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A scene from “Hecuba,” where Hecuba, played by Laurel Alons (right) interacts with the Trojan chorus, played by Amber Steggerda, Mary Bruins, Andrea De Jong, and Rochelle Hazeu (from right to left). [LEFT] A scene from “Hecuba,” where Hecuba, played by Laurel Alons (right) interacts with the Trojan chorus, played by Amber Steggerda, Mary Bruins, Andrea De Jong, and Rochelle Hazeu (from right to left). [RIGHT] Andrea De Jong reflects longingly, after the discovery of a dead prince, played by Charlie Hubbard.

**“The Greeks: The Murders” come to New World**

**Ann Andree**

News Editor

“How can I keep myself sane and whole and moderate?” wondered one of the 32 thespians of the upcoming production, “The Greeks: The Murders.”

“Freedom from Smoking” is based on the idea that smoking is a learned behavior. In order to quit, the smoker must unlearn this behavior and make a conscious choice to quit. The program then teaches to replace smoking with healthier things.

**Brian Veurink**

Staff Writer

Tired of failed attempt after failed attempt to quit smoking? Irritated by those “Truth” commercials on TV? If so, Dordt has a program for you. The “Freedom from Smoking Clinic” is designed to help smokers quit for good.

“The main goal of “Freedom from Smoking” is to offer healthy alternatives to deal with the stress and pressure that often cause people to smoke. But rather than treating the subject with fear, intimidation and shame, Perkins says, “We know quitting is difficult, so we try to make it pleasant as possible.”

There is no “Freedom” program scheduled for the rest of the year, but if students are interested in participating in the program, they should notify Bob Wiersma.

**Smoking is about supporting smokers through a challenging time and offering them a healthier alternative.”**

The program begins with an orientation followed by seven sessions. By the third session, the smokers quit completely. For those enrolled, Dordt supplies nicotine replacements, because money is one of the reasons most college kids want to quit in the first place. “Freedom” eases the smoker into quitting, as an official “quit day” does not take place until the third session. “Freedom” continues for another month to help the smoker adjust to life without cigarettes.

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**“Oh Canada...”**

Three musical groups from Manitoba will perform a variety of music in a free concert Wednesday, April 14 at 8 p.m. in the BJ Haan. The Concert Band, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers from Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute will perform at Dordt as part of their US tour.

**Athletes Honored**

Many of Dordt’s athletes have been honored in basketball and track. Senior Kyle Van Arendonk and Pete Anderson have been named All-American Scholar Athletes. Anderson appeared in all 28 games for the Defenders, and Van Arendonk went over the 1000 point mark this winter. Sophomore Luke Ruter, a first-team All-Great Plains Athletic Conference selection, was awarded NAIA Division II All-American Honorable Mention. Lady Defenders Rachelle Schutte, Katie Bleeker and Angie Katsma were also named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. For the fourth time in her track career, Jacques Scoby has qualified for the NAIA national outdoor track and field meet in the javelin event.

**Purple Martin winners announced**

Purple Martin winners will be announced Tuesday, April 13 at 9 pm in the Humble Beam. The English department’s annual writing contest features areas of entry in fiction, nonfiction, expository writing and poetry, with a separate category for freshman.
Seniors struggle in job market

Andrea Vander Witt
Staff Writer

One of the main things on a graduating student's mind is finding a job after college. For certain majors it takes more effort to get a job within their major immediately after graduation.

Dordt has always taken pride in its high placement rate for graduating students. Last year Dordt had a 98.3% placement for jobs within six months of graduation. Only 16.7% of that 98.3% were employed outside their degree. Last year the job market was very sluggish and our graduates, as well as other college graduates throughout the US, were struggling with finding jobs. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Job Outlook 2004, employers expect to hire 12.7% more new college graduates this year.

Dordt has consistently kept their placement rate high because students work hard to find some type of placement after graduation, whether it is in their educational training or not. What has suffered slightly is the percentage of students employed outside their major. In 2000 only 11% of students were employed outside their major. This is partly caused by recent economic recession. Since September 11 the economy has been in recession, making the job markets very tight.

