. The women's soccer team will play Mount Marty at 1 p.m., and the men's soccer team will play at 3 p.m. The lacrosse team will play on the field east of the chapel. The Dordt Blades will take on Creighton at 5 p.m.
The women's volleyball teams will play Midland Lutheran with the JV game at 6 p.m. and the varsity game at 7:30 p.m. A praise and worship service will be held at 8 p.m. in the B.J. Haan, followed by an ice cream social in the Commons at 9:15 p.m.

Forgotten pizza leads to empty wallets

B.J. Davis
Staff Writer

At approximately 5:15 a.m. Sunday morning, the residents of North Hall's first floor woke to the warning of the fire alarm. When what was happening became clear, RA Justin Carruthers directed everyone to the Eckhardt Lounge in the Campus Center.

...the residents of North Hall face a fine of $1,500 ($20 per person)"

Those on the second and third floors were evacuated by the volunteers of the Sioux Center Fire Department. Later, a firefighter informed the evacuees as to the cause for the alarm: a pizza left overnight in the oven of the basement kitchenette. When the fire extinguisher was used on it the smoke detector—and subsequently its more serious-natured counterpart—were set off. The pizza-forgetting resident is currently unknown; the residents of North Hall face a fine of $1,500 ($20 per person).
Carruthers believes this move is unfair. "We don't know who did it," he said. The Fire Department could not be reached for further comment. Carruthers does not expect these events to repeat themselves.
Question of consistent policy

What does it mean when a college cuts a world-class musician?
Nate Nykamp
Staff Writer

Perhaps you remember reading that Horton, the resident organ instructor, received first place in an international organ competition. What you will now read that he will not be returning to Dordt next year. You will not see that announcement in Dordt’s publications.

I know that there is very little that can be done to change that, I understand that his contract was not renewed because it was deemed necessary to restore a fiscally healthy student-to-professor ratio. And I know that the diary anyone wants to hear is a rant about the bad timing of this cut in relation to football.

You started asking professors throughout the college about the loss of Horton (and others), the response I received disturbed me. I heard the expected anger and sadness in their voices, but I also heard something else, something almost to fear. I was told that I couldn’t write a certain things down, and that many things were not to leave the room.

You know as well as I do that a college needs to be open knowledge. You know that no college run by man is perfect. You know that no matter how hard any of us try, people will be let go and programs will be cut or shut down – while other divisions grow and hire new people. Yet this is a college that is supposed to be different, supposed to be something unique, yet we as are divided as any college.

Are they protecting or are they attacking? There have been numerous incidents where Blackwater security personnel have acted inappropriately: committing homicide while drunk, firing from moving vehicles and crashing airplanes due to failure to follow procedure. When Blackwater employees act inappropriately, they are fired and sent home. They can’t be court-martialed. They aren’t in the military. They can’t be jailed in Iraq because they have immunity. They can’t be jailed in America because they have broken no American laws.

US military personnel are generally unhappy with the private security firms. Companies like Blackwater are loose cannons. When these companies instigate havoc, it is the US. Military that has to step in and clean up the mess. I have heard some personal testimonies regarding the good that private armies can do. However, those stories are few and far between.

The truth is that the security business in Iraq is a billion dollar business. They are in it for the money. The armed forces exist picked from a hat. But why do I have to look at professors who I have learned from and admired for four years and see the hope and pride in their college fade? There is college where a much good in this college, so much that makes us unique, so much that should make us proud.

Yet students are complacent, professors are frustrated, and the college that you and I call home has lost a part of its vision. That vision is greater than you or me, Professor Horton, any administration or faculty. That’s because visions, ideas, and ideas are beyond the ownership of any one man. But ideas are shells without people to live them.

Last fall the organ that Dordt takes so much pride in will be without someone who can truly make it sing. People will play it, but who will teach new people to play?

An organ is nice, but without anyone to play, it’s nothing more than shiny pipes on the wall.

Please, protect me from Blackwater
Micha Schuurman
Staff Writer

You may be interested to know that the world’s most powerful professional military firm was founded by Erik Prince, a young man who was raised in Michigan. You may be further interested to know that Prince grew up in the Christian Reformed Church!

