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The "Boss" retires after 22 years

by Allison De Jon9

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Throughout the year, Brink and his staff have worked very hard to promote what they call, "West Hall community." All of the changes that they implemented were a result of their quest toward a safe, caring and friendly community. Brink said, "We as the West Hall staff are really excited about the changes. It's great to see maintenance sending the time to listen to our requests and then doing something about it. It's very encouraging to know that we can make changes.”

Brink and the four resident assistants have done more to promote West Hall community than by simply adding new furniture. This staff lives what it advocates through being more than just authors of the figures. These people have become friends. Brink mentioned that the goal is to make West Hall more than just a building to live in. They want to make it a place that the residents can call their own. He wants to make it a living and growing community.

**Students attend conference**

by Laura Apol

News Page Editor

Eleven Dordt College students and two professors went new to New Haven, Connecticut to attend seminars at the Overseas Ministries Study Center during the first week of January.

There were two seminars per day, each at an hour long. A break followed in which there were discussions among individuals about what they felt about the seminar. After that break was a time of questions and discussion with the speaker.

Because there was a mix of experienced missionaries and inexperienced college students, “it was a hard job for speakers to talk to those with experience and still keep it on the level of students,” said Jill Starkenburg. “Discussion and having questions helped most.”

Dr. Soerens was among an adult leader and Dr. Kobes attended as one of the speakers. Kobes’ focus was on helping people recognize that there is a need for missions here in North America, as well as overseas.

As far as listening to and talking with people of different Christian cultures, Soerens said Dordt students were initially shocked at the differences. They began to realize “it was not a philosophical position, but people actually thinking and dealing with these relativistic issues.”

Soerens found the whole experience to be "absolutely enlightening. It made me look at the world differently, from their eyes and also mine.”

**Dance supports PLIA**

by Mitch Beaumont

Second semester is underway, and so are the fundraisers! The first of the semester is the PLIA dance, an annual event, which took place this past Saturday night in DeWit Gymnasium. Saturday’s dance, a jazz/swing event, is a mini-fundraiser for PLIA. According to Katie Moger, the club’s treasurer, “The most important thing that they [the fundraisers] do for PLIA is to advertise and get the name out at Dordt and the surrounding community.”

R.A. Jenn Hazeu tests the new carpet on 1st floor.

**PLIA, which stands for Putting Love Into Action, is a service-oriented trip that students can participate in over spring break. The majority of the funds for the trips are allocated from fundraisers such as the dance. PLIA has several fundraisers scheduled for this semester, including a soup supper some-time in February. It isn’t too late to decide to take part in PLIA over spring break. The next mass meeting is coming Monday, the 24th. Soon after that, students will have the opportunity to decide where they would like to serve.**

**by Rose Ann Vander Wal**

Staff Writer

When West Hall residents opened their doors last Tuesday morning, they didn’t have to run on tip toes over the ice-cold tile hallway floors to go downstairs to check their e-mail. No more freezing cold and noisy hallway floors for West Hall occupants because over Christmas maintenance finally completed the last step of West Hall’s renovations by laying carpet in all the tile halls.

The renovations began last year with the addition of new students to discover what type of change was needed in Dordt’s oldest dormitory. Over the summer, maintenance worked in conjunction with a local contractor to refurbish the rooms as well as to build new lofts above the small lounge-on-the-second floor at the head of the stairs. The changes included moving furniture in all of the rooms, built in, lofted, remodeled bathrooms, better ventilation, as well as network and cable connections in every room.

Maintenance was able to complete all of the planned alterations before classes began in August, so during the nearly month long Christmas holiday, they laid new carpet on both floors. West Hall residents received an added bonus as well-coat hooks in ever closet and an additional towel hook in each bathroom.

Not only did maintenance perform a West Hall make over, but the resident life stuff of the building also did a little face lifting of their own. Last semester the staff, headed by C.A. Mark Brink, met with the residents to get input on what changes could be made to improve the dorm.

Then the staff went to work. After a brainstorming session they came up with several feasible improvement plans. The upstairs lounge received its very own refrigerator as well as a toaster to replace the one that was previously stolen. The large Orbii Room obtained coffee tables and lamps to enhance the usability of the room. Instead of randomly scattered couches and chairs, the room was arranged with groupings of chairs around tables. R.A. Joel Weaver, explained that this breaks up the room allowing more groups to use the room at once.

