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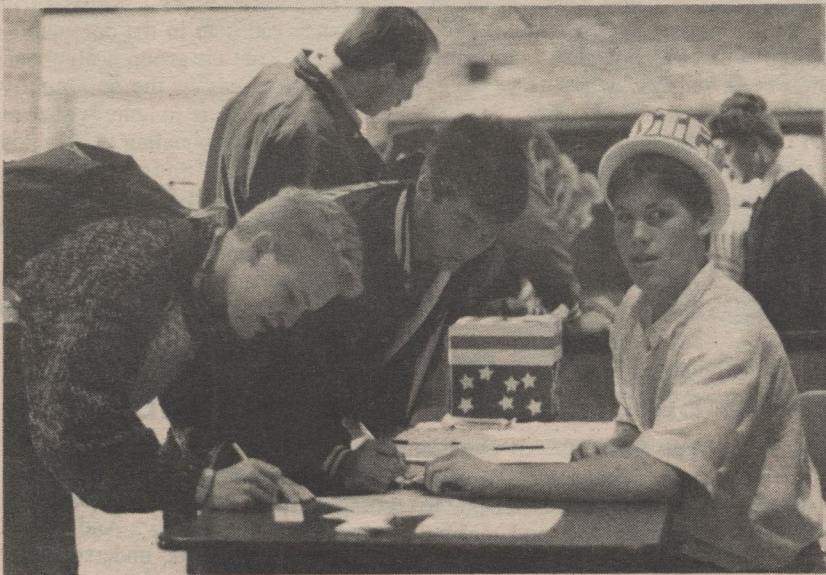


Photo by Paul Wielard

Before the national election, Rob Heltmeyer works at Dordt poll as Mark Niemeyer and Simon De Jong vote.

Students work for news election service

By Al Bandstra

On Election day, the three major television networks and two wire services joined together nationally to tabulate the results of the general election. The Dordt Political Science Club was hired by the News Election Service to participate in this process.

On Tuesday night twenty-two students carpooled to twenty-six polling places in Sioux County. As soon as the polls closed at 9:00, each person went to the nearest phone and relayed their results to the News Election Service (NES) regional center in Dallas, Texas. Each caller gave the total number of votes for Dukakis, Bush, O'Brien, and Grandy.

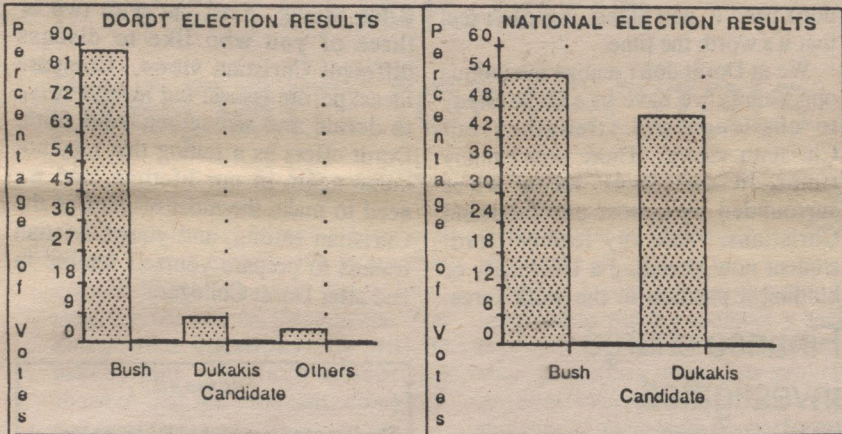
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Marty Ybema, President of the

Political Science Club, was contacted originally by the NES. The club had worked with the organization in 1984, and the Election Service, apparently pleased with the cooperation, asked them to help again. Members of the club received the idea with enthusiasm, and eight students outside the Political Science Club also volunteered.

As coordinator, Ybema had to make several calls to the NES to clarify information, and to the Sioux County Auditor to find out more exact locations of the polling places. Chuck Adams set up routes for the carpools and gave information how to get to the respective places. Each person driving a car would drop off people at precincts en route to his or her precinct and then pick them up after the calls had been made.

The Political Science Club is to be reimbursed six dollars for every call made. Because of the car pools the club was able to save money on gas and should come away with a rather sizeable amount of money. Part of the payment will go to a pizza party for those who participated in the effort.



Student opinion reflects national results.

New club opens season

by Dan Mennega

Most students at Dordt are not eagerly anticipating the coming winter weather. To some however, cold mornings, leafless trees, and vaped breath mean one thing: hunting time. It's that time of the year when students get their guns, put aside their books for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories and dreaming up more. Some are fortunate enough to bring home supper; others are not. All have a great time being outdoors and enjoying nature.

The Hunting Club is an organization which is making hunting even more enjoyable for Dordt students. Its 23 members all appreciate the opportunity hunting provides for discovering the beauty of the outdoors. The club, long out of existence, has been re-discovered by

Greg Pennings, a sophomore. As organizer, it's his duty to call meetings and accept ideas. "As soon as it's off the ground we'll elect officers," says Pennings.

The club, aside from hunting, has many activities planned. Friday afternoons there will be trapshoots; special speakers will discuss gun safety, habitat preservation, and more. Several gun collectors' presentations are anticipated, as well as some type of fundraiser.

Pennings hopes to get the club involved with Pheasants Forever, which would allow members to raise pheasant chicks at the Dordt farm. Target practice with rifles, bows, and possibly handguns is another activity planned.

Pennings realizes that not everyone on campus is in favor of hunting. To some, the sport is cruel and violent,

and does not belong in a Christian's way of life. Pennings responds, "The Hunting Club doesn't hunt for the sport of killing, but for the admiration of the challenge."

