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Bio-ethics symposium stirs discussion

by Sarah Bouma  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 19, and 20, Dordt held the first in a planned series of bio-ethics conferences. Bio-ethics is a relatively new term in the English lexicon, coined to describe the host of ethical dilemmas that face modern society as technology moves beyond the mechanical and electronic to encompass life itself. Bio-ethics involves a wide-range of ethical issues related to human, animal and plant life and their interaction.

The conference opened with a lecture by Dr. Vander Zee, a longstanding member of the biology department. He introduced some of the questions this conference hoped to address. How do humans relate? How should we relate to created world? Who or what assigns the value we put on things? Are humans just another part of creation, and if not, where does our uniqueness come from? In his lecture, Dr. Vander Zee also clarified the definition of bio-ethics for the audience of just under 200 students, faculty and members of the community. Bio-ethics is a bridge between science and

humanity. The definition noted that ethics implied action and values, and the biological element implied a connection to the biological reality of the issues. His lecture covered the "landscape of issues" as the title of his lecture relayed.

At 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, Dr. Loren Wilkinson spoke to a once again packed house. This professor of interdisciplinary studies at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, spoke on the topic, "Bio-ethics—Imaging God." Wilkinson's philosophical analysis of the issues of bio-ethics sought to explain how Christians can image God when struggling with ethical issues.

The conference continued on Tuesday afternoon with a lecture by Dr. Allen Verhey. Dr. Verhey was a professor of Christian ethics at Michigan's Hope College and more recently has taken up the role of director of the Institute of Religion at the Texas Medical Center. His lecture, entitled "Bio-ethics—Playing God," addressed the issue of how Christians should respond to increasingly advancing technology and the moral issues it raises. Dr. Verhey's comments on humanity acting



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Students dominated the question period during Tuesday night's symposium.

*etsi deus non daratur* (as though God were not a given) showed the seriousness of trying to rule nature with technology. Dr. Verhey's final comments included a call for us to "play God as God plays God."

The final part of Dordt's first bio-ethics conference was a symposium with representatives from all different scopes of this

debate. Participating were Professor Duane Bajema, professor of agriculture, Dr. Ed Kreykes, an agricultural consultant, Dr. Al Mennega, professor of biology, Dr. Scott Rens, a practicing medical doctor, and the three featured speakers, Dr. Vander Zee, Dr. Wilkinson, and Dr. Verhey. The symposium consisted of questions from the

panelists regarding the issues raised in the lectures, as well as questions from students in the audience. The three speakers answered the questions and elaborated on some of the points made in their lectures.

The most important elements of Dordt's bio-ethics conference were the ideas that consciousness of these issues be raised and that discussion of them continue. Dr. Wilkinson made an important point in his final statement at the symposium on Tuesday night, when he said that Dordt has the potential to be influential in addressing these issues. This can only happen if students take advantage of their resources here and continue to actively raise the issue.

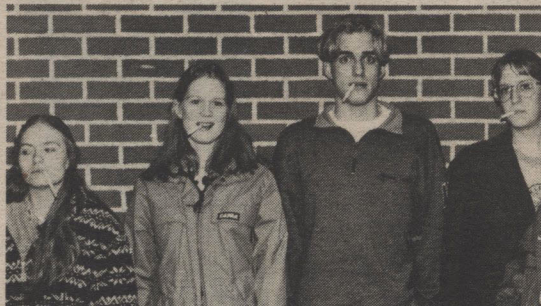
In hopes of continuing these discussions, a student-led round table discussion will be held in S101 on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The entire student body is strongly encouraged to attend and participate in a discussion of these issues. This round table discussion seeks to be a catalyst for the continuing discussion of bio-ethics.

Student Forum lit up over smoking issue

by Jonathan Frump  
Staff Writer

Members of the Student Forum met in the West Commons on Feb. 14 to discuss the issue of further smoking restrictions on Dordt's campus.

Complaints have surfaced because of increased smoking near doorways and heavily used thoroughfares. When complaints were raised, Student Forum decided to address the issue. Prior to the meeting, alternatives such as designating smoking areas and restricting smoking to 50 feet outside of a



Neil Graves

Defiant students oppose smoking regulations.

dormitory were suggested.

During the meeting, issues such as personal rights, personal health, addiction, counseling, and a smoke-free campus were

raised. Members considered these aspects and tried to cover all sides of the issue. After considerable discussion, the issue was tabled, which means that a subcommittee was formed to monitor the condition of smoking on campus. This subcommittee will meet at a later date to decide if further action should be taken.

Student Forum president Nate Schreur felt that a lot of progress was made and said that the perfect solution could only be made if we lived in a perfect society.

PLIA feeds the hungry

by Sarah Bliss  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 17, 307 people lined up outside of the West Commons to eat soup. The soup supper is PLIA's annual fundraiser, which helps finance the spring break trips all over the United States.

The soup supper raised \$1200, which almost matches last year's \$1500. Free will donations were accepted at the door.

Contributions of soup and food are accepted from the

Sioux Center area churches, along with churches in Orange City and Rock Valley. This year, thankfully, the soup fiasco of 1995 was avoided. There was an abundance of soup for everyone, as well as delicious pie for dessert and plenty of leftovers.

The next major PLIA event will be the retreat on March 1 and 2. Students going to a given site will gather to meet each other. It will be a good time to prepare for the approaching mission trips.

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## Lamar Alexander: Campaign Craze

by Paula Treick  
Staff Reporter

Names like Lamar Alexander, Alan Keyes and Pat Buchanan might not mean much if you're not from the United States, or if you are (perhaps foolishly) letting Campaign '96 pass you by.

Dordt's campus has been a stop for several Republican party candidates passing through on their obligatory tours of Northwest Iowa.

And under such master strategists as Scott Koolman and Mark Memmelaar, the official leaders of Dordt's Republican Club, everyone has had a chance to be informed.

One United States presidential candidate in particular has received top billing at Dordt: Alexander. Although he has a strong Christian background, Alexander is not the most outspoken Christian of the Republican candidates. His Christianity is exposed by the way he addresses issues.

