Victory for Democrats suggests changes to come

Joel Veldkamp
Staff Writer

November 7 was a great day to be a Democrat. In the United States' congressional elections last week, the Democratic Party swept into power in both houses of Congress, ending years of Republican control and presenting President Bush with the first serious political opposition of his presidency.

The Republican Party had controlled both the White House and Congress since the 2000 elections. The elections last Tuesday marked the end of six years of Republican domination of the government, and the Democrats' joy was palpable. Nancy Pelosi, who will become the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared, "Democrats are ready to lead!"

The good news for the party didn't stop with Congress. The Democrats captured a majority of the state governorships in the elections. The day after the elections, President Bush announced the resignation of De-
Donating blood questions answered

CodyEllens, the Vice President of StudentForum, recently interviewed CarlynEtkstrom of the Siouxland Blood Bank about donating blood. Here is that interview.

How important is it that people donate blood? It is essential that people donate blood. Volunteer blood donors are the only way that a blood supply can be obtained. It is not possible to manufacture blood, and it is very beneficial to the patient that the blood is going into your arm, but the professional who work in the health field drawing blood do their best to make it as easy as possible. If you have apprehension about donating and do not like needles, remember that the patient that is receiving the blood transfusion doesn’t like needles either, but their life depends on it and they are so thankful to you that you have given this gift to them.

Have you heard about DRC (double red cell) donation? This is a great opportunity for people to donate two units of red blood cells! The process is a bit longer (20 minutes) so you donate a unit of whole blood and it is divided out in a special machine at the site. Your blood is separated into plasma, platelets and red blood cells. You receive back in the same tubing the plasma, platelets and saline solution. We keep the red blood cells. Then the whole process is repeated. In the end, you have donated two units of red blood cells and receive everything back. You do not have any volume loss, like the whole blood donation, as we have infused you with the extra saline solution. This is a huge benefit to donors and patients alike... Donors receive credit for two units and now instead of donating every 56 days, you wait 112 days. For people that have busy schedules and have a tough time getting away to donate, this works great. For the patients, it is a great advantage. This DRC blood is kept in pairs from the time it leaves you as a donor, while it is being tested at the blood bank, shipped to the hospitals, and given to the patient. In the hospital, doctors usually order blood in pairs... 4-6 units of packed cells, for example. It is very beneficial to the patients to receive blood from three donors rather than six donors as it decreases the chances of the patient having a reaction.

Even though blood is typed and crossmatched to be a match to the patient, reactions can happen.

In order to do this DRC donation, men must weigh 150 pounds and be 5 ft. 1 inch; women must be 5ft. 5 inches and weigh 150 pounds. Both men and women must have a hematocrit of 40. If you qualify please think DRC Donation.

How do you feel afterwards? About what you have done? And physically? I think there is a mental rush knowing you have just done something that is tremendously going to affect another person’s life. Occasionally, we will have donors that will feel faint, and we take care of them if this happens. Usually this occurs because they haven’t eaten or drank much that day, or have so much anxiety that it overwhelms them. It’s important to remember to relax—you are doing a great thing.

Do you have any comments that may help promote the upcoming blood drive? We very much appreciate the opportunity to have a blood drive at Dordt College. It helps save lives in 35 area hospitals that we service, including Sioux Center Community Hospital and Health Center. It also gives you an opportunity to be a vital part of that. Presently, we are down about 1000 units from the summer and in September alone, about 500 units than what we had anticipated. We are really depending on Dordt College to help this deficit and be back on the level we want to be. Also, we have a contract to supply plasma to the military if needed, and they have contacted us to help supply this as they cannot keep up with the blood needs they are experiencing due to the injuries endured by the troops. So, we really need your help to make a difference.

Siouxland Community Blood Bank invites you to donate blood.

Please Donate.

Out and about

Air Guitar T-shirts?

Scientists announced Monday that they have developed a high-tech T-shirt that turns the strumming of an air guitar into music. "The T-shirt has motion sensors built into its elbows that pick up the wearer’s arm motions and relay them wirelessly to a computer which interprets them as guitar chords," said Richard Helmer, an engineer who leads the research team from the government’s Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. One arm is interpreted as picking chords while the other strums. The “wearable instrument shirt” is adaptable to both right and left-handed would-be rock stars. Helmer says sensors are already being used to reproduce a person in the virtual world so they could get feedback on their actions and improve their sporting techniques.

Source: ABC News.