Sophomore member Brad Ackerman agrees. "I've always liked the outdoors; I've been raised to appreciate it."

The pheasant population is being controlled by hunting. "It's a sport, it's enjoyable, and it's necessary. There are limits and regulations, so there's no danger of extinction." Ackerman's general policy is that if he hunts something, he eats it, too. "You can go out to hunt, or you can go out to kill," he points out.

Pennings encourages any response on the subject, and also encourages any non-members to join the Hunting Club.



Photo by Angela Eriksen

Greg Pennings and Paul Vande Kamp clay pigeon shooting

News Shorts

Dordt--A seminar on AIDS will be held on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Dr. Gene Herbek, a pathologist at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City will lead this two hour session. He will give practical advice on dealing with AIDS as a college community.

As a prelude to the seminar, Marion Van Soelen and Jan Schregardus led discussions on the AIDS disease on October 12 and 13. These discussions provided a brief overview of what AIDS is, how it's transmitted, and how Christians should respond.

According to Schregardus, these workshops are being held to prepare the campus if and when AIDS comes to Dordt.

by Renea Stremmer

Sioux Center--Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. will stay open through December 31, 1988, thanks to assistance from local churches and Dordt students. "Everyone is contributing a small part," said Cheryl Kats, Family Development Worker at the Mid-Sioux Opportunity office in Sioux Center, "and the combination of all their support will help us stay open."

Two organizations at Dordt have played a part in keeping the agency open: the Community Outreach Program and SACS (Students Active in Christian Service). Two volunteers from the Community Outreach come in to work one or two hours per week. A group of students in the SACS organization also helped move the Community Clothing Center into the Mid-Sioux Clothing Center. Kats says she is very happy that some Dordt students are donating their time. "It's very helpful and I enjoy providing that service so they can also get experience," she said.

Mid-Sioux Opportunity is an organization that administers a number of welfare programs. Executive Director of Mid-Sioux describes the agency as a non-profit organization designed to meet people's needs on the local level.

The future of Mid-Sioux is uncertain, but with the support of the community of Sioux Center and Dordt students, the agency will stay open at least two months longer than the original October close date.

National--Veterans Day is one of those holidays that no one seems to remember unless they happen to look at the calendar and see it by accident. With the addition of so many new holidays like Grandparents Day, and Flowers Day, the only holidays students remember any more are those they have vacations from school. Primarily, holidays have lost their meanings and come to represent vacation. This Veterans Day could be different.

Deet Erlich will come to speak at the Dordt Chapel about her experiences in a Nazi prison camp. Erlich and her fiance were captured by the Nazis for hiding Jews and helping American fighter pilots escape to England. A cell mate of Corrie Ten Boom, Erlich suffered trials and imprisonment and today shares how God protected and guided her.

This Veterans Day, November 11, at 7:30 p.m., take a short vacation to remember the brave men and women who fought to make America great.

Students get involved

by Leanne Meadow
HANDS IN HANDS

Are there struggles at home that make being away at college a bit unbearable? Do you ever wish that there was somewhere you could share your fears and be understood?

If any of these dilemmas have been a part of your life or you care about sharing others' concerns, then there is a group you should know about. This group of students meets weekly to talk, sympathize, laugh, and even cry by sharing with one another placing "Hands in Hands."

The group was organized by Gina Vos and Kristin Soodsma. "We wanted to reach out to the needs of Dordt students," said Gina Vos.

Outreach program assists community

by Amy Tiemersma

How would you like to dress up in a bear costume and travel to area schools and preschools to give a skit about child abuse? The Happy Bear program at the Domestic Violence Aid Center explains to children about "good" touching and "bad" touching from adults. Volunteering as Happy Bear is only one volunteer possibility for members of Dordt College's Community Outreach program.

Dordt College's Community Outreach Program provides students with opportunities to volunteer in local agencies. This year the directors and coordinators wanted to expand the program by finding new agencies with different volunteer opportunities. Expanding into new areas allowed students new experiences, and also helped more students to find volunteer positions that used their skills.

The Community Outreach Program provides volunteers to four new agencies, The Domestic Violence Aid Center, the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Center, Orange City Hospital, and to Mid-Sioux's office. New volunteer opportunities include working in a clothing distribution center, spending time at a crisis center for abused women, doing candy striper work in the hospital, and helping run a group for children of alcoholic parents.

In addition to the new volunteer openings, the Community Outreach Program has volunteers visiting elderly people or young children, helping in special education classrooms and preschools.

Between forty and fifty students volunteer this semester, but we have not filled all of our openings for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the areas mentioned above, or if you are interested in volunteering for any of the areas mentioned above, or if you are interested in volunteering but are not sure where, please contact Char Groen or Amy Tiemersma.

Even if you're not sure you can handle it, go ahead and give it a try. You won't be sorry.

PUTTING LOVE IN ACTION

PLIA is Putting Love Into Action again this coming spring break. This student-run volunteer group plans to help in visible ways in five areas this year. Working at three sites in Mississippi, one in Kentucky, and at an inner-city project in Chicago, the group will be using their hands and hearts in various ways from light carpentry work to Bible clubs.

PLIA members organize themselves, raise funds, and supply all materials necessary for the various projects they do. If you would like to help out but can't seem to give up spring break, support PLIA members this month as they sell candy to raise necessary funds.

