Ecologist visits campus.

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What are you doing for Spring Break? Take a look at the picture poll.

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by Laura Apol

News Page Editor

In another attempt to bring the campuses of Dordt and Northwestern together, select students from both colleges were matched up in “The Dating Game.”

The stage scene was a 70s living room including a love seat, chair, and what looked to be flowery wallpaper. A divider separated the people who asked questions from the bachelor/bachelorette so that the results would be an actual blind date. How they answered the questions would be the basis for who was chosen for the date, according to the asker’s standards.

Jodi Ribbens was the first Dordt bachelorette to choose a Northwestern date. She asked each potential date a series of questions.

The lucky guy ended up being Bachelor #1, and Jodi was greeted with a hug and a $20 gift certificate at TGI Fridays.

by Mitch Beaumont

Assistant Editor

“Get out now! This is a fire alarm and we aren’t sure if there is really a fire.” Those were the words that Covenant Hall residents woke up to early Sunday morning, February 27.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. the alarm went off, and some 10-20 firefighters, a few paramedics and one policeman responded to assist campus security in the evacuation and investigation. A cold night sky greeted the students as they struggled out one by one. Many were unprepared for the near hour wait they had to endure before being allowed back into the building.

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Ecologist calls us to be creatures of virtue

by Marty Christians

Guest Writer

In a world of finitude, what is to keep the human race from becoming "belly-god"? What is keeping us from divulging ourselves in the empty pleasure and wealth which is so abundant in our American culture? With world human population increasing exponentially, with the extinction of "one species every eight hours", and with massive deforestation practices for human developmental purposes, what is a person to do?

According to Dr. Bouma-Prediger, associate director of religion at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, this is the wrong question to be asking. Dr. Bouma-Prediger, who was sponsored both by Dordt and Northwestern colleges, spent four days, from February 20 to February 23, developing a better question. His suggestion is that we must, instead of asking what we should do, simply ask the question of "who we are called to be" as Christian caretakers of God's creation. In his public lecture on Tuesday night in C-160, he proposed that the shape of our ecological obedience should be mandated by our own conduct which affirms our character. He stated that our moral virtues are formed by our behaviors and that these moral virtues are manifested through our excellence of character. In other words, we, as Christians, are commanded by our Creator to act in a way which would be pleasing to Him. Since it is He who molded us from the earth, we must live a life of virtue, not succumbing to a life of pleasure and wealth but to, instead, achieve excellence through contemplation. In a world of finitude, where human-induced ecological disasters occur on a regular basis without much protest, who am I, as a Christian, to be? Dr. Bouma-Prediger calls us to be creatures of virtue, to act out of humility, self-restraint, wisdom, justice, frugality, love, and hope, and to do what is right. We must, then, avoid "belly-godliness" and seek righteousness and justice in our duty as Christian caretakers of God's creation.

In closing, Dr. Bouma-Prediger encouraged Dordt College by saying that we "have done a good job with our Environmental Studies department" and he urges us to keep building in our call to be faithful caretakers of God's creation.

Dr. Moes to teach at Calvin

by Laura Apol

News Page Editor

Dr. Paul Moes announced that he will be accepting a teaching position at Calvin College after 18 years of teaching at Dordt. His new position will be similar to his duties here in the psychological area. Moes' graduate school programs were heavily rooted in research, and his goal after graduation was to pursue research positions. After receiving a recommendation to teach psychology at Dordt, his new position will be at Calvin College.

Moes' original intention was a short-term teaching position at Dordt, but it turned out to be an 18-year stay. His research is in his specialized field, and he has published research on areas such as memory and learning. Moes has been especially supportive of the Psychology Department at Dordt.

Dr. Moes will take with him many memories of Dordt. He especially enjoys watching the students able to move on either to grad school or into the workforce. Many students, after leaving Dordt, have gone on to become successful in their careers.

