Bush tries to fill vacancies in the Supreme Court

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With the death of Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist and the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor, President Bush has the opportunity to nominate justices that will profoundly change the nation's highest court. These justices will have the chance to impact issues such as affirmative action, gun control and abortion.

After an attempted filibuster by Democratic senators, Judge John Roberts was finally confirmed as Chief Justice. President Bush calls him a man who "has devoted his entire professional life to the cause of justice and is widely admired for his intellect, his sound judgment and personal decency."

President Bush nominated Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court October 3rd, but Miers faced resistance from Senate Democrats and growing opposition from several members of the Republican party. In late October she withdrew her nomination.

The current nominee to the Supreme Court is Yale Law School graduate Samuel Alito. Judge Alito has an impeccable resume for the Supreme Court—impressive professional credentials and a paper trail that proves he has a clear understanding of the role of the judiciary. He currently serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, a seat to which he was nominated in 1990.

Judge Alito has served in the Department of Justice as Assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General, arguing twelve cases before the Supreme Court. He also served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General.

His confirmation hearings are set to begin January 9, with the intention of a final confirmation vote on January 20.
Satterly family settles in Sioux Center

Teresa Maas

It is easy for students at Dordt to complain about our housing. We may not like the size of our room or the building, the size of our room or the fact that we may not like our next-door neighbor or a high ranked professor. They make a difference because they stand up for what they believe in. It sounds so simple.

Dr. King's moment in history began in December 1955 when she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama. It was an "established rule" in the American south that African-American riders had to sit at the back of the bus. African-American riders were also expected to surrender their seat to a white bus rider if it was needed. At the time of her arrest, Parks was 42 and on her way home from work as a seamstress.

She took a seat in the front of the black section of a city bus in Montgomery. The bus filled up and the bus driver demanded that she move to a white male passenger could have her seat.

"The driver wanted us to stand up, the four of us. We didn't move at the beginning, but he says, 'Let me have these seats.' And the other three people moved, but I didn't," she once said.

When Parks refused to give up her seat, a police officer arrested her. As the officer took her away, she recalled that she asked, "Why do you push people around?"

The officer's response: "I don't know, but the law's the law and you're under arrest."

She added, "I only knew that, as I was being arrested, that it was the very last time that I would ever ride in humiliation of this kind."

Four days later, Parks was convicted of disorderly conduct and fined $1.

"Her arrest triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus system by blacks that was organized by a 26-year-old Baptist minister, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who was pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery. He and other African-American community leaders felt a protest of some kind was needed. A meeting was called and an overflowing crowd came to the church to hear his words."

"Dr. King told the crowd that the only way they could fight back would be to boycott the bus company. On the morning of Dec. 5, 1955, the African-American residents of the city refused to use the buses. Most walked; those few with cars arranged rides for friends and strangers, some even rode mules. Only a very small number of African-Americans rode the bus that day."

"Dr. King and the other African-American community leaders held another meeting to organize future action. They named their organization the Montgomery Improvement Association and Dr. King was elected as its president. "We must learn to meet hate with love," he said.

"But it wasn't until the 1964 Civil Rights Act that all public accommodations nationwide were desegregated facing regular threats."

"We must learn to meet hate with love."

Dr. Martin Luther King

"As long as there is unemployment, war, crime and all things that go to the infliction of man's inhumanity to man, regard less - there is much to do here, and people need to work together," Rosa Parks said.

Even into her 80s, she was active on the lecture circuit, speaking at civil rights groups and accepting awards. She even accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999. This medal is encouragement for all of us to continue until all have rights," she said at the June 1999 ceremony for the latter medal.

The boycott of December 1955 lasted for over a year. It eventually took the United States Supreme Court to end the boycott.

On November 13, 1956 the Court declared that Alabama's white and local laws requiring segregation on buses were illegal.

On December 20th federal injunctions were served on the city and bus company officials ordering them to follow the Supreme Court's ruling.

"It was so unbelievable that this woman - this one woman - had the courage to take a seat and refuse to get up and give it up to a white gentleman. By sitting down, she was standing up for all Americans," Jeff Blau said an associate director at the Hoover Institution said.