The previously unused south lobby was also changed. The old, dingy benches were ripped out and replaced with comfortable couches. The walls were also repainted. Downstairs, in the newly dubbed Bearington room, two new tables were added for studying purposes.

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Leslie Cowherd and Jason Kuyper swing together at the PLIA dance.

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Students serve the homeless

by Jen Hoogeveen
Staff Writer

Dordt students many times find that even though they are learning about the world and how they should interact in it as a Christian, studying and extracurricular activities don’t leave much free time.

Forty-four students, however, had the chance to live out what they are being taught and what they believe last Friday. Bread for the World Club sponsored a service project for the first time, spending over $500 feeding the poor at The Banquet, a homeless shelter in Sioux Falls. Carrie Foods prepared the food for the banquet.

Professor David Schelhas, who took his American Literature class, commented that the purpose for going was “to learn to see Christ when we see the hungry and to value the humanity of the poor.” He noted that the people at the shelter enjoyed eating and visiting with the Dordt students there.

Phil Postma participated in the serving line at the banquet, and he thought it was interesting that The Banquet booked so many volunteers and received so many donations. He talked to a man who had different views about Christianity and who was trying to clean up from a life of drugs and a jail sentence. Postma believes this service is important because it is our Christian duty to feed the poor.

Amy Gesch, a participant of Bread for the World Club, who worked in the dish room most of the time, didn’t have an opportunity to talk to people. She appreciated the people who thanked her and others for their service as they brought their dishes back. Gesch sees this service as showing God’s love to others by sharing what we have. Volunteering also increases one’s knowledge about the world, coming to understand that “my life isn’t everyone else’s,” said Gesch.

Whitney Walstra, Joel Schreurs, Jean VandeVoort, and Liam Starkenburg serve a meal to homeless people in Sioux Falls on Friday, January 14. Their service was part of a project sponsored by the Bread for the World Club.

The Price is “Trite” invites students to “come on down!”

by Ryan Vande Kraats
Staff Writer

Once again the fun and excitement of The Price is Right will be visiting the B.J. Haan. The event, now being referred to as “The Price is Trite” to avoid any conflicts with the lawyers at CBS, will take place on Friday, January 28, and will feature all of your favorite games, and some new ones as well.

Jeff Memmelaar, who many of you may know, will be playing the role of Bob Barker for the second year in a row. Sophomore Aaron Ritser will be sitting in as Rod Roddy, the always excited sidekick and kick announcer.

Last year was the first year that the Student Activities Committee had attempted to produce The Price is Right, and though it went well, there were some glitches and rough spots in the show. However, this year the committee is working hard to iron out those wrinkles, and the show should be great. The evening has been redesigned so that more contestants will get on stage to play popular pricing games such as Pinoke and Triple Stripes, new games have been reproduced, and, as always, the prizes will be great.

The doors will open on Friday night at 6:30 so that every one will have a chance to sign up to be a contestant, and the show will begin around 7:00.

Every one is welcome to “come on down” and check out the fun (last year the B.J. Haan was packed to capacity), and I am encouraged to tell you all to dress up and have fun. You have a better chance of getting on stage if you are wearing a “costume,” so get out your I LOVE BOB t-shirts, and cheer really loud. You could be the next contestant...

James Klaver returns to campus

by Laura Apol
Newspage Editor

James Klaver has returned to Dordt after being diagnosed with AML leukemia in April of 1999. He received a transplant last fall, meaning that the leukemia is “no longer in him,” said Klaver.

“I was thinking about his existence,” Klaver said, smiling.

His three classes aren’t a full load, but it’s enough. “But I’mnot here for the classes,” he said, “just want to be out in life.”

Overcoming his fear of death has been an obstacle in his recovery. “When you’re sick, there’s lots of time to think about dying,” he said. While students were settling into their summer jobs, Klaver was thinking about his existence. “I think about death a lot,” he said, “I’m not really scared of it anymore.”