SACS

Leaves being raked by SACS was the scene in Sioux Center last Friday. No, not sacks--SACS. This group of Students Active in Christian Service helped the elderly with the tedious job of fall yard work. Short-term assistance and help in the community like this is what the group is all about. As various needs in the community arise, SACS is there to help. A special way that they are planning to help this year is to raise funds and supply volunteers for Mid-Sioux Opportunities, whose federal funding has been drastically reduced.

Keep your eye out for more SACS as they seek to provide needed help in our community.

Bible studies strengthen members

by Teresa Van Gunst

Bible Study Groups meet weekly studying everything from Genesis to Revelation, having fun, and making new friends, but they aren't gathering just for social reasons. Bible studies offer a chance to learn from our friends and from a focused study of the Bible that is often neglected in the middle of a busy schedule.

But too many students at Dordt aren't involved. Some feel that they don't need it, and others just don't feel that it's worth the time.

We at Dordt don't realize the unique opportunity we have in a Bible Study to challenge and strengthen our Christian views. There aren't many times in our lives when we're surrounded by almost one thousand Christians. Ask any former Dordt student now attending a University or holding a position in the work force,

defending their views in a secular setting is tough. Christian ideas aren't always the majority view. And in this age of TV evangelists, understanding our beliefs and being able to defend them is vital. Joining a Bible Study is one way in which you can clarify your beliefs, and become better equipped to share those beliefs with those around you.

It's never too late to get involved in a Bible Study. Start out with two or three of you who like to discuss different Christian views. Compare ideas; debate issues; but always strive to define and strengthen your faith. Dordt offers us a setting that may not come again in our lifetime, and we need to make the most of it. Use the Christian setting, and your Christian friends to prepare yourself for life in and after Dordt College.

Finance charge investigated

by Dori Kooistra

On October 31 Bernie De Wit and Darrel Raih from the Business Office met with the Student Forum to clarify the financial statements issue.

Raih stressed that what the students received in the mail was a statement informing them of their regular amount due and not a bill. "We regret that this misunderstanding occurred. Our new policy is to benefit the student with a new finance charge--interest on top of interest. We meant it to be fair, not greedy. If the students look carefully they'll realize that they get charged the same amount, no matter if it's in two payments or one," he explained.

Student Forum President Jake Steiger asked the two men if students with questions could go to the office and ask them. "Most definitely," said Raih. We're not that bad to deal with. Actually, we were shocked at the confusion. I don't know what we could have done differently to make students aware." If students have any questions on this issue they are welcome to go to the business office and speak with Mr. Raih or Mr. De Wit.

Student Forum representatives have been working on changing the commons hours and off-campus housing policy.

The Forum's next meeting is Monday, November 14. They will be extensively discussing possible changes in the smoking policy.

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Photo by Paul Vande Kamp

This tropical rain forest simulator is made out of red clay tiles. Water from a pool beneath supplies various types of mosses.

What's back there anyway?

By Floyd Reitsma

It's mid-November, you open the door, and you are greeted by a warm, humid, almost tropical air. Everywhere you look, life abounds. Geraniums, various types of grass, and small trees spread out in front of you as the luminous light engulfs you. No, you haven't entered the Twilight Zone, but rather the greenhouse complex south of the science building.

The greenhouse, a place almost unknown to students who are not involved in the sciences, is a place where vastly different plants reside. From the small scale rain forest to the touch sensitive plant to the tree that grows several feet in a short time, all are special in their own type and use. Along with those plants, most of the flowers that beautify Dordt's campus are started here and transplanted in springtime.

The greenhouse is also used for science experiment: that take different plants and see how they respond to different types of stimulus such as light and environment.

The greenhouse idea was first started by Mr. Boersma, a retired man who helped plant almost all of the trees around the campus. He gave a brief history of the greenhouse. He said it all started when he planted some flowers around the signs welcoming people to Sioux Center. Rev. B.J. Haan, president of Dordt at the time and with whom Mr. Boersma currently resides, asked him if he could do the same around the campus. He agreed and first worked out of a small 8'x10' greenhouse placed on the south end of the science building. Another small bay was added later for landscaping and potting plants for use around Dordt.

A few years after that, the current three-bay greenhouse was built. The rest is just as you see. It was stocked with plants and cared for by Mr. Boersma. But now the greenhouse is going to go through another change. As most people know, the science building is going to be expanded southward. One of the bays in the greenhouse is going to be taken out in order to make room for expansion, lessening the space in the greenhouse and taking out the two bays used for

potting and landscaping. This would be an advantage for classroom and lab space, but would hinder the work done in the greenhouse. Mr. Boersma, who has seen a lot happen around Dordt, doesn't know what's in store for the greenhouse complex but thinks it should be enjoyed more by the students and not just used for experiments.

So if you are tired of the old weather and the leafless trees, take a walk on the greener side. With a short trip to the green house you can take in some fascinating plants and enjoy the atmosphere created there.

