



# Radio program highlights contested races

**Allison Alons**  
News Editor

As voters made their way out into the chilly weather on Election Day to cast their votes for their precinct, the radio station located on the campus of Dordt College kept the public informed of the results of the 2002 election.

On Tuesday night, November 5, Dr. Carl Zylstra's radio program on KDCR, Conversations, highlighted the candidates and invited them to join the program. Commentators Dr. Nick Lantinga and Mr. John O'Brien joined Zylstra in the studio as they discussed the voter turnout and announced the winners of this

year's election. Lantinga highlighted the election with a Republican analysis, while O'Brien participated with his thoughts from a Democratic perspective.

The festivities began at 9:00 p.m., after the polls closed. KDCR News Director John Slegers continually kept the public informed with updated results of the different elections occurring across the state and in other states across the country.

Throughout the evening, KDCR was joined by guests from the congressional race: Steve King (R) and Paul Shomshor (D), a race that King won. From the Iowa Senate races: Ken Veenstra -

District 2 (R), who ran unopposed; David Johnson - District 3 (R), who beat out Jack Ryan - District 3 (D); and Ron Wieck - District 27 (R), who defeated Maurice Welte - District 27 (D).

Other guests throughout the evening included Iowa House of Representatives candidates: Representative Ralph Klemme - District 3 (R), Representative Dwayne Alons - District 4 (R), Royd Chambers (R), Christopher Rants (R), and former Speaker of the Iowa House Brent Siegrist (R).

In the U.S. Senate, incumbent Tom Harkin (D) beat out Greg Ganske (R), and in the governor's race, Tom Vilsack (D) defeated Doug Gross (R).

## SENATE

51 needed for majority. 34 races at stake, 2 undecided

Republicans	51 seats	+2 seats
Democrats	46 seats	-2 seats

## HOUSE

218 needed for majority. 435 races at stake, 4 undecided

Republicans	226 seats	no change
Democrats	206 seats	no change

## GOVERNOR

36 races at stake, 5 undecided

Republicans	24 seats	-1 seat
Democrats	21 seats	+3 seats

Source: www.cnn.com/elections/2002



Finalists Andrea Fietsma, dressed as Native American, and Aaron Shupe, in the traditional Scottish garb, match shopping smarts over a mini vacation for three, while "Bob" (Jeremy Kuiper) reigns them in.

## The Trite Stuff hits Dordt

**Beth Hengeveld**  
Staff Writer

Dordt students, come on down! "The Price is Trite," Dordt's annual spoof of the popular game show, packed the B.J. Haan auditorium this past Saturday, November 2. Audience members dressed up to compete for a spot on stage and the chance to win fabulous prizes.

The show was carried off with hilarious accuracy, with games from "Plinko" to "Hole in One...or Two." Dan Oldenkamp and Jeremy Kuiper played Rod Roddy and Bob Barker, respectively. Barker's beauties and handsomes were members of the Student Activities Committee and volunteers.

Rebecca Schuller, co-chair of the Student Activities Committee, says that planning the Price is Trite has been going on for almost two months. "There is a lot of work that must be done to make up this show," says Schuller.

Almost 40 area businesses donated roughly \$1,500 in prizes for the Price is Trite. Some of the prizes this year included DVD's, picture frames, gift certificates and clothing.

"The Price is Trite" is one of the many events organized by the Student Activities Committee this year. The SAC has 19 members, with every class represented. SAC



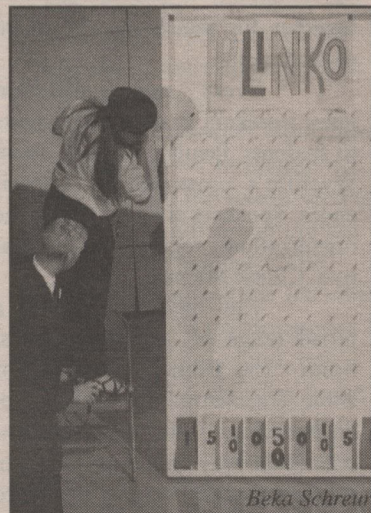
Above: Barker's beauties display the wonderful prizes. Right: It's Plink-O!

is responsible for much of the entertainment on campus, such as films and coffeehouses.

Most of the organizing for these events is done by the co-chairs, Rebecca Schuller and Isaac Boerema. For large events like the Price is Trite, the whole committee works together. Sub-committees coordinate smaller campus activities. Anyone interested in joining SAC should contact one of the co-chairs or email [sac@dordt.edu](mailto:sac@dordt.edu).

Upcoming SAC events include the film "A Lesson Before Dying" (November 18), and the Christmas Banquet (December 14).

**(Additional note from the SAC)**  
The SAC would like to thank all the local businesses for donating



prizes, the Media Center for camera and projection work, the KDCR crew for lights and sound work, all the people who helped on stage, the groups of students who made the commercials, and all the students who came to this event. We hope you enjoyed the show!

## Student forum update

**Andrew Hoeksema**  
Student Forum Secretary

In the first full meeting of the 2002-2003 Student Forum in mid-September, student body president Matt Deppe challenged the members of the Forum to be visible leaders on the Dordt College campus. The nature of our leadership, he pointed out, should be focused on serving rather than governing. As a result, leading through service has been one of the Forum's goals for this semester.

The Forum gathers once a week to share and discuss ideas and questions concerning the student body, many of which are brought to the Forum by suggestions from students themselves. The influence of Forum, however, extends past the weekly meeting, as the members are an active part of nearly every faculty committee on campus, interact extensively with administrative faculty, and aim to discuss the relevant Student Forum issues with their peers.

A highlight of the semester so far for the members of the Forum has been the increased opportunity to be an important part of administrative discussions on campus. Forum representatives met with the Board of Trustees of the college during their fall session and were able to offer the student voice concerning much of the behind-the-scenes decision-making that affects all of the college community. Further, conversation is still ongoing with members of the

strategic planning committees about how students can be an active part of the long-term planning process for the college.

Just recently, the Forum also met with the vice president for academic affairs, the academic deans, and the registrar to discuss general student opinions on issues such as class size, academic advising, student-faculty interaction, and student learning assessment. The Forum takes full advantage of every opportunity to represent the student body in the activity of the larger college community.

Throughout the semester, Student Forum has been consistently addressing many questions concerning the new parking configuration. It was decided that alternative proposals made by individuals or groups of students would be reviewed by Student Forum in conjunction with Student Services. Proposals were made, and recently a group including members of Student Forum, Student Services, and concerned students formed to discuss these proposals and move towards a solution for on-campus parking.

The Student Forum would like to remind the student body that it has a voice on this campus that needs to be heard. In the classroom, the Forum encourages you to be honest and thorough in faculty evaluations because they are the primary way for your opinion on classes to be known. Also, please feel free to contact Student Forum in person or by e-mail.

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Above: Kristy Alons and Jonathan Schans load their luggage onto the bus as they prepare to head home after a busy weekend in Minneapolis.

## Gen. 200 students visit Minneapolis



Above: The Gen. 200 class looks on as a violinist from America's Chamber Orchestra warms up before the concert.