Rosa Parks - an unexpected hero who won't be soon forgotten.

Jill Hemstra

Politics of Power

Talk about a bribe: A wealthy Sri Lankan presidential candidate said he will use his personal fortune to buy a cow for every home in the country if he is elected. Victor Hettigoda says that his plan is a "sure way to fight malnutrition and make people prosperous," and he suggested that excess milk could be converted into cheese and butter or even exported. He is one of 13 candidates vying for the tropical island's top executive post in the Nov. 17 presidential election.

"De-Limitating" Crime

The mayor of Las Vegas is so tired of the "insane amounts" of graffiti on the city's highways and bridges that he is threatening to cut off perpetrators' fingers. "You know, we have a beautiful highway landscaping redevelopment in our downtown, and then these punks come along and deface it. So I'm saying maybe you put them on TV and cut off a thumb," Goodman also suggests that whippings or canings should be brought back to use on children who get into trouble.
Gimme’ a break!

Jessica Braunschweig
Editor

There’s only so much time in a day, we say, keeping rapid pace while checking the face of every watch and clock we can. Places to go, people to see, papers to grade and write. And breaks are few and far between. So this is life? Oh, the hustle and the bustle—we’re just millions of Energizer bunnies who keep going and going and going. In the words of our Veggie Tale friends, we’re “busy, busy—dreadfully busy; much, much too busy for me and for you.” We’re chugging around like the Little Engine that could. But what are we doing and where in the world are we trying to attain? Will it get us any closer to heaven? What kind of message is Our busyness? Is it truly a sin? And as Christians, to what point do we let it control our lives? What are we trying to attain? Will it get us any closer to heaven? What kind of message is our busyness sending to the world around us?

At Dordt, we’re proud of working hard to reform the wonderful world around us, but that’s a tiring business and it’s taking a toll. Caffeine may get us through, but is it truly the answer? Perhaps we need to reform the use of time and take the time to just be and remember what truly matters in life.

The idea of a daily Sabbath rest should be integrated into campus life. Maybe we need to advocate a siesta time each day. At the very least, we should take more coffee breaks together—”go to go” just doesn’t cut it. What’s stopping us from resting more? Why can’t we work and play? Is that even possible in our culture today? Let’s make it possible. We’re in desperate need of a breakthrough in this area or we will all surely suffer from a breakdown.

The underappreciated committee speaks out

Written on behalf of SAC by: Katrina Kobes, Co-President and Jonathan Schunk; veteran SAC member

In response to the last article written about SAC’s lack of effectiveness, we would like to address a few issues.

SAC’s advertising has been the same for the last four years: posters, the Dordt planner, the Today, My Den, and many other locations — we are even trying to make improvements such as an off campus mailing system, SAC cups distributed at events, commercials, a bulletin board (located outside of Student Services) and an RA emailing system. We have been posting signs in residence halls for every major event for at least the past four years. We even have gone so far as to put flyers on every resident door for some events. Our new website has had obvious difficulties but now is operational. We promise to keep this updated as much as possible. It can be found at www.denis.dordt.edu/sac.

We admit some aspects of events could/should have gone smoother had we had more experienced members as we did last year. This is not to say that our new members do not know what is going on; they just need time to understand the hustle and the bustle, and remember what truly matters in life.

SAC is changing; we have new people, new views and new attitudes. SAC members are still being acclimated to what it takes to get an event underway. We would like to point out that SAC has also been spending more energy on reorganizing within the committee, tweaking our current events and getting our new members involved with events as much as possible. With our many new members, our main concern is for student activities next year. This is not to say that we are ignoring this year’s campus needs but we are trying to train our new members for what is coming.

We appreciate your thoughts and concerns about campus activities. HOWEVER, we are offended that you did not consult SAC prior to writing the “Why Has SAC Sunk” article. We feel ignored for not being consulted for our thoughts, opinions, or answers to the complaints made. Instead, the article felt like a stance against a fellow student-oriented campus team. We will take into consideration everything that was brought to attention.