Alexander has an impressive political background. He served as the president of the University of Tennessee, governor of the state of Tennessee for eight years, and Secretary of Education under President Bush.

As governor of Tennessee, Alexander racked up a long list of accomplishments, which include balancing eight budgets, increasing Tennessee's income while maintaining the state's reputation of having the country's fifth lowest tax rate and making Tennessee the third largest producer of automobiles.

As a candidate, Alexander has three goals. They are to encourage personal responsibility, to increase economic growth, and to grant the United States freedom from Washington by giving the power back to states and local communities.

Dordt students made their presence known at the Iowa caucus last week. Of the 550 voters at the Te Paske Theatre, 140 were from Dordt.

In Iowa, Bob Dole received 26 percent of the vote, Buchanan had 23 percent, and Alexander had 18 percent. Alexander still has a good shot at the Republican nomination after a strong third place finish in New Hampshire.



Janeen Wassink

Construction on the faculty offices and new maintenance building will continue well into July.

## Acting tandem succeeds at Regions

by Kendra Van Duyn  
Staff Writer

The scene centers around two sisters. The older sister is convinced that only knowledge will elevate one's soul, but the younger sister is madly in love and is excited about getting married. The older sister attempts to convince the younger sister that she should not get married.

This scene from Moliere's "The Learned Ladies" was presented by Chris Ornee and Colleen Kuiper at the American College Theatre Region V Festival during the last weekend in January. Beginning in a pool of 340 competitors, they finished among 16 finalists in the annual competition.

Simon du Toit, theatre instructor at Dordt, commented that there were several reasons that Ornee and Kuiper succeeded. First, their scene was funny

and stood on its own as a little story. Second, they performed the piece with clarity and a sense of period style. The scene ultimately succeeded because of the balance between the two actresses. They have been friends for a long time at Dordt and collaborated very well.

Kuiper also performed a monologue from *To Make a Dragon Move: Diary of an Anorexic* by Pamela White Hadas. Du Toit stated that her piece was very moving. She had a vulnerability and yet a direct power that made the performance effective.

Besides the performances, there were workshops going on all weekend long. Ornee really enjoyed the workshops she attended, particularly one entitled "Theatre of the Deaf—Visual Understanding." Ornee said, "I have always liked watching sign language, and found the workshop really enjoyable."

## News Briefs

### Scripture expert returns to campus

Dordt College distinguished alumnus Ray Vander Laan returns to Sioux Center and the B.J. Haan Auditorium Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. to share his knowledge of both scripture and the Holy Land. His presentation, "The Land and the Book," is a combination of historical lesson, travelogue, and Bible study.

Vander Laan's speech will explore the historical context of biblical thought and the impact geography has on our understanding of scripture.

The Dordt alumnus is recognized by the greater Christian community for his expertise about the Holy Land.

In 1993, Vander Laan assisted Dr. James Dobson in producing a multi-part video series about the lands described in biblical times. Vander Laan is working on CD-ROM software to accompany the video, as well as a book.

Vander Laan's knowledge of the Holy Land is the result of more than 20 study tours to Israel as well as his studies at the American University of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem.

He will also be the featured speaker during Thursday morning's chapel and will give a presentation to Theology 218 on Friday.

### Work on classroom building continues

If you thought that the assorted hammering, drilling, and other sundry noises coming from the classroom building were either the work of a poltergeist or merely a clever ploy to keep you awake during class, you were wrong. Construction crews are hard at work constructing an addition to the classroom building.

According to Bernie De Wit, the addition will be used for the faculty offices, media personnel and equipment. The print shop is expected to take over the existing faculty office complex. The present media center/faculty reception area will also be remodeled for use by the Advancement staff.

Hopefully the moving will be done before the start of classes in the fall. But don't expect any peace for a while—construction is expected to continue until mid-July. So enjoy the various bangs and clunks while they last.



Christy Phillips

Chris Ornee and Colleen Kuiper finished as finalists out of a large pool of acting talent.

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## Disco's stayin' alive in D2

by Sarah Nieuwsma  
Staff Reporter

East Campus apartment D2 held its first ever disco dance Friday, Feb. 10. The idea originally came from Simon Vander Woude.

"We were just all dancing and lip synching to Abba, and then Simon came running in and said, 'We should have disco night in here!'" said Yodi Drost, the evening's co-planner.

Inspired, Vander Woude got a disco ball from the Theatre Arts department, a strobe light from Mark Rip, and disco CDs from Wal-Mart. Drost and Vander Woude picked out the music. Brad Vos was the evening's DJ—equipped with a record player, an eight track, and a CD player. D2 was cleared of its furniture to make room for the dancers, and

at 9:30, the people came.

"We think we had 75-80 people here," Vander Woude said. "The most at one time was about 60."

"We totally didn't expect it to get that big," Drost said. "We were a little nervous. We thought, 'Oh [man], where are we going to fit everyone?' But it was okay."

Songs from the '70s were blasted throughout the apartment, such as "Dancing Queen," "Macho Man" and "Stayin' Alive."

"We were impressed with how everyone totally got into it," Drost said. "Most people had costumes on."

Elicia Bot described her outfit. "It was very colorful, very polyester, bright pink jelly shoes, lots of green eye shadow, and pink lipstick!"

A disco dance seemed a good choice to Vander Woude,

who summed up the '70s styles with the words, "Terrible clothes, fun music, easy dances." He continued, "The clothes are the best though, I think, just because they are so ugly. I had on a yellow leisure suit and a rust-colored polyester shirt underneath."

The dance ended around 12:30.

"We were glad to bring people together in a nice social atmosphere with good, wholesome fun that was free of worries about misbehaving—like alcohol," said Josh Van Dyke, a resident of D2. He added that D2 does not support alcohol.

There has already been talk of next year's Disco Night. It seems it can only get bigger from here. Van Dyke mentioned some other possible additions to this success. "Maybe we'll try Mexican Night—or Lambada Night!"



Photo Submitted

Students "trip the light fantastic" under a shimmering disco ball in East Campus apartment D2.

## YATEC leaves mark on Dordt students

by John Emshoff  
Staff Reporter

Friday, Feb. 9, at about 8:00 a.m. I went to the First Reformed Church of Sioux Center to catch a bus to Sioux City. I went there to participate in a kind of retreat called YATEC: Young Adults Together Encountering Christ.

