Bands tour Minnesota

Tricia Van Ee
News Page Editor

While most Dordt students were still home on Christmas break, the members of the Dordt College Concert Band and Jazz Band took their winter concert tour through northern Iowa and southern Minnesota from January 9 to January 14.

The bands gave five concerts and six school assemblies as they traveled through Iowa Falls and Mason City, Iowa; Hollandale, Edina, St. Paul, Fergus Falls, Pease, Prinsburg, Wiblington, and Edgerton, Minnesota; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Concert Band's program began with a short musical tour of Europe, including pieces by Belgian, French, and British composers, and ended with three pieces by American composers. Two soloists were featured as soloists: Jenny Goslinga in Cecile Chaminade's "Concertino" for flute and Karsten Finseth in Edward Gregson's "Tuba Concerto."

Goslinga said she had played her solo piece in high school, but it took a significant amount of work over Christmas break to re-learn it. "The first and third parts are pretty fast, and melodic, while the second and fourth are essentially technical scales and impressive sounding patterns. This piece was right up my alley because getting my fingers to fly is one of my gifts."

Finseth said about his tuba solo, "I enjoyed the opportunity to be a featured soloist, an honor unoubt- edly. At the same time, after the last concert, a huge burden was lifted, and that was great."

This is the first time that Jazz Band has traveled on one of these concert tours. Dr. Henry Duitman, coach, having amazing weather for January in Minnesota and not losing people and responds. He's powerful." NEWDAY had a lot of fun," said junior David Hjelle, trumpeter in both Concert Band and Jazz Band, "People seemed to be very appreciative of the jazz band. Seeing young kids dance in the audience was great."

"I think that our audiences real- ly enjoyed hearing the Jazz Band," said tour manager Zach Vreeman, a senior trombonist in both bands. "Jazz is ear candy and people love it."

Every winter break and spring break either the instrumental ensembles or the Concert Choir tours regions from which Dordt draws a significant constituency. The tours serve as public relations tools, and they also allow Dordt musicians to share God's gift of sound through music. Students also grow in their relationships with each other, which helps them grow musically as an ensemble as well.

"The people really made this tour great," said senior French horn player Andy Van Rookel. "The whole group worked together well."

"Tour is a great opportunity to get beyond recognizing faces—you can start building friendships," said junior Andrea Van Gelder, tenor saxophonist in both Concert and Jazz Band.

Overall, Vreeman thought the tour went smoothly. "I have never seen a tour where so many people helped out so we could set up so fast...It was just great to see everyone helping," he said. "Then there are the added bonuses of no one getting sick, nobody being very tardy getting on the motor coach, having amazing weather for January in Minnesota and not losing anyone during our free time. Oh, yeah, the music was also great."

GIFT recruits prayer warriors

Steve Kloosterman
Staff Writer

"Finally, my brothers, pray for us, that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be hon-0ored." (2 Thess. 3:1a, NIV) GIFT coordinator Rochelle Sentle is looking for committed Christians willing to pray for God's blessing over GIFT during the services on Sunday nights. On Thursday, January 17, Senti called a meeting for this purpose.

"I believe if we take the time to pray for services, God will deepen our worship and help us bless Him better," Senti said. This past Sunday, a person did sit up in the balcony and pray for the service the entire hour. The intercessor (who wishes to go unnamed in con- sideration of Christ's words about not praying to be seen by men) said, "I think it was a really good experience. I don't know what impact my prayer made specific-ally, but I do know that God listens to people and responds. He's powerful." Students who take part in the GIFT prayer in the future can expect to sit by themselves in the mezzanine.

"I was apart, but a part of it. I sang a little bit. While the speaker talked, I responded to the things he said and prayed for people I know were struggling with what he was talking about." The intercessor also mentioned that she prayed for peo- ple she saw, whom she didn't neces-sarily know, that they would be strengthened in their worship.

"I think it'd be good for any- one...but some would have an eas- ier time of it," said the intercessor.

Senti said she got the idea from her home church, where each Sunday, a member remains in the back of the church to pray quietly for God to be glorified in the serv- ice. At GIFT, the prayer warrior, or "intercessor," can pray up in the mezzanine. If he or she prays better alone, they will still be close enough to hear the service as it goes on. Before the service starts, the intercessor can be contacted with specific issues or people, and potential problems that could use the help of prayer.
Dordt receives worship grant

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship of Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently awarded Dordt College a Worship Renewal Grant of $7,650. Funds for this program were provided through Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis.

Campus Pastor Don Draayer, the project director, discussed with the Spiritual Activities Committee the need on Dordt's campus for training leaders about the meaning of worship. Draayer was one of more than 150 others to send in a proposal to this institution.

