Puma shot near Ireton

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A mountain lion was shot on a farm located 9 miles south of Sioux Center, and 5 miles north of Ireton on September 23.

The lion, a 113 pound, young adult male, was hiding in a cornfield when killed by three Ireton farmers, Brian, Russell, and Warren Gradert. The farmers began to combine the field and waited for the lion to emerge from its hiding spot, and when it did, they killed it. The farmers felt it was the right thing to do to preserve the safety of their farms and families. Shooting a mountain lion is legal right now in Iowa because there is no protection against them.

Biology Professor James Mahaffy dissected the mountain lion and found that it had recently eaten a raccoon. A tooth analysis showed that the teeth were white and sharp, confirming that it was young. He believes that this lion ventured so far away because he was probably doing a little bit of hunting and used the cornfield for cover.

Mahaffy has been trying to keep track of mountain lion reports in this area since 1998. Most of his reports have been of sightings located along the Big Sioux and Rock Rivers. These lions are possibly coming from the Black Hills County along the Rock River," said Mahaffy. "However, these have not been checked out yet."

So far Mahaffy has about 13 possible sightings, and four confirmed sightings. One was found in the city limits of Omaha. One was captured in Worthington in 1991. In 2001, a lady driving near Harlan in Shelby County hit a lion. The most recent lion is the one killed near Ireton. "There are some hints that there might be another cat in Sioux County along the Rock River," said Mahaffy. "However, these have not been checked out yet."

There may be more in the area, but Mahaffy does not expect a reproducing population to arise in the area.

Four one-act plays debut in December

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It’s a different sort of role for students Paul Olsen, Jack Maatman, Jonathan Horlings, Jolene Dykstra, and Ethan Koerner—who find themselves in the seat of the director’s chair as part of an assignment for their Directing Class. Each will present a short play for “One-Acts,” which will take place Dec 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the New World Theatre.

“Memorial Day” for its “humor and fair amount of depth” in the story of two over-protection parents who keep their son from going to war. “Memorial Day” presents aspects of war, parenting and marriage in a comical way that will be enjoyable.

“Helpless Doorknobs” is an intriguing play that is both “funny, yet challenging, and is guaranteed ONE ACTS p. 2
"Wellspring" inspires students

Nathan Vander Wit
Staff Writer

A new opportunity to seek God has sprung up on campus. Now Dordt students have four college-sponsored worship services they can participate in—chapel, praise and worship, GIFT, and now Wellspring. Each has a different emphasis. Wellspring is geared towards being a potential source of what is missing from the others. Those who find themselves distracted amidst what goes on in a typical service may grow in the environment offered by Wellspring. "The purpose of Wellspring is to come together primarily to listen," said Sam Gutierrez, who coordinates the service. "The need for silence and listening is not much cultivated in our culture."

The first gathering was this past Sunday, November 9th in the BJ Haan. Listening was encouraged by candles and colored lighting. There was some powerful singing, times of stillness and times of reflection.

Reflection, relaxation, a relationship with God—Wellspring is an hour of introspection and searching.

There was no message, although a short scripture passage was read meditatively. Participants said that it wasn't showy, but focused on Christ. The atmosphere allowed students to quietly deepen their realization of the things they knew. "It was a really nice change from GIFT," one student said.

Wellspring will eventually be held each Sunday that there is no GIFT, at 10:30 pm. Because it was only started recently, the next one this semester was not able to be scheduled until December 7. Wellspring is not meant to compete with other worship services, or with group or personal devotions. It is a unique opportunity for a structured, yet not complex, personal time with God, experienced in the presence of other believers. Anyone who has struggled to find this elsewhere is encouraged to see how God will work in their lives through Wellspring.

Illegal file-sharing network shut down

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The time of free music and movies for Dordt students appears to have come to an end. File sharing network Illuvatar.ernet is no longer in commission, much to the dismay of the students. Illuvatar came to an end because copyrighted material was being swapped there.

Computer Services did not shut down Illuvatar, according Van Danselaar, the Director of Computer Services. "By the time we found the site the operator had already voluntarily shut it down," Van Danselaar said. After a conversation with the site's operator, the operator agreed not to run Illuvatar anymore.