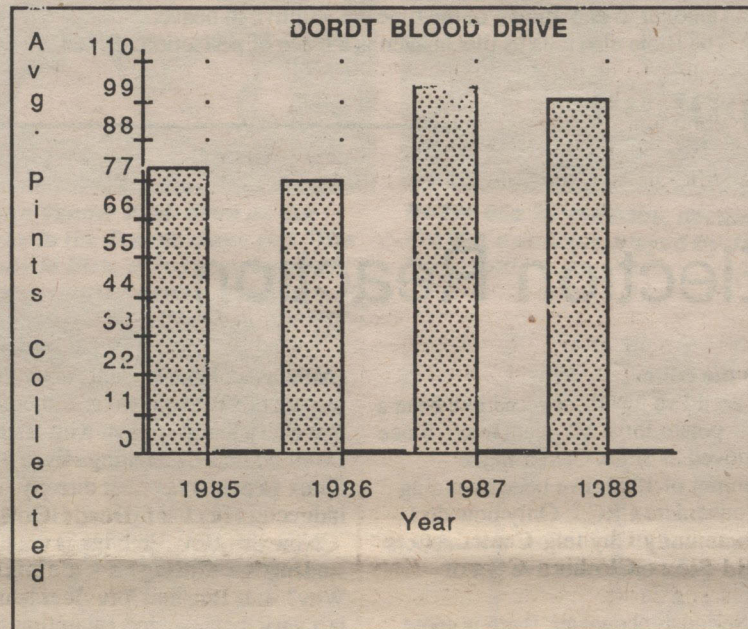
Bloodbank counts on Dordt

by Karla Kamp

Students usually are not found flocking to a bank to make a deposit, but this past week Tuesday and Wednesday students were busy at one bank -- the Siouxland Blood Bank. No interest is gained on this deposit, but it is well worth the effort.

According to the Bloodbank's statistics, the 14 hospitals that are a part of the Siouxland Bloodbank use 250 to 350 pints of blood per week. In the past 2 days, Dordt has given

199 pints, not quite enough to supply the 14 hospitals' needs for a week, but it does go a long way. Last year, Dordt had its all time high -- an average 103 pints of blood were taken per day over the three days which make up both the spring and the fall Blood Drives. The Siouxland Bloodbank does count on Dordt students for support. The Student Forum, who coordinates the Blood Drive, would like to thank all those who took the time to give blood.



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editorials

Citizens of Heaven

by Galen Sinkey

"Wouldn't it be great if Jesus came back right now?" my roommate asked me late one night a couple of weeks ago. I was lying on my bed reading a computer magazine. I should have been studying Corporate Finance. He had been reading Shakespeare.

"I want to get married first," I joked sacrilegiously.

"No, just think," he said. He was looking at me with a smile on his face that I know all too well. He had something deep and serious on his mind and I was being commanded to listen.

It's too late for this, I thought. He's been reading that book too long.

"For one thing, we could forget about our tests and papers and all the other stuff we have hanging over our heads."

Yeah, that would be great, I thought.

The question reminded me of how great it is that we have eternal salvation. As Christians, we will get to live in Heaven forever. We sing, "... when we've been there ten thousand years, we've only just begun." Our lives here on earth won't amount to one minute of the time we will live in heaven.

The Bible also tells us that heaven is a place of perfection. When we will

live in heaven, our bodies will be perfected like Christ's, completely cleansed from sin. We will never feel physical or emotional pain. We will never be sick--no colds, no flu, no cancer or AIDS. In Heaven, our loved ones will never die. We will never be sad or have fear. Although we will have work to do, we will never feel anxiety or frustration from our responsibilities. Heaven will be a place of ever increasing joy and happiness. We will get to see God and feel the power of his love purely removed from Satan and sin of this world.

As college students, we tend to focus our lives on our daily and weekly tasks of assignments and tests. When it gets closer to the end of the semester we feel more and more pressure from classes, homework, and other obligations. We begin to worship the almighty GPA. We see the stack of work and wonder if we'll ever get it finished.

During times of pressure and anxiety we can be comforted knowing that Christ is preparing a place for us in heaven. Christ says, "... rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Paul tells us in Phillipians that we are *citizens* of heaven. God has clearly promised us eternal life with him.

By focusing on the grace God has given us through his promises, everyday tasks and troubles don't seem so bad.

opinion

Election Reaction

To the editor:

Well I've just discovered I've been a pew potato for 9 1/2 years now. Since I moved to Sioux Center in the summer of 1979, I've been attending "Convenient CRC." Only now do I realize that all my fellow worshippers and I make one collective pot of spuds.

Seriously, however, there is some problem with Dordt students who don't get involved in church activity. However, I beg to differ with Galen Sinkey's assertion that Dordt students are pew potatoes.

Before Rev. John Hellinga was called to be the minister at First CRC in Sioux Center, Covenant CRC drew more Dordt students than the other churches in the area. Although the sanctuary was not quite as crowded as it is now, Covenant was known as "the Dordt church" since so many Dordt students and faculty attended Covenant.

When Rev. Hellinga came to Sioux Center it was fair to say that one of the best ministers in the Christian Reformed Church was here in Sioux Center. He actively recruited Dordt students for Bible studies and pre-confession classes. Canadian students were attracted by Rev. Hellinga's identification with Canada. Although the other ministers in Sioux Center had their own strengths, Hellinga did an excellent job of ministering to Dordt students. Students began walking a few extra blocks to attend services at First CRC.

Rev. Hellinga has moved on, and throughout last year the number of students attending Covenant has increased with an even greater boom after Rev. Harry Weidenaar was installed. This shift back to Covenant may appear to some as proof that Dordt students go where they are most entertained. I disagree. Dordt students go where they feel the most at home. His God-given talent of being able to understand and

challenge college students drew the respect of Dordt students. I submit that every Dordt student who attended Dordt while Rev. Hellinga lived in Sioux Center was either directly or indirectly affected by Rev. Hellinga.

Now that Rev. Hellinga is gone, students are shifting back to Covenant. Why? It is true that Rev. Weidenaar is a very dynamic and entertaining speaker--rarely can one find someone asleep during a sermon preached by Rev. Weidenaar. However, I think that there is more to it than that. Covenant has always prided itself as being the "friendly" church, the church which acts as one big family. Many Covenant members live away from relatives and old friends, unlike members of other churches, many of whom have family members right in the very same church. At Covenant, regular members need each other to try to fill some of the empty spots left because their families live in other states. This is also the case with many Dordt students, and I think students feel more at home at Covenant because there are more people like them there.