Lois L. Garrett  
Staff Writer

Enjoying time at the art gallery, time at a theatre and time at the orchestra were all a part of the recent Gen 200 trip to Minneapolis.

Eighty-two students and faculty embarked on a two-day trip to discover the arts.

Leaving at one o'clock sharp on Friday, they arrived in the Twin Cities just in time to change clothes and grab something to eat. Then it was off to America's Chamber Orchestra, where the students witnessed the Halloween Spectacular.

During the concert, the students experienced a variety of different musical styles. Flautist Marina Piccinini was dazzling with her solo in "Gran Danzon," swaying with the music. The students were amazed and amused when the conductor, H. K. Gruber, recited his original work, the

poem "Frankenstein!"

The next morning the students saw the Brazilian film "Central Station." The film tells the story of a boy whose mother was killed by a bus and of a woman whose job is to write letters for people in Central Station. The boy teaches the woman how to be honest again and the woman helps the boy find his family. Throughout the film, the woman and boy embark on a journey of self-discovery.

The students also attended Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" at the Guthrie Theatre. The actors performed an operetta composed with lines from various works of Shakespeare.

Then the students experienced abstract art in the Walker Art Center and the Sculpture Garden. The Sculpture Garden is the home of the famous Spoon Bridge. In the Walker Art Center, the students experienced many different forms and varieties of abstract art completed in Latin America.

It was an amazing experience for the students who attended the trip and a revelation for some.

## Hug-A-Linguist Days offer cross-cultural insight

• Kim Lucier  
Staff Writer

The annual Hug-A-Linguist Days were held Nov. 4 to 6. Three participants of the Wycliffe Bible Translators organization spoke at the campus.

Chuck Micheals, Andy Minch and Bob Shaw were the guest speakers. "The reason we invited them to come to the campus is because we wanted students to become aware of different cultures and languages," Corinne Huisman, assistant professor of Foreign Language, said.

Micheals serves as the Director of Mobilization Ministries at the Wycliffe North Central office located in West Chicago. Micheals helps assemble churches and individuals to respond to those without access to

the Bible.

Minch is a translation consultant and has recently redesigned the curriculum for training Papua New Guinea national translators.

Shaw is responsible for capitalizing on the effectiveness of Information Technology, or IT, professions around the globe, including attracting new IT professionals to support the task of Bible translation.

Wycliffe visits various countries around the world, translating Scripture into each country's native tongue. The organization is located in nearly 40 countries and has translated the New Testament into well-over 500 minority and indigenous languages.

Wycliffe assists in recruiting personnel, raising funds, and bringing prayer opportunities

together for translating the Word of God.

Every year, different guest speakers share their insights to students, faculty and staff about Wycliffe's cross-cultural experiences. Speakers are selected by the organization's regional representative, Chuck Micheals.

The speakers covered a broad range of important topics. From "The Biblical Mandate for Bible Translators" to "God is Not an American," the topics demonstrated the ways in which God can use linguists in bringing the Word to the world.

"[Students, faculty, and staff] gain an awareness of what it's like to learn another language and to live and work in another culture," says Huisman. "Wycliffe Bible Translators open up a world for people."

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## Health Clinic on the Way

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Part of Dordt's registration this year required students to obtain a physical examination. Many students who were not involved in sports questioned the rationale behind this requirement. This year Dordt hired Pam Hulstein to organize a health service which will be available to Dordt students.

The health service will be located in the basement of Covenant Hall. The classroom in the southwest corner is scheduled for renovation starting in December. The classroom will be transformed into a bathroom, a small classroom, two exam rooms, and an infirmary. The hours of the health service will remain limited this year, but should be extended by next fall.

When the health service opens, it will be mainly for minor illnesses, injuries, and follow-ups, but Hulstein foresees a lot more services coming in the future. Eventually she hopes to see the health service offer STD testing, well-woman care, wellness programs, and be available for students to go for information.

Hulstein is hopeful that the remodeling will be complete in February so the health service can open shortly after that. In the mean time, Hulstein is busying herself with preparations and planning for the health service. "I am excited about the health service," She says. However, the wait has not been easy for her. Hulstein goes on to say, "It is hard being on campus and not being able to meet the needs of students at this time."

# Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus perform at Dordt

Ann Renee Andree  
Assistant Editor

Dordt College students and staff, as well the Sioux Center community, were entertained by the United States Army Field Band and "Soldiers" Chorus. The auditorium was filled to near capacity on Monday evening, October 28, 2002.

The Army band and chorus played a variety of genres from classical to Broadway to patriotic songs. Each musical piece was played with strict military precision, interspersed with humor and creativity. During the encore of "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In" the trombone soloist used a toilet plunger in lieu of a mute.

Six Dordt students performed with the Army Band: Sarah Buteyn, Ruth Lynch, Amy Vander Kamp, Josh Super, Janae Vander

Wal, and Katie Van Engen. The students practiced on their own for a few weeks prior to the concert. The first time that they played with the Army band was on stage. "It was an awesome experience to play with such performers," said clarinetist Josh Super. The piece was "American Emblem" by E.E. Bagly.

Master Sergeant Janet Hjelmgren said that, just like the other sections of the US Army, the Field Band is always working. During a regular day, the band and chorus practice as a group of around 110 people in the morning. In the afternoon, they will break into smaller ensembles, performing clinics, and practicing smaller sections. And, yes, the members of the Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus must go to boot camp. "It is a thrill and an honor to play for you," said David W. Keller, Band Sergeant Major.

## Students anticipate "spicy" off-campus experience

Rosie Grantham  
Staff Writer

What's Dutch, Reformed, and gets you off campus? Why, Dordt's Netherlandic Studies Program In Contemporary Europe or N-SPICE, of course! N-SPICE is ready to take 20 college students-14 from Dordt-to study abroad for Spring Semester 2003.

While in The Netherlands, students will have the opportunity to fulfill their cross-cultural requirement by taking two of the following cultural classes: Dutch Art and Architecture, Dutch Culture and Society, and History of the Low Lands. The idea behind these classes is to give the student a wider perception of the Dutch culture. Through the classes, the students explore history, cultural expression through art and architecture, and issues pertinent in modern Dutch society.