Vanden Bosch to retire after 32 years

by David Schaa

A & E Page Editor

When the academic year of 1999-2000 ends, the Dordt College community will say goodbye to a faithful professor of English, Dr. Mike Vanden Bosch, and welcome Dr. Mary Dengler who will fill his absence. Vanden Bosch has been working at Dordt since 1966, providing his expertise in areas of poetry, and later British and American literature. During his years of teaching, Van Den Bosch helped extend the English curriculum with such classes as Reading and Writing Poetry, as well as Film and Novel. Dengler will pick up some of Vanden Bosch's classes such as Modern British Literature and American Literature II.

Also, she is expected to teach other classes such as English Novel, World Literature, and 19th Century English Novel. Dengler's area of expertise. Dr. Dengler will be leaving her job at Dordt to present and discuss events on campus and beyond. Any letters, comments, or opinions are welcome. Contributions must be received before 3:00 p.m. the Monday before publication to be printed in this issue.
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Although a typical stereotype of a social worker may be a secular Department of Health and Human services worker trying to take away a family's child, social work involves many different aspects ranging from caring for the elderly to lobbying for social justice within the legislature. Because of the wide range of jobs, social work deals with issues of human life near and possibly dear to the hearts of almost everyone.

When talking to people around campus about the issues/problems of social work and social services, I discovered that many people are initially responsive to the harm of the profession and its controversies, which in turn tends to cast a negative light on it. Most students initially raised comments of those who abuse the welfare system, and of the problems social workers cause when they take kids out of their homes.

Some thought that while social workers hearts may be going in the right direction, they were causing more problems than helping, often due to inadequate training and knowledge.

Social work, as in other fields, does have a number of faults. We live in a broken world, where sin pervades all of our actions and decisions. There are many positive aspects that social workers bring to society.

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During the concert, Acappella encouraged the audience members to be themselves as God sees them. "Take the mask off," said one member. "Don't worry, no one is judging you but God. Can you see yourself?"

The masks that he was talking about were the ones that keep Christians feeling dirty, afraid, and ashamed in the face of God. But after removing those masks, "God will take you and use you because He loves you," he said.

Acappella ended their concert and left the stage with loud cheers from the crowd, but came back to do two encore songs.

Professor Quatro joins Blades as coach

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Enjoy being a student
by Sarah Eekhoff

Editor

"Where are you going?" I asked my roommate as she dragged into her room two minutes after we had finished supper.

"Work," she replied shortly.

"Again?" I asked. "Didn't you work yesterday? And the day before?"

"Yeah," she sighed. "And I have no idea when I am going to get my research paper done."

In 1973, only 36% of full-time college students, ages 16 to 24, were employed. These numbers jumped up to 46% in 1993. One-fourth of these students are working at least 20 hours per week, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

What does this mean? Obviously, more and more college students are attempting to balance employment with education. Is it working?

The National Center for Education Statistics thinks so. "Workplace exposure can help students prepare for future, full-time employment," they claim. However, they also admit that employment may have some negative impact on students' school experience and on their study time, especially if too much time is spent at work.

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However, holding down a job while attending classes can also be detrimental to their educational health. Most of the jobs held by college students require a low level of skill. For example, I am a waitress and although I love my job, it does not stretch my mind. Beyond testing my memory of the customers' drink orders, I am not challenged. My job also does not prepare me for the careers that college students want to go into.

Another difficulty with low skill level jobs is that they usually are not highly motivational. Many of my fellow employees at Perkins Family Restaurant and Bakery are high school and college students working during the summer and over breaks to make it through school. The rest are middle-aged ladies who are uncomfortable with the thought of being waitresses for the rest of their lives. Both of these groups complain about management's treatment of fellow employees, and the work in general. Obviously, Perkins is not on the list of the 10 most desirable places to work, and I doubt many of your summer jobs are either. For that reason, morale is often low, and a bad attitude tends to be a problem.

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AMOR reaches out in Haiti and Nicaragua: evangelizing despite language barrier

by Allison De Jong
Staff Writer

Over Spring Break, two dozen Dordt students will be participating in AMOR (A Mission Outreach), flying overseas to work in Haiti and Nicaragua.