At first I felt a lot like I was going to just another retreat. But after the games ended, the discussion started and I began to get to know the people in my group, I realized why some of the people leading YATEC that year had been to the last four or five YATECs.

YATEC is not held in a beautiful palace. Actually, the sleeping accommodations are worse than you would find at some summer camps. The guy who snores is heard by all, and the church basement floor is rather crowded. The food is good, but you don't have long to eat it, because each day is filled with activities, and by the end of each day you are exhausted.

But you will also be fulfilled. You will leave with new friends and a new perspective about a lot of things. And you will leave with a desire to come back for the next YATEC four months later.

The name "Young Adults Together Encountering Christ" means just what it says. You spend three days with other young adults, encountering

Christ and having a blast doing it.

You will be challenged to think about who you are in relation to God and in relation to others. You will be asked who God is and what Jesus would do, and you will come away with a challenge to live a better life than you have in the past.

Not better than I have, or better than your roommate has, or better than the minister or the Pope has, but better than you have. That is one thing YATEC does best—it helps you look at you, so that when you leave, you can begin to see others better and show them who you really are. YATEC takes off the masks and shows you the light.

Perhaps the most fitting song they sing is "Create in Me a Clean Heart." That is something YATEC helps people do. A group of people there spends the entire time praying for you and the other "candidates," which is what all first-timers are called.

Through all the prayers, singing, dancing and performing, (there is an open talent show on Saturday night) you encounter Christ in a way that is just not possible outside of the community of believers.

Christ's death and resurrection become more than just Bible stories there, and it is only after they become real that they become useful.

## Leaving Dordt in the dust

Weekend road trips provide students with valuable break

by Stephanie Brown  
Staff Writer

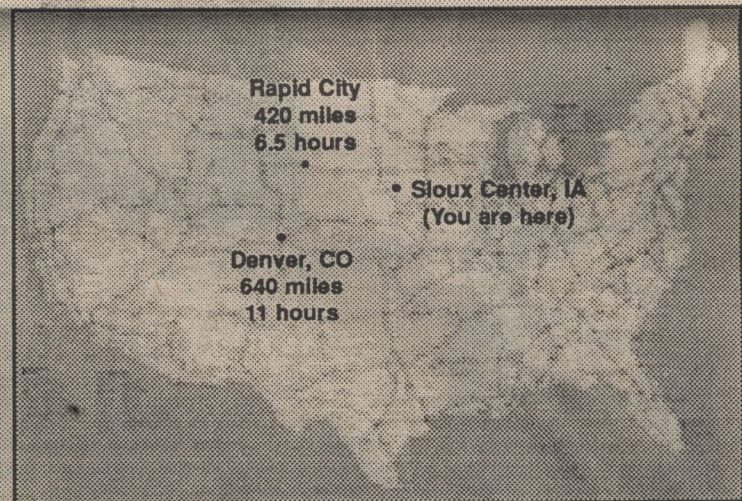
It's almost half way through the semester, nearing springtime, and students' feet are itching for adventure, craving nature. Not that anyone can complain with Oak Grove only a few minutes away, a veritable cornucopia of wilderness fun. And hey, the winter colors are in full spectrum!

While most of us have been marking time on the wall, a few students have managed to ditch this dismal soil and head for the highlands.

Last Thursday, a group of 24 students drove six cars for seven hours to the Black Hills in South Dakota. They roamed the land and climbed rocks, all the while breathing fresh air. Expedition enthusiast Greg Van't Land supplied the essentials—professional hiking gear and a VW camper.

Together they climbed 7,400 foot Hearney Peak, went spelunking in Jewel Cave, observed prairie dog colonies, stumbled onto wild buffalo, and got a close up view of Mount Rushmore (very close up).

Chuck Van Drunen reflects, "The best part was kissing Teddy." At night, under



bright stars, the crew shared bonding stories and sang, warmed by a blazing fire. After more hikes, a few run-ins with the park ranger, almost getting lost and a scenic detour through the Badlands, they trickled back to campus Sunday afternoon.

Another group of 10 students recently drove to Denver, Colo. for a weekend of skiing. Yodi Drost recaps a highlight. "We had a Chinese fire drill on the interstate. Traffic was pretty slow." After 10 hours, they reached Jill Schemper's house and continued on up to Copper Mountain Resort which boasts 2,308 skiable acres.

While in Colorado, they tried to go country dancing once but were denied admittance because they were

underage. (At least somebody's restricting access to those places!) On the way back, their adventure climaxed when one of the cars "shut down," causing the brakes to go out.

The other car, driven by Brian Cruson, continued indifferently. The stranded travelers were escorted back to Georgetown by a fleet of patrol cars. Drost reminisces, "We got some great shots in the police car. We had to take advantage of all our photo options."

Paul Shupe wasn't as lucky. Earlier, at a gas station, he tried to capture a moment with the lady gas attendant on film. He told her, "You filled up my gas tank. Now will you fill up my love tank?" Shupe was not successful.

Dordt Theatre sings through *Opal*

by Jodie Zwart  
Staff Reporter

Dordt College Theatre is presenting a musical for its spring production. *Opal* opens Feb. 28 in Te Paske Theatre. It will also be playing Feb. 29, March 1 and 2, and the following week on the nights of March 6 through 9.

*Opal*, the six-year-old protagonist, is played by young actresses Susie Draftz and Libby Noteboom. *Opal* is an orphan who finds herself in a rough 1904 logging camp shortly after her aristocratic parents die in a shipwreck.

*Opal* must deal with the loss of her parents and adapt to her new surroundings. Through her strong character, she tries to bring good cheer to all around

her.

A delightful musical based on a true story, *Opal* will touch even the most stone-hearted people in the audience.

Director Simon du Toit claimed, "This is the first 'date' play I've done since I've been at Dordt; people can bring their dates to this one." Under music director Pam De Haan, *Opal* matches Dordt vocal talent to the beautiful musical score to create a stunning production.