To Ken Bussema, Director of Off-Campus Programs, it is imperative

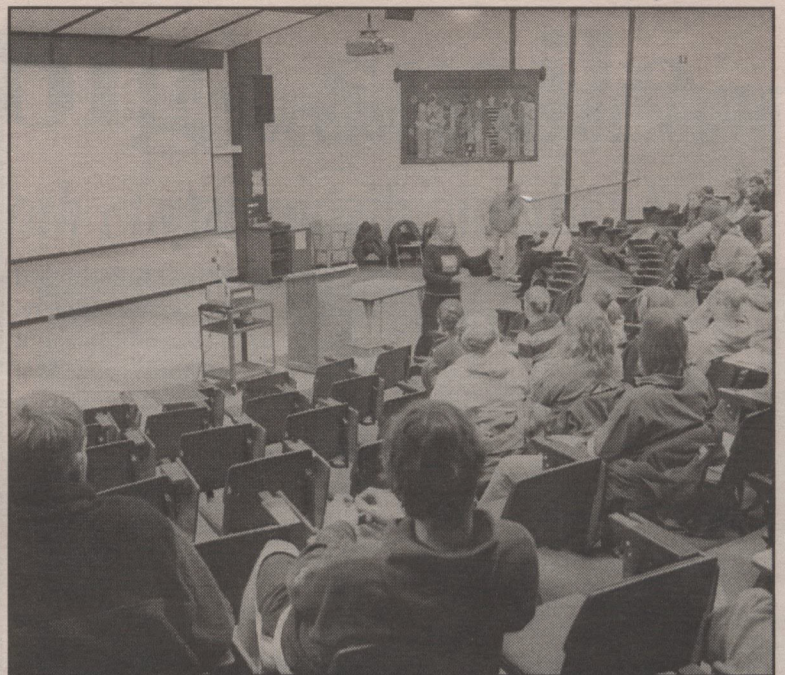
that classes offered at N-SPICE help broaden the students' horizons. "What's important to know is that you're understanding a new culture in a new setting," says Bussema. "In order to understand who these people [Netherlanders] are today, it's important to know how they got there."

The official N-SPICE program traces its roots back to 1983 when Dr. Boot, former Director of Off-Campus Programs, would teach some of the courses offered himself. Bussema, now in his third year as director, is pleased with the way the program has turned out. "Last year we re-located from just outside of Amsterdam to Zwolle, which is a smaller town, about the size of Sioux Falls. This gets us out of the hustle and bustle of the city and gives the students the opportunity to live and study in a real Dutch town."

While in Zwolle, in the province of Overijssel, students will live with Reformed, Christian families, and attend classes at N-

SPICE's partner school: Gereformeerde Hogeschool, which is also deeply rooted in the Reformed tradition. Students are also required to take a Dutch class to learn the elements of speaking the language. In addition to the classes offered, two general education classes are offered as well: Philosophy 201: Perspectives in Philosophy and Theology 204: Calvin's institutes. Bussema says, "We try to recognize what taking a semester away means, and look at what other courses we can offer to meet Gen. Ed. requirements."

In order to go on the N-SPICE program, a student needs to have at least sophomore status, and be in good behavioral and academic standing, with a 2.5 GPA or above. Two faculty recommendations are required as well as an essay by the student of what their expectations of the program are and why they want to go. Applications for N-SPICE 2003 are already being processed.



The Lecture took place in classroom C160

## Eating Disorders Explained

Joe Eggebeen  
Staff Writer

Eating disorders were the topic of the discussion held Monday, October 28, in a half-full C-160. Guest lecturer Jane Sanders, Prevention Specialist from Jackson Recovery Center, Sioux City, introduced the topic of eating disorders, explained the three main different disorders, showed a short video of people who suffered from various disorders, and answered questions regarding these disorders.

### The root of the matter

Sanders said that Jackson Recovery Center used to be known as the Gordon Recovery Center, specializing in drugs, alcohol, and gambling addictions. However, the name and the focus of the organization have changed. The focus is no longer on the what of the addiction but the why of the addiction. Seeking to fill a gap left from a lack of personal contactor control, people may turn to anything that will fill the void. Some turn to drinking or drugs; other people turn to food. "An eating disorder is an addiction no different then drugs or alcohol," said Sanders. The treatment, then, is to replace the addiction with a support system.

### Anorexia, Bulimia, and Overeating

The three different types of eating disorders discussed in the presentation are anorexia nervosa, bulimia and compulsive overeating. Anorexia, the intense fear of being fat, affects girls as young as 10 as peer pressure and other stress push them to look better in order to feel better about themselves. They develop an obscured body image that makes them think they are fatter then they really are; they end up wanting to lose as much weight as possible. Males are also affected by anorexia, though usually not until high school. Pressure from athletics forces competition; this is often mistaken for "not fat." In sports like wrestling, where weight matters, competitive wrestlers often shed upwards of twenty pounds to make a certain weight.

Bulimia, the intentional eating and subsequent purging of large amounts of food, affects people of both sexes and all ages. Some bulimics try to lose weight but find that the weight does not stay away. Others try to eat and purge to find control in their lives; the only thing it seems they have influence over is what they eat and when they purge. However, this can lead to serious health problems. Vomiting erodes the enamel on teeth as well as burning the lining of the esophagus and may even rupture the stomach. The overuse of laxatives, the other popular purging, weakens the intestines, leading to a possible ruptured colon.

Compulsive overeating affects people of all different kinds, from skinny to large, old to young, male and female. For much the same reasons as bulimia, people eat. They eat *whenever* and *whatever* they want. All that eating has some negative effects. The added weight gain causes extra stress on joints. This often leads to a decrease in exercise, which means more weight gain as well as more fat and cholesterol. Heart disease is a danger for people suffering from compulsive overeating.

### Getting help

On Dordt's campus, however, there is a way to get help. Director of Personal Counseling Bob Wiersma, along with part-time Professional Counselor, LaNee Perkins, were in attendance at the discussion. Both were there to act as the hosts for Ms. Sanders, but also to become further educated about the issues of eating disorders. In order to be more equipped to help people with these disorders, Wiersma and his staff have done activities in previous years and will continue to do them as long as they prove useful. These activities include personality tests and calling in knowledgeable, authoritative people like Sanders to assist in cases of eating disorders. If you have any questions about eating disorders, please feel free to contact either Wiersma or Perkins.

## Want to cheat yourself? Try Academic dishonesty



Steve  
Kloosterman  
Editor

Of your peers abroad, seventy-five percent have done it. It's easy, so much so in some circumstances that it tempts even the laziest students. It's becoming culturally accepted. It's academic dishonesty.

The Defender, the student handbook, lists three types of academic dishonesty (cheating).

--Plagiarism: using a source without crediting or quoting adequately.

--Double-dipping: giving two different professors the same paper without their knowledge and approval

--Falstaffing: turning in an entire paper or assignment of somebody else's work.

The Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University found in a study of cheating among college students that almost 75 percent acknowledge "some academic dishonesty." Even considering that that figure is lower than that of high school students, 75 percent is pretty sad. One student, in a study done under the auspices of Rutgers University, said, "People cheat. It doesn't make you less of a person or worse of a person. There are just times when you are in need of a little help."

What about at Dordt? Obviously, most students here

agree that cheating is wrong, based on how they interpret scripture. Probably fewer than 50 percent of us here at Dordt would admit to at least some "fudging" of test or assignments.

However, any percentage, be it ever so small, is still a shame. We shouldn't compare ourselves to the status quo shouldn't be the standard of comparison. The same rule holds not only for cheating but for other community problems as well.

"We did an alcohol use survey on binge drinking," says Director of Student Services Ken Boersma. "The nation average is 48% for students at college. Dordt was 28%. Compared to the national average it looks pretty good, but when you translate that into numbers it becomes more distressing: 200 Dordt students are binge drinking." Cheating is actually punished more rigorously than drinking at Dordt in that each of the three "strikes" that will send you "out" of college have a shelf-life of up to four years. Offenses are recorded accumulative over students' duration at Dordt. Drinking offenses are not.