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas, SAC has always been open to receiving them. Please contact us at sac@dordt.edu.

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Announcement

TAKE YOUR LEARNING AND SERVICE OVERSEAS!

Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) is looking for qualified young adults to serve on SUMMER MISSION PROGRAM (SMP) teams.
- Teams in 2006 will learn and serve in Niger, Guinea, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Eastern Europe, India, Kazakhstan, and the Philippines.
- Opportunities include teaching, mechanical, medical, media, work, development, HIV/AIDS awareness, drama, art, French, Spanish, ministry to prostitutes and street children and more.

Make sure you talk to CRWM representatives who will be on campus from Nov. 14th - Nov. 15th.

Also join in a discussion related to missions and overseas opportunities @ 8:00PM, Nov. 14th at the Humble Bean Coffee Shop.
FREE COFFEE AND BAKED ITEMS

Spend your summer engaging in cross-cultural ministry!
Dordt's faculty gets engaged...literally

Diane Feucht
Staff Writer

Receiving a campus directory is a favorite event for Dordt students today. You can tell a lot about people just by flipping through the pages: their name, where they lived, and what they looked like when they were freshmen. However, when you reach the faculty and staff pages, there seems to be an abnormal concentration of similar last names.

Well, this is a Dutch school, so there is expected to be an uncommon population of Van's, Vander's, and Vande's, right? Well, around 40 percent of the faculty and staff share their last name with one of their co-workers. Random coincidence, or not? Well, around 40 percent of the faculty and staff share their last name with one of their co-workers. Random coincidence, or not? Well, around 40 percent of the faculty and staff share their last name with one of their co-workers. Random coincidence, or not?

Many other couples were hired one after the other in all different fields of Dordt. Three couples even received jobs in the same field - Brady and Rhoda Fopma in Computer Services, Eldon and Wilma Vander Berg in Maintenance and Dave and Jeri Schelhaas in English.

However, the most unique story in the marriages of Dordt's faculty must be Fred and Susan Van Geest. Fred had already worked at Dordt when Susan was hired in 1999. Rumor has it that Fred had offered to help move Susan in to her new living environment - not knowing that he was about to hit it off with his future wife.

Eight months later they were married and now they have one child with another one on the way.

So, next time you flip through your campus directory, stop for a few moments at the faculty and staff pages and see how many of the married couples you can recognize. So that must why Dordt faculty is so great - they are literally married to their job!

Hug-a-Linguist Days

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Last week witnessed the 32nd Annual Hug-A-Linguist Days here on Dordt's campus. The days, which started Monday night and ended Wednesday at noon, consisted of seminars, informal chat, informational booths and PowerPoint slides. There were even games to help students see the importance of cross-cultural differences, especially the impact these differences may have on our Christianity.

Professor Leendert van Beek summed the goal up perfectly with his quote, "We want to give our students a global vision and broaden their perspectives." Andy Mitch's kick-off presentation, titled "God is not an American: In search of cross culture," really got the audience thinking about how our culture affects many of our views, sometimes without us even realizing how/why we got our views.

You've heard of P.K.s (Pastor's Kids), well Andy began by explaining how he was an O.K., explaining, "I'm an ordinary kid who's been able to do some extraordinary things." And for Andy, it all started when he asked himself, "How can I make a difference worldwide?" And you'd better believe he has.

For the past twenty years Andy has been in Papua New Guinea, working as a Bible translator. The more Andy immersed himself in other cultures, he slowly began to see American values that he had placed with limited resources, God is not efficient; Efficiency has to do with time or success-oriented.

Dordt sophomore Nicole Vandenbarg, who attended Andy's presentation, had the following to say, "I think we tend to put our cultural norms into how we view God, but instead we have to realize that God goes beyond our own culture. In part, that's why visiting other cultures is so important." One fact that Professor van Beek really wants to emphasize is this event is not just for those involved with foreign languages; there is just as strong of a need in other cultures for engineers as there is for Bible translators.

To really drive this point home, the foreign languages department is hoping to be able to invite other departments to host the event in the future. This would enable Agriculture students (just to use an example) to be targeted and learn just how they could be used in a cross-cultural setting.