Ok to use cell-slang on tests

New Zealand’s high school students will be able to use "text-speak," the mobile phone text message language beloved of teenagers in national exams this year, officials said.

"Text-speak, a second language," for thousands of teens, uses abbreviated words and phrases such as “txt” for text, “s” for "laughing out loud" or "lots of love" and "CU" for "see you." The move has already divided students and educators who fear it could damage the English language.

New Zealand’s Qualifications Authority said Friday that it still strongly discourage students from using anything other than full English, but that credit will be given if the answer "clearly shows the required understanding," even if it contains text-speak. Teachers would have concerns if text-slang became acceptable in everyday written language in classrooms.

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68-year-old woman surrogate mom to gorillas

Barb Jones spends her days crawling through piles of straw with a 15-pound baby gorilla on her back, sometimes climbing up on platforms inside the cage. It’s all part of being a surrogate mother to baby gorillas, but that doesn’t mean it’s easy work for the 68-year-old Jones, who’s been doing it for 26 years.

“Now, I need a little help scaling the ropes,” she said. “But I can’t do what they are going to do.” Jones, a primate nursery keeper at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, works to break the cycle of primates born in captivity who never learn how to care for their offspring. She teaches the young gorillas how to be babies while adult gorillas watch and learn their own roles. The hope is that the babies will grow up to be better caregivers that can look after their own young.

Samsung designs killer robot

Samsung is not just making High Definition Televisions and MP3 players anymore. In a cooperative effort with Korea University, Samsung has developed a "sentry robot" fully equipped with a 5.5mm machine gun, two zommable cameras and an arguably melodious voice to warn intruders of their impending doom.

With one camera for daytime use and an infrared one for nighttime, Samsung claims its robot can even tell the difference between people, trees and machine guns, a characteristic critics claim to be of little reassurance.

This $200,000 robot is capable of hunting its enemy from afar and will likely be available for sale sometime next year. Plans are to set up the machine-gunning robot on the border of North and South Korea.
**GEN-100 advisor “lottery” needs readjustment**

Bree Wiepenga
Editor

Freshman Jon Nederhoff is aiming for an engineering degree. For his first semester at Dordt, he was assigned Matthew Dressler, assistant professor of engineering and GEN-100 professor. Nederhoff believes his professor/advisor is a great asset to him personally, but not to the members of his PC group who are not engineering majors.

“I think it’s good to see the other sides, but if you’re dead set on your major then it’s not very helpful,” Nederhoff says.

Most incoming freshmen are randomly assigned a professor, staff or faculty member as their GEN-100 professor and advisor. The problem with this method is that most of the freshmen do not receive someone who can fully help them with their intended field of study. The students seem to have a harder time knowing how to plan the rest of their academic lives here at Dordt.

GEN-100 professors do not need to be experts in any area to teach the class. GEN-100 consists of basic college information, Biblical beliefs and the Christian’s place in our world. Professors for this class simply need a desire to give the freshmen a good start.

However, are these professors qualified to be advisors to whomever Dordt decides to assign them? How is an agriculture professor able to advise an intended English major on what classes he or she wants (and is even required to take, and when to take them, and with whom)?

“It would be really helpful to have an advisor in the agriculture department,” says freshman Laura Vahrmeyer, who is studying agriculture and whose advisor and GEN-100 professor is Dianne De Wit. “I really like [De Wit]; she’s really cool and really helpful like in Dordt life, but not in picking classes.”

Is this because De Wit works as a grants coordinator and has nothing to do with the agriculture department whatsoever?

Assigning incoming students to professors, faculty and staff at Dordt is not such a bad idea. This “lottery” takes the weight off of having to hire two or more full-time GEN-100 professors, and then having them yearly deal with about 300 new students amongst themselves. However, when students know what they would like to study at Dordt, the college should immediately make every effort to provide the students with advisors from their intended fields of study. The students could therefore have a GEN-100 professor and a separate advisor who meets their individual needs.

 Granted, some departments may get floods of incoming freshmen while others may not. But after the first semester at Dordt, these students would most likely seek out advisors in those departments anyway. In the end, everything would even out as it does now, except students would have a better grasp on what they need to accomplish in four years in their chosen field of study.

**From a secretary’s point of view . . .**

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**Picture Poll**

Did you vote? Why or why not?

Becky Love and Naomi De Boer

Rachel Antvillen
“No, I didn’t get my registration in time, but I am an advocate for voting.”