Cheating can be progressively bad habit, a deep pit that's hard to get out of. Some psychologists make reference to "compulsive" cheating. While it's half of Student Services' job to find out and punish wayward students, the other half do their best to work with individuals who want to quit.

"I see it the same as many other sins," says Boersma. "Sinful—but we will help you if you want help." Bob Wiersma and LaNee Perkins counsel confidentially and free of charge.

Let's be honest with our work and with ourselves. Let's avoid cheating at all costs.

## Making a Difference

Ann Renee  
Andree  
Assistant  
Editor



Eighty-four million people are malnourished; 1.1 billion people have unsanitary drinking water; 25,000 people die everyday from starvation. What can we do? It seems as if the problems in our world are too large for an individual to make a difference!

I read a helpful analogy once. Every morning an elderly man would shuffle along the shoreline, stoop down, and throw washed-up starfish into the water to prevent them from dying once the sun came up. The shoreline was endless, yet every morning the elderly man continued to shuffle, stoop, and save the starfish.

A younger fellow, observing the elderly man, asked him why he did this. "Don't you know that there are thousands of starfish? With all due respect, sir, you will never

be able to save all of them. And tomorrow, there will be thousands more! What difference does it make?"

The old man stooped down and threw yet another back into the ocean, and replied, "It made a difference to this one."

Like the pessimistic fellow, we can turn our heads. After all, we are too small and insignificant to make a difference. Or, like the elderly man, we can believe that we are able to make a difference.

While we cannot solve the entire problem of world hunger, we can take only as much food as we need in the Commons. While we may not have a lot of money, we can donate to a food drive or volunteer at a food bank. While we do not live in third world countries, we are in Sioux Center, where there are needs all around us!

We can serve our fellow humans very practically. Recently, a group of Dordt students got together to raise \$50 for a wheel-chair, which will be

fixed up by volunteers and sent to needy children. Another group is making Christmas packages for needy families. Some students plan to help out at a soup kitchen in the near future. The possibilities before us are endless!

The problem is not whether or not the needs are present. The problem is whether or not we will take the initiative to help the needs. Leo Tolstoy said, "Everyone thinks of changing humanity, but no one thinks of changing himself." Solving the world's problems begins with us. In doing so, we will be furthering God's kingdom.

Think—really think—about the last time you tried to make a small difference. Many small differences can add up to one big difference. Remember, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

God has blessed us with so much. To help others is the least we can do in thankfulness to God.

### Dear Editor:

The Bible teaches us not to put new wine in old wine skins because old wine skins will burst, rendering the new wine and the wine skins useless (Matthew 9:17, Luke 5:37). Most of us know Jesus teaches us that, but what I don't understand is why Dordt doesn't know that old truth.

There is a beautiful, new, 13.8 million dollar building on Campus that houses new classrooms, new offices for a variety of college affairs, new social areas, furniture, an art gallery and places for many other daily activities. But there is one area in that building that new wine is put with old wine skins and the results are not good.

In the lowest level, there

is a "new" bowling alley. It has a beautiful new floor, a computerized scoring system, and an underground ball return system all look so new and good but they constantly are showing the bad and old when the pin-setter breaks down.

I've played six games on those lanes already this year and many in the old SUB. Only one of ALL those games went without a flaw - that game was a short 25 minutes. The game just before it, stopped because the scoring system gave me 9 pins in my first throw and a gutter on my second regardless of how many pins actually fell.

Other games I've had trouble with the ball-return not returning my ball. Other games included my lane just shutting off

or resetting my pins and ending my frame early. Those games have taken an hour or more! I recall hearing one work-study student saying that intramural games went until 12:30 a.m. because of the lane break-downs.

I feel bad constantly asking the work-study to fix my lane when he/she has a whole game room to work and is busy with lots of people wanting to bowl or do something else. So now I'm asking Dordt to fix my lane.

The fundraising for the building went above and beyond the cost of the building and I suggest that money go to finishing the building by resetting our pins.

--Kelly Helms

### Dear Editor:

After reading the op-ed piece in your October 24, 2004, issue, by Ann Andree ("Worship in a changing world"), I have some conflicting responses. I was pleased that the author's first major statement correctly noted that "worship is not done to us or for us, but by us". I also appreciated the comment that, in dealing with our brothers and sisters in this area, we need to exhibit graciousness towards one another.

What concerned me was the quote (I assume) from Robert Webber, that worship is "the drama of God's mission to the world which we proclaim and act out." I would like to believe that what was meant was that, in worship we

respond (act upon) God's presence and work in the world (past, present and future) in accomplishing His eternal purposes. Worship then would rightly be our ascribing to Him "the glory due to his Name". My concern is that it sounded more like the premise that worship is our acting out a divine drama for the benefit of others looking on. Nothing could be further from the teaching of Scripture.

I am wondering if other readers were confused as I was (or am I perhaps suffering from an early onset of senility!?). Perhaps the author would consider clarifying this question in a future issue.

By the way, overall I was very impressed with the Diamond, in virtually every respect! Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,  
Roy Hoogerhyde, Class  
of '81

### Ann responds:

Sorry for the ambiguity! No, I did not mean that worship is a "drama for the benefit of others looking on." This interpretation would liken worship to the Pharisees, who did everything for the public to see.

Instead what was meant by the quote is that worship is a way in which we can show glory to God and help further his kingdom. We cannot do this if we are divided.

Thank you for your response!

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# Service with a (big) smile

*Dedicated housekeeping staff member offers both cleaning and camaraderie*

**Josh Bowar**  
Features Editor

The next time you want to throw a candy wrapper on the floor or track in mud from outside your dorm or leave your dirty dishes in the communal sink, think twice. There are people that work, often behind the scenes, to keep our living areas clean.

Jeanne Van Roekel is one of these very special people. This mother of two (daughter, 23 and son, 19) whose favorite color is purple takes care of West Hall by doing everything from vacuuming to cleaning bathrooms and taking out trash to washing windows—always completing her duties with a big smile on her face.

"I like to keep things in order and be organized," she said. "For the most part, students keep things in order, but we all get a little lazy at times."

Jeanne really enjoys the job she has. The flexibility that the job offers is something she appreciates and she has the freedom to do what she thinks is important for her building and its residents. She really enjoys meeting new people and being around college kids and feels that West Hall is a very friendly and positive place to work.

"I feel like I have an additional family when I am at work," she says.

As we all know, family members can cause problems. There are things that annoy Jeanne.

"Leaving dirty dishes in the sink and littering are two things that bother me," she said. "There are garbage cans everywhere. All you have to do is find one. It's really disrespectful not to."

Jeanne sees her as a service to God by being a caretaker of His Creation. She sees it as taking care of her little part of the earth and strives to be a witness for God through her service.

"We are all his stewards. He (God) provides and we all should serve. When you think about it, none of this stuff belongs to any of us. We are just caretakers. Always keep that in mind."