The most important job of a church is to bring people together to worship God and fill those people with the Spirit for their work during the rest of the week. People are different and churches are different. If you feel that you are better worshipping God and being filled at Covenant, you should attend Covenant. If not, you should attend a different church. But don't stop there. Take Galen's advice; work in the church--get involved. For those many of you who attend Covenant, we need you. First we need to know how to help you, to get you involved. Then, hopefully we can use you where you are needed. The same goes for all of you who go to other churches. Get involved and help the work of the kingdom through your church.

by Chuck Adams

Here's a bright idea?

By Gina Vos

Wow. I don't mean to sound like a women's libber. Because, basically, I'm a traditional, conservative person. But there are a lot of things I wonder about.

O.K., for example, picture the computer room. This girl is sitting in there typing her paper and it seems like she really knows how to handle the word processor--she's had a lot of experience with it and she knows what she's doing.

Next to her is a guy. Maybe he normally uses a different word processing system. Maybe he's used to Magic Window, and now he's forced to learn Apple Works in Com Sci 101.

Now you've got the scene. The guy is having a few problems. He asks the girl. She knows. She helps him. He says, "Thanks." She says, "No problem." About six minutes later, he has another question. He asks. She answers. He says, "Thanks." She says, "Sure."

A few more minutes later it's obvious that he's having a little more trouble. You can tell by the way he's experimenting with different keys and sighing rather loudly. But this time he doesn't ask. He's embarrassed to ask her.

Here's the question: Is he embarrassed because this is a female?

Or, is it because he's just that type of person? Maybe he would have acted the same way if he was sitting next to another guy. Maybe he just doesn't like to ask for help from anyone.

I'm not sure; it could go either way.

Here's another example. This one has to do with adjectives. I've heard people use the phrases, "Oh, Judy? She's such a bright girl." Or, "She's such a sharp girl." And of course, these phrases are compliments.

They're nice. And maybe I hear only what I want to hear. But how often have you heard anyone saying, "Frank is such a bright guy"?

It just seems like "bright" usually describes females. And I'm wondering if "bright" describes a light bulb better than it does a person.

Also, when people say, "He's so sharp." They usually don't use "sharp" to describe a guy's intelligence. He's usually a sharp dresser, or he has a sharp mind. But it usually isn't just, "He is sharp."

Of course these two examples don't mean anything. And part of it is an exaggeration. So much of what we do is out of habit that some things just happen because that's the way things go. Most of the time, small stuff like this doesn't matter anyway.

But, yet ... I guess I was just wondering.

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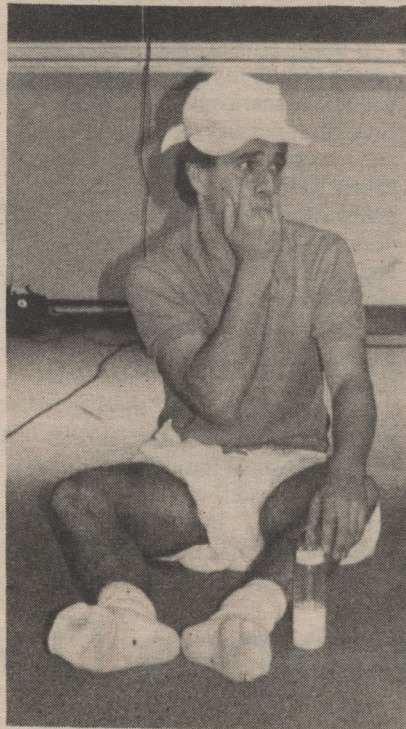


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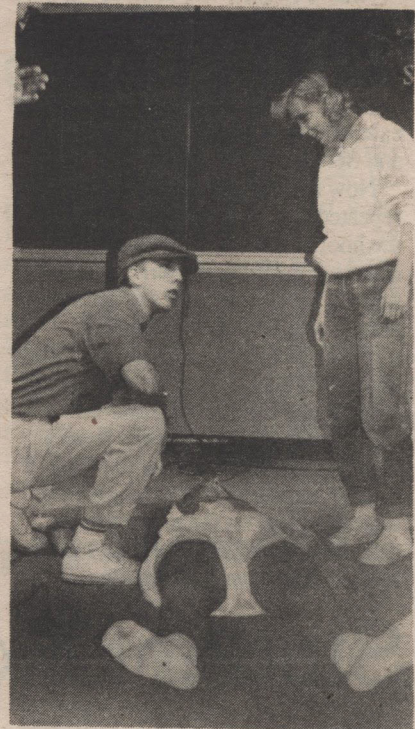
by Sharon Pruim

Stumbling through words of songs from other languages, laughing at friends and classmates in the skits, and joining hands and hearts in singing "We Are One In the Spirit," this is what International Day is all about. Students from Spanish, Dutch, French, German, and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes met in C160 on Monday to get a little taste of culture. Of course, the experience can not compare to study abroad programs or visiting other countries, but it is a fun way for students to show what they have learned. International Day is also a great time to realize that despite differing languages and cultures, all people can be united through Christ.

Some Dordt students have had opportunities to travel or study in different countries, and other students come to this college from other countries. During the festivities, those who have experienced other cultures have a chance to tell and encourage others. The skits give students from all the different conversation classes a chance to demonstrate their efficiency, or lack of it, in a language. A time of laughter and seriousness, International Day is fun for all! And, don't forget the food!



John Vander Kruk stars as the baby in the French class skit "The Baby Is Sick, a Doctor Is Needed."