Jasen De Stigler
“Yes, because it’s the responsible thing to do.”

Steven Oswald
“No, I just forgot.”

Jenn Hamrick
“No, because I’m too busy and I didn’t get my absentee ballot.”

Jonathan Sims
“No, because I can.”

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Living in the “State of Poverty”

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Imagine living every day of your life wondering how you are going to survive the next. You are doing your finances and realize that your immediate needs exceed the amount of money that you have—not to mention the needs of your children that you have not even calculated. That is how it is for many families living in America today—living day by day not knowing how they are going to make it, living in a state of hopelessness.

On November 6, a poverty simulation took place in the West Commons. This experience was designed to give students a chance to actually role-play living in the state of poverty. The families were made up of either one, two, three, or four people. Each person was given a different situation such as being a single parent or elderly person. They were given four fifteen-minute sessions, each one representing a week, to keep their family alive and functioning. Duties included paying for rent, food, school supplies, loans, utilities and getting the kids to school—they were typical responsibilities that were not unreasonable for someone with a decent job.

There were ‘staffers’ located around the room who were the designated people to collect rent and utilities, be the teacher, welfare office, etc. They were told to be as hard-hearted as they wanted, making it difficult for people who were trying to survive.

At the beginning people were generally friendly, but after the first fifteen minutes people started to realize that being nice would not pay the bills. Kids were home ‘sick’ because they did not have the supplies for school, or a way of getting there—and more often than not not parents had left their children home alone. Parents were snappy and rude because they had been standing in line all day, just to get turned away and sent home. Kids were sent to jail/juvenile hall because they were skipping school in order to pawn off valuables for money to help their parents pay the bills. By the end of the night kids were stealing from other homes and trafficking drugs to generate positive cash flow—parents were praising instead of punishing because that extra money meant that they could make it to the next month. The people who had started out as polite people patiently waiting to provide had turned into backstabbing neighbors who only cared about ‘number one’—not because they wanted to, but because they had to.

Many of us have not lived in the kind of poverty that was “experienced” on Monday night. If anything, those who found themselves living in poverty came out of the experience more sensitive to the situations of those living in poverty.

It truly gave the participants a glimpse into the struggle that many families have to deal with every month, week, and even day.

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Though Ortega has been threatened in the past with numerous allegations including genocide and unlawful relocation of citizens, he has denied responsibility for any crimes against humanity and hopes to gain a positive reputation while focusing on his new administration, which will be put into effect January 1.

Ortega says that no radical changes will be made that may negatively affect foreign relations. His main focus is currently the support of free trade, employment opportunities and close ties with the U.S. “We want to have a close, respectful relationship with the United States,” said Vice President Morales. “That doesn’t mean will always agree with the U.S., but it also doesn’t mean we are an enemy.”
Victory rally pep rally?

Nathan Smith
Guest Writer

A couple of weeks ago I had an experience that took me back a number of years to memories of what we called "Pep Rallies" at my public high school. Back in those days, we would cram as many students, staff and faculty into that beautiful tax-funded gym as we could, and we'd cheer and yell and dance and engage in ridiculous and often unhealthy contests (I had my limits, and drinking an entire bottle of maple syrup was beyond them).

We'd bring out male or female graduates and celebrate their prowess and various notable accomplishments. Then we'd send them out with marching bands and tunnels of cheering dames to the battlefield where anyone knew the titles of Jock-Jam songs? After some saying, "To teach a man to fish is better than simply giving him a fish." The changes will have effects on potential employers, Dordt will connect students with alumni using College Central so they can view all students' resumes. College Central serves over 300 small colleges, connecting college students with potential employers.

As of now, 120 Dordt students are registered on the server and 40 students have approved resumes uploaded for viewing by approved resumes. Since developing a resume is a life-long process, the extra work may be justified as students acquire this life skill.

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Placement office stuff

Jacob Kroese
Staff Writer

Life today is online. We get recipes online, find entertainment online, post pictures online, even journal our deepest feelings online. The renewed "Placement Office" at Dordt is now part of that electronic reality.

As the "industry standards" of college placement have moved toward an electronic system, Dordt may have missed the digital wave. But along with the changes to come, the Placement office will now offer a new system of placing students with potential employers. As students acquire this life skill, they will always have students' transcripts. Ellen Mow and Courtney Dressler review resumes, providing help while teaching the student "how to fish."