Though it's unclear exactly what direction Dordt's Hug-A-Linguist Days are headed, one thing is certain; they will maintain their focus of educating students with a much needed global perspective.
What has Title IX done to college sports?

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"No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal aid."

This was the proclamation of Title IX, an Educational Amendment passed in 1972. The major focus of Title IX has been in the area of athletics, where many people felt women were being treated unfairly in their opportunities to participate. However, Title IX has been stretched to the point where it has become a blockade to male sports.

Colleges and universities have become so conscious of the possibility of facing a frivolous lawsuit involving Title IX that the universities have actually hurt their men's athletic programs. In the process, hurting men's athletic programs was not the intended purpose of Title IX.

On the contrary, Title IX was implemented to ensure that women involved in athletics and academics were offered the same opportunities as those of men. What the founders of Title IX did not foresee was the fact that by adding so many women's athletic programs, universities would be financially stretched beyond their limits.

One of the main reasons for this financial problem is the amount of money required to run an athletic team. Teams require equipment, insurance, scholarships, medical treatment and often luxurious facilities. Women's athletic events are not attended as well as those of men, but they cost the same amount of money to operate.

While universities profit largely from many of their men's athletic teams, the same cannot be said of their women's athletic teams. Many universities operate women's athletic programs at a loss to the university financially.

Today, women graduating from college receive 29 percent more medical degrees, 36 percent more law degrees and 30 percent more doctorates than they did in the 1970s, according to a study for better education in Iowa.

This increase is great. Women becoming educated and entering the workforce is not the problem. The difference is that equal opportunities for women in education do not come at the expense of educational opportunity for men, while equal opportunity for women in sports is coming at the expense of men's athletic programs.

According to a recent gender-equity study by the NCAA, college women have gained more than 5,000 sports opportunities in the past five years alone, while men have lost over 17,000 athletic programs completely.

These programs are not downsized, they are completely eliminated. Wrestling has been the program eliminated the greatest number of times. Over 400 universities at the NCAA level alone have dropped their wrestling programs in order to ensure that an equal number of men's and women's programs exist. One example in the state of Iowa is Iowa State University.

ISU cut its men's baseball program and started a women's swimming team in order to accommodate Title IX. Title IX has served its purpose in the area of academics but not in the area of athletics.

How does this issue relate to students here at Dordt College? The answer is simple. Dordt College is attempting to organize and begin a collegiate football team. Dordt currently offers six men's sports and six women's sports. In addition, in 2004 Dordt had five more male athletes than female, while the enrollment was a female majority by 133 students.

This means that Dordt is already dipping on the fine line of Title IX's required ratio. According to Title IX, if there are a higher percentage of female students, there should be a higher percentage of female athletes.

According to a report released by Ken Boersma to students from the Board of Trustees, a football program would add one more men's sport and approximately 80 male athletes. Numbers like those would put Dordt in a very precarious position with regards to Title IX.

If Dordt were unable to demonstrate adequate opportunity for the female athletes on campus, one of two options would have to be met. Dordt could add another women's sport, or the college would have to remove one of its men's sports. There are many Title IX opponents fighting to save men's opportunities.

We are not against Title IX, but we are against gender quotas. I believe that Title IX was created for and should continue to create opportunities for women that were not there. However, trying to create opportunities at the cost of men's opportunities isn't the way to solve the problem.

Is it really such a problem if Dordt College adds a football team and in the process creates an out-of-balance female students to male sports ratio? Should they be required to eliminate a sport such as men's golf or men's baseball merely to show equal opportunity? Would Dordt College benefit from having cut a men's athletic program?

I believe an established sport should never be eliminated solely for the purpose of meeting a gender quota. It is a shame and a disgrace to the women who are allowing men's athletics to be punished in the name of equal rights.

Extracting SUCKcess

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"Be like a vacuum, extract what you can out of life."

- Pat Oglesby,
Door-to-door Vacuum Salesman

Friday October 21, 7 p.m., marked the beginning of the 3rd Annual 2005 National Film Challenge, as well as a very busy weekend for a group of Dordt students.