Klaver’s reflection about his illness is positive. “This whole thing was the best thing to happen to me, but it was tragic,” he said. Facing a life threatening disease helped him realize that he wasn’t where he needed to be in his life with people and with God. Now, looking at where he is, he feels he has moved into a better position with God and the people he interacts with. “In that sense, it wasn’t a tragedy at all,” he says.

Klaver wants to thank the students, professors and the college as a whole for the support he felt during and after his illness. All the prayers and support helped him realize that “a small, Christian college is the place to be when you run into something,” he said, noting that if he was from a public university, the support would not have been there. In response to all the prayers and support, he has two words, “don’t stop.”

Note: keep James in your prayers as he is currently under observation at the Mayo Clinic.

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Greatest journey yet to come
by Jill Vossen

Opinion Page Editor

"We die containing the riches of lovers and tribes, tastes we have swallowed, and hidden in as if it's all over. Wish for all this to be marked on my body when I am dead. Believe in such cartographies—to be marked by nature, not just to label ourselves on a map like names of rich men and women on buildings. We are connected to each other in ways we cannot see. Books: we are not owned or monogamous in our taste or experience. All I desired was to walk upon such an earth that had no maps" (The English Patient).

The paths of our lives are strong in such a way as to draw us closer to God. We are marked by the people we encounter, the roads we have traveled, the lives we have touched, the hardships endured. Who is it that we chase each day, putting and running, just for a glimpse, a touch, an email, an image scanning? It is the ones whom we love, sometimes walking just ahead in oblivion. The mind grows weary, but the heart keeps beating, beating in strong rhythm, waiting, waiting. Layers of skin are peeled back each day to reveal pink hardness endured. Who is it that we love, sometimes walking just ahead in oblivion. The mind grows weary, but the heart keeps beating, beating in strong rhythm, waiting, waiting. Layers of skin are peeled back each day to reveal pink

I am feeling my way through a tunnel, a tunnel well-traveled and marked by the passage of time. All have passed through this tunnel. Some have tried to chip out a niche in the wall, some have tunneled and curl up inside, afraid or unable to leave their hollow. Others have boldly stridden through, blindingly conscious of the darkness of the tunnel and oblivious to its walls or history. All have access the flashlight; some hold it next to the walls at the beginning of the journey, some hold it in front of them only when they are afraid, some ignore it all together. I come through on an uneven journey, sometimes boldly unaware, sometimes curled into a hollow with my head under my arms and other times barely crawling along, wondering why I am doing this and straining to see the light at the end, sometimes weep, sometimes fail. I have encountered grooves and contours in the walls, giving me pause to wonder about how many have come before and what they mean to my journey. Sometimes I am forced to step my steps to understand the story that me was relayed to me this past week, expressing the same thoughts. She attended a four-year Christian college, not because she was her passion, but because her friends went there. She graduated with a degree and began working as a computer programmer, not because she was her passion, but because it was a secure job with a promising future. On the other side she lives beautifully, her life looks wonderful, but on the inside she wants more. She feels like the time she spends at her job is simply wasted hours, and her real living doesn't begin until she leaves the building. What went wrong? She didn't have a passion for anything, she simply went where the road looked easiest. Now she is challenged and unfulfilled and unsmiling. Unfulfilled. Sometimes she will decide to stop being carried along with the current and to start diving deeper into the emotions and the effort that real living takes.

So how do we get this passion that seems to make life worth living? The first step is always to lay it before God, to let him search our hearts and our minds. Sometimes it is easy, other times barely crawling along, waiting, waiting. Layers of skin are peeled back each day to reveal pink noting takes. This responsibility also has to do with learning all we can about technology so that in the future we can use that knowledge to further the cause of Christ.

We are responsible for maintaining our credi- bility as Christians. While it is easy to enter a chat room on the Internet and become someone you are not, it is not using the technology with faith, integrity. Whatever we do, we are a form of technology, whatever it is, in a negative way, they are endangering their reputation as a person and as a Christian.

The rate of technologi- cal change is so accelerated that it is hard to comprehend what will come next. On one hand, when my dad bought a laptop about five years ago. When I first saw it, I couldn't believe it was possible for a computer to fit in a lap. Now technological advancements such as these are run-of-the-mill and are much more complex and even more unthink- able. You'll find evidence of these changes any- where you go these days, I have found that if the best place to catch up on technological changes is the magazines that can be found in the seat- backs of most airplanes. I was on a plane fairly recently and happened to flip through such a maga- zine for part of my flight. Just about everything imaginable was advertised; from super-thin laptop to a computer program that allows you to download drug phone numbers from your computer to your cell phone.