Tickets are on sale now. Good seats are still available to Dordt students for only \$1 (others have to pay \$5 to \$8 for tickets). Due to the contract with the play publishers, *Opal* cannot be videotaped, so don't miss the performances.



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Big shot:

James De Boer is everyone's new best friend after sinking a half court shot at Saturday's basketball game. The shot earned him \$250 from Carrie Foods.

REVIEWS



CD: Billy Idol - Self Titled

by Sean Voogt  
Art Critic

1982. A year of change. A year of flux. A year of Billy Idol. Too bad that was the only year. For nostalgic reasons alone, this will be, as one can see from the title, a Billy Idol review. Who better to put in the "back-trax" spotlight than one-hit-wonder, Billy Idol?

I wonder why Idol only stayed on the scene in the early '80s. Take the opening track, "Come on." With lyrics like, "Come on, come on, come on, come on, come on, you're gonna get it tonight," it is a wonder that he is no longer kickin' it with record exec's and the like. Hmmm.

Billy, Billy, Billy.

But this album is legendary. I liked it and I can still listen to it. Well, not very often. Where else could he have gotten the idea for the 1987 gem full of remixes entitled *Vital Idol*? Eight minute versions of pretty much all the songs on the self-titled album. Cool.

One thing Idol should have done was stay with Generation X, his band of the late seventies. Things were looking good when they recorded "Dancing with Myself." Going solo?!? Billy boy—what were you thinking? He should take his lyrics from the song "White Wedding" to heart: "... it's a nice day to start again ..."



Movie: Sense and Sensibility

by Sarah Dryfhout  
Staff Writer

Jane Austen began to write *Sense and Sensibility* in 1795 with ideas that embodied the conventions of satirical humour to extreme seriousness and moral matters. Five years ago, Emma Thompson (British actress) began to write the screenplay for *Sense and Sensibility*. Already committed to her Oscar winning film *Howard's End*, it took Thompson 14 drafts to create a script she was satisfied with.

The film, which focuses on the Dashwood family, is set in England during the 18th century. Elinor Dashwood, played by Emma Thompson, is the eldest of three daughters. She puts aside her own aspirations and desires to care for her mother and sisters after their father dies. The family, until now, has participated in the prestigious society of that day. Unfortunately, when their father dies, the inheritance is

left to a son from a previous marriage. The Dashwood women are left to struggle with conflicts due to love and money, yet the women show a commendable amount of independence.

Kate Winsley (*Heavenly Creatures*), who played Marianne Dashwood, has been nominated as Best Supporting Actress for her work as a passionate, lovesick younger sister to Elinor. Thompson and Winsley are enchanting and admirable in their work together. The exceptional acting talents of Alan Rickman (*Robin Hood*), Hugh Grant (*Nine Months*) and Greg Wise (motion picture debut) are displayed in the supporting male roles of this film.

The picturesque English countryside hardly goes unnoticed during this film. The director, Ang Lee, effectively uses the setting and characters to create a strong emotional balance. I consider *Sense and Sensibility* to be a film of unprecedented qualities and conventions that should not

## Very Objective Political Observations

by Kevin Maas  
Columnist

The Sioux Center Republican party held a caucus this past Monday that was unlike anything anyone could remember. The Te Paske Theatre, considered ample for normally anemic caucus turnouts, was packed to capacity by over 500 Republicans (For all trivia hounds out there, that is roughly 10 percent of Sioux Center's population).

A good portion of the crowd consisted of Dordt students, whose rowdy and inconsiderate sign-waving contrasted with the restrained conduct of politically concerned retired people, the other dominant group in the crowd. As the drama of the evening unfolded, these groups would come to represent two emerging factions of the Republican party.

Because of the overwhelming number of people, anyone who was in a hurry was allowed to vote before the caucus really even began. Dozens of Dordt students, already having taken time out of their busy schedules to educate themselves on the candidates, took advantage of this opportunity and left early. Dozens of geriatrics stayed, along with other

die-hards, to listen to speeches and vote when they were supposed to.

Representatives spoke for each of the candidates before the vote. First, a 72-year-old activist spoke for Bob Dole. Doing wonders to dispel doubts about the age of the 72-year-old Dole, the representative repeated himself at least twice and almost moved himself to tears.

The only other speech worth mentioning was one in support of Lamar Alexander, given by Dordt political guru Mark Memmelaar. He was loudly cheered by Alexander's strong Dordt following, to the dismay of the Pat Buchanan supporters (average age: 67), who frowned on the impudent youths.

Finally, before sectarian violence erupted, the vote was taken. In the Sioux Center precinct that included Dordt, Alexander took first place. Not too far behind was another campus favorite, Alan Keyes. However, when all Sioux Center precinct results were added together, the Social Security beneficiaries prevailed: Buchanan won the caucus.

Overall in Iowa, front-runner Dole took 26 percent of the vote, followed by Buchanan

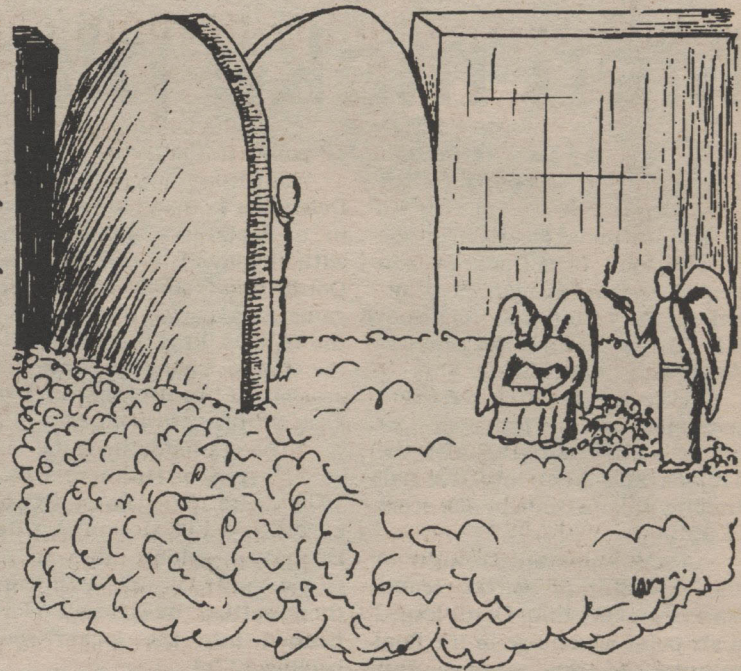
with 23 percent. Alexander took third with 18 percent, and Steve Forbes ran a distant fourth with 9 percent. Phil Gramm, who subsequently dropped out of the race, was supported by 8 percent of caucus goers, and Alan Keyes surprised many by getting 6 percent of the ballots.