Blackwater USA is the largest private security firm employed by the US State department. It protects some of the most powerful people in Baghdad. So far, it doesn’t sound too bad. Security is a good "Reformed" thing isn’t it?

When he left Iraq in June of 2004, Paul Bremer, the highest ranking civilian in Iraq, signed Order 17: an order stating that all Americans associated with the American government had immunity under the Iraqi law. In other words, if one of Blackwater’s security personnel kills someone, there is no way to prosecute him.

Since 2005, there have been 195 shooting incidents involving Blackwater personnel. In 163 of those incidents, Blackwater security staff fired first.

Dordt must rethink requirements for cross-cultural credits
Philip Van Maanen
Guest Writer

There are many things in the world that just don’t make sense, and Dordt’s cross-cultural requirement is one of them. Dordt gives several options for meeting this requirement: learning a foreign language, taking a course about a different culture (one class studies Asian, Native American and Arab cultures), or experiencing a different culture. There seem to be several options available, but Dordt should allow twice as many. Allow me to use myself as an example.

As an education major, I have spent 60 hours observing a classroom, I recently informed that if I do my 60 hours in a Sioux City school, I will meet the cross-cultural requirement. That seems a bit silly since I grew up in Rock Valley, an hour from Sioux City. Sioux City is basically my backyard. I have been there numerous times to attend sporting events, go shopping, and volunteer at the gospel mission. For people from big cities such as Chicago, going to Sioux City would be like visiting a playground.

Interestingly, I have spent more than 60 hours in more exotic places, but those experiences do not meet Dordt’s requirement. I spent my freshman year of college (6000+ hours) at Iowa State University, which is much larger and more diverse than a Sioux City high school. I was in Hungary, Romania and Austria for three weeks (504 hours) with Dordt’s Concert Band sleeping in the homes of Hungarians and communicating with gestures. I spent two weeks (336 hours) in China and visited a college in Yentai. I was in Juarez, Mexico for a week (168 hours), where I helped build a house the size of a lawn mower shed for an elderly lady that had been living in a a shelter made up of wooden pallets and pieces of tin.

There are students who have traveled even more than I have, and those travel experiences should be allowed to satisfy the cross-cultural requirement.

I also understand that many students may have traveled very little and may only have the option of taking one of Dordt’s cross-cultural classes.

However, there are inconsistencies in Dordt’s policies. Several semesters ago I took a course on the Middle East. I am now following up on that course by taking Modern Middle East. After this semester I will have spent an entire school year studying Middle Eastern culture—six times the amount of studying spent on Arabic culture in Gen 234.

There are many other courses that spend just as much time on a single culture but do not meet the cross-cultural requirement. These inconsistencies force me to wonder if Dordt has a set of criteria they use to determine what classes or experiences qualify as cross-cultural, or if someone just says yes or no depending on what mood he or she is in. Either way, Dordt needs to take a step back, rethink the requirement, communicate the purpose to the students and strive for consistency.
Boonstra was involved in church and high school worship teams. He enjoyed a great measure of freedom in those teams and consequently came to Dordt with very strict ideas of what worship should be like. "I thought I knew everything," he said. But his teammates challenged his notions and got him thinking.

Listening to Boonstra articulate his take on worship now, one recognizes the extent to which he has matured in his understanding and appreciation of what means to worship God. "College opened up my world about worship," he said. The theology major also said that he is most inspired to "pour out [his] thankfulness to God" when he thinks about his "sinfulness and God's grace" to him, and when he sings songs about redemption and new life.

Now in his leadership position, one of the drummer's roles is to help prepare a team member to succeed him as band leader. That task will likely include teaching that person some of the lessons he has learned.

Instruments in God's hands

**Part I: Students**

**Nathan Smith**

Editor

Earlier this year, the US Supreme Court made its first ruling related to it. Last week Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their work with raising awareness about it. The current issue of National Geographic features the first article in a series of articles on how humanity should deal with it. Yet many students at Dordt admit they know very little about global warming.

The Diamond conducted an unscientific but revealing survey, and found that opinions and knowledge about global warming range from admitted ignorance to resolve determination that global warming is or is not a significant concern. The following is a selection of students' thoughts about global warming.