"I am excited about the possibilities that this grant gives us to meaningfully reflect on the nature of biblical worship, especially as it relates to worship on the Dordt College campus," he said.

The purpose of this grant is to develop knowledge and practice of worship on campus. Those participating will learn about and reflect on the biblical form of worship. To do this, two conferences will be held, one this Saturday, January 26, and the other in September. Monthly meetings will also be held.

The conference being held this Saturday will feature John Witvliet and will be held at Covenant Christian Reformed Church. Witvliet will be speaking on the purpose and tradition of worship and a Reformed view of worship.

This program is free for any Dordt students interested and is $15 for any non-Dordt participants.

September's conference will feature Robert Webber who studies worship at Wheaton College of Wheaton, Illinois.

Spring Convocation a first

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While most students are concentrating mostly on the current school year, Dordt College is making important decisions for next year. Perhaps the biggest change students will face in the 2002-2003 school year is housing.

After observing housing trends on other college campuses and talking with other college housing officers, Dordt has decided to switch to a "blended" housing arrangement for all freshmen and sophomores. Next year equal numbers of freshmen and sophomores will live in groups of two in West, North, East and Covenant Hall.

Sandy Altena, Director of Resident Life, believes this new arrangement will benefit both freshmen and sophomores.

"Blended housing will give sophomores a role to play on campus," Altena said. "Many freshmen come into Dordt with inaccurate assumptions of college life. Having sophomores living with the freshmen will establish a more mature climate by enabling the sophomores to be role-models both academically and behaviorally."

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Homecoming 2002: Celebrating Camaraderie

NISO and pops concerts headline weekend events

Alumni organist to perform

Dordt College alumna, Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra (’83), will be featured in an organ recital as part of Dordt’s 2002 homecoming festivities. The recital will be held Friday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the college’s B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Ruiter-Feenstra is a professor of music and the university organist at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she initiated an annual improvisation symposium, leads an active organ and harpsichord studio, and teaches courses in improvisation, organ literature, organ building and pedagogy, and sacred music. She received her master of fine arts and doctoral degrees from the University of Iowa, and frequently performs and teaches in Sweden and Italy.

The recital will focus on the theme “Improvisation for the Church Year,* and include music on the themes of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

There is no cost to attend the recital. A reception in the student union building lounge will be held following the performance.

Student activities abound

Kim Lucier
Staff Writer

Homecoming is quickly approaching with activities beginning the week of January 28.

The Cannon of Dordt Hunt will kick off the celebration and will continue until Saturday, February 2. Daily hints will be posted in The Fodory about where to find a cannon replica on campus. Whoever finds the cannon first wins area restaurant gift certificates.

Club Day will occur Tuesday, February 29, from 4-7 p.m. in the SUB lounge. Various clubs will have booths prepared to present information to students interested in club involvement.

Gutter sundae will be served Thursday, February 21 from 7-10 p.m. in West Commons. Students will be able to assemble their own ice cream sundae with various toppings in a gutter.

To end the Homecoming festivities, an alumni basketball game will be played on Saturday, February 2 immediately following the men’s varsity basketball game. Dordt alumni will compete against the men’s junior varsity basketball team.

Also on Saturday, students will have the chance to warm-up at the coffee house in the SUB from 9-10:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Dordt students.

“Homecoming gives students the perfect opportunity to become involved with Dordt’s activities,” said SAC president, Tim Moore of LeMars. “It’s a great opportunity to become involved with Dordt’s activities.”

Van Kley’s to perform at Dordt

Dordt College alumni Dave and Jody Van Kley (’84), will perform an entertaining vocal music concert on Saturday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the college’s B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Dave & Jody have been performing and recording music for over 17 years. Their most recent work has focused on music for elementary-aged children. Dave has a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master of divinity degree from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. He has held positions in youth ministry, and served as a college chaplain at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois. Jody has a bachelor’s degree in education. She has been an elementary teacher, music teacher, and church music director. She composes music and teaches piano to over 25 students in the southwest suburbs of Chicago.

In 2000, Dave & Jody developed a musical assembly program that focuses on character development and values reinforcement. Their “Music that Matters” has been tremendously well received by the over 10,000 students for whom they have performed. Teachers, parents, and administrators have responded enthusiastically to the program and message.

Dordt alumni Dave & Jody bring into schools. The concerts will include music, stories, and illustrations to help young students at home and in school get a better understanding of Christmas and its message. The concerts are free for the entire family.

To end the Homecoming festivities, the Cannon of Dordt Hunt will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m.