Copyright infringements were the issue in Illuvatar's demise. "The site the operator was running was certainly not illegal," said Van Danselaar. "However the site encouraged copyright violation—something that is illegal and something we do not approve of."

Computer Services saw a larger issue than just students listening to each other's music. "We encourage students to think critically about file sharing and make decisions that are God glorifying," Van Danselaar said.

The reaction of the students was typical. "I was mad," was the common response when students were asked to reflect on the closing of Illuvatar. "I thought it was not bad, since I was still buying CDs from the music I liked on Illuvatar," said one anonymous student. This student did admit that he knew he was breaking a law, yet said he would still be using Illuvatar if it was up.

File sharing has become a hot issue in the last couple of years. Record labels and different bands became upset that their work was being traded for free, and have pursued the programs that offer this service. In the spring of 2001 the government shut down Napster, the original leading file-sharing program. Napster is now back, but it comes with a fee.

Individual users are also being pursued. This fall a 13-year-old Los Angeles girl was fined $2000 for trading music online. At Dordt, students have reported having difficulties downloading music with various Napster clones, and a firewall is suspected.

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Faculty CRC membership requirement should be broadened

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In their last meeting, the Board of Trustees set an April deadline to decide on the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) membership requirement for full-time faculty and staff. They are not going to "discuss whether or not they will discuss" the requirement, as was done last time, but will discuss and decide whether or not to change it. They may decide to maintain the current requirement, but if not, they will outline what changes will be made.

All students, faculty, staff and supporters feel very strongly about this issue, in various degrees and from various perspectives. Letters have been written to the Diamond, there has been e-mail discussion among faculty, and the issue has been brought up in Student Forum every year.

I believe that the current requirement is focused on what is best for Dordt, though it has become outdated and needs to be adapted to better suit the college.

The current requirement

The faculty and staff handbook states that all full-time salaried faculty and staff members are expected to demonstrate their commitment to the mission of the college by:

1. Enrolling their children, when appropriate, in Christian day schools
2. Affiliating with one of the Christian Reformed congregations which actively support the mission of Dordt College

Full-time salaried faculty members are also required to give assent to the three forms of Reformed Christian unity, namely, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dordt.

The policy's history

How has the current requirement served Dordt in the past? Dordt's website states, "Dordt College had its beginning in 1937 with the circulation among midwestern Christian Reformed Churches of proposals and recommendations regarding the establishment of a Christian college." It goes on, "Associated with the Christian Reformed Church, Dordt College was founded in 1955." And today the college e-mail list serves all students who are interested in a biblical, Christ-centered education. President Zylstra said he thought the requirement was formalized in 1966 but essentially had been the practice from the beginning. He acknowledged that no formal rationale was ever given, but said, "the common understanding is that the policy covers a confessionally Reformed church that supports Christian education in general and Dordt College in particular. Through history, that has generally been, in our area, the CRC."" Dordt Diversity on the rise

The CRC has historically been the predominant supporter of Dordt College as well as the predominant reflection of its ideas and goals. However, new denominations have formed and grown since the CRC was founded in 1857. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) and RCUS entered the scene in the early to mid '30s as well as the CRC in 1906. Among new denominations, along with a few others, confessionally reflect the goals of Dordt College just as much as the CRC.

They also have become an ever-increasing supporter, providing both monetary funding and students. Institutional statistics report that the percentage of students affiliated with non-CRC reformed denominations has grown from 11% to almost 20% during the past 10 years while CRC students have declined from 81% to less than 66% during the same time period. In addition, the current draft of the Strategic Plan reports that the CRC "is more theologically diverse than in the past" and that "direct denominational support for Dordt College has declined."

These facts naturally lead to the question, should the current requirement be changed to better reflect this new environment, and if so, how?

Foundation for a new requirement

First, Dordt College has a Statement of Purpose (Educational Task) and a more operational framework document (Educational Framework) that works out the college's educational philosophy and attempts to spell out in its institutions. These should be the foundation of any requirement for faculty and staff. Flowing from these standards, however, is how to define "reformed," such as when the Educational Framework states "Dordt College is an educational institution that takes nearly two years to complete."