On what students know or don't know about global warming:

"I never really thought about it too much. I'm not too knowledgeable about it. I think we should be knowledgeable. We could be doing a lot (to the climate) without knowing" - Sophomore Lisa Van Boom

"It is a problem, but I don't know why. I feel it is a little senseless. - anonymous

"There's a lot of junk science going on to confuse the subject." - Sophomore Danielle Bakker

"I'm not well informed on the issue. I hear from a lot of sources that it's not a problem at all, but then I hear from others that it'll destroy the world soon." - Sophomore Daniel Davis

"I do not believe in this crazy political global warming phase." - Anna Schutter

"I don't think about it." - Freshman Brianna Zandstra

"I don't feel like I know enough about it." - Sophomore Susan Le Mahieu

"I don't really think that we are contributing to the greenhouse gasses." - Freshman Nadji Remer

"There are better things to do than understanding global warming." - Sophomore Lisa Van Boom

**On whether or not it is a significant concern:**

"There are 5000 years we don't have stats. We need to get more data." - Sophomore Justin Struik

"We are changing the climate by how we are using the earth. It will affect our descendents." - Sophomore Jander Talen

"There's no conclusive evidence. It's all guesswork." - Junior Tim Wasland

"Global warming isn't a concern, but pollution is." - Freshman Angelina Wikkerink

"It is a concern, but we might not see the effects in our lifetime." - Freshman Peter Hamstra

"It's not significant because the world has cycles over time." - Sophomore Piper Kucera

"I'm not sure." - Sophomore Daniel Davis

"It is not significant because the world has cycles over time." - Sophomore Peter Hamstra

"More solar energy - Freshman Peter Hamstra

"There's a lot of stuff we can do every day. We can walk instead of driving our cars." - Freshman Brianna Zandstra

"I do care about the planet enough to pick up garbage on walks. It's also good to conserve energy." - Sophomore Anna Scudder

"I drive a rather efficient car, take shorter showers and fewer of them, use clothed, shut lights off, walk or ride my bike when possible, drink tap water instead of using many bottles, and enjoy the outdoors as much as I can." - Sophomore Jacob Kroeze

I sold my jeep and bought a fuel efficient car." - Sophomore Daniel Davis

"We need to reduce our consumption of everything, not just disposable things." - Junior Laura MacMillan [She added that she does reduce her own consumption.]

"I need to love plants more [and] love what they do for the planet." - Senior David Pints

One of the articles in the current issue of National Geographic asserts, "Global warming presents the greatest threat humans have yet faced." No student that the Diamond interviewed made such a claim. Well over half admitted that they should know more about the situation. An even larger number claimed they feel the need to care for the environment in some way or another.

There have been and will continue to be opportunities to learn about the environment and the science of global warming. There will be a "Caring for the Environment" Conference at Dordt on Oct. 27. Christian Environmental Scientist Dr. Cal Dewitt will be the keynote speaker. The conference is free to all.
That harvest season was in progress, and the fields had to be clear for the farm machinery.

In the end, the community efforts paid off, and a large portion of the mess was successfully cleaned up, allowing those who suffered damages to rebuild and repair.

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During Tri-state Dordt students and members of the Sully and Pella community work together to clean up fields after a tornado struck a resident’s garage. Photos courtesy of Tasha Nikkel.

Tornado brings destruction fostering community

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Several weeks ago, Dordt students gathered in the parking lots outside the dorms and apartments during a windstorm, hoping to catch a glimpse of a distant tornado. Afterwards, students not native to the Midwest could be heard complaining that the tornado bypassed Sioux Center.

Several students from Sully, Iowa, however, returned home during Tri-State break to witness firsthand the devastation brought about by a tornado.

The tornado touched down north of Pella, Iowa, on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 30, and moved northeast, stopping just outside of Grinnell.

Sully is a town of roughly 900 people located 16 miles away from Pella. Unfortunately, it was right in the tornado’s path.

Most of the damage in Sully occurred outside of town, although one citizen lost two garages and a new addition to his house. Additionally, the storm hit the Co-Line Welding Company, south of town. The tornado inflicted heavy damage on the metal roofing of one building and completely destroyed another.