Jeanne wants to make sure that all residents feel free to come to talk to her at any time. With her **"We are all his stewards. He (God) provides and we all should serve. When you think about it, none of this stuff belongs to any of us."**

friendly attitude and personable smile, Jeanne is very easy to approach.

"We need to feel comfortable with each other because we really are living with each other in one big house. Many students have come up to talk to me and I really

enjoy that. It's nice to see that they care about how to do things."

Jeanne stresses that we should all care for each other along with caring for the buildings and the facilities that God has given to us.

"If someone comes along and says hello with a smile, it can make someone's day. It sure gives me a boost! That's why I love to send Emails to the students on their birthdays. We all need a little pick-me-up at times."

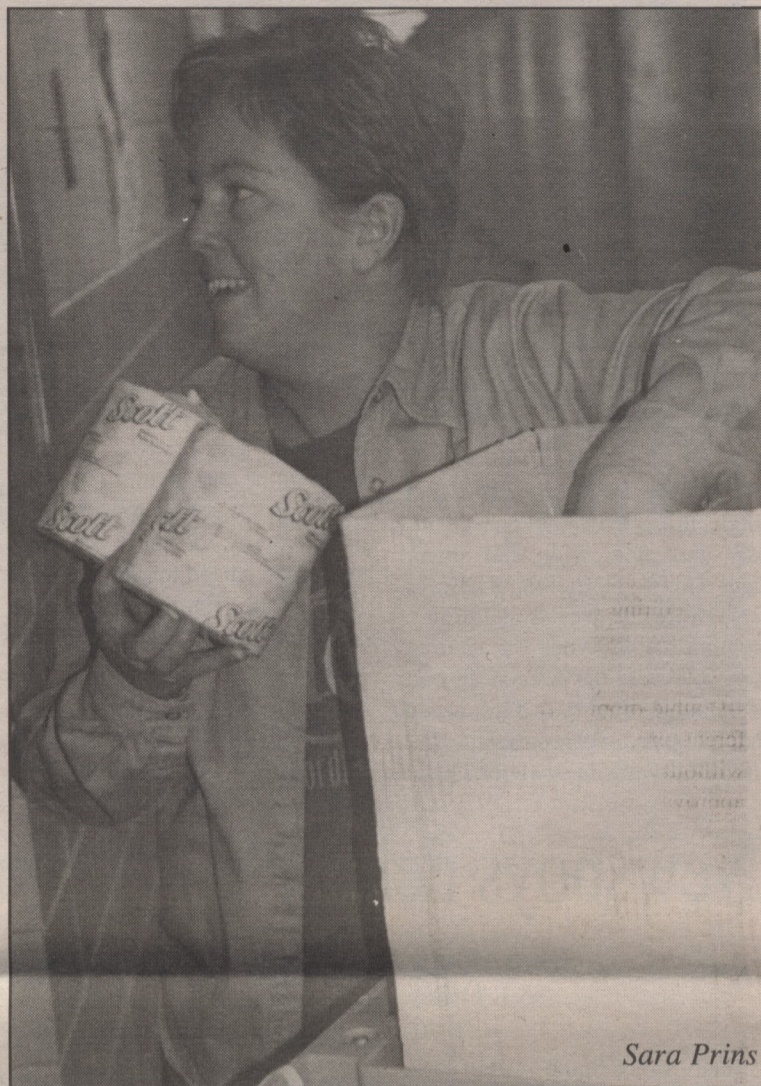
This dedicated member of the housekeeping staff also reminds us to be selfless in our actions and to

**"If someone comes along and says hello with a smile, it can make someone's day. We all need a little pick-me-up at times."**

give all of the glory to God.

"We can be so selfish. We must reach out! It can be as small as a smile to let them know you care. People need to know that they're thought of and cared for."

Jeanne is definitely one of the unsung heroes of our campus and is someone that students and faculty alike could learn many lessons from. The attributes of stewardship, selfless service, and love that she portrays can be applied to all parts of life. Thanks Jeanne for your dedicated service to the Christian community!



Sara Prins

**Knock, Knock:** Jeanne enjoys visiting with the residents of West Hall on her weekly visits to their rooms to see if they need any supplies. Mrs. Van Roekel says this is one of the highlights of her job.

## Counseling on Campus

**Andrea Vander Wilt**  
Staff Writer

The counseling service at Dordt is busier than ever. Bob Wiersma is working full time, and LaNee Perkins works part time to ensure the mental well being of the Dordt students. Pastor Don Draayer works with the spiritual needs of the students and Ron Rynders deals with the academic concerns students may have.

Dordt offers both individual and group counseling for students. Individual students may ask

for counseling on how to deal with roommate issues, depression, family issues, anxiety, and anything else a student may need to talk about. The counseling service also provides premarital counseling for students who were recently engaged. Group counseling sessions can range from freedom from smoking sessions to body image sessions to counseling students with divorced parents.

If a student needs help they can call the counselors, stop by their offices, email them, or set up an appointment with receptionist Abby Van Essen. Their offices

are located in the basement of the Campus Center in the Student Services pod.

"I love working at Dordt...I love the college setting!" Wiersma stated. "The students who make use of this service work hard to work on a progress of changing."

These services may go unnoticed by many students, but they are available to whoever would like to use them. Whether it is school stress or an emotional problem these people are here to help students.

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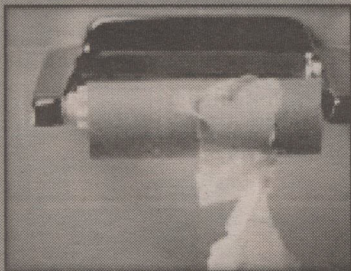


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--The Average American uses 57 sheets of toilet paper a day and more than 20,805 sheets a year.  
--The US toilet paper market is worth about \$2.4 billion a year.  
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## Foo Fighters back with new sound

Andrew DeYoung  
Staff Writer

From the first track of "One By One", it's clear that the Foo Fighters are up to something different in this album. Gone is the happy-go-lucky sound of songs like "Learn to Fly" and "Big Me"—this album is darker and heavier than we've seen from the Foo fighters in a while. The aggressiveness of the music is tempered, however, by the undeniably cheery melodies and refrigerator-poetry lyrics that loyal fans of the band have come to expect.

"All My Life," the CD's first single, opens the album on a decidedly dark note with lead singer Dave Grohl singing about always "searching for something... Nothing satisfies but I'm getting close, closer to the prize at the end of the rope." And they don't let up the pressure from there. The album's driving, heavy hook closes

with "Times Like These," an unabashedly optimistic tune that puts a brighter spin on the previous songs.

Then the album gets introspective. "Disenchanted Lullaby" is wonderfully moody, calming listeners with the quiet, thoughtful verses, then smacking them over the head with the guitar-driven chorus. "Halo," on the other hand, balances the edgy songs at the beginning of the album with its rich melodies. The highlight, though, is "Tired Of You," a gloomy, richly layered song about the darker side of love. It deftly defies all the conventions of typical pop love. "Cursed by love so dire / one more boy for hire / one more boy to lend a hand for you," a verse rhymes, the simple chorus line kicking in, "I won't go getting tired of you."