One of the toughest markets has always been education, which is mostly due to demographics and the stressed economy. There have been budget cuts, making the state budget for education very tight. Families are also having less children, bringing enrollment rates down. School programs have been cut causing some layoffs, causing schools not to hire new teachers unless someone retires or a spot is vacated.

There are things that students can do to help their own job search once they get to that stage in their college career. One of the most important things that students can do is get internships. This helps them get their feet in the door in a lot of companies, and gives them valuable experience that employers look for when hiring.

Students should also have all their paper work in order. Resumes should be completed and kept accurate at all times. This allows students to move when an opportunity arises.

"The job search takes time," Placement Coordinator Jo Faber commented. Students should expect the process to take about six months. Students can find temporary jobs while they look for a full time job within the spectrum of what they would like to do.

It is very helpful to be able to move when looking for jobs. If students are restricted to a certain area, it could be much harder to get the certain job they are looking for.

The senior art show is currently on display in the art gallery of the Campus Center until April 14th.

Out 'n' About

Brian Veurink
Staff Writer

The struggle continues

Violent rioting in the Iraq city of Fallujah has left 8 US soldiers, 1 Salvadoran soldier and 40 Iraqis dead. Moqtada al-Sadr, an influential Shiite cleric, has been accused of inciting violence connected to the riot, and the coalition is expected to take him into custody soon. Despite the American death toll climbing above 600, President Bush still intends to hand control over to an Iraqi government by June 30.

Drugs, dogs, & decision

The Supreme Court has decided to take on a case that would decide if police may use drug-sniffing dogs on routine traffic stops. The court will decide if police need to have a reason to suspect illegal activity before they let the dog sniff around the vehicle. The case stems from a 1998 incident in an Illinois interstate park where police would test the Canine Unit on unreasonable search and seizures.

Threatenings

The radical Islamic Ansar Group has vowed to turn things "into an inferno" if they do not stop supporting the United States and withdraw troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Ansar Group has claimed responsibility for the March 11 railway attacks that killed 190 in Madrid. 15 people have been arrested in connection with the Madrid massacre. Five other key players in those attacks blew themselves up in their apartment as Spanish police closed in, killing one officer.

Life is more than homework, thanks to SAC

Ann Andree
News Editor

Student Activities Club (SAC) is hosting many stressless activities during these last stressfull weeks such as the Spring Fling and big-screen basketball game viewing. The only activity that is an exception to stress-less rule is the Rook tournament that is currently rolling along.

Jason Wyenberg, a SAC member, is organizing the tournament. Wyenberg says, "It's a pretty simple task, though it takes a lot of organizational skills...getting it publicized is the first press, then deciding rules and keeping everyone informed of the tournament proceedings (scorekeeping, schedules)."

"Ultimate Defender"-- our version of American Idol-- is being organized by Mark Wikkink, Jim Brinks and Jason Wyenberg for April 17, 24, and May 1st in the Campus Center. Students may sign up in Student Services before April 14th. Contestants will sing through three rounds of competition, judged by various professor, faculty and students. The student body will then vote on each contestant, and those with the highest score will continue onto the next round until a winner is declared! The students will be eligible for wonderful prizes. KDCR will hopefully be broadcasting and webcasting live on location.
Attempts to continue negotiations for the expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have recently failed again for the third time in two months. The failure to reconvene talks for the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) may now miss the one-year completion date necessary for implementation. Neo-conservative organizations like the American Enterprise Institute advocated the FTAA nearly three years ago as a means to "enriching (the member countries) currently limited menu of choices and possibilities." Nonetheless, some individuals may think of the benefits or negatives of free trade, an expansion of NAFTA does not constitute a step towards greater freedom of exchange.

Free trade across national borders merely represents an expansion of individual trade. In essence, two people freely exchange their own private property because both expect to benefit from the exchange. Except some individuals may not gain to the degree they expected. These subsidies represent coercion, and not the unfettered exchange of goods and services.

In conjunction, many of the countries of the potential agreement sought to block negotiations because of U.S. agricultural subsidies. These subsidies represent coercive attempts to make U.S. goods competitive against cheaper foreign agricultural goods. Such subsidies not only constitute a negation of unfettered trade, but also disproportionately harm the poor farmers of the 3rd World who have a competitive advantage in agricultural production. Bush’s support of agricultural subsidies and formerly steel tariffs reveals that our president does not advocate free trade.