These results were met with raucous celebration on Dordt's campus. The frenzied campaigning for Alexander had kept him in the race for the Republican nomination. Indeed, an exit poll at the caucus showed that 92 percent of all Alexander supporters were won over by the political genius and inspired oratory of Memmelaar.

On Tuesday, in the New Hampshire primaries, the race shaped up a little differently. Perennial New Hampshire favorite Buchanan led all candidates with 28 percent, while Dole slipped to second with 26 percent of the vote. Alexander improved, but remained in third with 23 percent, good enough to retain a good shot at the nomination. His performance was somewhat better than Forbes, who gained the support of only 12 percent of the Republican voters despite spending around \$5 million on campaign advertis-

by Laryn Bakker

Chuvack



"Hey, could you guys move away from the gates?"

ing.

The outlook is good for the rest of the campaign. Dole is losing ground to Buchanan and Alexander. An endorsement by Gramm after the Iowa caucuses failed to give Dole any more points in New Hampshire. Buchanan, popular so far in conservative states, is sure to have a fight ahead of him to hold his lead in other primaries.

Forbes, despite his

massive spending, is too little, too late. His poor showing so far means his campaign is going nowhere. Alexander has emerged from the first round of voting in good shape for the nomination. Despite claims by Dole that it is between him and Buchanan, Alexander may easily win one of the upcoming primaries.

## From the Editor

Follow this situation:

You have an accounting assignment due tomorrow.

Or was it yesterday?

No matter. The point is this: you need to get your hind-end to a computer and get cracking.

So you pack your accounting books and calculator and various snack items in your backpack. You put on your galoshes and gloves and scarf and toque. And you set out on the grueling quarter-mile walk across campus.

After twenty-or-so minutes of struggling against the 45 mile/hour wind, you arrive at the basement of the computer center. You open the door and look for a place to sit, but find none. A quick survey of the room reveals the problem: one-third of the computers are occupied by pre-pubescents in Sioux Center Warrior jackets scanning the 'Net for nudies of Pamela Lee and the latest copy

of "Doom."

You calm yourself, for you are a mature young adult. You approach one of the delinquents and request that he allow you to use the machine.

The line between community and student use will be even less defined in the not-so-distant future.

His voice cracks as he gives the reply, "I was here first, Mister."

Annoyed but not defeated, you explain to the lad all about your late assignment and the joys of scholarship. You inform him about the intricacies of financial aid and even show him your receipt from the business office proving that you have spent \$4,367 this past

semester for the right to use that particular computer.

His answer, of course, is still no.

The youngster is still a minor, so your threats of bodily harm fall on deaf ears. You have no recourse.

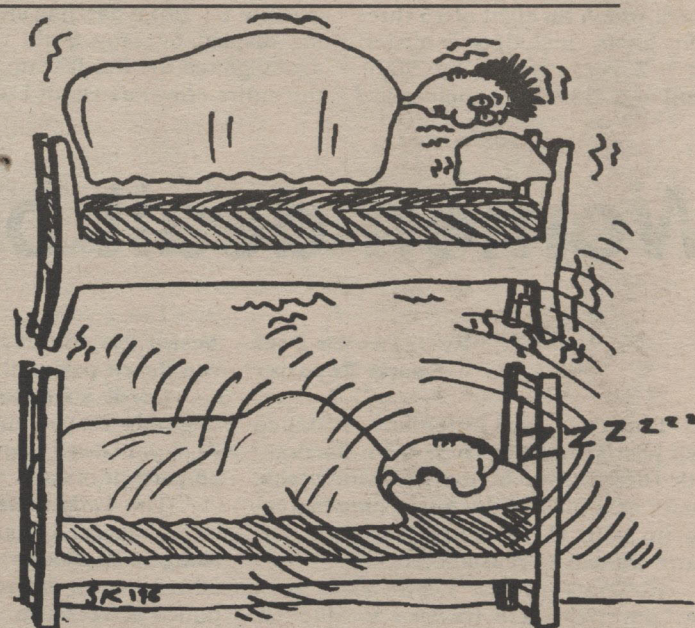
Now, I am all for community involvement. But I hope that the community realizes that this is still an institution of higher learning. We have needs as students. Computer use is one of them.

The line between community and student use will be even less defined in the not-so-distant future. The Dordt 2000 project is peeking sheepishly over the horizon and has been funded, in part, by the community. Are community members going to have the same access to the facilities as Dordt students and faculty?

I could go on, but I won't. I've got to write a paper. I hope I can find an open computer.

by Seth Koerner

Freshmanity



This was never on the roommate compatibility form.

Look for a special four-page edition of the *Diamond* next week highlighting the Homecoming Talent Extravaganza.

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# Men make playoff run

by Dan Harmelink  
Sports Editor

In the midst of a race for one of the four SDIC post-season berths, the Dordt men's basketball team headed to Madison, S.D. Thursday night for a showdown with Dakota State.

Hampered by turnovers and poor shooting, the Defenders got off to a slow start against the Trojans and went into the half trailing Dakota State by the score of 33-28.

Dordt came out stronger in the second half as the teams traded baskets until Dordt forged a six point advantage in the final minutes of the contest. But Dakota State promptly charged back and grabbed a 70-68 lead with less than a minute remaining.

Dordt had one final possession to tie or take the lead. The Defenders patiently ran their offense and worked Troy Stahl open for a three pointer which he promptly nailed to give Dordt a 71-70 lead with just two and a half ticks left on the clock.

Dakota State frantically pushed the ball up the court, but their final attempt rolled off the rim, giving the Defenders a vital conference victory.