Then it's back to more of the same: driving, in-your-face songs that sound vaguely similar without

ever losing their originality. "One By One" closes with a bang—"Come Back," an angry, unapologetic song that strikes an odd note of hope. The album, which started off on a dark note, closes with Grohl screaming triumphantly, "I will come back."ää

We can only hope he's telling the truth. A three-year absence after their 1999 release made many fans wonder and worry. After listening to "One By One", I earnestly hope that the Foo Fighters will indeed be back, and soon, because music that sticks to tried-and-true formulas while simultaneously brimming with creative life is hard to come by.

*Note: "One by One" includes a bonus DVD, which features the audio track "The One," the videos for "All My Life" and "Walking a Line." The CD also includes behind the scenes footage, screen-savers, and web links.*

## Newsboys deliver music and message

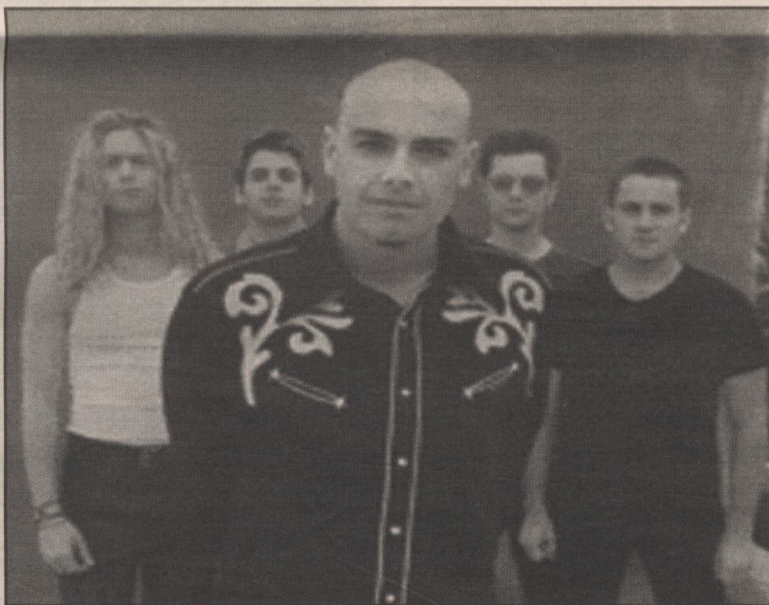
Jason Mulder  
A&E Editor

The Sioux Falls Arena was privileged to host four great bands this past Thursday, October 31. The Reformation Day show featured the bands By The Tree, Superchick, and ZOEgirl as part of the Newsboys' Thrive tour.

By The Tree opened things up with a few songs, waking up the crowd with about a fifteen-minute set. People seemed to enjoy their good rock sound despite being somewhat unfamiliar with the group. Their interaction with the crowd and positive message really got things off to a great start.

After a brief message from one of the event sponsors, Superchick lit up the crowd with its high-energy super-pop sound. Clad in matching blue jumpsuits (with the exception of spiky-haired lead vocalist Tricia), band members were all over the stage, challenging concertgoers and exposing them to our culture's shallow images of beauty, TV fantasies, and the politics of popularity. Without neglecting familiar favorites from their album Karaoke Superstars, the band promoted their new album Last One Picked with songs like "So Bright (Stand Up)," "Na Na," and "High School."

ZOEgirl added a new dimension to the event by providing a somewhat hard rock female version of the Backstreet Boys. The three talented vocalists—Chrissy Conway, Kristin Swinford, and Alisa Girard—used choreography and dance to entertain the crowd while giving a positive message to teens. "I'll never bow down to give you a kiss/ You'll never steal



Newsboys: (from left to right) Phil Joel, Jeff Frankenstein, Peter Furler, Duncan Phillips, and Jody Davis

my innocence/ You've been dismissed," ZOEgirl sings confidently. "No lookin' back/I'm movin' on!" The group reaches out to the "Britney Spears" culture captivated by life-as-seen-on-MTV with a message to stay strong and press on.

Newsboys had the audience on its feet from the get-go. Most people sang along, swaying to the music as the band played well-known favorites like "Shine," "Entertaining Angels," and of course that classic song about burnt toast, sour milk, and Captain Crunch, reminding everyone that, "They don't serve breakfast in hell." What was really impressive was the band's commitment, not to themselves, but to reaching others for Christ. Every concertgoer was given a copy of the book of Romans, which, while compact and easy to read, manages to encompass all essentials of the

Christian faith.

While seemingly influenced by bands like U2, Newsboys incorporates new and innovative sounds and techniques to entertain and reach its fans. Whether it be a rotating drum platform (used in previous concerts but unfortunately not this one) or a dancing puppet show in sync with the music (which brought roars of laughter from the crowd), the band continually surprises us. Even its fans have begun to adopt the band's playful style, waving around boxes of Captain Crunch during the concert. But no matter how crazy things get, the band never fails to put forth its message of love and worship -- that many may come to believe in the Savior who makes everything possible.

For those who were there, please sing with me: "Holy, holy is our God Almighty; holy, holy is his name alone!"

## Check This Out!

Jason Mulder  
A&E Editor

**Bethany Stefanut & Miriam Van Niejenhuis Recital** - Sat, Nov. 9, 7:30 pm BJH

**West Side Story** - Mon, Nov. 11, 7:00 pm Orpheum Theatre, Omaha, NE

**NISO Fall Concert featuring pianist Teresa Walters** - Tues, Nov. 12, 7:30 pm BJH

**Coralin Davelaar Recital** - Sat, Nov. 16 BJH

**Creed** - Tues, Nov. 18, 7:15 pm Hilton Coliseum, Ames, IA

**Holly Miller Recital** - Fri, Nov. 22, 7:30 pm BJH

**Disney On Ice** - Wed, Nov. 27 thru Sun, Dec. 1 Sioux Falls Arena, Sioux Falls, SD

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*I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.*

*--Mark Twain*

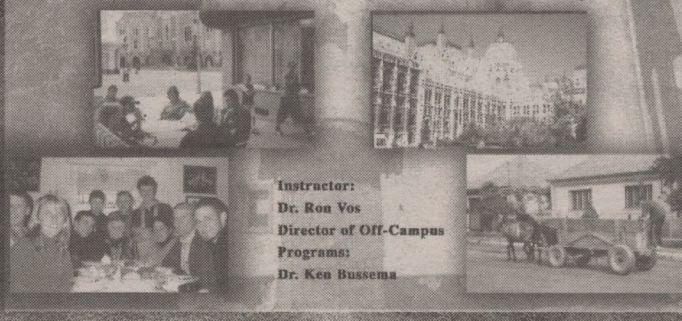
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# de Jong: from Netherlands to soccer field



Sara Prins

Tap-dancing is one of Froukje's many talents.

**Rachel Volkers**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Froukje de Jong (otherwise known as "Froggy" to all those who do not know how to pronounce her name) is playing for the Dordt women's soccer team although she has never played soccer for an organized team before.