Finally, individuals should question the free trade credentials of NAFTA and its potential expansion for an additional reason. People need only look at the sheer length of the NAFTA document to realize that it does not constitute an implementation of free trade. A true free trade agreement need only say, "your goods and services will freely crossour border and our goods and services will freely cross your border." It does not take thousands or even hundreds of pages to state this simple agreement.

In the end, current free trade agreements have not proved to satisfy the basic tenets of free trade. The affects of free trade still remain a contentious issue for various reasons. Despite what people may think of free trade, they should at least agree that current free trade treaties and negotiations represent anything but the unfettered exchange of goods and services.

between the sexes on campus than they had been in a long time. Dordt had a cheerleading squad was onNovember 8th of that year, the cheerleading squad was optimistic. They had high hopes, of more guy-girl combination cheers, and even ambitiously expressed a desire to organize a pep club. But although the co-ed cheerleaders of '73 were optimistic, it is clear from the non-existent status of a Dordt cheerleading squad, their hope went awry. The next closest thing Dordt offers with choreographed moves is the Dynamic Dance team. The dynamic dance team performs occasionally during chapel, and sometimes even at sporting events on Dordt campus. But the dance team seems to be reserved only for members of the female gender, while men gifted in dance and movement have nowhere to apply their talents. Is this exclusion intentional? Probably not, but the discrepancy remains.

There is only one solution to this problem. The male gender must not stand for this violation of their right to participate in pituuground! Men of Dordt, your rights are being trampled upon! There must be equality between the genders! The sexes and women of school year '73-'74 knew that, and it is only just that we have equality between the sexes here in the 21st century as well.

**Dear JJ:**

**Why is the Dordt Dynamic Dance team composed solely of women? Isn’t this a sexist reflection on Dordt’s ideological gender roles, that dancing is by definition a women’s activity?**

---Angered and upset in West Hall

**Dear Angered:**

Women can now vote, run for political office and choose between feminine protection with wings or a propeller. Men can now wear earrings, for political office and choose between feminine protection within the cheerleading squad was onNovember 8th of that year, the cheerleading squad was optimistic. They had high hopes, of more guy-girl combination cheers, and even ambitiously expressed a desire to organize a pep club. But although the co-ed cheerleaders of '73 were optimistic, it is clear from the non-existent status of a Dordt cheerleading squad, their hope went awry. The next closest thing Dordt offers with choreographed moves is the Dynamic Dance team. The dynamic dance team performs occasionally during chapel, and sometimes even at sporting events on Dordt campus. But the dance team seems to be reserved only for members of the female gender, while men gifted in dance and movement have nowhere to apply their talents. Is this exclusion intentional? Probably not, but the discrepancy remains.

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**INQUIRE WITHIN**

by J.J. Reed
**Love in Action...**

150 Dordt Students swarm the nation's unloved

Jessica Raunschweg
Staff Writer

Putting Love In Action I, j too much satisfaction in the lives of 150 Dordt College students who spent their spring break serving others across the United States. Unified under the theme "work in progress," excited PLiA groups set off for their destinations with pillows in hand and worries behind. The stories they brought back are one-of-a-kind.

Jesus showed up in the most unexpected form for a few blessed people at Denver, Colorado who were lucky enough to enjoy the character of a man named Dick, who, while smoking cigars and displaying his "plumber's smile," demonstrated the love of Christ. Not too far away, Center, Colorado proved more than a "home on the range" for those working with troubled boys at the Redeemer Ranch where lives were touched by loveable hearts who developed "crashes" of their own. For students at Shiprock, New Mexico, the ride to and from was an adventure in itself, while hard work led to camaraderie and a love for butterscotch pudding. The Chicago group was reminded of their blessings through volunteering at a homeless shelter where they served not only food but the love of Christ.