While the tornado brought destruction, it also brought members of the Sully community together in a significant way.

On the Saturday following the storm, roughly 300 community members, including junior Nathan Nikkel, freshman Tasha Nikkel and sophomore Justin Struik, worked together to clean up the debris left by the storm and survey the damage.

The volunteers combed the local farm fields for wreckage, finding such items as a phone receiver, a wedding picture, grain bins, doorframes, a headboard from a bed, insulation and even the garage doors lost by their neighbor.

"The amount of stuff that was spread across the fields was quite amazing. It was everywhere, lots of insulation and roofing tin. Corn had been knocked down in several places and was bent in many others where the wind had blown hard around the tornado,” said Struik.

This aspect of the clean-up task was crucial, given that harvest season was in progress, and the fields had to be clear for the farm machinery.

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Music brings parents to campus

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The Fall Music Festival, which band director Dr. Henry Dultman described as a “sampler” of Dordt’s music groups, is on Friday, Oct. 19. The Festival, which debuted about 20 years ago, will feature a “wide variety” of music, according to Dultman. It began as a chance for the vocal and instrumental groups to sing and play for their parents. “Parents’ Weekend really started around [the festival],” said Dultman. The Campus Community Band, Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band will be performing short pieces, and after an intermission, Kantorei, Women’s Chorus, Chorale, Concert Choir and a masked choir will be singing. Dr. Benjamin Kornelis, director of the Kantorei, Chorale and Concert Choir, said, “My goal for the concert is for them [the students in choir] to get to the public, in a manner that is entertaining, challenging and encouraging, their efforts and accomplishments thus far.”

“I really look forward to playing this weekend,” said sophomore Adam Vander Malen, a member of Concert Band. “And I hope the parents and family will enjoy it.”

The Heartbreak Kid: Not worth your time, even at 2 a.m.

Alvin Shim  
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The theater in Sioux Center had five films playing. There was some family movie with The Rock, something with Dane Cook and Jessica Alba, something about kids and magic and a Harry Potter esque “The Book is so much better!” idea. Gosh. So, based on what we saw of the trailer for “The Heartbreak Kid” - Ben Stiller annoyed by his singing fiancé – we opted for the least of five evils.

For the record, that singing scene was pretty funny.

Maybe it’s because we started this movie at two in the morning after a long day, and with large cups of mixed soft drinks, but nothing made sense. Ben Stiller rushes into marriage with a girl he hardly knows because then she won’t have to move to Rotterdam. “People don’t do that! You don’t just get engaged like that!” We shouted this at the screen, but eventually digressed. “Just make us laugh!” we demanded, and then she sang “Ready to Take a Chance Again” by Barry Manilow with a mouthful of granola bar. We were happy then. Those were good times.

This movie doesn’t make any sense!” Again and again, we yelled this. Spillers: Stiller falls for another girl on his honeymoon as his wife transforms into a crazy person (or acts like herself). Apparently, women tend to do that once they trap. I mean, marry a man. (Look out, guys.) Stiller never tells New Girl that he’s there on his honeymoon, but her family finds out in some crazy way and they get all mad at him. In the end, he gets another chance at New Girl after divorcing his wife and losing his sporting goods store to her.

I say “his wife” and “New Girl” not because I’m sexist or attempting to be funny, but because in the context of this movie, who cares about the women? They are in my two people that you feel sorry for because Stiller’s character is afraid of growing old alone and consequently jumps into a marriage.

You know what really makes me angry is that Jerry Stiller (Stiller’s character’s dad, Jerry Seinfeld’s dad in “Seinfeld” and Ben Stiller’s real dad) shout in this movie and I chuckled. I only chuckled. And the ridiculous plot wasn’t even redeemed by character or soundtrack, although the soundtrack was pretty good. When you hear the bass intro for “Under Pressure” by David Bowie and Queen and you pray to God that it’s not “Ice, Ice Baby,” it usually does turn out to be “Ice, Ice Baby” and then I vomit, but it was “Under Pressure” by David Bowie and Queen! It wasn’t redeemed by anything. Actually. It was, in short, a bad Farrelly Brothers movie.
Price is Trllelooers Showcase Winner (Oil change, gas card, scooter, remote control truck and 12 golf balls)
- Bond Girl
Best Individual Costume
- Outhouse 1 & 2
- #1 Bob Fan
- Miss Iowa
- Nudist on strike
- Bullseye
Most Futuristic
- Blue Man Group
Best Group
- Mario Bros.