The competition, which took place October 21st to the 23rd, had 161 teams from 31 states participating. Amateurs and professionals alike pitted their filmmaking skills against one another to determine which team would make the best film under a strict 48-hour time-frame.

Each team was given a few characteristics the film had to have, to ensure against early starts.

The characteristics (which varied by time zone) this Dordt group had to work with were a Genre (Comedy), a prop (gray), a line of dialogue ("Ahhhh, but can you do this?") and a character (Pat Oglesby, door-to-door Salesperson).

Dordt students Matt Berkenpas, Jonathan De Weerd, Aaron Huisman, Tara Warolin and Professor Mark Volkers created the film, which is titled "Extracting SUCKcess," starring Dordt junior Elliot De Wit as Pat Oglesby, a door-to-door Vacuum Salesman.

Elliot, obviously touched by the film's depth mentioned, "Vacuums are a big part of my life now."

But it wasn't all fun and games by any means. The first thirteen hours of the competition, which included an all-nighter for the devoted students, was spent solely on writing the script and figuring out what the film would be about.

Volkers said this process was probably the most challenging aspect because it's "very critical" to the film.

Overall, everyone seems to be quite pleased with the end result. Volkers was especially impressed with the students' professionalism, saying, "I'm really proud of the students. They didn't get any class credit and they gave up much of their sleep for a weekend. It took lots of creativity and giving in to others' ideas."

The grand prize winners, chosen by judges, will be given $1000 travel credit to attend a screening of their film at the Cinequest Film Festival in March, will be announced by the end of the year.

Though they don't know how they have done in the grand scheme of things yet, "Extracting SUCKcess" has already had some good news—it was chosen to be a part of the National Film Challenge Showcase in St. Louis, MO, on November 9th.

When asked if he thought he would participate again next year, Volkers commented, "It's possible. It was a lot of fun, and we learned a lot."
Nosikova's "Piano Fantasy" delights listeners

Ksenia Nosikova, with the help of the Steinway, created beautiful music in the BJ Haan. Nosikova's "Piano Fantasy" delights listeners

Internationaly renowned pianist Ksenia Nosikova performed in the B.J. Haan Auditorium last Saturday night. Nosikova's recital consisted of works by Lera Auerbach, Robert Schumann, Frédéric Chopin and Franz Liszt.

Nosikova held the audience captive with her music throughout the performance, from the first dissonant chords of Auerbach's contemporary work "Memento Mori" to the final notes of Lizst's "Les jeux d'eau la Villa d'Este.

The music of the "Piano Fantasy" recital took the audience to a different world. The myriad of notes, the crescendos and diminuendos and the passion of Nosikova created an appealing atmosphere, full of beauty and harmony.

As Nosikova swayed back and forth on the piano bench, the audience wanted to move with her and become part of the gorgeous music she was sharing with them. The listeners were enthralled by her talent—the quietest notes sang out of the piano, just as the loudest notes reverberated throughout the auditorium.

Nosikova also gave a workshop for Dordt's piano students on Saturday morning. She shared some of her expertise with the student pianists, offering tips to improve their performances. She offered advice to three of Dordt's student pianists, sharing some of her expertise learned over her many years of piano-playing.

Nosikova, a native of Russia, is currently an Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Iowa. She received her undergraduate and masters' degrees at the Moscow Conservatory in Russia and she received her doctorate at the University of Colorado.

Nosikova has performed all over the world, including in France, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Russia. She has also given two solo recitals in Carnegie Hall in New York City. Dordt was pleased to have her perform and share her gift.

Dordt music department celebrates its "unsung heroes"--the accompanists

Two person show at Dordt College Campus Center Art Gallery

SIOUX CENTER, IA - An exhibition of ceramics by Northwestern College art professor Karen Acker and digital prints by Dordt College art professor David Versluis will be on display in the Dordt College Campus Center Art Gallery November 16 through December 31. An opening reception with the artists is scheduled for November 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Professor Acker specializes in ceramic art. She holds an M.F.A. in sculpture and ceramics from Central Michigan University, an M.B.A. from Saginaw Valley State University and a Bachelor of Arts in art history from Case Western University. In addition, her artwork has been shown extensively in national exhibitions throughout the United States and in a number of international shows, including exhibitions in France, Italy, Germany and New Zealand.