Its too late for the baby, decides the skit's director, played by John Wagaveld.



Students from Spanish, Dutch, French, German, and ESL classes join hands and voices in singing "We are one in the Spirit."



The grand prize in the Spanish version of The Wheel of Fortune is a chance for Bob Pollema to break the pinata. Vanna (Paul Dalen) holds the pinata steady as Pat (Kim Kooi) enjoys the fun.



Margrietha Schalkwijk, a waitress, takes Al Brummel's order in the Dutch class skit "Surprising Amsterdam."



"Adonde vas?" asks Chuck Adams, the taxi driver, in the Spanish class skit, "Mas Rapido."

Photos by Angela Eriksen

Pew potatoes revisited

By Chuck Adams

After a twenty month campaign, the American election is finally over and Vice President George Bush has been elected President. Bush's coattails, however, didn't stretch far--Democrats extended their control over the House and Senate.

Now that all the statistics have been repeated for the hundredth time and all the hoopla is wearing down, what does this mean for America's future? Are we headed for times of greatness or are we doomed to years of recession? Although I'll be the first to admit that Bush's victory at the polls didn't make me jump up and down, I think some good may come from a Bush administration. For example, a greater emphasis will be placed on education and on the environment than under Reagan. Bush may not be as skilled at manipulating the

populace as Reagan, but I have no doubt that, as a president, Bush won't be any worse.

If things remain on an even course for the next four years, I foresee two possible scenarios in 1992. In the first, Bush pursues the Reagan agenda and runs on the same conservative course as Reagan. If this is the case, I believe America will realize the destructiveness of Reagan's policies and Bush won't survive the 1992 elections, especially if the Democrats can nominate a candidate with national appeal, broad experience, and strong ideas.

In the other scenario, Bush is setting his own agenda, departing from the Reagan formula, and truly striving to make America a "kinder, gentler nation." In this case, the rabid conservatives may make an attempt to dethrone Bush. I can foresee Jesse

Helm or Jack Kemp leading a charge of radical conservatives crusading to go back to the Reagan years. If such a movement within the Republican party gained any strength, it would spell a Bush defeat either during the primaries or during the general election.

If the conservatives do try to overthrow a moderate George Bush, I will be fighting for Bush all the way. Perhaps the most dangerous movement in America today is the right-wing element of the Republican Party--the men who, for example, criticized Reagan for signing the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty so quickly. These crusaders are distinguishing themselves as a patriotic group of evangelical Christians. We at Dordt College need to learn to recognize wolves in sheep's clothing.

Any extreme political movement, whether leftist or rightist, is dangerous. I hope that Bush will carry through on his campaign promises, and that the Republican party activists will return to the main stream of American politics. The possibility for change lies in the Republican party since the Democratic Party seems far too entrenched in its ways. But it will take a great deal of work. Over time, I hope liberal Republicans who consider themselves Christians can work to eliminate far right-wing ideology and establish a stewardly party willing to help those who need help and to make wise use of all resources.

Until that time, good luck to George Bush. I hope that he will chart a moderate course to a kinder, gentler America.

Student examines Dordt's inconsistencies

By Wayne Dykstra

When push comes to shove, do the Defenders of Dordt pass the test? As viewed by many of their own, Dordt College definitely needs improvement.

Two recent events in Sioux City painfully reminded us of a serious problem plaguing our college. Three hundred fans came to the Sioux City Auditorium Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, to cheer on the Dordt Blades hockey team as they opened their season against the Sioux City All-Stars. Students, along with professors and their families, were treated to some solid hockey action, hopefully an indication of a promising season to come. However, the games were marred with a barrage of profanity and poor sportsmanship that belittled both the fans and the hockey team of Dordt College.

Complaints came rolling in from all directions. Students, faculty, and fans from the other team expressed their disappointment to the hockey team through word of mouth, phone calls, and editorials. Naturally we, the hockey team, were disturbed to read and hear about people enjoying the game but saying they may not return due to the profanity. I believe the problem at hand cannot be relegated to the hockey arena, nor is handling the profanity the responsibility of eighteen hockey players. It is a problem that

we must all deal with.

The problem can be summed up with one word--inconsistency. To most families of students here, Dordt College is green grass, pretty flowers, and pretty Christian people.

Everybody loves everybody at Dordt as together we strive to understand our calling in this sin ridden world. Prior to my freshman year that was my view. After that year I concluded Dordt College was not the perfect place I thought it would be. I realized there were many excellent avenues to serve God and many avenues in which to go the opposite way. I took some of these wrong ways myself, and it has taken three years to realize I am bouncing off a dead end. While I felt myself growing at Dordt, I could also feel myself shrinking. Is that possible?

Many students think that in our little Dordt College community witnessing is not very important. As three hundred Dordt students huddle around a fire and several kegs of beer on a Saturday night, or as some of us act like two-year-olds having temper tantrums at hockey games, it does not take an educated person to draw this conclusion. Do we have a distorted view of communion of the saints? It seems as if we look at each other little covenant children who make mistakes

every now and then. As long as we make them together no one else will get the wrong impression of who we are, where we come from, or what we believe."

But who am I to talk? "How to" essays are supposed to be written by someone who is an expert on the topic. How to solve the biggest problem at Dordt, written by a guy whose picture is found in the dictionary under "inconsistent." I am usually one of those Defenders beside the kegs at the fireside. I may even have been one of those unruly fans at the hockey game--if I hadn't been playing.