Jess De Boer - Dordt bookstore gift package and DVD player
Travis Coblentz - Backpack
Blue Man #3 - Ceramic Frog
Bond Girl - Toilet Paper and Earrings
Wicked Witch of the West - Dordt bookstore gift package
Average farm boy - Fungicide and $35

Ask Alvin

Question: I'm freaking out, man.

You are freaking out. Man, this is what your high school teachers were wrong about. When they won't accept late papers or round your grade up from an 89.7% to an even 90%, they said they were preparing you for the "real world." This is what they were talking about and, really, if that's all they did to prepare you, they didn't do it at all. I know pros who have done both, but don't bank on it. If you are busy, then you asked for it. That's not necessarily a bad thing. I'm not just saying that it's your fault that you don't sleep anymore. I'm saying it happens to a lot of people: they take on a huge load of classes and activities. Some people can do it. Some people can't. 18 credits can be a lot of things.

My first semester, I took 15 credits. Those included general freshmen things like GEN 100, Western Civ, Physical Science, etc. My GPA was, to my personal standards, average. My problem was that I wasn't too interested in the classes -- and they were classes that had definite true answers. They may as well have been math classes. I mean, come on! I'm an English major! My second semester, I took on 18 credits, but I think I took one required general. The rest were classes I wanted to take, like Broadcast Production, Heresies and Sects, Photography and Short Story. It was one terrific and exhausting semester. And, academically, I did great. I don't know your specific situation; you didn't really give me too much to work with. And also, you didn't ask a question. Depending on who you are, I'd maybe love to sit down and listen to what you, specifically, are freaking out about -- but also, maybe not. Really though, if you're freaking out from overload, simply unload something. You can't very well drop a class right now, but you can always reorganize your time now and plan for next semester. Talk to your pros and take advantage of the ASK Center if you're lagging in Psychology. It's what they get paid for. Don't let them fat cats get paid for nothing!

What I'm sure of is this. Make sure you depend on your friends for support. Ask them to sit and listen and share some chocolate. Good ones will make time when you ask them to. Great friends will know when you need them to. Best friends will share chocolate. And be sure to send it back to them when they need it.

Chin up, lads and lasses. Chin up and throw down.

Email diamond@dordt.edu for more info.
This year, the Sowers have moved from the jurisdiction of Student Services to the Athletic Department. "We think it's a good move," said senior Dan Steenbergen.

Another move for the lacrosse team is their practice field. Since the football program now uses the field behind Southview for a practice field, the men's lacrosse team has moved their practices to the grass strip behind Covenant Hall. Lacrosse games will now be split between the football practice field and soccer field. "The Athletic Department has a good understanding of the space we need, and we're appreciative of that," said coach Paul Hoogendoorn.

Since they are members of a club team, the lacrosse players are used to doing fundraisers such as selling T-shirts. They "take a backseat to varsity sports, but Dordt helps us for funding quite a bit," added Hoogendoorn.

The team gladly shares its field with the football program. Since football brings appreciation for more sports, the Sowers believe that the addition of football might even increase their fan base.

The Sowers would appreciate a larger fan base, as they compete against schools ten times the size of Dordt. Senior Josh Harmelink said, "We talk with the other team before the game, and we tell them that we have a school of 1,400. The other team will say, 'You mean 14,000?'"

Even though Dordt is a much smaller school, the Sowers have gone to semifinals in each of the last five seasons. They are ranked in the top 30 teams in the nation.

The club continues to grow; 45 men signed up to play at the Taste of Sioux Center this year — the biggest team yet. Even with the appeal of the Blades and football, there are only three lacrosse players on other teams. 22 players returned from last year, and many freshmen add to the team this year.

"Who knows?" Hoogendoorn adds with a smile. "We might even have our games in the planner some day."