Acker's ceramics sensitively combine porcelain and wood in ways that emphasize the seemingly incompatible nature of the materials and feature precarious balances, both physical and emotional. The tension and movement of the compositions suggest change, transformation and the state of being in-between.

Versluis holds an M.F.A. from Western Michigan University and B.F.A. from Calvin College. His work has been exhibited in Chicago, Detroit, Montreal and in numerous other venues throughout the United States. As a graphic designer, his client list included Steelcase, Trendway, Union Pump Company and Aves Advertising. The works by David Versluis, begun in 2004 for this show, comprise a series of larger scale digital prints featuring a beached fish photographed at Spirit Lake, Iowa in 2002.

As Versluis says "I see these images as emblematic of the design process and the construction of the printed image. This show studies design as an imaginative process and how visual form and content combine to function as communications. Needless to say, the fish image itself is loaded with meaning and conjures up many symbols and metaphors."

The public is invited to attend this free art exhibition. The Campus Center Art Gallery is open every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Stop by and enjoy some artwork.
Dance Dance Revolution

By Lynette Andree
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If anyone has been reading the thread about DDR on DordtTalk, then you know about the plans for an all-campus DDR night.

DDR, for you unfortunately uninformed individuals, is not Deutsche Demokratik Repulik, as Andrew Roozeboom so sorely misinformed the readers. It is Dance Dance Revolution. The beauty of this game is that you don’t need to be good at dancing in order to be good at the game. It does not require any sexy body moves and can be done by girls and guys alike.

The game is simple to follow: the dance pad is the controller. There are four arrows on the mat: up, down, left and right—they correspond with what is on the screen. On the top of the television screen are all the arrows—the purpose of the game is to step on the correct arrow as they scroll up the screen.

The second that the scrolling arrow reaches the top of the screen and overlaps with the arrow at the top of the screen, you need to step on the corresponding arrow on the mat. That’s it. Sound confusing? See for yourself on all-campus DDR night.

There are different levels for those of you who are worried that you aren’t going to be good enough. In the beginners stage the footwork is very simple, very conducive for those just starting out. The better that you get, the higher the level you play, the faster the arrows and the more complicated the footwork.

If you look on some of the websites, their motto is "lose weight with game action"—so, not only is it a great way to hang out with friends, but also lose the freshman fifteen that you have always been meaning to work on, but never got around to.

If you are not at all interested in making a fool of yourself in front of strangers, there will be other events going on at the same time. Things like Ping-Pong will be available for those who do not want to give DDR a try—though when you see the fun everyone else is having, the sidelines won’t look so appealing.

DDR will be held sometime in early December. Check out the SAC bulletin board and websites for updates and the exact date.
Blades hockey hits the rink

Amanda Henke
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What provides ice-slaicing, glass-smashing entertainment with a Canadian flair?

The Dordt Blades are into the early part of their 2005-2006 season and have already succeeded in drawing spectators of all ages to their action-filled games.

The 17 Dordt Blades players are coached this year by Nate Van Niejenhuis, director of the All Seasons Center. With prior experience as a Blade himself and as assistant coach, Van Niejenhuis looks to continue the strong tradition surrounding the Blades in his first year as head coach. Van Niejenhuis sees this year's team as being young yet full of "talented and hard-working young men."

Providing leadership on the ice is team captain Nate Johnson. This is Johnson's fourth and final year as a Blade. Assistant captains are Justin Geertsema and Joel Sikkema. Other returning players are Chris Van Huis, Jason Wyenberg, Greg Debink, Corey Dykstra, Dennis Keulen and Steve Hickox.

Making their debut as part of the Blades' roster are Kevin Prins, Jared Rempel, Kurtis Heerema, Allen Vandenbroek, Matt Chesla, Jon Vanteukelt, Jesse Howelzeg and Jeremy Bakker. All eight of the new players are freshmen.