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Sarah Eekhoff
Assistant Editor

"Develop a passion for..." Professor Voss told us that he didn't care what we had a passion for, as long as we had it. Tony Campolo told us that this age would not die from sin, but from a lack of passion. Susan's direct attacks are never more dangerous than his subtle ones, and one of the most promi- nent of these secret assaults is apathy. If we give up all emo- tion, all fervor, then what becomes of us? We begin to drift through life without ever diving in; we simply glide over the sur- face and wait for events to bump us into the streams of life resist- ance. And I don't know about you, but I want more out of life than simply float along list- less, waiting, waiting. Layers of skin are peeled back each day to reveal pink noting takes. This responsibility also has to do with learning all we can about technology so that in the future we can use that knowledge to further the cause of Christ. We are responsible for maintaining our credi- bility as Christians. While it is easy to enter a chat room on the Internet and become someone you are not, it is not using the technology with faith, integrity. Whatever we do, we are a form of technology, whatever it is, in a negative way, they are endangering their reputation as a person and as a Christian.

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AMOR rings in the millennium in Mexico

by Allison Schaap
Staff Writer

AMOR (A Mission Outreach) spent the end of the millennium and the beginning of the new millennium in Mexico serving the less fortunate.

From December 30, 1999 to January 8, 2000 the group AMOR went to Tijuana, Mexico. Thirteen students participated, and they raised funds through Dordt to make this trip possible. They built two houses in four days, handed out flour in the dump and fish in the neighborhood for the hungry, and visited a few orphanages. The group stayed on a YWAM (Youth With A Mission) base, which was very much like a dorm-style living arrangement.

Pastor Don Draayer organized and arranged the whole trip. Draayer said, "AMOR's purpose is to provide ministry to those in a cross-cultural center and to open the eyes and hearts of those there."

When Computers Go Wrong

by Jessica B. Clevering
Staff Writer

Meet Joe VanderDort, your average college student. He stumbles back from his 8:00 class and lumber up the stairs to his dorm room to print out his paper for his 10:00 class. That's when disaster strikes. When he least expects it, when all is seemingly well, the printer cartridge runs out. Joe stares befuddled at the blank page. He flips open the printer cover and inspects the inside then he clicks his mouse on everything on the screen, all to no avail. Luckily for him, he's seen the ghost of Final Papers Past. In 10 minutes left before his next class. "Just enough time" he muses to himself as he heaves open the door, computer disk in hand. The wizened librarians recognize him immediately as one of THOSE. Computer victims: they are characterized by expressions of frustration, permanently furrowed brows, and the cries of exasperation emitting every few minutes.

Joe plunks himself down into a chair which almost rolls away from him. He shoves his computer disk in the computer tower, goes to File, and then Open. To his horror he can not find the title of his essay in the list of saved papers. His pulse begins to quicken and his face pales. He looks like he's seen the ghost of Final Papers Past. In one last desperate attempt at recovering the precious essay he begins to talk to the computer. "Please!" he begs it, but it is too late, the minute hand is nearing the 12, and that spells certain doom for his midterm grades. He shuts down the computer and ejects his disk in resignation.

Later in the day Joe begins to seek solace by discussing his dilemma with friends over lunch. "How do these things happen?" is the most prominent question. There are so many theories as to what happens to those missing files which seem to disappear on contact with a Dordt Library computer. Simple explanations, like having saved it incorrectly, are obviously wrong; the real answer must be much more intriguing. Some say that the computers harbor a secret grudge against particular people and particular types of essays. Others say there is a programming glitch which cause the computers to malfunction when it detects the letters V, A, and N in sequence. Still others hold to the idea that the computer disk is damaged when it is exposed to extreme temperatures in the process or if it is left in the library.

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The security gates do not contain magnets. They are capable of such a strong sentiment as hatred. And so, the mystery continues.

What political party do you belong to and why? Do you intend to vote?

Republican Party — "Their party platform stands mostly for what I believe." — She will vote.