I would like to defend us stray Defenders. We are really not as unruly and rotten as you might think. No single explanation can solely justify occasional misbehavior; however, so much seems to boil down to plain old peer pressure. I fear we are becoming immune to what we hear from the pulpit and read in Scripture.

How else can we go out partying Saturday night and sit through a church service several hours later? How else can the filth flow out of our mouths on a Friday night and hymns flow out a day and a half later?

Solving the inconsistency problem requires more than just having monitors at hockey games and increased fines for alcohol abuse. The whole college has to work together. Our choice to come to a Christian college means that certain requirements are to be met. We as students must display love for our Lord in all that we do. Until Christ's return we will never rid ourselves of our inconsistency, but that is no excuse to throw in the towel.

I do not have a detailed battle plan of how to solve the problem of inconsistency at Dordt. I do know that we have to become more aware and understanding of the needs of those around us--only then can we begin to solve the problem.

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Lennie (James Verhoeven) confesses to Curly's wife (Jull Sawtelle) that he has killed the puppy. Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* closes this weekend in Te Paske Theatre.

Dancing into the holiday season

by Teri Nikkel

It's Christmas in November!

While some people are preparing for Thanksgiving, those attending the presentation of "The Nutcracker" will be celebrating Christmas early.

The Omaha Ballet will perform their version of "The Nutcracker" on November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Sioux Center's TePaske Theatre. The entertaining program is based on the novel by E.T.A. Hoffman. But unlike many productions of novels, this presentation avoids hidden meaning and deep motivations, according to ballet choreographer Robert Vickery.

"The Nutcracker" is a classic Christmas tale—dreamy yet sprinkled with humor. The story begins when Clara is given a nutcracker for Christmas, which becomes her most

cherished gift. During the night, the little nutcracker miraculously grows to life size and finds himself being attacked by an army of huge mice. Clara rescues the nutcracker, which allows him to transform into a handsome prince. The Nutcracker Prince thanks Clara by escorting her through a magical Land of Snow and Kingdom of Sweets.

This production of "The Nutcracker" is noted for its fabulous costumes and colorful sets. The large cast consists of twenty dancers and apprentices, and about one hundred children. This is an opportunity to join the Omaha Ballet in an evening of splendor.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and may be purchased at the Sioux Center City Office or by calling 722-0761.

Five musicians prepare for recitals

by Steve Mulder

Imagine having to take a large oral exam. It is a cumulative exam that covers material you have been studying for two or three years. You know what questions you will be asked, and you have memorized answers that are eloquent, complete, and smooth.

You must stand alone on a stage with bright lights in your face as you take the exam, wearing formal clothes and tight shoes. You must present your answers to a group of people composed of teachers and students, people who are fluent in your area of expertise as well as friends and relatives who know very little. You must answer for 45 minutes to an hour without stopping to think or starting over. One more thing: there are no retakes.

Imagine the pressure involved in such a test. Then consider five individuals who are placed in a situation not unlike that described above. These five students will be giving student music recitals before the end of the semester.

Juniors Joan Van Holland and Darren Van't Hul will give a joint vocal recital on November 11 at 3 p.m. in the chapel. Senior Mari Schuller and junior Shon Heersink will also team up for a vocal/piano recital on November 21 at 8 p.m. in the chapel. And senior saxophone player Michelle Killeen will give her

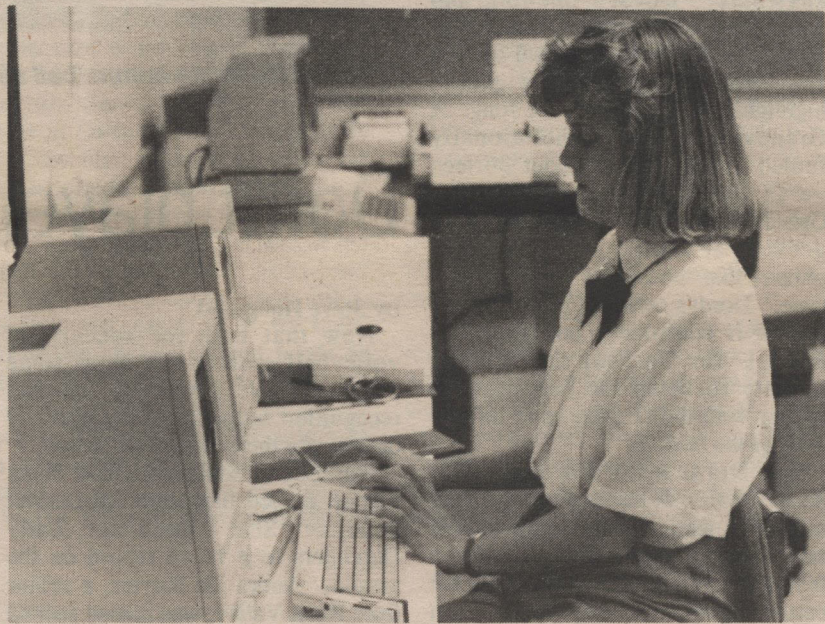
senior recital on December 5 at 8 p.m., also in the chapel.

Many hours of preparation are involved in putting together a recital. Not only is there rehearsal time, but each performer must also provide a program with notes to explain some of the pieces they will be performing. There are other details to consider as well. A reception has become traditional after senior recitals. The stage is often decorated with flowers. Lights must be properly set up and chosen to set a particular mood for the evening. There are certain acoustical considerations to work with. And the performer must decide what to wear for the special occasion.

Certainly performer enjoys their music. But, as Killeen is quick to add, "it is still a lot of work, and even though you enjoy it, you have to struggle to be fully prepared."