Stahl and Nate Schelhaas led a strong Defender perimeter attack which hit eight of 15 three point shots, including a blistering 5-7 performance by Stahl. Stahl and Schelhaas each tallied

17 points in the contest.

Saturday night, the Defenders hosted Huron College in a conference game packed with playoff ramifications. Dordt and Huron entered the game in a tie for third place in the SDIC with 8-5 records, with the winner taking over sole possession of third place and the loser dropping into a tie for fifth.

The Defenders came out very sluggish as Huron raced to a 17-6 lead. But Ross Bouma sparked a 16-6 run by the Defenders which shaved the Huron lead to 23-22. Both teams then settled down and Dordt headed into the locker room trailing 37-34.

The Carrie Foods half time activities provided some excitement of its own as sophomore James De Boer shot his way to \$250. After nearly shattering the backboard in a successful free throw and a three pointer, De Boer launched a beautiful shot from half court which found nothing but the bottom of the net and \$250. Congratulations, James! (By the way, due to the loss of funds, the Commons will be serving only goulash and toast for the next two weeks.)

As the game resumed, the Defenders came out smoking as they jumped out to a 41-38 lead. Huron fought back and tied the game at 55, but a dazzling shooting display by Troy Stahl once again ignited the Dordt team and the entire crowd as Dordt built a

76-63 lead with only a minute and a half to play.

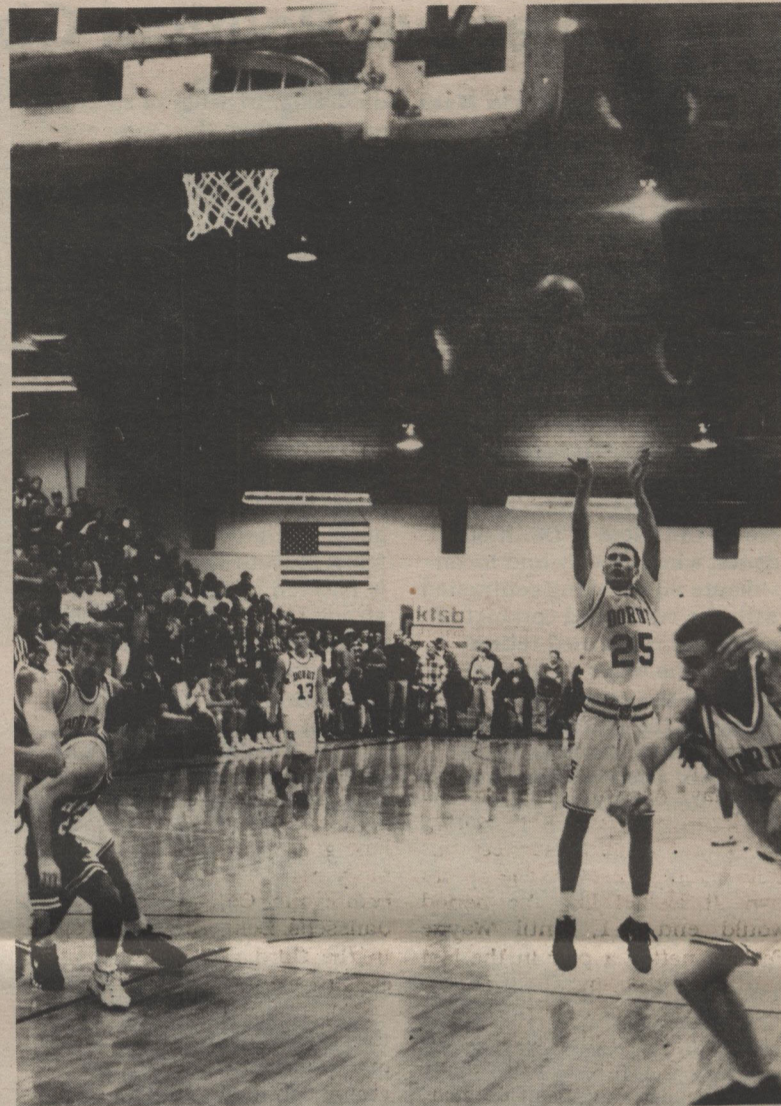
Huron players then resorted to fouling any Defender in sight in the hope of clawing their way back into the game, but Coach Greg Van Soelen's men were up to the task as they scored their final 18 points from the line. In fact, the Defenders hit a phenomenal 29 of 33 free throws for the contest to seal a 86-79 victory.

Following the game, Coach Van Soelen commented, "The guys played superbly tonight. I thought we had a great effort out of everybody."

"We got down early tonight, which seems to be our trademark this year, but you've got to give credit to those guys for working and scratching and always getting themselves in the ball game by half time," added Van Soelen. "We got ourselves in a position to come out in the second half and win the ball game, and that's what we did."

Dordt was led in scoring by Scott Van Essen with 20 points, while Stahl added 12 and Chris Smit and Kyle Van Zee each chipped in 10 from the paint.

Dordt now has a 9-5 conference record and an overall mark of 15-11. The Defenders will round out the regular season with a home game against Westmar on Thursday night and a crucial homecoming contest with conference leader Mt. Marty on Saturday afternoon.



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Scott Van Essen attempts a free throw during an early season contest. Van Essen and the Defenders are poised for the playoffs with a 9-5 SDIC record.

# Women dealt blows in conference action

By James De Boer  
Sports Reporter

Dordt's Lady Defenders watched their post-season hopes go down the drain with three losses in the last two weeks. The women have had a tough time matching up with the powerful teams in the South Dakota-Iowa Conference.

Hoping to break a four-game skid, the Lady Defenders traveled to Mitchell, S.D. to take on Dakota Wesleyan. Neither team looked impressive on offense with Dordt down 31-25 at halftime.

In the second half, Dakota Wesleyan took control, building its lead to double digits. As time ticked away, Dordt was held from a comeback, taking a 70-50 loss.

Lisa Roos posted a double double as she grabbed 12 rebounds and hit 20 points. The center also blocked four shots. Both Anita Tinklenberg and Alissa Beckering added eight counters. Karl

Westra dished out four assists, while Jill Van Essen posted three steals.

