Spring play in the works

by Rachelle Vander Werff
Staff Writer

For only a dollar, you can see "An Inspector Calls" at Dordt's very own New World Theater. It is being performed February 24, 25, 26, and March 2, 3, & 4 at 7:30pm. You won't want to miss in.

"An Inspector Calls" is set in the 1912 dining room of the Birling's home. During the engagement, the Birling family is preparing for influence around the globe and broaden and deepen students' understanding of self. Bussema is working with the Service Learning Task Force and the Cross Cultural Committee on several ideas for new programs. They hope to combine service and cross-cultural experiences, because "that's where learning really happens, when you communicate and understand," he said.

The new programs that Bussema is working on with the committees are a short, intense, three-week project in Romania focusing on service and learning, a similar program aimed at political science and business majors in Cyprus, and an on-campus film program. Bussema says that they are looking into ways to make these programs financially feasible to students. One possibility is to launch joint programs with Calvin College.

Bussema has taught psychology at Dordt for 26 years. He is very excited about his new challenge and about giving students new opportunities. He says to create these program possibilities and to make them successful, Dordt needs students to fill them. "Being in a cross-cultural situation makes you discover who you are, he said. "It gives you a sense of the body of Christ."
Apol, Struyk to retire this spring

by Mitch Beaumont
Assistant Editor

Dordt is facing the retirement of a number of professors this year, two of which belong to the Foreign Language Department.

Dr. John Struyk has been teaching at Dordt since 1969; two of those years he spent obtaining his doctorate. The prospect of replacing Dr. Struyk is daunting task for the administration. Struyk is teaching French, German and Dutch, and will be teaching in all three languages for the time remaining this year. Struyk is also looking forward to gardening, reading, and a less-structured life. "My life won't be as planned as it is now," said Struyk.

Dr. John Struyk is looking forward to many things in retirement. Although nothing is definite at this time, he and his wife, Andrea, who is retiring this year from the Education department, are looking forward to traveling abroad.

"We are mostly looking forward to traveling in places we had a chance to make it to before now," said Struyk.

The second foreign language professor retiring is Dr. Dallas Apol. He has been a professor of German and Spanish at Dordt since 1965, but is now teaching Spanish and Education courses. Dr. Apol has been an instrumental part of the Amistad Christiana program since its inception. Dr. Apol is also very involved in the Hispanic community in Mexico. So what has kept Dr. Apol here for 35 years? "I love it!" said Apol. "Simple as that."

Dr. Apol plans to spend his retirement enjoying his many hobbies such as reading, playing golf and volleyball, spending time with the Hispanics, singing music of all kinds and traveling.

Combined Recital

The Dordt College Music Department is sponsoring a joint recital where Laura Apol, a voice student and pianist Siara Bierna on Saturday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Vander Kooi, a native of Laconbe, Alberta is a senior at Dordt and is majoring in elementary education. She has spent her four years at Dordt studying voice in the studio of Pam De Haan. Vander Kooi will perform selections from the opera "Hansel and Gretel," and will also sing works by Schubert. She says Schubert is one of her favorite composers because "he has beautiful, singable lines." Vander Kooi will be accompanied on piano by sophomore Alyssa De Ruyter.

Bierna is from New Brighton, Minnesota. She is in her junior year at Dordt and is studying piano performance and church music. Bierna has studied with Dr. Joan Ringenrothe and with Mrs. Mary Lou Wielenga at Dordt and will be assisted by sophomore Rochelle Van Ry during the recital. She will perform works by Chopin, Gregg, and Haydn. Bierna is particularly fond of Chopin's music, because it is "expressive and often evokes beautiful and clear images."

The public is invited to attend the recital at no charge. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Me, in Seminary?

by Allison De Jong
Staff Writer

Over one thousand Dordt and Northwestern students packed Northwestern's Christ Chapel for a combined G.F.T. service on the evening of Sunday, February 5. The worship team was made up of students from both colleges. Northwestern provided the band and Dordt provided the speaker, Sandi Altena.

The service began with upbeat praise songs and a time to meet one another, then slowed down to worship. Sandi Altena then spoke about Nehemiah—a true, straightforward, honest man of God. She told the story of Nehemiah returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the destroyed city wall, the story of a man who saw what needed to be done and did it. Using this story, she challenged students to make three reforms in their lives: First, to be accountable to God and his life matched up; his actions were in line with God. Altena encouraged students to make their lives consistent with their beliefs as well.