Dan Altena, AMOR's coordinator for the past four years, and Professor Apol are taking 12 students to Nicaragua; this team will be working at the Rancho Ebenezer, an hour away from the capital city of Managua. Rancho Ebenezer is a farm to which the local people can come in order to learn how to best use their land and care for their animals. This year, AMOR is beginning construction on a classroom building for these farmers.

On the weekends, the team will probably go sightseeing, as well as attend worship services in Managua. Worshiping together with the Nicaraguan Christians is one way the group will witness to the people. Evangelism is made more difficult by the language barrier, but as Altena says, "The day-to-day interaction of working alongside the Nicaraguans is a powerful witness."

The second AMOR team will be building an infant home in Cap-Haitien, a city of 175,000 people on Haiti’s northern coast. This group of nine students is working under an organization called Children of the Promise, of which senior Travis Bonnema’s parents are a part.

The Haiti team will be doing evangelism as well as construction. They plan on showing “The Jesus Film” on a couple of nights, and then doing a follow-up. Also, every team member will have the opportunity to give his or her testimony through means of an interpreter. This part of the project can be a little scary; as Bonnema says, “I think people are most excited and most nervous about evangelism, but it’s an incredible experience.”

Going on AMOR costs about $1500. Most of the support is raised through letter-writing, although AMOR does have fundraisers as well. The price may seem high, but it’s worth the cost. Altena says, “I definitely encourage anyone to go on it, even if they’re not interested in missions; it’s good to get into another culture, to step out of North America. For a lot of kids it’s a life-changing event.”

Housing process underway

by Rose Ann Vander Wal
Staff Writer

Every spring all Dordt students team up through Dordt’s housing process. This can be confusing as well as nerve wracking, but it does have to be there are just three steps.

First, students will receive a packet of information about housing. It was put out on the first of March. The packet will contain information on Dordt’s point system as well as a housing sign up card. Students need to group together the correct number of roommates for the living situation they plan to apply for.

The next step is to turn in the completed housing form along with a hundred-dollar deposit for every group member. The business office is tentatively scheduling groups to accept these applications and deposits starting on March 22.

The actual selection of rooms is the last step, and it occurs on two different days. Apartment sign ups are tentatively scheduled for the 29th of March, and dorm sign ups will be held most likely on the 3rd of April.

The order in which students pick their rooms is determined by the point system and lottery. The group with the most points is automatically at the head of the list for sign ups. Points are determined by high school graduation dates. Freshmen don’t have any points and Seniors get six. Groups with the same number of points are determined by a lottery. Nancy Hiebelen assists Altena in this process, and they use a bingo chip to assure absolute fairness. The sign up order is posted in the SUB.

Many people often complain that the housing process is unfair. But according to Altena this is not true because it is done randomly with seniority. Altena said, “(She) does the best with what she has.” She says that the best way to go about the housing process is to follow the rules. Students who read the information and follow the guidelines usually have no problems.

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by Tricia S. Van Ee
Features Page Editor

While many students will be participating in PTLA, competing in sporting events, or traveling home during spring break, the 49 members of Concert Choir and their director, Dr. Ben Kornelis, will be spending March 9-19 performing throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Montana, and South Dakota.

The choir alternates between spring break and Christmas break tours with the Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra each year. Last Christmas break, Concert Choir traveled South to Texas, Dordt sends its large musical ensembles on tours such as these to connect with its constituents. The college’s support base is so widespread that most of its constituents cannot make it to Sioux Center to attend a concert; the musical ensembles in essence being part of Dordt to them.

Concert Choir will be performing over 20 pieces at school assemblies, church services, and church concerts. Kantorei, the select 17-voice a capella group, will also be performing several pieces, directed by both Dr. Kornelis and student director Andrew Compton.

Kornelis says that touring has several benefits for the choir, the primary one being musical. In preparing this vast amount of music, the choir rehearses each piece so thoroughly that they develop a sense of ensemble they would not otherwise be able to achieve. Also, the many hours choir members spend together on the bus helps them to get to know each other extremely well, thus they feel much more comfortable singing together. Kornelis also said that the anticipation of a tour is encouragement for the choir to work hard all year.