Dordt struggled from the floor, hitting only 28 percent of its shots. Dakota Wesleyan fared slightly better, managing 38 percent overall.

The Lady Defenders held the slim advantage in rebounding, 44-43. To go along with Roos's 10, Jeanette Nydam added eight boards and Tinklenberg pulled down seven.

The women took on Dakota State Thursday night in Madison, S.D. Shooting well in the first half, the Lady Defenders seemed to be in prime position to break their losing skid. At halftime, Dordt led 39-33.

Despite the Lady Defenders finding the net, the Lady Trojans clicked in the second half. The home team outscored Dordt by nine points, as they pulled ahead for a 73-70 win.

Tinklenberg led the Lady Defenders with 15 points. Roos put in 12 counters

while Van Essen added 11.

Roos pulled down 10 rebounds to post another double double. Tinklenberg scooped up seven boards.

Dordt hit 51 percent from the field for the game, including two of five from three point range. The Lady Trojans shot 43 percent. The Lady Defenders held a small 28-27 advantage in rebounds.

What did Dordt in was turnovers and steals. The Lady Defenders were forced into 20 miscues and had their pockets picked 13 times.

Saturday night, Dordt hosted Huron. The powerful Lady Tribe was too much for the Lady Defenders, and pulled away for a big win.

The women shot well again, and were within nine at the break, 45-36. Huron worked on its lead before Dordt trimmed it back to 73-61 with eight and half minutes left.

But seven straight points by the Lady Tribe cut the women off, and Huron

cruised on for the 95-72 victory.

Roos hit seven of 11 shots for 14 points to lead Dordt. Beckering tossed in 11 tallies and Van Essen pulled in 10. The Lady Defenders were out-rebounded 28-25, despite nine boards for Roos and seven for Tinklenberg.

Dordt hit 52 percent for the game, including four of eight from three point land. But the Lady Tribe nailed 56 percent overall. Even scarier was their bomb accuracy. Huron drilled 10 of 17 long range shots.

The Lady Defenders once again had trouble controlling the ball, as they turned it over 20 times.

The Lady Defenders will try to break their seven-game losing streak tonight, when Dordt hosts Westmar. When the two teams met earlier this year, Dordt posted a 78-50 win. On Saturday, the Lady Defenders will host Mount Marty at 4:30 to round out the year.

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# Blades check into playoffs

by **Martin Dam**  
**Hockey Guy**

The Dordt Blades went into their last regular season weekend of the year fighting for the last playoff spot with their opponents, the University of South Dakota. Because the Blades had lost to USD in both of their earlier season games by a total of six goals, league rules stated that Dordt had to win by seven goals in order to qualify for the post-season. Although this seemed like a tough task, the players were confident that they could do it.

"If we play the way we are capable of playing, we can beat them by more than seven goals," stated coach Jeremy Huygen.

The first game was the key. Dordt had to win, and win by enough goals to make a play-off clinching win possible on Saturday. Assistant captain Jeff Vandermeer opened the scoring mid-way through the period, but USD countered with one of its own. It looked like the period would end 1-1, until Wayne Feeleus netted a pair in the last four minutes, giving the Blades a 3-1 lead going into intermission.

Things stayed really tight in the second period, with some superb goaltending from the consistently brilliant Erick Janssens. Izzy Huygen continued his hot

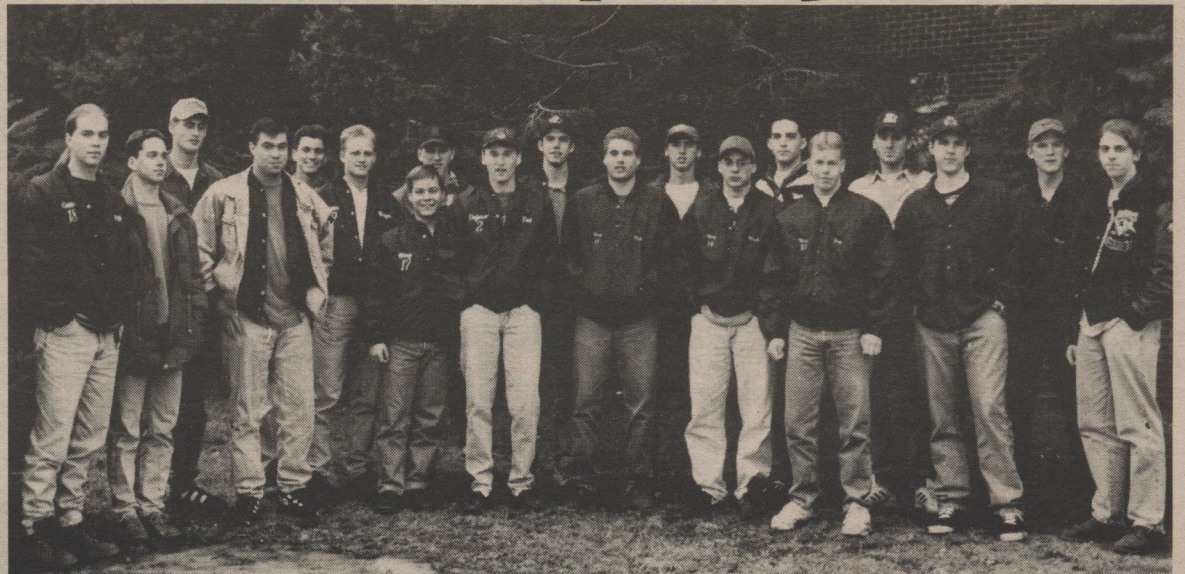
scoring touch with the lone goal of the period, beating the USD goalie through the legs on a break-away.

The third period stayed tight until the Wolves connected for their second goal, narrowing the gap to 4-2. Dordt replied with goals by Ben Saarloos and newcomer Jeff Wubs. USD managed one more, and Nate Gritter finished off the scoring, giving Dordt a 7-3 win, and equally important, four of the seven goals needed to get into the play-offs. Eleven different players managed at least one point. Dordt fired off 47 shots, and superb goaltending by USD was the only thing that made it close.

Then it was on to Saturday's big game. The players were excited to see that even though there was a basketball game on campus, there was great fan support.