Valerie Maas — Freshman
Mt. Vernon, Washington

Republican Party — "That's how I was raised and the views of the republican party most coincide with my faith" — Will vote.

Ryan Gritters — Sophomore
Pella, Iowa

Republican Party — "I generally agree with the values that republicans stand for." — Not sure if she will vote.

Teresa Van Den Broek — Senior
Pella, Iowa

Democratic Party — "They're more for social welfare." — Will vote.

Dave Vander Plaat — Senior
North Haledon, New Jersey
Defending “Magnolia”

by David Schaap

I like movies. And this is that: a Movie, with a capital M. Paul Thomas Anderson, the director of this sprawling collection of smaller stories, does not shy away from the fact that what you are watching is a movie. Some people prefer that the camera simply record events, but not Anderson. He loves his tools, and with them he tells a wonderful, but also greatly misunderstood story.

A plot summary: “Magnolia” takes place in San Fernando Valley, following the lives of several interconnected characters in a period of 24 hours. A dying TV mogul, his trophy wife, a nurse, a chiropractor, a junkie, a cop, a game guru, a former and current whiz kid, and a former whiz kid, a junkie, a cop, and a game show host all interact and cross paths throughout the movie. As they attempt to go through their day, they must confront the tremendous pain they have experienced, and the horrific things they’ve caused. I wish the characters try to put the past, as well as their hurt and their regret, behind them. But, as repeated in the movie several times, “And the book says we must be through with the past, but it ain’t through with us.”

While “Magnolia” certainly has its flaws, I definitely recommend it. But I must warn you, don’t expect a normal movie. It goes out on a long, long limb, and I feel it hasn’t gotten enough praise for taking the risks it does.

For example, the movie begins and ends with a few examples of remarkable coincidences which seem completely unrelated to the main story. Most critics mistakenly say this exists solely to legitimize the characters’ seemingly random interaction, but more importantly, the very literal act of God which brings the movie to its climax.

I don’t want to give away the experience of discovering what this wondrous event is. Even if you know your Scripture and catch the prophetic Bible verse very discretely hidden throughout the movie, you still won’t be prepared for it. Many critics say that this climactic event is a desperate act on the part of the director to bring about a unifying resolution. While it does serve that function, this miracle is by no means desperate. Let’s give Anderson a little credit here: an apocalyptic occurrence like this qualifies as the most unapologetic deus ex machina I’ve ever witnessed. Anderson knows this. He’s too smart and talented not to see it.

So why take the risk of telling a seemingly cheap ending to the story? As I said, the act of God does bring the characters to face their past and confront the ones they’ve hurt and been hurt by. In the end, as they face up to their pain, forgiveness and grace abound, which some critics have called an easy out. I happen to disagree. The miracle serves as a large metaphor for the big questions that the movie asks: “Why on earth would anyone love a foolish and horrible person like me?” and “Why do I love this person who has hurt me so deeply?”

So, as we are left to marvel at the miraculous event, this thing that seems to defy nature, something so strange and incomprehensible, we also ponder those questions. And those questions are miracles in themselves, unbelievable and seemingly impossible. But as the whiz kid realizes, “This happens. This is something that happens.” “This is not just a matter of chance. Strange things happen all the time,” the narrator tells us. Why does this strange thing called grace happen? I don’t know. But, it does, and it’s wonderful, isn’t it?

Compton gives recital

Andrew Compton held his senior recital last Saturday night in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. He was accompanied by Mary Lou Wickeena, an instructor of piano and organ.

Andrew is an accomplished trumpet player who is majoring in Instrumental Education.
**Sports**

**Lady Defenders claim West Coast as their own**

Leanne Prins  
Staff Writer

The Lady Defenders basketball team headed out to the West Coast over Christmas break to challenge a few teams from Washington and British Columbia. They came, and they conquered, playing some quality basketball to end up 3-0 overall on the tour.

Their first stop was at the Puget Sound Holiday Classic Tournament in Tacoma, Washington, on December 17 and 18. Their first challenger was Concordia College of Oregon in the semi-final. It resulted in a tie at 57 that had to be broken in overtime; the Lady Defenders took command, netting 8 points, and not allowing Concordia any. This advanced Dordt to the championship game against the host, Puget Sound. Lady Defenders controlled the entire game, ending up with a 64-47 victory to take the tournament championship. Carla Geleynse, Marlene Van Wingerden, and Serena Van Beek were all honored to be named to the all-tournament team.