Written statements of faith

Each faculty or staff member should be required to provide a written statement of faith. Please "Faculty Membership" on page 4 for rest of story.
College and Marriage

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"My wife and I knew we loved each other. We had our families' blessing and didn't want to wait any longer to be married, so we set a date and got married. I have been married four months and 13 days (how's that for accuracy). I have been married since fall 2002." —Sophomore Kirk Strak

We decided to get married for a number of reasons, but mainly because we felt it was God's will, and Nicole is my best friend. Who wouldn't want to marry someone they loved spending time with?

We got married two years ago, and this is our third year at Dordt.

—Senior Ryan Lane

On November 23rd of this year, I will have been married for two years and counting. It has been one of the best growing experiences for me. Most people would answer your question (as to why I got married when I did) with a simple response along the lines of "because I love him." For me, I married because I feel strongly that that's what God wanted for me at that point in my life. Yes, I fell in love and have continued growing in love ever since.

I have been attending Dordt since the fall of 2002, and because I am married, I feel slightly out of the loop of college life. Sometimes I feel like I'm missing out. However, I will NEVER have to go through each day wondering if the guy sitting next to me in class is interested in me or if I'll ever meet that special someone who will stand beside me for the rest of my life because I have already found my soul-mate; I have Ryan. So do I ever regret getting married at age 19? Never.

—Sophomore Tiffany Postma

I have been at Dordt now for four and a half years (finishing my fifth year now). I chose to get married because my husband and I had become best friends, began a "deeper relationship" and decided that to begin our married life together now was wiser than waiting until we graduate.

As we've already been asked, no, we didn't get tuition and that wasn't even a thought when we decided to get married.

—Senior Anastasia Anderson

Agriculture Stewardship Center serves Dordt students, faculty and community

The Agriculture Stewardship Center (ASC) is a learning resource for students, faculty, and community members. Located on a 162-acre site two miles north of the main Dordt College campus, the ASC is made up of 60 acres of cropland, a 58-acre grazing system, 12 acres of wetland and natural areas, a 60-cow dairy, and several research and demonstration projects. Primarily, Agriculture, Biology, and Environmental studies majors at Dordt use the center. More than 15 courses offered by the Agriculture department make use of the ASC.

The following are the objectives of the Agriculture Stewardship Center as they appear on the Agricultural Department's web page:

- Provide students and faculty with an opportunity to care for God's creation.
- Enable students to gain practical agricultural experience.
- Accommodate a diverse array of domestic and native plant and animal species.
- Operate plant and animal production systems in a sustainable manner.
- Support student and faculty research projects.

- Share information with the public through field days and other means.

The ASC has a field day annually. The event provides a number of opportunities for students, local farmers, and members of the Sioux Center community to observe the ongoing ASC research projects and to admire the results of experiments conducted the previous year. Both Dordt College and the Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI), a non-profit farmer-member organization, sponsor the field days.

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About 12 work-study students are employed there each year. They are involved in the day-to-day operation of the dairy, including milking and feeding. They also rear animals and participate in field crop production. The staff of the ASC is made up of Wesley Jamison (ASC Director), Mike Schouten, (ASC Steward), and Dan De Vries (ASC intern). Wesley Jamison is also a faculty member in the Agriculture department at Dordt. A small number of students serve in supervisory roles as well.

CRC Membership: A realistic proposal (cont. from page 3)

outlining his or her personal beliefs regarding the Reformed Confessions, summarized in The Three Forms of Unity (Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dordt), and/or The Westminster Standards (The Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms). This statement should be updated on a 3-5 year basis, in conjunction with faculty review processes, to ensure a continued submission to these confessions.

List of Reformed Churches

Finally, Reformed churches should be identified that support the mission of the college as well as Christian education, as outlined by the previous two standards. Faculty should then be required to attend one of these churches. Exemptions should only be granted with regard to this third requirement, and then only by the Board on an individual basis (i.e. new churches forming in the area, faculty who wish to home school their children).