Concert Choir and Kantorei will be giving a pre-tour concert Saturday, March 4, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Le Mars, and will also give a Home Concert at Dordt Friday, March 24.
**Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra performs winter concert**

by Andrea Voogt
Staff Writer

The Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra performed their winter concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the afternoon of February 27. The Concert Band performed five pieces, including The Florentiner by Fucik, Colonial Song by Grainger, Thru Do You Fare, My Jesus by Bach, Scenes from the Louvre by Dello Joio, and Concerto for Trumpet by Haydn. The Concert featured trumpet player was Craig Broek, a senior who is majoring in Communication. The Chamber Orchestra performed three pieces, including Haydn's Heartwounds by Grieg, Symphonie No. 12 in E Major by Haydn, and Concerto in d minor for Two Oboes by Vivaldi. Sophomore Hill Starchenbug and Ken Elgersma performed a duet in accompaniment with the Concerto in d minor for Two Oboes.

The winter concert also featured a special performance of Serenade (Opus 44) by Dvorak by a select group of woodwinds and strings, including oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, and double bass. After the concert, conductor Henry Duitman commented, "I think it went very well. We had some really great music, and we did our best."

**Dr. Duitman directs the Concert Band at the winter concert on February 27.**

**Alumni art show now featured in galleries**

Photographs from nine Dordt College alumni are on display in both of Dordt's art galleries. The exhibit will run through March 18 in the mezzanine art gallery in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and the new art gallery located near the C-160 lecture hall in the main classroom building.

Featured in the exhibit are black and white photographs as well as colored pictures and photos that have been artificially enhanced or combined with lithography for a surreal effect. Nature is one of the main subjects captured by the photographers, but there are also pictures of people, man-made structures and still-life. One of the photographers even combined pottery with a bright, yet simple photo of tulips. One of the photographers even combined pottery with a bright, yet simple photo of tulips.

**Double Image, by Helena Geels**

Center or Orange City, but some hail from as far away as South Dakota and Wyoming. The B.J. Haan Auditorium art gallery is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and also during evening hours in the auditorium. The exhibit in the classroom building art gallery is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to view the work on display.

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**Counting Crows—they're no teen heartthrob**

by John Hansen
Staff Writer

Over the last nine years, the Counting Crows have only released three albums. In this amount of time, most bands would have put out 5 or 6. These verses have allowed the Crows to weed out the true fans from those just looking for another radio hit. Adam Duritz has been named one of the best songwriters of the decade. Because he pours all of his feelings and emotions into the lyrics it usually takes several listenings to understand them. Duritz truly expresses desire and longing, weary from the trip, but with the strength to keep going. Over the past decade, the Counting Crows have established themselves as an excellent blues/rock band, and their fall '99 release only confirms it.

The Crows newest release, This Desert Life, is definitely better than Recovering the Satellites, and it gives August and Everything After a run for its money. This disc is full of life, but only one single, "Hangin' Around" is the catchy upbeat song that gets the radio play. From this first song on the disc, the beat drops down, and the emotions rise. Duritz and band referred to the second track, "Mrs. Potter's Lullaby", as the "best song they have ever written." This track definitely contains one of the best lines on the album, "I dream I never knew anyone at the party, and I'm always the host."

Another lyrical high occurs toward the middle of the disk with the song "Colorblind," which is also found on the Creed Intention soundtrack. In this song, Duritz laments his loss of attention to the world around him, and his need to be brought back to reality. The stirring piano melody (taken from Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata") combined with heart touching lyrics, makes this one of greatest Crows songs to date.

Following "Colorblind" is yet another amazing song. It takes some guts to entitle a song "I wish I was a Girl," but Duritz pulls it off. Through explaining the difficulties of being able to express feelings as a man, this song is both up-tempo and thoughtful. After the last track, "St. Robinson and His Cadillacs Dream" there are a solid 3 minutes of silence. Opposing tradition, the hidden track found here is an amazing song. This Rolling Stones-style rock song kicks off a bit of the tranquility found on the majority of the disc. Duritz advises listeners to hang on to the ideals of love, friendship and fun.