A native of Ede, Netherlands, (60 miles east of Amsterdam), de Jong was determined to keep up her active ways while she attended Dordt. She first wanted to play on the volleyball team, but later heard that there was

need for another player on the women's soccer team.

Although her only experience playing soccer was with the boys in her neighborhood, she decided to try out anyway and now she is having fun playing on the team.

"The ladies are awesome," said de Jong with a big smile on her face. "[Coach Elgersma] is so cool."

While at home, de Jong was active in many activities including ball room dancing, tap dancing, Latin dancing, jazz ballet, swimming, gymnastics, playing the guitar and piano, and playing sports in her spare

time. While at Dordt, she will participate on the tennis team and she is also a member of the Juggling Club.

de Jong has accomplished a great feat in making the soccer team, although she is too modest to admit it. But with sparkle in her eye, she exclaimed, "Weet je hoe leuk? Ik in de Diamond!" (Isn't this cool? I'm in the Diamond!)

You can catch de Jong and the rest of the Dordt College women's soccer team in action during the Great Plains Athletic Conference playoffs in the upcoming weeks. Best of luck ladies!

## Blades begin new season

**Leslie Larson**  
Staff Writer

The Blades' season began when a small puck hit fresh chilling ice on October 18. It was against Iowa State University in Luverne. The hockey team currently holds three wins and one tie. They have about the same talent as last year. Some solid defensive players were lost, but some tal-

ented freshmen were gained.

Herm Van Niejenhuis, pastor at Covenant Christian Reformed Church here in Sioux Center, is starting his second year as coach. He simply loves the sport of hockey and the great players he is able to coach. "I enjoy the free spirits of the players I've gotten to know," said Van Niejenhuis. "They are very enjoyable to be around," said Van Niejenhuis.

The players also enjoy the

coach and see him as a respectable model coach. Senior left wing forward Travis Woudstra said, "He's just a good guy that will go the extra mile for everyone."

The team's basic goal is to make it to playoffs and improve last season's record. Junior goalie Matt Tinsley said, "Some team goals are to play well and be at the top of our league. We would love to be the first team to make it to nationals."

"Hockey is a fast moving, aggressive sport highlighted by solid physical contact. This raises passions in fans," Coach Herm Van Niejenhuis said.

Look for the Blades in their next home games Friday night Nov. 15 at 8:30 and Saturday afternoon Nov. 16 at 4:30 versus Des Moines Collegiate. The Blades home games are played in the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne MN.

## Nishimoto, den Hartog earn NAIA Region IV honors

**Jacque Scoby**  
Sports Editor

Two Lady Defender Athletes earned NAIA Region IV player of the week honors recently. Sophomore Bethany Nishimoto, a forward on the women's soccer team, garnered the award for the week of October 21-27.

Nishimoto scored six goals in two games during the week, three against Mount Marty and three in the game against Doane. The six

goals give Nishimoto ten goals on the season.

She also earned NAIA national player of the week and GPAC player of the week honors.

Alisa den Hartog, a junior setter for the Lady Defender volleyball team, was named Region IV player of the week for games played during the week of October 28 to November 2. Den Hartog had 54 assists in Dordt's 3-2 win over Doane College, and averaged 12.5 assists per game during the week.

## GPAC Outlook

**Jacque Scoby**  
Sports Editor

With the regular fall seasons winding down, post-season play-off action is gearing up, and the Dordt College Defender athletic teams are getting ready.

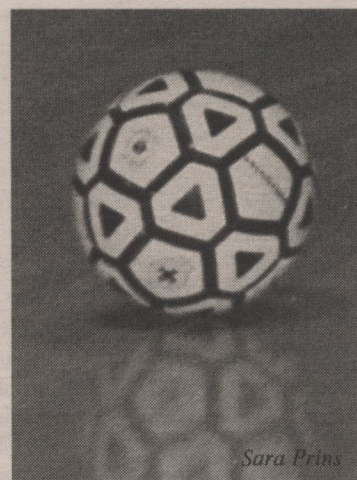
Well, some of them. While the volleyball team has yet to begin Great Plains Athletic Conference playoff action, the men's and women's soccer teams have already completed their first-round matches.

The men's soccer team, after finishing 5-4-1 in conference play, earned the fourth seed (and home field advantage) in the playoff tournament. The Defenders hosted the University of Sioux Falls on November 2 in the quarterfinal round, but dropped a 3-4 decision to the Cougars.

The women's soccer team also hosted a semi-final round of the playoffs yesterday. The Lady Defenders went a perfect 10-0 in regular season play to earn the first round bye. They responded with a 2-0 shutout over Doane College to advance to the tournament title game to be held in Sioux Center on Saturday.

The volleyball team finished up regular season play on Tuesday with a 3-0 win over Mount Marty, which leaves them with a 27-3 overall record heading into the GPAC tournament, which begins on Thursday.

The men and women cross country runners also competed in the GPAC conference meet last week. The women finished fifth in team standings, while the men finished eighth.



Sara Prins

The Dordt College men's and women's soccer team have both had successful seasons this year. Continue to support the women's team as they advanced in the playoffs.

## Recent Statistics

**Men's Soccer (7-9-2, 4-5-1)**  
10/26/02

Doane College

L 1-6

Goals: Travis Burgers

Assists: Craig Ritsema

10/29/02

Huron University

L 1-3

Goals: Travis Burgers

Assists: Josh Visser

**Women's Soccer (12-5, 10-0)**  
10/26/02

Doane College

W 4-1

Goals: Bethany Nishimoto (3)

Meghan Graham

Assists: Julie Vander Kooi (2)

Nicki De Blaeys

**Volleyball (26-3, 13-2)**  
10/25/02

Trinity College-Trinity

Tournament

W 3-0

Kills: Tara De Boer 15

Dre Johnson 13

Assists: Alisa Den Hartog 28

Carolyn Sybesma 18

Digs: Laura Van Kley 16

Jill Bouma 14

10/26/02

Aquinas-Trinity Tournament

W 3-0

Kills: Rebecca Baber 10

Tara De Boer 10

Assists: Alisa Den Hartog 25

Carolyn Sybesma 16

Digs: Carolyn Sybesma 9

Laura Van Kley 9

10/29/02

Dakota Wesleyan University

W 3-1

Kills: Tara De Boer 22

Rebecca Baber 16

Dre Johnson 15

Assists: Alisa Den Hartog 43

Carolyn Sybesma 17

Digs: Laura Van Kley 22

Stacy Vander Tuig 15

Jill Bouma 15

11/01/02

Hastings College

W 3-1

Kills: Rebecca Baber 15

Dre Johnson 15

Rachel Pontier 12

Tara De Boer 12

Assists: Alisa Den Hartog 53

Digs: Carolyn Sybesma 16

Alisa Den Hartog 12

Jill Bouma 12

Tricia Beckering 11

11/02/02

Doane College

W 3-2

Kills: Tara De Boer 18

Rebecca Baber 13

Dre Johnson 12

Rachel Pontier 12

Assists: Alisa Den Hartog 54

Digs: Laura Van Kley 20

Jill Bouma 18

Alisa Den Hartog 17

Stacy Vander Tuig 13

WORLD  
NEWS



Compiled by Kristi Mulder  
World Editor

**Alaska** -- A major earthquake struck 75 miles south of Fairbanks, cracking roads, crumbling support mechanisms for the trans-Alaska pipeline, and triggering mudslides, but there were no immediate reports of injuries, officials said Sunday. The U.S. Geological Survey estimated the quake's preliminary magnitude at 7.9. The two major north-south highways in Alaska were shut down in places because of large cracks caused by the quake. On the Richardson Highway, which runs between Fairbanks and Valdez, there was a break that is two feet wide and five feet deep.