A realistic proposal

I want to believe that Dordt would welcome back committed students, like myself, as faculty members later on in life, and as ardent supporters of its mission and philosophy, without our URC, OPC, RCUS, etc. denominational memberships becoming an issue. But this issue is bigger than us. This issue affects every student here, CRC students as well. It is important that Dordt not miss out on any more exceptional faculty like Dr. Scott Quarto. As a member of the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), Dr. Quarto applied for an exemption to the CRC membership requirement a couple years ago. The board denied this request and he subsequently left Dordt College, citing the requirement as "the single biggest reason in [his] decision" (Oct. 20, 2003).

The requirements I have outlined, in contrast to the current requirements, will better accomplish the goals and mission of Dordt College. However, my proposal must go hand-in-hand with a strong program to maintain our current perspective, including but not limited to, an extensive hiring procedure that screens potential candidates with respect to Christian perspective in all areas of life, a rigorous faculty orientation process (something that Prof. Calvin Jongema is presently directing), and a meaningful review process of faculty by the Faculty Status Committee. These continued actions will protect the integrity of the institutional mission without discouraging or losing faculty that hold to this mission with Reformed non-CRC denominations.

Other Reformed Christian colleges use similar requirements to the one I am proposing, though they are not always as extensive. Trinity Christian College, Reformed Bible College, and Covenant Christian College evaluate faculty on a denominational basis, a statement of faith, or both. None of these require specific denominational membership.

A call to action

The Dordt College Board of Trustees should consider this as they look into changing the current requirements. You and I as students need to get involved and make our needs known to the Board and administration. Together, we can help make Dordt College a more faithful Reformed Christian institution —this year and for many years to come.
A group of senior girls keep busy highlighting students' names in their 'Bod Book.' The girls use different colors for different levels of relationships and make updates daily.

Highlighting Dordt's reputation as place of marriage

Unofficial 'Bod Book' statistics reveal that 31 percent of Dordt College undergraduates have a significant other.

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For a group of girls in Southview, making changes to their "Bod Book" is an everyday occurrence.

When the "Bod Books" were distributed this year, the girls decided to highlight names throughout the entire book, using colors to represent different levels of relationships. Students were highlighted yellow if known to be in a dating relationship. Others were highlighted pink if they were engaged. Still others received a purple highlight if they were married. The "Bod Book" now resides in a dating relationship. Others received a purple highlight if they were married. The "Bod Book" now resides on one of their two coffee tables and usually serves as a conversation starter. Sometimes fellow students stop by to look at the book or to update it with new information. The girls said the book often receives updates on a daily basis.

"We made a few changes last night," said one of the senior girls, whose name appears in the "Bod Book." Without any highlighting. "There was a guy we had over for dinner, and he started talking about his girlfriend, so we grabbed the "Bod Book.""

Practically ever since Dordt College began in 1955, the college has had a reputation for being a place to get married. After all, in addition to seemingly constant campus discussion of Dordt walks, "Bod Book" games, and the senior scramble, Dordt appropriately named its newspaper the DIAMOND.

Despite the reputation, the number of married students on campus is not as high as some might expect. According to a recent "Bod Book" census, 85 of 1288 "Bod Book" students are married, totaling 6.6 percent. Official statistics from registrar Jim Bos on the percentage of married Dordt students was unavailable at press time. In addition, 5.3 percent of the student body is engaged.

"The numbers seem kind of low," said Hannah Groenenboom, a freshman from Oskaloosa, Iowa. "You hear all about the married people a lot. It seems that everyone who comes to Dordt ends up married or with someone at Dordt." Unofficial "Bod Book" statistics also reveal that approximately 31 percent of the campus is committed to a dating relationship, a number many students might expect to rise due to "senior scrambling activities." However, some students aren't convinced the scramble truly exists.

"It's a definite laughing point for seniors," said Bobbie Schouten, a senior from Sioux Center. "There's probably enough attempts and enough talk to keep the reputation, but as far as actual hook-ups, I don't think there's enough to call it a scramble. I think it's just scary for seniors to think of going into the real world by themselves. They don't know if they can find quality people somewhere else like they can here at Dordt."

Although senior relationships receive the most recognition, the search for a suitable partner often begins within the first couple weeks of students' freshman year.