The Counting Crows stuck with the style they started with in the beginning, and they made it work for them again. Despite some mellow and almost depressive lyrics, the album does have its light. All of these factors that make the Crows who they are and give them a style of their own. This album is sure to be enjoyed by any old fan or new listener. Don't be worried if you don't get much from it the first time around, it may take a few spins. Once this disk catches your ear, you won't be able to take it out of your CD player.

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**"The Normals" return to Dordt's Campus**

by Ryan Vande Kraats
Staff Writer

The Student Activities Committee has sponsored another concert. "The Normals," a Christian pop/rock/alternative band from Illinois, will be appearing in the B.J. Haan auditorium on March 25, and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the band.

Some of you may recall that the Normals were a part of the concert last year that featured All-Star United and Silage. It is my opinion that the Normals had the most compelling show of the three bands that played, and I would argue that they are one of the more talented Christian acts that I have listened to. I am reluctant to make comparisons of who they sound like, but for the sake of this article I will. I suppose they sound sort of like Jars of Clay, but are more interesting, and have more energy. I really enjoy their first CD entitled "Better Than This."

The band consists of three principle members and a drummer that changes occasionally. Mark Osempa is in charge of singing and playing guitar, and keyboards. Mark Lockett also sings and plays a variety of guitars and is very good-he does a bunch of cool stuff with effects, like Edge from U2, or Tom Morello from Rage Against the Machine. And finally, Clayton Daily plays the bass guitar, the cello on a few songs, and sings back up as well. All of these guys are from Normal, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and have since moved to Nashville, where they live and work.

So, as a member of S.A.C., and a supporter of Dordt concerts, I would encourage all of you to check these guys out. One of the photographers even combined pottery with a bright, yet simple photo of tulips. Vanessa Bartels ('91), Helena Geels ('96), Sue Helma ('83), Michelle Hofer ('96), Ellen Moww ('88), April Van Rys (has taken art courses), Melynda Van Zee ('97), and Sharyl Wieland ('89) are the exhibitors. Many of them live in Sioux

**Double Image, by Helena Geels**

Center or Orange City, but some hail from as far away as South Dakota and Wyoming. The B.J. Haan Auditorium art gallery is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and also during evening hours in the auditorium. The exhibit in the classroom building art gallery is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to view the work on display.

**Dr. Duitman directs the Concert Band at the winter concert on February 27.**

**Alumni art show now featured in galleries**

Photographs from nine Dordt College alumni are on display in both of Dordt's art galleries. The exhibit will run through March 18 in the mezzanine art gallery in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and the new art gallery located near the C-160 lecture hall in the main classroom building.

Featured in the exhibit are black and white photographs as well as colored pictures and photos that have been artificially enhanced or combined with lithography for a surreal effect. Nature is one of the main subjects captured by the photographers, but there are also pictures of people, man-made structures and still-life. One of the photographers even combined pottery with a bright, yet simple photo of tulips. Vanessa Bartels ('91), Helena Geels ('96), Sue Helma ('83), Michelle Hofer ('96), Ellen Moww ('88), April Van Rys (has taken art courses), Melynda Van Zee ('97), and Sharyl Wieland ('89) are the exhibitors. Many of them live in Sioux
Dordt Blades comes to an end

by Janelle Saarloos

The Dordt Blades finished up this year's hockey season on the weekend of February, 18 and 19. Perhaps they did not win as many games as they had hoped, but the Blades vastly improved their season's record from last year, winning four games as opposed to none in 1998-99.

The 1999-2000 season was characterized by a strong offense. The Blades roster included many players who could consistently put the pack in the net. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Blades this year was defense, in spite of excellent goaltending by both Hoogland and Gaullarme. Overall, their performance was admirable.

When asked what the high-light of the season were, Dordt Blades captain Josh Vande Kraats mentioned the game against Des Moines College Hockey Club. Though the Blades lost 5-4, Vande Kraats believed it was the best home game the Blades had played in two years.

This year's team consisted of many talented freshmen which makes for a bright future in Dordt Blades hockey. However, they by no means overshadowed the upperclassmen who brought leadership, experience and heart to the game.