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Students and coffee drinkers gathered at Butlers Cafe and Coffee for its opening last week. Art created by Dordt students hangs on the walls as part of an exhibition from the DRAW-ING II and III classes. The display will be up through November 28 and is open to the public audience.

Butlers Cafe and Coffee: A community experience

Bridget Smith
Staff Writer

The sweet scent of cinnamon rises to my nose and the smell of fresh brewed coffee fills the air. The walls are a sponge paint deep brown; mahogany shelves and stone columns sit at the center of the café, and low line light fixtures hang from the ceiling. Soft cushioned chairs and a big leather couch sit in one corner; in another corner sits a round table secluded from the rest of the café.

All these things work together to bring about the classy yet comfortable atmosphere of the café. The authentic feel is characterized by earthy tones and artwork. My friend and I waited in line for quite a long time, but found that the wait was absolutely worth it. While waiting we looked at clay mugs and pottery available for sale. The café also provides customers with over five shelves of books from which to choose. The books that line the shelves encompass an array of interests-Pensees, The Deep End of the Ocean, William Shakespeare: The Complete Works, The Velveteen Rabbit, War and Peace, Harry Potter, Star Wars, All the King’s Men, The Poetry of Robert Frost.

Butlers also appeals to the varied needs of the taste buds of their customers. The café offers a selection of paninis, salads, bagels, muffins, biscotti, and cheesecakes. Butlers coffee is 100% fair trade, which means farmers earn a fair wage and there is no child labor involved.

Dordt students have their own part in the café. Currently, the artwork of Dordt students is displayed on the walls and shelves of the café. The artwork exemplifies the owners’ desire to create a feeling of community. For the time being, Butlers is one of a kind. The idea for the café was dreamt up by three brothers who sought to create a place that is "remarkable... by offering food that makes people happy through service that makes people smile. We believe in the values & fellowship of growing towns.

"Ryan, one of the store owners, says they are not sure yet where they want to start more stores but ‘we would like to build in small towns. We like to be a catalyst for community.’ Their dream and hope seems to be coming true. I walk in the café and find it bustling with customers. Groups of ladies sit and chat, students are in the corner studying, and other people relax on the couch. Slowly the crowd dissipates and the café becomes quiet. Butlers provides a pleasing atmosphere and possesses a wide appeal. Even with observing all this, I only got a small taste of the Butlers experience. Go beyond this title, and experience the building of a community through Butlers.
Flags of Our Fathers reviewed by Shim

Alvin Shim  
Staff Writer

I recently heard a discussion about movies that were supposedly created to honor those whose lives were given in a cause or event, movies such as Pearl Harbor, World Trade Center, We Were Soldiers, etc. The discussion portrayed the man's view on whether the movies actually do honor the men and women involved. A couple years from now, will society remember Pearl Harbor as that one flick with Ben Affleck? It was with this type of question in mind—and the fact that Clint Eastwood directed Flags of Our Fathers—that I entered the theater with high hopes for a compelling story with real, vivid characters.

The tagline is, "A Single Shot Can End the War," and the focus is largely on the photograph—of the five soldiers hoisting up the American flag. World War II or "the big one" was a time that, like most wars, is sugar-topped and forgotten within a decade. We won, that's the theater with high hopes for a compelling story with real, vivid characters.

The three main characters were Ryan Philippe, Jesse Bradford and Adam Beach—the latter who has played almost the exact same Indian American minority character before (Windtalkers). They play three of the five soldiers who planted that flag in Iwo Jima. I'll say this: the battle scenes almost rivaled the opening scene from Saving Private Ryan. But after the first minute of the first war flashback, they lacked the energy and adrenaline, making me think, "Shouldn't they be less calm?" They sputtered and died as they regurgitated the same shots of the same gun exploding the same tank, the same view of the hidden machine gun firing off countless marines.

With total disregard of consecutive order, the film opens with one of the soldiers as an old man and ends by revealing that his son is writing something about his experiences of the war. The body of the movie jumps back and forth between the three characters on tour to convince the American people to buy war bonds. Theme 1: the manipulation of facts for the sake of a better story and for the sake of money. Theme 2: The content centered around the famous photograph of soldiers hoisting an American flag at Iwo Jima in a scene from Flags of Our Fathers.