"It was kind of crazy," Groenenboom said. "Everyone was just scrambling. I heard one story about a guy who had a relationship after two or three weeks. He kept going off on how happy he was. He was just so happy. Then, about two weeks later it was over, and she was going out with somebody else." Both Schouten and Groenenboom reminded their fellow students to not feel pressured to enter a dating relationship, even with Dordt's reputation. They advised students to get involved in activities and spend time with friends.

"I think by not dating, I've had an excellent social life by meeting a lot of people," Schouten said. "I have a great relationship with my roommates that's not affected by boys, and I've had more opportunities for services and to become involved on campus.""A lot of students are OK with not dating, but you're going to have a mix everywhere," Groenenboom added. "I just think if all you focus on is finding a guy, then you'll probably be so busy looking that you'll probably miss the person who's looking for you."
This Time Around
by Andrew J. Hoeksema

You never know when words might come your way
You never know when night might turn to day
To black and white from shades of gray
Life comes out different than what they say
From photo to negative to life
From death to blood to knife
One day walking crawling birth
The next stars darkness earth
To black and white from shades of gray
Life comes out different than what they say
You never know when words might come your way
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Space Jam!
NISO presents “Planets” at Fall Concert

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Editor

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) will open the season with their Fall Concert “A Fantastical Music Journey” in the B. J. Haan Auditorium this Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 PM. A special children’s concert will be given at 1:30 PM.

The concert will start rolling with Haydn’s 104th Symphony. Yes, it’s true. Haydn wrote 104 symphonies—but not a note more. The 104th, also known as “The London Symphony,” was his last—some say his best.

Second we hear from the Englishman Frederick Delius in his “The Walk to the Paradise Garden,” a colorful piece featuring the English horn and muted strings. Then comes a real treat—a rendition of “Evening Prayer” by the German composer Humperdinck. Despite the inexplicable weirdness of the composer’s name, “Evening Prayer” is an enchanting, mellow piece of work, one covered by classical singing sensation Charlotte Church in her debut album “Voice of an Angel.” The talented sisters Jessica (13) and Marni (12) Shoemaker will perform this timeless melody, taken from the opera “Hansel and Gretel,” with their father Vance, NISO’s principal trombone.

“The Planets,” by Gustav Holst will wrap things up for the night. All 100 players will be on stage for this song, including the 2 piccolos, alto flute, bass clarinet, 3 oboes and English horn, 3 bassoons and contrabassoon, 6 horns, 5 trumpets, euphonium and tuba, 6 timpani played by 2 players, 2 harps and the organ—not including most of the string section.

Merry-go-round
The Strokes – Room On Fire (RCA, 2003)

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Over two years have passed since the Strokes unfurled their debut masterpiece, Is This It?, on the unsuspecting world of rag-rock, pop-punk, and diesel fueled breakbeats. Since then, the music industry has jumped expecting world of rap-rock, pop-punk, and punk-prog fans to face it, they may look like they haven’t showered in weeks, but Julian Casablancas and Co’s uncanny sense for hooks, melody, and musical history.

Room On Fire draws on the melancholic propensity and adding Casablancas’s characteristic, subdued energy to form a cohesive mixture of seductive, slack-jawed vocals, angular riffs, and energetic choruses. “What Ever Happened” starts the album off in familiar territory, opening quickly a with typical vocal fluctuations, breaking into vocal and melodic harmony as the chorus bursts into full gear. Songs like “12-51” and “The End Has No End” incorporate warm, bubbly synths into the mix, taking as much from Weezer and The Beach Boys as The Velvets and The Strokes. “Under Control” sounds like a long forgotten Kinks track, solemn, subtle, and unobtrusive. “I Can’t Win” starts off slowly as Casablancas’s monotonous vocals take customary form, soon paying homage to Tom Petty and Bob Dylan’s chords bordering on rockabilly—not far from something that would be played at Maw and Paw’s annual square dance or Buck’s booze shack.