Students in the state of Mississippi, at Cary, Vicksburg, Mendenhall, and Jackson combined pranks and cockroaches with a week of work and fun, while those at Cincinnati witnessed the passion of the ministry City Cure. The Birmingham, Alabama, crew was overwhelmed by the "welcoming attitudes of the people they worked with," but the Atlanta group was overwhelmed with the task of following directions — miraculously, they arrived at their site. Pasadena, California, was filled with sunshine and a good time, but the group came back boasting more than a good tan. Those at Neon, Kentucky, were kept laughing due to memorable quotes amidst maintenance work, and the Camden, New Jersey group enjoyed "a great experience in seeing such a different culture." One by one, groups returned from their trips — exhausted, inspired, and used by God. New friends were made, perceptions were changed and above all, God was praised.

### Building community by boozing complacently

Upperclassmen continue to enjoy Tofer’s "Thirsty Thursdays" in face of campus concern

Steve Kloosterman
Editor

"Dordt Drinking Team: building community one beer at a time." The T-shirt read, in black and gold. No kidding.

Take a swing by Tofher's bar party of four to sip at for a couple hours while they play cards and chat, but not enough to get the group blind drunk.

This is not Spring Break Uncensored II. This is not an orgy. This is not the Pimp 'n' ho. This is a group of college seniors and juniors getting together to talk and laugh over a few beers, albeit on a school night. An occasional T-shirt to the contrary, there doesn't seem to be much of a drinking club present; a brief on-the-spot investigation only turns up words like "unofficial" and "loosely organized" interspersed with quite a few laughs. Putting the words "Dordt" and "drinking" in the same line doubtless make Student Services and Advancement Office personnel break out in rashes. Some students, however, claim the whole thing is a rather constructive activity.

These people are serious. "We're all about building community," says senior Jeremy Kuiper. "If I don't come here, I don't see anyone because of classes. In five weeks everybody’s going to be drunk..." senior Liz McPherson. "I think some time there should be some sort of philosophical discussion over a few beers. That's kind of what Luther had with his "Tabletalk"... That’d be a cool idea," rejoins senior Nevada Delapp.

But not everyone views the situation so lightly. According to the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, drinking by college students age 16-24 contributes to an estimated 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries, and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year. National Alcohol Screening Day is held on the day this newspaper hits the racks, April 8, in our Eckhardt lounge and in colleges across the nation. Students are encouraged to take a test to help them determine whether or not they really do have a problem.

Whether or not alcoholism is a problem at Dordt College is a different question than whether or not students get drunk at Tofer’s on Thursday nights specifically. I probably didn't stay late enough to gather any reliable information to answer the latter, although most everyone I asked did their best to assure me that "Thirsty Thursdays" is a responsible exercise in Christian liberty enjoyed by adults. "I never drank at all before [I was of age]" says senior Trina Korthuis. "We’re all mature here."
2nd Annual

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Saturday, May 8 ~ Centre Mall Parking Lot
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5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade divisions (8 teams maximum per division)
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Cost: $45 per team (up to 4 members per team)
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Sioux Center, IA
51250

Deadline for registration is April 24, 2004.

Teams will be notified prior to tournament with rules and scheduling.

Any questions or concerns may be directed by email to veen@mtcnet.net
Seth Dodgson

A short story by Mike Ochsner

Seth Dodgson sat silently in his austere attic. A palette spread before him full of scarlet, sapphire and ochre hue, his hand moving in deft and practiced motion from years of work.

"Four years and finally I can paint." He winced as his arthritis flared, not for the first time in his fifty-six years.

"Dear, what are you doing up there?" a voice called from the bottom of the stairs.

He climbed down the stairs into the waiting arms of his wife, wrapping her in a giant bear hug. His eyes panned around the kitchen, various trinkets from their children adorned the refrigerator, flowers on the windowsill. Predictable Marie, he thought, nothing out of place for you.

"I was beginning to worry." Marie was saying as he came back to the present.

"Why would you worry about me? I have been doing this for years."

"I know it's just that the doctor said."

"The doctor doesn't know me. He can't tell me to just stop painting and expect me to do it. This is my life, Marie."

"I know, that's the way it has always been. Never enough time to worry about someone else."

"Now Marie, you know that's not true. I cared enough to get you to marry me didn't I?" He asked in his playful tone. He flashed her most endearing smile, hoping, or so it seemed to him, to make up for the years of neglect that she had piled on him.