Mark Bekkering, who has been on a tear all semester, scored the lone goal of the period, and Jon Mooy made it 2-0 in the second, before the Coyotes finally beat Janssens. Bekkering scored again in the third and set up for the exciting finish.

Dordt was peppering USD for the fourth goal, and the numerous ohhs and ahhs from the crowd showed the increasing frustration. Finally Feeleus tipped in a point shot from captain



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**This year's Dordt Blades made the playoffs for the first time in team history.**

Theodore Kaemingh for the fourth goal. All Dordt Blades had to do was hold on for about five minutes, and the play-off spot was theirs.

It turned out they didn't even have to wait that long. A series of USD cheap shots and dirty play led to flared tempers, and the game was called at 3:11 of the third period. The 4-1 score stood, and Dordt was in the play-offs for the first time ever.

The Blades tuned up for the play-off win with a 5-4 exhibition win against Southwest State. Mark Sikma got the start in goal, and played very well.

So when the rest of us are enjoying homecoming weekend here on campus, the Blades will be in Aberdeen, S.D. for two games. If the Blades beat Drake University out of Des Moines on Friday, they will play either Northern State University or Iowa

State University on Saturday for the Davies Cup and the league championship. Because they've never been here before, they don't really know what happens if they win. But that's getting ahead of themselves.

The guys will be leaving for Aberdeen Friday afternoon, and a few of the die-hard fans will be following in cars. Wish the guys luck whenever you see them. Win or lose, it's been a heck of a season.

## Blades head north for Canadian tour

by **Jeff Vandermeer**  
**Another Hockey Guy**

Think back to the last week of your Christmas break. You were probably sitting on the beach, skiing in the mountains or just relaxing with the fam, depending on what part of the continent you are from.

That last week was a little different for the 20 plus guys who make up the Blades hockey team (plus a significant other whom we will mention later). The Blades traveled to Alberta, Canada (the province above Montana for all of you who have no idea where Alberta is).

The team gathered in a small town called Picture Butte, where they met a tough opponent in the Picture Butte Bonnyviews. The Blades came out slow, but rallied behind the superb goaltending of Erick Janssens to take the first game of the tour, 5-1.

Mark Bekkering, who was playing in front of his hometown

fans, was the hero with two goals, and I also chipped in with a pair.

After a great night with some old college friends, the Blades headed to Calgary to play the Cougars. This game turned ugly as tempers flared, but in the end, the Blades prevailed 6-0 with Wayne Feeleus netting the hat trick and Janssens recording the shutout.

The next day, the Blades headed to Red Deer, but not before taking in the sights of the Canadian Rockies. The view was gorgeous and awe-inspiring, especially for the players who had never seen the Rockies before.

The team had a great time, but by the time they got to Red Deer they were pretty tired and it showed. The team came out flat, and lost 6-1 with hometown player Jon Mooy scoring on a beautiful goal-mouth pass from Mike Wildeboer.

Thursday rolled around and after a beautiful day, the

Blades headed to Bentley to play the Jets. The town of under 300 people hosted what was probably the best game on the tour, as the Blades squeaked by the Jets 7-5. This hard-fought game was a special one for a few of the guys, as Mooy and Wildeboer played against their old teammates, including three of Wildeboer's brothers.

It was also special for me as I got to play against my dad. This game also saw Rich Vyn lift a backhand shot over the shoulder of the goalie for the first goal of the game and Vyn's first of the season.

The Blades played two more games in Alberta, losing 7-1 in Neerlandia and beating a Dordt Alumni team 6-3. The last game of the tour was in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Blades played a double header, losing the first one 4-1 and winning the second one 3-2. These games concluded the very successful tour with the Blades' final record being 5-3.

## Indoor track expects to send several to Lincoln

by **Dan Harmelink**  
**Sports Editor**

Last Saturday at the USD Indoor Track meet in Vermillion, S.D., several members of the Dordt track team raced into the record books and also qualified for the National Indoor Track Meet.

The most astounding performance came in the women's 4 x 800. Becky Van De Griend, Sarah Pluim, Heidi Vanden Hoek, and Cathy Palmer combined to shatter the school record with a time of 9:46.

Not only did they break the school record, but, according to Coach Syne Altena, they are a lock to qualify for the national meet, which is being held in Lincoln, Neb. on March 1 and 2.

To put these girls' performance into perspective, a 9:50 in the 4 x 800 was good enough to garner all-American honors last season, so they have an excellent shot to excel at the national meet.

Along with her duties in the 4 x 800, Sarah Pluim has an excellent possibility of qualifying for the open 800 meter race due to her outstanding run in her leg of the relay.

Also a lock to qualify for the national meet is Matt Howerzyl, who broke his own school record in the 55 meter hurdles on Saturday. Matt participated in the national meet last year and has earned a return trip.

Jason De Weerd also had an excellent day as he toppled a Dordt College track record with his time of 1:09.37 in the 500 meter run. Unfortunately, there is no 500 meter run in the national meet, but congratulations to Jason nevertheless.

The official invitations to the Indoor National Track Meet will not come out until next Monday, but Coach Syne Altena is positive that these outstanding performances will earn a trip to Lincoln, Neb. on March 1 and 2.

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# Campus Calendar

by Katie Dekker  
Assistant Editor

- Feb. 22:** Ray Vander Laan, Dordt's 1996 Distinguished Alum, holds an informal discussion at 3:30 in the Commons board room.
- Feb. 22:** Rev. Ray Vander Laan presents "The Land and the Book" at 8:00 p.m. in the B. J. Haan Auditorium.
- Feb. 22:** Dr. James Schaap, along with several other students, tells stories in the SUB at 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23:** Caribbean Beach Dance in the gym.
- Feb. 23:** Comedy League in the SUB at 11:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24:** Talent Extravaganza 1996!
- Feb. 29:** Special Thanksgiving Chapel during regular chapel time.
- Feb. 29:** Dordt's production of *Opal* opens in the Te Paske Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Check with the box office for additional times and ticket information.



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## ↑ Twister ↑ Mania!

Last Tuesday students gathered in the SUB to participate in the largest Twister Competition in Dordt history.

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