There's one scene were the marines are being briefed about the terrain of the island of Iwo Jima (which was fascinating for the ten seconds that actor Neal McDonough monologued) where the camera gives the audience a glimpse of a handful of oppressed-looking African-American soldiers. Apparently, they were assigned the "lesser roles" of delivering ammunition. Theme 3: the experiences of the war. The body of the movie jumps back and forth between the three characters on tour to convince the American people to buy war bonds. Theme 1: the manipulation of facts for the sake of a better story and for the sake of money. Theme 2: The content centered around the famous photograph of soldiers hoisting an American flag at Iwo Jima in a scene from Flags of Our Fathers. Theme 3: the experiences of the war. The body of the movie jumps back and forth between the three characters on tour to convince the American people to buy war bonds.

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As the fall turns into the winter, soccer and volleyball give way to another season of Defender basketball. Coming off a very strong season, and a National tournament appearance, the Dordt Defender men’s basketball hopes to build on that experience and make a run again this season.

The Defenders graduated three seniors last season included 2nd all-time scorer Luke Ruter, and a 1,000 point scorer in BJ Haan. However, Dordt returns a group of good players including 2-year starter Derek Keizer, and GPAC freshman of the year Scott Van Zanten. Other players hoping to have big seasons for the Defenders are junior guard Eric Van Maanen, junior forward Brian Eekhoff, and freshman Logan Kingma. Senior guard Derek Keizer said, “We have a lot of talent on the team this year. The chemistry has been great, and I think we’ll grow as a team and do some very good things this season.”

The season began for the men with a Friday/Saturday weekend playing Jamestown and Valley City State. The Defenders came out shaky against Jamestown and lost 73-55. The team put the loss behind them and rebounded to a 70-67 the following day against Valley City State. Dordt took confidence on the road and took down a very good Grandview team in Des Moines. Dordt experienced an eight point lead late in the game, but a three point barrage sent the game into overtime. Freshman Logan Kingma hit a huge three-pointer and finished the game off with a couple of free-throws to earn the win. The freshman from Hawarden, IA scored a career high 27 points in the win.

The wins continued as Dordt defeated Nebraska Christian and Black Hills State this past weekend in the Sioux Falls Classic. The Defenders broke two previous records with their 109-32 win over Nebraska Christian; the record for largest margin of victory shattering the old record of 66 and the record for fewest points allowed in a game which stood at 37 points since 1964. Dordt then defeated Black Hills State the next day 80-61. Eric Van Maanen and Brian Eekhoff both had big weekends as they averaged 24.5 points per game and 16.5 respectively.

Currently the Defenders have a 4-1 record and will start conference play on Saturday, November 18, at Briar Cliff in Sioux City. The Defenders are lead by Eric Van Maanen’s 17.0 and Logan Kingma’s 12.8 point average through five games.

Get To Know ‘Em

Hockey Style

Elliot De Wit
Staff Writer

Full Name: Jonathan Van Keulen
Grade: Sophomore
Major: Agri-Business
Sport: Hockey
Number: 3
Position: Defense (what else?!) Nickname: Jonny, Gilly, Jon

Q. How good are the Blades this year?
A. Unreal, we don’t settle for less...

Q. Who is your favorite hockey player and which hockey player do you most play like?
A. Alexander Ovechkin. The player I most play like is Matthias Ohlund (quiet guy on the ice)

Q. Without looking it up, how many goals did Wayne Gretzky score in the 1993-94 season while playing with the Los Angeles Kings?
A. 54? (Answer: 38)

Q. Could I score a goal on the Blades defense?
A. Sure, why not... but can you shoot the puck?

Q. Which Mighty Ducks movie is the best, 1, 2, or 3?
A. 2

Q. If you could choose one of these players from the Mighty Ducks movies to play the rest of the season for the Blades, who would you choose and why: Goldberg -- the goalie, Fulton Reed -- the big defense man/Bash Brother, Russ Tyler -- the knuckle-pucker, Charlie Conway -- the all right player who is good friends with the coach who is kind of dating his mom which is the only reason he plays, or Adam Banks -- the stud player who was similar to Wayne Gretzky:
A. It would have to be Fulton Reed. Adam Banks was a flake, Goldberg, well he is Goldberg... Russ Tyler, the knuckle puck, is pretty cool I guess, but Charlie Conway has too much baggage.

Q. In 10 words or less, tell me why I should buy a Blades season pass:
A. We are the best entertainment Dordt offers on the weekend.

Q. Will the Blades win it all this year, whatever “it all” means for hockey:
A. As long as you’re at all our games we should win for you, Elliot. (wink)