*Dave and Jody in Concert; B.J. Haan Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. (admission)
Ice Cream Social; Commons, 8:30 p.m.
*Coffee House; Student Union Building, 9:00 p.m.
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Editor

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Go up to my daddy with admiration as he fixed the latest broken thing in our home. I realized I want to be just like him. I want to be a man who seeks admiration. I felt like a little boy again looking up to my daddy with admiration as he fixed the latest broken thing in our home.

God with all of his heart every day. I want to be a man who lives with a dream and constantly strives to fulfill it. I want to be a man who loves his wife and children and who would do anything and work anywhere to make them happy. I want to be a man who isn't afraid to speak his mind and who isn't afraid to bear his heart to his wife. I want to be a man just like my dad. As the class of 2002 walks ever closer to graduation day and as the rest of the student body works their way through a college education, I encourage the campus to think about someone you want to model your life after. It could be a father, it could be a mother, or it could be a friend you've met while here at Dordt. After you've done this, live your life in a way that emulates your model.

My dad has taught me so much and loved me so much. We've worked together on science projects in high school and he's advised me on research projects in college. Most of all, though, my dad has taught me how to love and how to express that love in the best way possible with the heart.

Thanks, dad.
January 24, 2002

Vander Kwaaks chosen for honor

Tricia Van Dyk
Guest Writer

"WARNING " to any child or adolescent that enters our home! You will be subjected as soon as possible with efforts on our part to brainwash you about the best college you are a young child, for example, you will probably be offered any number of small-sized Dordt T-shirts or sweatshirts that we keep in our closets for that purpose. If you like tea or coffee, you will likely receive it in a Dordt mug. Dordt's concert choral/band CD is played very loudly here, and we often open the windows, too, so all the neighbors can hear."

As parents of one Dordt grad, one Dordt grad-in-law and two current Dordt students, adamant supporters of Dordt's mission, hard workers in the quest to redeem creation and love their neighbors, and all around wonderful people, Lloyd and Vicki Vander Kwaak were the obvious choice for this year's Distinguished Alumni.

Lloyd came to Dordt as a student from Terrace, B.C. (a 52 hour drive) with plans to major in chemistry. Fortunately he saw the light early on and headed over to the psychology department instead, which is where he met Vicki. She hailed from Racine, Wisconsin, only a ten-hour drive from Dordt. (It took her nine hours until President Carter changed the interstate speed limit to 55 mph due to the energy crisis.) Lloyd graduated with a degree in Public Administration in 1982, and the next year the family headed back to Sioux Center, where Kimberly joined the family. While they were here Vicki got her degree in Social Work in 1983. Lloyd and Vicki both graduated in 1978 with majors in psychology and sociology, and have been doing their bit to change the world ever since.

After Dordt, the Vander Kwaaks resided in Racine, WI, for five years while working on their Masters degrees and adding Kristin, Nick, and Reuben to the family. Lloyd graduated with a degree in Public Administration in 1982, and the next year the family headed back to Sioux Center, where Kimberly joined the family. They've kept that promise, which means they have gone to every Talent Extravaganza. They've kept that promise, which means they have gone to every Talent Extravaganza in the past fifteen years. Now they make use of the trip to bring students from Des Moines on campus visits—and to visit their children, of course.

Vicki is currently a medical social worker and bereavement coordinator for Mercy Hospice in Des Moines, an institution that offers in-home support and operates a residential facility for six patients. She also works part time for Pella Pine Rest as a family and marriage therapist. Lloyd works as the President of the Convalescent Home for Children Network. Their staff of almost six hundred provides residential and community programs for over 1,200 children with special health care needs.

As Dordt's Distinguished Alumni, Lloyd and Vicki Vander Kwaak will be speaking on a variety of occasions while they are here at the beginning of February, including chapel, a variety of classes, and the Alumni Banquet.

Lloyd and Vicki demonstrate every day in their work and daily life that they love the Lord. Their generous hospitality and loving acceptance of anyone and everyone who comes their way demonstrates their sincere commitment to follow Christ's call to love our neighbors. Over the years they have opened their home and their hearts to numerous wayfarers of various ages and nationalities.

Picture Poll

What was your New Year's resolution?

"A six-month moratorium on dating."
Dan Zylstra
FR; Lansing, IL

"To be more devoted to my devotion time."
Sarah Van Regenmorter
SO; Hudsonville, MI

"To love more: my God, my lady and my technol!"
Ray Persenaire
JR; Jos City, Nigeria

"Move out of this area!"
Rochelle Top
SR; Hills, MN

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Wonder of Wonders: The Lord of the Rings

Jennifer Berkompas
Staff Writer

I have only one problem with Peter Jackson's film version of "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." His elves don't laugh.

As fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings know, elves are immortal creatures who live alongside men, dwarves, hobbits, and wizards. They are very powerful, wise and dignified, but they also have musical laughs, a passion for dance, and the ability to sit around songs of their homeland. The elves in the movie are powerful, wise and dignified, and they do possess a very sense of humor, but they don't laugh.

Perhaps they can be pardoned. There is little to laugh about in their circumstances. An evil dark lord is gaining power in the South, and the one thing that the dark lord needs to plunge the entire world into slavery has fallen into the hands of a hobbit. Hobbits are silly, sociable people who like parties, country strolls, a lack of martial power of the Numenoreans, before each scene was shot. The actors are very well cast for their roles. In fact, Ian McKellen, who played Gandalf, to wait for confirmation in his role until Jackson was certain he could look like Gandalf.

Fans of Tolkien's epic should be warned: the movie does not try to follow the book scene by scene or character by character. If you are particularly fond of Tom Bombadil or the elf lord Glorfindel, you are going to be disappointed. There just isn't room for them. But the movies are extremely close to the books in spirit. Director Peter Jackson read the books several times in preparation for the movie, and went back to corresponding scenes and read them over again before each scene was shot. The martial power of the Numenoreans, the rustic naïveté of the Shire, the peace and beauty of Rivendell and Lothlorien, the presence of evil, the persistence of good and camaraderie, the pain, the power is all there.

As an avid reader of Tolkien's books, and as one who has seen the movie four times, I recommend that you approach the movie this way: it is a visual clarification. Now we can see what the halls of Moria and the bridge of Khazad-Dun looked like. We can see the river of Rivendell and the towering kings, the Argonath. The settings of this movie are incredible, and barring the fact that Lothlorien has more green leaves than gold, all that could be hoped for. And now we can see what a ring to Moria, where the shadows lie, to destroy it.

I would not recommend taking children under the age of ten to see this movie, visit lordoftherings.net, or better yet, read the books.

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Staff Writer

For those of you who understood nothing in the last two paragraphs, don't let that scare you away from this movie. This movie really has everything: breathtaking scenery, gripping plot, high quality acting (though the accents fluctuate a bit), good role models, seat-gritting fight scenes, compelling characters, and a touch of the old chivalric romance and honor that really should come into movies more often. J.R.R. Tolkien was a master of capturing human experience and grand wonder together, and Peter Jackson and cast and crew have done a fine job of capturing Tolkien. This movie is well worth seeing.

A note of caution: fantasy does not equal children's story. The evil forces in this film are portrayed very powerfully. This world is at war, and with war comes violence. There are a number of scenes in this movie that would not be suitable for young children or people who don't like battle scenes. They are few, thankfully, and brief, but I would not recommend taking children under the age of ten to see this movie.

For further information about this movie, visit lordoftherings.net, or better yet, read the books.
Blades Bentum
to be missed

Jason Mulder
Staff Writer

James Bentum, starting defenseman for the Dordt Blades hockey team, has an interesting story to tell. The second of six boys from Woodstock, Ontario, Bentum only played one year of organized hockey before coming to Dordt. After playing in a church league, his freshman year was his first experience with contact hockey.

Bentum grew up with a pond behind his house. His mother taught him to skate by making him strap on girls skates and push a chair across the ice. “I was afraid I would skate like a girl for the rest of my life because my mom taught me,” he says.

Athleticism runs in the family. James’ older brother Mark played hockey for Dordt, and his younger brother Ben may tryout for the soccer team next year as a freshman.

Coach Herin Van Niejenhuis describes Bentum as a “real pleasant chap” who is “probably the hardest worker on the team.”

Bentum stands out on the Blades team, which has good talent and depth. Fellow defenserner Russ Van Boom describes him as a “rock-solid stalwart on defense.”

A plant science major, Bentum would maybe like to become involved in overseas missions but first get some experience in the United States or Canada. He and Coach Van Niejenhuis have had many theological talks on the way to games. “He’s very interested about many things,” said Van Niejenhuis.

“Brian shows a lot of great leadership,” says Maas. “He’s always working hard, and he always gives us a spark in games. He plays great defense.”

Maas also appreciates Wassenaar’s example away from the game. “He’s a quality individual off the court. He’s someone that the underclassmen can definitely look up to,” he says.
CONGO
Thousands of hungry residents have been gathering at distribution points across the devastated Congolese town of Goma to receive the first supplies of emergency food aid since last week's volcanic eruption. Efforts also got under way to reopen key roads in Goma, which were split in two by molten lava when Mount Nyiragongo blew up last Thursday. However, powerful earth tremors and heavy rain have aggravated the relief work and compounded the misery of thousands of people who have been left homeless.