Seth managed to find his way to the porch seat through the haze of his thoughts. As he sat waiting for his wife to finish supper he finally got around to reading his Readers Digest. After a few minutes his mind began to wander. Evening was barely beginning to show in the sky when the street started to come alive with children out to spend the last of their energy before they were forced into bed. His mind returned to the far-gone days that held the memories of the children. He remembered the days when they were his children that ran the streets, the days of his children make-believing that their father was a super hero or any number of odd monsters and would run screaming from him whenever he drew near. He remembered his children as they played their newly invented games with the Dalies next door, and the Peterscons across the street. His wife approached him slowly, knowing that he did not like to be disturbed when his mind was on a journey like this.

"You remember the time when Jessica got her first frog?" Her face contorted in a grim smile. "She was so happy that day; I can just see her face beaming with pride that she had found a pet for herself. I remember Andrea and David would always build a snow fort during the winter." She said as she ran her hand around his back.

"They would always stock it with snowballs. And wait for me after school—they would wait for me so they could throw them at me when I came home from work." Seth let his words hang in the empty air, not wanting to plague his wife with the many memories he could have spoken of. "Please no more, I can't take any more, Marie, not now, not on our first Thanksgiving without them."

"I know dear, but I thought it would help a little if you remembered the times when you did not carry the burden you do now."

"I know I shouldn't have let them Mike Ochsner go on that trip."

"Oh Seth, it's not your fault."

"No, it is. If I could have been stronger and said no, they would still be here."

"Seth, listen to me. It was an accident, no one could have known that the snow would have let loose like it did. They were children having fun, what more could you ask for?"

"Grandchildren."

Conversation ceased for the evening. Supper passed in silence as each grieved for the loss of their children. Seth turned in each night hoping that a grandchild would help calm him from the phone call this morning. A phone call that had informed him that their three children had been found dead in an avalanche that had buried the small skiing village they had taken residence in. A short while later his wife curled into his arms.

"Remember we see the doctor tomorrow." She whispered as he fell asleep.

Seth woke early and padded through his morning routine. Two eggs, four strips of bacon, two pieces of toast, a glass of grapefruit juice, and a cup of coffee. Leaving half of the breakfast on his wife's nightstand he bent over to kiss her awake.

"I'm going in a bit, I thought it would be nice to make you breakfast.

"Thank you dear," she smiled drowsily up at him. "You should really shower and brush your teeth because you don't smell anything like roses."

"Oh and I am sure you smell like fresh daisies." He retorted as he extracted himself from Marie's arms.

On his way to the bathroom he began to hum a nameless melody that he had often heard Marie singing to herself while she cooked.

"I should really ask her about that someday," he thought, "it could be the next Sesame Street song."

He laughed at himself, not quite sure what had prompted thinking of Sesame Street. He hadn't had a television as a child and didn't own one now. Seth stepped out of the bathroom to find one of his suits laid across the bed. His wife had gone off somewhere leaving behind her breakfast.

"Maybe she will want it later." He said to himself as he shrugged on his overcoat.

Seth stepped to the door of his 1997 Taurus. He always felt bad after these visits. The doctor always trying to pry into his life, Seth only answering those questions which could be answered with a yes or no. He felt sorry for the doctor, but then he also wished he didn't have to go.

After a ten-minute drive Seth pulled into the parking lot of a flower store and watched the sun break through the clouded night. He turned to the flower store waiting for it to open. The owner waved as he twisted the deadbolt and flipped his sign. Seth hopped from his perch on the hood of his car and walked toward the store.

"Good Morning Seth," called the store owner. "Will you have your usual today?"

"Yes please, but would you give me a single white rose as well?"

"Sure thing, I'll be right there with your flowers."

Seth knelt and placed a bouquet of 12 daffodils and a single white rose by the grave of his wife.