The team then crossed the 40th parallel to play against Trinity Western University of Langley, British Columbia, on December 21. Playing in Canada meant that they had to use FIFA rules, and so a number of changes were made for this game; for example, a men’s basketball (larger than women’s) was used, and the three point line was 9 inches farther out than the Lady Defenders are used to. Despite these adjustments, Carla Geleynse and Kelli Holwerda led the team in a gutsy performance. In a neck-and-neck battle, Dordt pulled off the third win in a row with a score of 59-52. Entering the road trip with a 3-0 record, the Ladies leave their conference territory with a 6-6 record on the season. The Northwest Pacific has been claimed as their own!

**National Qualifiers return to competition**

Jocelyn Van Beek  
Staff Writer

Dordt’s indoor track season has begun, and Coach Altena has a pretty good outlook on the coming season. The track team this year is made up of about 20 men and women. The men have 7 seniors, the most ever, while the women have 2 seniors and 13 new freshmen competing. This is the largest team that Dordt has ever had.

There are some national qualifiers back from last year: the 4x800 men’s relay qualifiers back from last year: the 4x800 men’s and four losses. According to Aaron Zuidhof, defense man and assistant captain of the Blades, the first game was a struggle and the team had a disappointing loss of 13-0 on January 3. However, in the next two games they fared much better, winning 9-4 and 6-5 respectively. On January 6 & 7, the Blades suffered two more losses in which they were shut out 15-0 and 5-0. In their final game, the Blades also lost to Trinity Western University with a score of 15-4.

Despite the somewhat bleak figures, the team was not demotivated. Each of the 16 Blades that went on the tour enjoyed a special camaraderie with his teammates, playing well together and especially improving their passing skills. Although not every game ended in victory for the Blades, Zuidhof noted that the team did not go without its “points of brilliance” throughout the entire tour.

Generally, the hockey tour turned out to be a great experience. Many players were pleased to have more playing time to work on skills, and the overall attitude of the team was one of optimism. It is hoped that the Blades will carry on in this spirit for the regular season here at home.

**Men’s basketball team spends week in California**

Jocelyn Van Beek  
Staff Writer

The Dordt men’s basketball team boarded a plane headed for California on December 25. They stayed there for one week, playing basketball as well as seeing the local sights. The first game the men played was on Monday, the 27th, against Vanguard University. Coach Soelen said that the team seemed rusty because they were just coming back from a couple weeks off. They didn’t play as well as they were capable, so they lost 65-58. Neal Brenneman had 15 points to lead the team in scoring.

The second game they played was December 30 against Christian Heritage. This team was a bit more competitive than Vanguard, as the game was more physical. Van Soelen said that Christian Heritage was the better team; Dordt lost 87-50. They came close in the second half to tying up the score by getting within five points, but they just couldn’t pull it off. Eric Maas had 14 points and 11 rebounds along with ‘Michael Ribbens’ 13 points and Adam Van Meeteren’s 11 points. In addition to their basketball games, they went to Venice Beach, a church in Bellflower, a UCLA basketball game, a Wisconsin practice for the Rose Bowl, and downtown San Diego.

**Basketball**

**Men**

Record: 11-6 Conference: 2-2

Dec. 11

Northwestern College
Loss: 75-84

Scoring Leaders: Brian Wassenaar - 16

Adam Van Meeteren - 15

Eric Maas - 14

Rebound Leaders: Adam Van Meeteren - 6

Matt Van Essen - 6

Eric Maas - 6

January 7

Black Hills State University
Loss: 78-74 in Overtime

Dordt Scoring Leaders:

Neal Brenneman - 18

Randy Oostra - 14

Aron Zuidhof - 11

Rebound Leaders:

Neal Brenneman - 9

Randy Oostra - 6

August 25

South Dakota Tech
Win: 83-74

Scoring Leaders:

Adam Van Meeteren - 13

Neal Brenneman - 12

Brian Wassenaar - 11

Maas had 14 points and Win: 83-74

Neal Brenneman - 6

January 13

Dakota Wesleyan
Loss: 75-78

Scoring Leaders: Randy Oostra - 20

Eric Van Meeteren - 14

Benien Van Meeteren - 10

Rebound Leaders: Randy Oostra - 6

Neal Brenneman - 5

January 15

Mount Mary
Loss: 76-81

Scoring Leaders: Neal Brenneman - 23

Michael Ribbens - 11

Brian Wassenaar - 11

Rebound Leaders: Kelli Holwerda - 10

Rebound Leaders: Randy Oostra - 7

Dylan Haak - 7

Eric Maas - 7

**Women**

Record: 21-10 Conference: 10-4

Dec. 11

Northwestern College
Loss: 78-84

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Adam Van Meeteren - 15

Eric Maas - 14

Rebound Leaders: Adam Van Meeteren - 6

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**Blade Statistics**

Krislam Smies - 11

Kelli Holwerda - 10

Rebound Leaders: Krism Smies - 6

Kelli Holwerda - 6

January 8, 2000

vs. South Dakota Tech 78-69

Rapid City, SD

Scoring Leaders: Serena Van Beek - 24

Heather Brooklin - 17

Kelli Holwerda - 13

Rebound Leaders: Kelli Holwerda - 16

January 13, 2000

vs. Dakota Wesleyan 66-57

Home Game

Scoring Leaders: Serena Van Beek - 28 (all in second half)

Carla Geleynse - 20

Rebound Leaders: Carla Geleynse - 9

Heather Brooklin - 9

January 15, 2000

vs. Mount Marty 60-67

Yankton, SD

Scoring Leaders: Carla Geleynse - 29

Serena Van Beek - 12

Rebound Leaders: Kelli Holwerda - 9

**Hockey**

Laverne, MN

Dordt Blades vs. Carleton College

Friday, January 14

L-5, L-7

Goaltender: Hoogland

Saturday, January 5

L-7, L-11

Goaltender: Hoogland

**USD Invitational**

Vermillion, SD

National Qualifier: Susan Schaap - High Jump 5’4”

Provisional Qualifier: Men’s Distance Medley: 10:56.62

Jon Dekkers

Troy Ten Napel

Ron Kingma

Jeff Summergates

School Records:

Sarah Haan - 200 M Time: 27.53

December 17-18, 1999

Puget Sound Holiday Classic Tournament

Tacoma, WA

Semi-Final: vs. Concordia College 65-57

Championship: vs. Puget Sound 64-47

Overall: Dordt takes the tournament championship with a 2-0 record; Marlene Van Wingerden; Serena Van Beek; Carla Geleynse are named to the Tacoma all-tournament team.

**Dordt Blades face disappointing losses in B.C.**

Janelle Saarloos  
Staff Writer

Coming back to Dordt signified a return to normalcy for the Dordt Blades after spending six consecutive days in British Columbia playing hockey. The Blades returned from the tour with a record of two wins and four losses. According to Aaron Zuidhof, defense man and assistant captain of the Blades, the first game was a struggle and the team had a disappointing loss of 13-0 on January 3. However, the Blade Statistics...
By Rachelle Vander Werff
Staff Writer

Despite the great success in preventing Y2K problems, the following glitches were associated with Y2K:

• Computers in many video stores crashed showing the tapes 100 years late, and in one extreme case, a customer was charged with a $91,250 late fee.
• On January 3, 2000, Al Gore’s campaign web site was dated January 3, 1990.
• Courthouse computers in Italy mixed up prisoner dates by one hundred years, and according to the computers some prisoners were released 100 years too early while other prisoners needed to serve an additional 100 years.
• A chocolate company in New York was apparently giving away free candy because their cash registers were broken due to a Y2K bug.
• Computers in some small airports had a mind of their own and began flashing the date “1900.”
• Some hotmail sent before October 1999 was dated 2099.
• In South Korea, one hospital recorded a baby’s birth on January 1, 1900.
• The web site for Nintendo’s Pokemon was about 1900 years off.
• When moving graphic images onto this page Wednesday, the computer asked Diamond staff to subscribe to the data last received on January 1, 2004 at midnight.

Just another interesting fact:
• Been only a few days, several sets of twins are from different centuries.

Y2K: Glitches from around the world

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