When asked to speculate on the 2000-2001 season, Vande Kraats responded, "I think that next year will be a good year for the Blades. We have gained the experience we need, found a coach to run the show and motivate the guys to play hard, and we are only losing one player to graduation." The Blades have not yet announced the MVP for the season. This will be done at the annual hockey banquet on Saturday, March 4.

As for all the loyal fans of the Dordt Blades, including myself, we all hold a special place in our hearts for each player who fearlessly and constantly gave their all in the name of hockey this year. We are all proud of you guys and thanks for a fun and exciting season!

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Feb. 17
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Leading Scorers: Eric Maas - 19
Neal Bremmen - 12
Leading Rebounders: Shawn DeStigter - 4
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Randy Oostra - 4
Adam Van Meeteren - 4
Feb. 19
vs. Huron* 75 - 79
Leading Scorers: Michael Ribbens - 13
Randy Oostra - 12
Eric Maas - 11
Leading Rebounders: Randy Oostra - 9
Adam Van Meeteren - 9
Feb. 23
vs. Sioux Falls 63 - 69
Leading Scorers: Carla Geleynse - 20
Serena Van Beek - 17
Marlene Van Wingerden - 10
Leading Rebounders: Kelli Holwerda - 8
Carla Geleynse - 6
Feb. 19
vs. Huron 88 - 69
Leading Scorers: Carla Geleynse - 24
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SDIC Indoor Championship Meet @ Dordt
Feb. 19, 2000
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1st place finishes:
Amanda De Krony - 100m
Jill Stardenberg - pole vault
Erica Ton - triple jump
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Rebecca Demarest, Loralee Bykerk, Tabitha

by Rachelle VanderWerff

Men's baseball heads to Florida

by Angie VanEssen

Guest Writer

The year 2000 has arrived and the Dordt softball team is up and ready. The outlook of the team is great. The team consists of two Seniors, Caral Geleynse and Marlene Van Wingerden, which the team will look to for positive leadership and seniority, one Junior, seven Sophomores and five freshmen. This year the team defense and pitching staff will be the strength. As long as the team comes prepared and ready to play, the year shall be a successful one. The season opener will begin in Salina, Kansas on the 10th of March during spring break. Come out and support your Defender softball team and experience an exciting season!

by Jocelyn Van Beek

Sports Page Editor

On March 9-17, 43 of Dordt's track participants will be heading to San Antonio, Texas to tryout the running and field events. The team will leave Dordt on March 9-17, tryout the running and field events and take a bus to Texas where they will be heading to San Antonio, Texas. Their second meet will be on March 15 against Southwest Kansas College in Winfield, Kansas. While the team is there, they will be practicing, competing, sightseeing, and also taking part in a service project. The team will work at the Salvation Army in San Antonio for the service project. They will be staying in homes in San Antonio. Some Dordt students are providing their homes—Sara de Boon and Elizabeth Hartwell. There are also two churches, the Orthodox Presbyterian and PCA, that have host families to house these students. They will be working hard while down there and be enjoying a great experience as well.

The Dordt Blades finished up their baseball season on the weekend of February 26. The Blades were able to participate in two track meets. They will be heading to San Antonio, Texas to tryout the running and field events. The team will leave Dordt on March 9-17, tryout the running and field events and take a bus to Texas where they will be heading to San Antonio, Texas. Their second meet will be on March 15 against Southwest Kansas College in Winfield, Kansas.

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Young but experienced softball girls look forward to season
News Briefs
by Jen Hoogeveen
Staff Writer

Diamond lookback
Historical headlines and quotes from past March issues

1959
- "Dordt's First Tangible Basketball Award"
- "1961 Dordt Choir Begins Tour April 15th"
- "1962 Dordt Expands Facilities" - "Construction on this new $85,000 Dordt College Music and Administrative Building will get under way as soon as the frost is out of the ground"

1963
- "Skaters Waltz To Sandy Hollow"
- "1964 Drama-Music Extravaganza Is Set For Tonight"
- "1965 The New dining hall is shrouded in blood-red tape-entries which cast a red base over the furniture when the drapes are drawn. It is not true that an attempt was made to duplicate the seventh room in The Magazine of the Red Death since the furniture is blond rather than ebony."