Killeen and Schuller gave a joint recital last year, and they remarked that the sense of accomplishment after a recital is extremely rewarding.

Teachers play an important role in the preparation of a student recital. Schuller comments, "Without teachers you just couldn't do a recital." The performers also appreciate the support of fellow students. Attendance at the performance, a compliment, a note, or a simple handshake after a good performance adds to the sweetness of the moment.



Editor Miriam Keen types in Canon copy.

Photo by Paul Vande Kamp

Dordt gets a new Canon

By Gina Vos

This *Canon* of Dordt isn't a weapon and it doesn't have much to do with the synod in the 1600's. But the 1988 Dordt *Canon* will have impact.

Formally, the *Canon* functions as an annual literary magazine. But that sounds kind-of stuffy; and that description no longer fits. This year the magazine will be new and bright partly because it covers a stimulating topic--B.J. Haan.

Actually this edition of the magazine focuses on more than Haan. It covers a battle over a movie theater in town over forty years ago. Imagine that--a theater in downtown Sioux Center. But you don't have to imagine it. The *Canon* has the story, the pictures, the headlines, and the quotes.

Under Editor Miriam Keen the magazine will now be published twice a year--that's once each semester.

In the past the *Canon* has tended to be a high-brow affair which only a certain type of person would pick up and read. But Keen is trying to change that image by doing two things: she's choosing a specific topic to cover (the Haan-theater thing) and she's publishing almost everything that's submitted.

This way the *Canon* is not just an English-major-type magazine. It contains something for everyone: drama in the theater controversy, comedy in cartoons, beauty in photographs, and yes, art in literary works.

sports

Defenders upset in playoffs

By Todd Eriksen

The Dordt soccer team ended their 1988 season with a very impressive 14-3 record. On October 29 the Defenders concluded their regular season schedule by slaughtering St. Paul Bible. It wound up to be a Goals Gala as eight goals were poured in for the Defenders. Goals were scored by Ray Middel (2) Jim Colyn, Simon De Jong, Roger Ewald, Jim Dirkse, Khamko Baccam and Jeff Weesies. The game was also Dordt's last home game of the year and the win was extra special for seniors Middel, De Jong, and Todd Eriksen along with junior Dan Vander Well who played their last game before a Dordt crowd.

Dordt then travelled to Des Moines for the District 15 playoffs. This trip was also a special occasion for those four players because they knew it was the last time they'd ever have to let Coach Van Essen drive them anywhere. Dordt's opening and closing game was against Grandview. Dordt lost 3-1 to the eventual District champions. Probably the game's highlight was the goal by De Jong. A Grandview player unintentionally fouled a Defender at about thirteen yards out from the goal. With Grandview's defensive wall and cocky goalkeeper taunting De Jong with phrases like "no chance" and "it's cool time," Dordt's tempers began to rise and their confidence began to fall. Except for De Jong's. De Jong fiercely rocketed the ball past the keeper who didn't even have time to react to the missile.

But Dordt must not hang their heads because of this one game. Their season was very impressive considering most felt it was a rebuilding year for the team. With the returning talent, next years team should be a very dominating force.

The team would like to give a very sincere thank you to all who cheered us on this year. The team appreciated the support.



Photo by Angela Eriksen

Christine Boersma bumps ball as teammates look on.

Dordt players awarded

by Steve Hoogland

Now that both the soccer and volleyball seasons are over, some players have received special recognition from the conference and districts for their efforts this season.

Patti Boer, a sophomore from Sioux Center, earned first-team All-District honors. She helped the Lady Defenders to a 14-16 record on the season. Audra De Ruyter, a senior from Rock Valley, was named second team all-conference. Although the Lady Defenders didn't make the playoffs, they have a young team which should be competitive for the

conference title and district crown next year.

The soccer team finished with an impressive 14-3 record, and three players were named NAIA first-team All-District. Sophomore Jeff Brouwer, from Ramona, Ca., Jim Colyn, a junior from Monroe, Wa., and Simon De Jong, a senior from San Marcos, Ca., all were named to the All-District team by the district coaches. Despite the fact that this was seen as a rebuilding year, the Defenders put together a solid performance by finishing the regular season in second place. Even a first round loss couldn't spoil the success of the season. They will lose only four players and the rest can look forward to more success next year.

Intramurals attract many

by Jean Zondervan

Who needs black and gold uniforms or the roar of a wild, adoring crowd? Each day unacclaimed jocks exercise incredible style, form, and athletic feats in intramural sports. But these noble stars don't perform these amazing spectacles for the glory or for the fame. They do it just for the sheer fun of it.

This year the Intramural Council has already sponsored flag football, co-ed soccer, a golf tournament, sand volleyball, and indoor volleyball. During the coming winter they will sponsor men's and women's basketball and bowling, then co-ed softball, floor hockey, and men's fastpitch softball in the spring.

In the '87-'88 season, approximately 218 teams participated in intramural sports.

On any given weeknight during the past month, a walk through the gym would reveal numerous athletes exhibiting exceptional volleyball skills. They puff and perspire as they race across the court to bump the serve, or set the ball into the air for the inevitable smash.

Why all the sweat and fuss? What motivates these people to take time out of their busy schedules to play these games?

"I play to release tensions from homework. It gives me something else to think about...plus, it's enjoyable," says Christine Boersma, a junior.

"I like to watch the guys," said another girl, who preferred to remain anonymous.

"I play to prove my team is the best," says Dean Wagenaar, a four-year veteran of intramural sports.

"Intramurals are recreational," says recruiter Brian Kooi, a member of the undefeated faculty volleyball team. "It's a good way to socialize with the students, and it's fun."

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