All in all, Room On Fire succeeds on a wholistic level, but the songs are not as individually solid or memorable as their debut. The Strokes are at their best when they are experimenting and toying with new ideas. They have proven that they have the capability to write a million Is This Its (while still moderately successful, songs like “Reptilia”, “The Way It Is”, and “Automatic Stop” come off as somewhat derivative), but the strengths of this album are the subtle surprises.
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A Day in the Life...of Mike Byker

Jacque Scoby
Sports Page Editor

When most people think of Mike Byker, they automatically think, "Yeah, he's the guy who does games on the radio." But there's more to being Mike Byker than just being the "radio man."

Consider this. Byker, who doubles as the Sports Information Director at Dordt College and as the Sports Director for KDCR, is on the air every morning at 7:45 for the first sports broadcast of the day. This is broadcast from his home, which gives him a little more time with his family in the mornings.

Then it's off to his office in the rec center around 9:00 for an hour of the daily "to do" list. Anything from roster prep to updating the web page is included on this list. Next comes two hours of on-air time at KDCR followed by a recording session of another sports segment to be used at 12:45.

Lunch hour is spent in the weight room working out. Then it's back to the office for another round of the "to do" list—more answering phone messages and emails, writing press releases, statistics gathering, writing programs for upcoming home games and the works. Byker also records another sportscast for the radio station to use at 2:45 and 5:45.

Oh, and today is game day, so Byker is also busy in the gym setting up his equipment for the game, or if it's a road game, gathering up his equipment and traveling with the team. Game time means two hours or more on the air with the play-by-play followed by more traveling back to Dordt, stats work after the game, and filling out the next day's list of things to do.

It's midnight and the day is finally over. By now it's dark outside, his truck is cold, and there's still the drive home. Tomorrow, Mike Byker will be back on the airwaves at 7:45 and another day is off and running.

Byker somewhat likes his day-to-day experiences as an SID to those of an athlete. There is the daily "practice" routine, which follows a less rigid schedule. Although there is work that must get done, the time constraints are much more relaxed.

Game days are more intense. Just as an athlete prepares physically for games, Byker has to do the same thing mentally and emotionally. But, as Byker says, "the part on the radio is actually the easy part for me, simply because that's what I've done for the longest amount of time."

Although being on the air is the easy part for Byker, it's not always the perfect part. The daily grind also contributes to fatigue, physically, mentally and emotionally. Some weeks have up to four game days in six days, particularly in November when the volleyball and both basketball teams have games.

That's where the summer comes in. After a full eight months of being in season, so to speak, Byker uses the summer months to recharge. He's still on the air at KDCR and he's still in his office updating programs and web pages, but it's mostly off-season training. August comes around again, and it's back to the airwaves, saying "...from the DeWit Gymnasium, this is Mike Byker. Good night, everyone!"

Defender teammates Peter Anderson and Luke Ruter watch as the ball falls through the net at last week's game vs. Peru State. The Defenders won 89-71. Their record now stands at 2-0, while the Lady Defenders are 1-0.

Quick Hits

Where did all the fans go?

Jacque Scoby
Sports Page Editor

I noticed something at the gym last week. Or rather, I noticed something missing.

Fans. And more specifically, student fans.

Dordt has a history of showing up for sporting events—at least some of them. Guys' basketball games and volleyball games are the yearly favorites. Last week, I'd like to believe, was the exception.

At both the volleyball and basketball games last week, I saw only a fraction of the usual students filling the stands. Which begs the question, where did everyone go? The parent/community side of the gym was far more enthusiastic about what was going on than the student side.

Don't get me wrong here, I'm glad we have so many parents that come to cheer on our athletic teams. And the support this college receives from the community is nothing short of phenomenal. Both should get a standing ovation.

However, student support at the games is also important. It's the students that provide part of the atmosphere for the game. Last week, the lack of student support was definitely noticeable.

Granted, I realize some students just can't make themselves be sports enthusiasts, and I have nothing against them for that. And there are meetings or classes or other circumstances that prevent others from coming, and that's also understandable. But I know for a fact that even with meetings and classes and those who just don't get into the games that we can still fill the gym.

The Dordt College men's basketball team is off to a 2-0 start. The women are 1-0. They need you. The volleyball team is ranked seventh in the nation. They need you. It's only a couple of dollars to go watch. (Free if you go to the basketball games.) And if you can honestly convince me that $2 will put you in debt, call me. I'll make sure you get in the stands.

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