BOTSWANA
The government of Botswana is to cut off water and other essential services to several hundred Bushmen still living in the central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR). The government is urging them to move to relocation camps hundreds of miles away, saying it no longer has the funds to provide water.

NIGERIA
A Sharia court judge in northern Nigeria was flogged in public after being found guilty of drinking alcohol. Mohammed Na'ta received 50 strokes of the cane on Friday in front of an estimated crowd of 5,000. He is the first Islamic court official to be punished in public, since a swathe of northern Nigerian states introduced full Islamic law in the past two years.

UNITED STATES
President George Bush has announced plans for a $48 billion increase in defense spending to fight the war on terror. Speaking to the Reserve Officers Association, he said Congress would be asked to approve the biggest increase in defense spending in 20 years.

VENEZUELA
A large security operation is underway in the center of the Venezuelan capital Caracas to prevent violence as thousands of people gather for rival opposition and pro-government marches. Clashes are feared as two separate marches take place to mark the anniversary of the country's 1958 transition to democracy.

COLOMBIA
A Colombian ran has been sentenced to 14 years of imprisonment for the murder of another sister in her convent. The motive for the murder remains unclear, although sources within the investigation said that there had been tension between the two nuns and that the convicted had disapproved of the more liberal murdered sister's friendship with prostitutes and street people.

AUSTRALIA
Hunger strikes among asylum seekers detained in Australia have spread to a second detention center. Fifty of more than 200 mainly Afghan asylum seekers hunger-striking at the remote Woomera center have sewed their mouths shut in protest against a freeze on the processing of their claims.

CHINA
The Chinese Communist party disciplined more than 175,000 officials last year for crimes including corruption and bribery. According to statistics quoted by the state-run media, that is an increase of almost 30% from the year before.

POLAND
Police in the central Polish city of Lodz are investigating allegations that doctors killed patients in their care to generate business for local funeral homes. The allegations surfaced in a front page report of the leading Polish daily newspaper. The report says that patients were allegedly killed by lethal doses of a drug that causes asphyxiation after the families of the victims had agreed to use particular funeral homes.

Lookbacks
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Staff Writer
January 13, 1961
Scheduling
The first semester exams will be held January 16 @ 20 at 8:30 a.m. for the morning exams and 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon exams. Registration for second semester will be Monday, January 23. Spring vacation will begin Wednesday, April 5 and end Monday, April 17. Final exams will take place May 22 @ 26, and commencement will be on the evening of the 26th.

January 18, 1965
Land Purchased
The Dordt College Board of Trustees purchased 10 acres of land east of the campus which runs the length of the property and is about 429 feet. The land will be used for future campus expansion and will probably be used for needs of the athletic department.

January 16, 1967
New Radio Station
On December 22, the Federal Communications Commission granted Dordt a permit to build a new FM radio station. The call signal will most likely be KDCR (Dordt College Radio). A 300-foot tower will be constructed east of the library. The station will be operating at 45,000 watts and will cover a radius of 80 - 90 miles.

January 16, 1972
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January 16, 1970
Dordt College Opera Guild
The Dordt Opera Guild organized January 22 for the enjoyment of those interested in musical productions. Participants will be soloists, members of chorus, or back stage workers in future productions. This organization is also open to those interested in learning only about opera. Plans for productions include two small-scale operas and one large-scale opera.

January 27, 1972
Placement Office to Open
The Dordt College Placement Office has been helping senior education majors find jobs after graduation. However, students are now showing interest in other career fields. The new placement office will open to aid any graduates in any other area besides education.

Contemporary political opinion
Peter Anderson
Staff Writer

We should not view our government as some sort of abstract collective entity. Rather we should view it as it is—a human institution controlled and run by humans. Therefore our government's policies are subject to the actions of humans, which should help us understand how our government leaders could better direct foreign and economic policy. So why do we as Americans place so much trust in our human leaders? Why would a human controlled government be so far superior as to be entrusted with justly regulating a human run business?

The point to be made is that our elected leaders are humans who are prone to human folly just as business leaders and any other person with a heartbeat is. As we have seen, our government has backed both Saddam Hussein and the Taliban at one time or another, and is obviously not inclined to perfection. So why do we as Americans place so much trust in our human political leaders when it comes to controlling important matters such as money, interest rates, business regulation, and an active foreign policy? Could it possibly be that our country would be better off with a, dare I say, "hands off" approach to both business and foreign policy? Isn't it time we stop praying "Our father who art in Washington" and realize that our elected officials are merely human?