"Today Marie, today, the 30th anniversary. You would think that I would have gotten over it by now. But never, never" I should have been there with you when that mountain snow swept over you. I should be lying by your side."
Top 50 albums

Mike Van Beek
Staff Writer

I am delighted to bring you my top 50 albums of all time:

50. the jesus and mori chain - psuc
29. ninka - awhen
28. the pixies - trompe le monde
27. nirvana - nevermind
26. pearl jam - ten
25. the lemonheads - car button
cloth
24. broken social scenes - you forgot it in people.
23. weezer - pinkerton
22. failure - fantastic planet.
21. mazzy star - she hangs brighty
20. sparklehorse - good morning spider
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18. radiodrome - ok computer
17. frank black - frank block
16. new order - get ready
15. the sound - from the lion's mouth
14. the new loud

31. and you will know us by the trail of dead - source tags and codes
30. radiodrome - led a
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DIAMOND ENTERTAINMENT
April 9, 2004

Fearless Planet Tour Stops in Iowa

Nathan Vander Wilt
Staff Writer

Less than a month after the See Spot Rock tour, concert goers will be able to see Sonicflood in concert. If the sound of bands like Pillar and 12 Stones seems too grating, and Avalon just wasn’t your thing, you might enjoy Sonicflood’s Fearless Planet tour instead.

Sonicflood versions of these and other songs are popular for their polished rock instrumentation and studio quality vocals. Many Sonicflood songs are drum and bass driven, with a variety of vocals, guitars and synthesizers on top.

Chances are that even if you haven’t heard Sonicflood, you’ve heard some of the songs they perform. Praise and worship hits like “In the Secret,” “Heart of Worship” and “Famous One” have all shown up on their CD’s.

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Sonicflood strikes an unforgettable pose beneath the graven faces of our founding fathers.

Check this out!

Jason Mulder
Entertainment Editor

NWT

Fearless Planet Tour: Sonicflood w/Building 429 Sat, Apr. 17, 7:00 pmWestern Christian High School, Hull, IA

Sncore Tour: Trapt, Smile Empty Soul, Finger Eleven, and Strata Mon, Apr. 12, 5:00 pm First Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

“The Greeks: The Murders” Apr. 15-17, 21, 23-24, 7:30 pm

The Eleventh Hour

Um, we need a comic in three hours. Can you draw one?

by me, fool!
Dordt athletes excel Spring swinging

Rachel Volkers
Assistant Sports Editor
Dordt College senior

Senior Jacque Scoby qualifies for the NAIA national track meet for the fourth consecutive year.

Jacque Scoby, a Dordt College senior from Morrill, Kansas, has done it again. For the fourth year in a row Scoby, an English major, has qualified for NAIA national outdoor track and field meet in the javelin event with a throw of 135’7” at the Pittsburgh State University Invite held on March 18 at Pittsburgh, Kansas.

Qualifying at the second track meet of the season was quite a relief for Scoby. “It was nice to qualify early so I don’t have to worry about it throughout the whole season. Now I can focus on fine-tuning a little bit.”

Scoby has participated in one NAIA national track meet in Abbotsford, British Columbia, and two meets in Olathe, Kansas. She claims her track and field career highlight came her sophomore year during the national track meet in Kansas.

“I think I had more personal fans there than we had people on the track team,” said Scoby. “The meet was close enough to home, a lot of my friends and family could come and watch. It was fun to be able to participate in something like that knowing that half of the crowd watching was cheering for me.”

Scoby finished 6th at the national meet that year as well. Scoby contributes her success to her high school track and field coach. Syne Alten, head track coach at Dordt also recognizes her high school coach. “[Jacque] had a great high school coach who taught her well. She is able to evaluate and motivate herself and seldom needs a coach’s advice.”

“It’s an honor just to get to go. God has blessed me with both the opportunity and the ability to do this, and I’m very thankful for that,” Scoby humbly stated.

Other Dordt athletes have also been blessed with talent. Scoby’s track and field teammate and fellow teammate, Kristi Meendering, a social work major from Hull, IA, has also achieved many honors during her track and field career at Dordt. Meendering is a member of four relay teams that hold Dordt records, including the indoor and outdoor 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays.

So, anyone for a game of catch? I throw spears, you go catch.

Quick Hits

Of mice and kids...

Jacque Scoby
Sports Editor

You’ve all probably heard the story. If you give a mouse a cookie, he’ll want a glass of milk to go with it (my paraphrase). Well, I’m about to change the story.

If you give a kid a ball, he’ll want someone to play catch with. That was me as a child. I remember the day I got a new catcher’s mitt. It was my first one, and all I wanted was for someone to throw a ball at me as hard as they could so I could break it in. I finally badgered my dad into letting me around with a ball in their bands looking for someone who will throw it at me as hard as they could.

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