**Turkey**--The Islamist-based Justice and Development Party (AK) has won a crushing victory in Turkey's general elections, paving the way for single-party rule for the first time in 15 years. But the party faces a battle on several fronts for acceptance within the political establishment. AK will also be under close scrutiny from the army, regarded as the guarantor of Turkey's secular constitution. The party insists that it stands for democratic freedoms and human rights and will not impose Islam on anyone.

**California**--Shortly after Oscar-nominated actress Winona Ryder was found guilty of shoplifting charges Wednesday, Los Angeles prosecutors said they would not press for a sentence that would include time in jail. The 31-year-old star of "Girl, Interrupted" was found guilty of stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise from a Beverly Hills Saks Fifth Avenue store last December. The prosecutor said her office would only seek a sentence that includes probation, community service and restitution to Saks Fifth Avenue.

**Luxembourg**--A plane has crashed in fog near Luxembourg airport, killing 18 of the 22 people onboard. Several survivors have been taken to hospital -- among them the pilot, who was trapped in the wreckage for three hours before being freed. The twin-engined plane carrying 19 passengers and three crew crashed in a field about 2 miles short of Luxembourg's international airport. According to one account, the pilot tried to land on a local road.

**France**--Twelve people have been killed and at least nine injured after an overnight train heading from Paris to Vienna caught fire and filled a sleeping car with smoke, fire department officials said. All of the dead -- six men, five women and one child -- are thought to have been killed by smoke inhalation. Five Americans were among those dead, according to the U.S. Embassy in Paris. The cause of the blaze is believed to be accidental. Authorities were initially attributing the cause to an electrical problem, possibly in the heating system.

# Called to care

Conan Yates  
Guest Writer

I am a major conservative on this campus. In many of my classes through the past three years and now my last year, I have often said that I believe it is not the government's responsibility to care for the poor but the church's. I cannot just state my beliefs without action or else I am accused of being a Pharisee and all I say means nothing.

As I struggle with this age-old topic, I still believe that despite a Christian's belief about governmental intervention, the body of believers is required to take care of the poor.

During our years at Dordt College, we often miss the chances to help in this resolve because many of us feel that the burden of the poor is so great. When we start on a new endeavor or responsibility, we often feel the need to dive head-first into it with all enthusiasm. Our attempt to eat the whole

task often leads to us choking and dying spiritually.

Service to God is like weight training. Have you ever heard of a new weightlifter starting out at four hundred pounds? Instead, a new weightlifter will start closer to one hundred pounds and work for months and even years to get to four hundred pounds.

Just like a weight trainer, we must start small. Giving canned foods to food drives is a good start. Also, a weightlifter has a set goal but not all weightlifters have the same goal. The same principle applies to helping the poor. Not every Christian is called to be head director of some organization. Too many chiefs and no warriors lead to defeat.

Another point I want to emphasize is that we should not limit ourselves to the poor, because Christ called us to take care of more than just the poor. Matthew 25:31-46 is the parable of the sheep and the goats. In this parable,

Christ clearly defines major groups of people that we need to care for: the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry, and the stranger.

My last point is that the church can provide one thing our government cannot do for these people. The church can show them the love and gifts of God. We can show them the love of Christ and His sacrifice through our sacrifice. We need to show the world that our faith is not dead and that Christ has made a difference in our lives by loving others as we love ourselves.

I am not debating who should be responsible for the poor. I am sending out the call that the Church, which includes Dordt College, must take action now. The poor and others who are suffering need us now; small actions from lots of students will be better than debating and arguing about what our government should do. Arguing is only words in the wind. These people need the Church to help now.

# Don't touch the USA

An International student's analysis of American attitudes

Luuk von Meijenfeldt  
Guest Writer

Since I have been in the US, I have noticed several differences between the Netherlands, and maybe Europe as a whole, and the US. One of the major things I noticed is how important the US is for people in many different ways. If I criticize some element of this country I don't like, people are really offended. It is as if I touch

their feelings in a very bad way.

US citizens think being American includes several characteristics and behavior patterns. If somebody doesn't correspond to this image, then he is not a real American. For example, the attitude towards foreigners is almost an attitude of superiority.

Somebody recently felt really sorry for me when she found out I wasn't an American. What is even worse is that this attitude is not only common for citizens, but also for the President and other officials

who should know better.

This attitude actually influences international relations. If America cooperates in a peacekeeping force, America sets the conditions and America provides the leaders. If not, they don't participate.

America would do itself a big favor by accepting other nations as their equals, even if those nations are not as big and rich. This would make the world look at America very differently and would make hate against the US much more unlikely.

# Civil disobedience and Snickers bars

Peter Anderson  
Staff Writer

By now the election of 2002 has come and gone with the usual encouragements that it is our duty to be heard at the ballot box. However, voting is only a petty means towards change and often times an endorsement of the problems we try to change.

"Civil Disobedience" by Henry David Thoreau, the short essay of his attempt to bring about change, still speaks to us today about voting. Thoreau recounts how he spent a night in jail for not paying his poll tax (his aunt paid it without his knowledge), which went to support the war in Mexico. Thoreau saw this war as a means to expand slavery to which he was wholeheartedly opposed. Therefore, to bring about change, Thoreau ended his ties - not paying taxes - to a country that condoned human bondage.

In "Civil Disobedience," Thoreau gives a very poignant statement about the impotency of voting: "Even voting for the right is doing nothing for it. It is only expressing to men feebly your desire that it should prevail." Although Thoreau was talking about slavery, his insights are still valid. Today's political issues illustrate Thoreau's points.

If Mr. X shows his disapproval for abortion by merely casting his vote for the candidate nominally against abortion, then he is doing nothing to end abortion. Instead he is like someone who votes with money for Snicker bars in the market place by purchasing this particular candy bar. In essence, Mr. X is like the person that votes for Snickers. He is casting his vote of endorsement for a government that has done nothing to initiate a Constitutional Amendment to protect the unborn.

The hypothetical situation is the same for Mr. Y who thinks he will end poverty by voting for a particular party or candidate. However, at the same time Mr. Y casts his vote, our government is still enacting policies that inflate our currency and fix prices, which in the end hurts the poor the most.

Ultimately, we cannot say we have done our duty in bringing about change by voting. Change happens through the action of the individual. If our fight against abortion or poverty begins and ends in the ballot box then we deserve both abortion and higher rates of poverty.

Over a hundred years ago Thoreau realized that voting was a trivial means towards change. He recognized change would only come about with conscientious individual initiative. We would be wise to heed his advice.

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