1966 - "Dordt Evolves New Center" - "Actually, it is both unfair and erroneous to call the new commons the Great Spoon. Reportedly, the silverware is untouched by human hands when it is washed. It is supposedly cleaner now than it was when dined with semi-clean utensils.

- "Participation In Sports Grows" - "Meetings were called to determine the student body's interest in baseball and track and field. A sufficient number of boys showed up for baseball, and Dordt will have a baseball team in the spring."

1967 - "Dordt Sets Up Weather Station"
- "Dordt Receives Finances for New Phys. Ed. Plant"
- "Football In The Commons"
- "1968 Toppins Turn The Tables" - "During this week the girls were required to carry books, open doors, buy lunches, and perform all other acts of chivalry for the opposite sex.

1969 - "Theatre Arts Courses Widen New Curriculum" - "1970 Beetveld To Direct 'Greatest Song'"
- "1977 Lost Wednesday evening (during the prayer service) in the Dordt College Library became a statistic. It was toilet papered."

- "compiled by Brady Fopma"

News

Flood waters overwhelm Mozambique

Due to torrential rains, Mozambique and other areas of Africa are facing a huge crisis. Fast-rising flood waters have caused death for thousands; starvation is quickly becoming an issue, and floodborne diseases like cholera and malaria are starting to take their toll. Those who are alive are budding on rooftops, clinging to trees, or looking for available high ground. South Africa has seven military helicopters working on rescue missions, with another on the way.

However, this catastrophic event is going to get worse before it gets better with another wave of water coming down the Limpopo River. It is expected that 20,000 are homeless in Mozambique since the beginning of this episode three weeks ago. Zimbabwe's homeless are calculated at more than 80,000 in addition to Botswana's 60,000.

Several countries are helping out financially including the U.S., Great Britain, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway. The International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies in Geneva are also appealing for aid.

"Pranksters" facing murder charges in Germany

Three American teenagers (believed to be children of American servicemen), who were throwing rocks Sunday from a German highway median, are facing murder charges. Two women, ages 20 and 41, were killed when large rocks hit their windshields. Six cars were hit within 15 minutes.

These so-called "pranksters" were part of a group that met to try playing pranks. Not only can we travel from point to point in a vehicle but we can do, even today, is to "waste" our time, energy and money. When it takes years to gain a true appreciation of the things in life, we will certainly be lacking in the remaining time that we can use for our daily human interaction, the kind that lasts, not a quick spiel to the drive-up person at a fast-food restaurant or the representative for our Internet service provider.

It is not surprising that we can so easily ignore genocide in a foreign land or abortion by the thousands in our own nation when we will hardly concern ourselves with our neighbors. When time holds so little value, demanding little of our time, then why prevent its elimination or even beginning?

The point remains: life is short, and we have much better things to do than garner more wealth, power, or fame. When time is valued, life gains more appreciation.

The time race scarcely seems to find time to nourish the many deep loves of yesterday. If we feel as if it is more advantageous to invest our energy into inhuman objects such as fame and wealth, we will certainly be lacking in the remaining time that we can use for our daily human interaction, the kind that lasts, not a quick spiel to the drive-up person at a fast-food restaurant or the representative for our Internet service provider.

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When it takes time and energy to make a meal, a piece of furniture, or a painting, we truly appreciate our possessions, not quickly and carelessly packing them into a landfill.

When it takes years to gain a true friend, each person we have grown to love is agem in our life, not another factor in our "things" in our lives, but also in the relationships that we cherish.

Shooting victims getting younger

Today is quite the age of efficiencies. Not only can we travel from point A to point B in record time, but our food can be nuked for our consumption in only seconds. We now have the ability to perform all our medical procedures through same-day surgery. We find ourselves shopping on-line, getting each item without wasting an afternoon and receiving our purchases at our doorstep within record time.

Most of us parents and grandparents do this or that vegetable in an afternoon, nonchalantly throwing some random scraps together. The love and care that we learn to appreciate within hours of birth is fostered only through time.