"With eight new players, we are still getting used to the way one another plays and knowing where each player is on the ice. Hockey takes a lot of team chemistry," said rookie defensive man Matt Chesla, one of two non-Canadians.

"We are a young squad with an enormous amount of potential and I believe we're going to develop into a good team."

So far, the Blades are 1-1 in league play, with both games being against the University of South Dakota. Freshman Kevin Prins is the team's leading goal-scorer.

The next home ice advantage for the Blades is November 11th and 12th, when they will face SDSU. If you want to know more information, a full schedule can be found on the Blades' website: http://homerpages.dordt.edu/hockey/mainpage1.htm

So hockey fans, season ticket holders and anyone looking for quality weekend entertainment—mark your calendars, bring your coats, grab some hot chocolate and get ready for the thrills and chills of Blades hockey.

Soccer teams wrap up season with postseason honors

Jesse Veenstra
Page Editor

The soccer season has come to a close as both the men's and women's teams have been eliminated from postseason play. Both teams made a valiant effort at advancing to nationals, but unfortunately both fell short.

The men's team received a 5th seed in the GPAC tournament and faced off against Dana in the first round. They pulled off the 2-1 victory with Danny Koolehaas scoring both Defender goals, including a direct kick goal with just under five minutes left to play. The Defenders then had to face Hastings in the semifinals and were defeated 3-1. Mike Oppeneer had the lone Dordt goal in the contest. This loss eliminated Dordt from postseason play and the season concluded with a 9-10 record.

Three players on the men's team received postseason honors in the GPAC conference. Ryan Coon, a sophomore from Thornton, Colorado received first team all-conference honors after leading the Defenders with 37 points including 15 goals. Mike Oppeneer was named to the second team as he also registered 15 goals and had six assists. Andrew Dunham also received second team honors for his defensive work. Dunham led the Defender defense that allowed 2.4 goals a game this season.

The Lady Defenders made a run deep into their conference tournament after receiving the one seed. They faced off with Hastings in the tournament title match before falling 1-0 on a late goal in the second half. However, Dordt received a berth to the regional tournament held in Duluth, Minnesota.

Dordt would again face off against conference foe Hastings in the first round of the Region III tournament. The Lady Defenders fell behind in the first half 1-0, but Anna Hubers answered shortly into the second half to make it 1-1. The score would remain locked until the second overtime when Hastings pounded a ball into the net to win the game 2-1 and send Dordt home early. The Lady Defenders ended the season with a 9-9-2 record.

Three Lady Defenders received first-team honors after finishing second in the conference this season. Nicki De Blaey, a senior from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, led the team with 15 goals, and is currently fourth all-time in Dordt goals with 34. Suzanne Clark, a junior from Elm Grove, Wisconsin, repeats first team honors after playing defense for the Lady Defenders. Clark led the team with assists, and also helped the team to a 1.55 goals against average.

The third Lady Defender to receive first-team honors is sophomore Callie Christensen from Sioux City, Iowa. Christensen worked the midfield area and scored a goal and had two assists on the season.

Coach Egbersma also received honors as he was honored with the GPAC coach of the year award. Egbersma has led the Lady Defenders to a 50-27-2 record over the past four years, and he also received coach of the year honors in 2002.

Dordt cross country pair prepares for NAIA national meet

Jesse Veenstra
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Long hours of hard, intense training have paid off for two Dordt athletes, as they will be representing the college in the NAIA national cross-country meet on November 19.

Tim Eisenga, a senior from Randolph, Wisconsin qualified for the second straight year after finishing seventh at the regional meet in Sioux Falls last weekend. He ran the 8,000 meter course with a time of 25:34.63. Eisenga finished 130th out of 259 last year at Nationals and hopes to better that mark this year.

"My goal for the race is to have a great race physically and mentally so that I know that I did my best. Last year I had the opportunity to represent the Blades in my first year as head coach. Van Niejenhuis sees this year's team as being young yet full of "talented and hard-working young men."