Second, she emphasized love—love for God and love for others—and the need for more love and community on the campuses. Third, Altena talked about trusting in God, how Christians need to give up control of their lives and let God be in charge. Sometimes, she said, giving God control means waiting, but He has a plan for everyone which He will carry out in His time.

After receiving these challenges, students sang several more songs. The service ended with a song of blessing and blessing during which everyone joined hands as the body of Christ.

Many students enjoyed the service. "It was very heartening to see two separate communities worshiping together," says junior Rita Van Oord. Freshman David Hjelm says, "I think that two colleges that are often rivals could get together to worship the one God we love—it shows that Christianity is real." Sophomore Jenny Goslinga simply enjoyed the service—"It was fun!"

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Dordt and Northwestern students grow in faith together

Students of Dordt and Northwestern, two of the largest Reformed Christian colleges in the Midwest, have been enjoying a joint Christian worship service for over 25 years. This year’s service, however, is taking on new meaning.

Northwestern, the larger of the two colleges, is currently going through a period of change. The school, which was founded in 1856, has seen a decline in enrollment in recent years. Dordt, on the other hand, is experiencing growth.

The two colleges have been working together to strengthen their Christian communities. This year’s service is one example of this collaboration.

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Acappella to perform on campus

Acappella, one of the most prolific and popular groups on the Christian music scene today, will perform in concert on Monday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in Dordt's B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Acappella has long been a defining force in contemporary Christian music. After 14 albums, over 2,000 concerts and numerous radio hits, the group has released The Collection, featuring sixteen of their songs from standard to new releases, and a brand new album All That I Need. A ministry-oriented group, Acappella has performed for millions of people in countries like Africa, South America and Europe. When the group is not on tour, the members are active in prison ministry, constantly endeavoring to carry the gospel message far and wide.

"Our main goals are to plant the seeds of the gospel in hearts that haven't heard yet, and to encourage brothers and sisters in Christ in their faith," says Acappella founder Keith Claravde.

The concert is being sponsored by KQCR Radio, Netschof, and Sioux Center Performing. Tickets are on sale in the Dordt box office. Prices are $5.00 for adults and $4.00 for students.

Afterword

You can still hardly believe it. Why would God call you into ministry? It really never crossed your mind until recently. Can this be right?

It might seem awkward at first, but through prayer, confiding honestly with people who are closest to you, and taking small steps of faith, God will be there for you and he will guide you through the decision-making process.

We can help too. Just give us a call and we will answer any questions you may have. After all, you're not the first person who has had questions—and you won't be the last.

Rachelle Vander Werf
Andrea Voogt

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Homecoming 2000 festivities kicked off Monday night with the traditional Gutter Sundaes in the SUB. Students searched for the Canon of Dordt all week, which was found in the library by Mike Schippers. Activities continued with Twister in the SUB on Thursday and the 20th Annual Talent Extravaganza was held Friday night. Homecoming week culminated with basketball games, including alumni versus the men’s JV team, Saturday afternoon.

Sixteen acts ranging from original music to acting to juggling participated in the 20th Annual Talent Extravaganza. The Olympic-themed event was hosted by roommates Ross Groen, Chad Flikkema, Dan De Boer, Chris Muller, Tim Van Hofwegen, and Dave Kooiman, and it was sponsored by Student Activities Committee.

President Zylstra, Curtis Taylor, Prof. Susan Van Rees, and students Doug Dirksen and Brandie Ochsner served as judges for the event.

Student Activities Club members Luke Shannon and Darrick Van Maanen sell tickets to Bill Weidenaar and Laremy De Vries. Students were allowed to buy only eight tickets at a time.
Abasa Asake performed "Tell Me," an original song.

Dordt's Dynamic Dance Team performed with some help from the "Northwestern" Dance Team, comprised of choreographically-challenged, red-clad Dordt students.

Eric Carlson performed "Martyria," an original piece by Walburg, with scripture read by Jon Shupe.

Dan Perkins and fellow rappers Brad Biema, Ryan Visser, Matt Hilden, and Blake Walburg descended from the B.J. Haan Auditorium to open the Talent Extravaganza with a bit of poetry, "El Dorado" by Edgar Allan Poe.

Ross Groen, Tim Van Hofwegen, and Dave Koolman hosted "Dordtcenter" on "DSPN," providing commentary for the 2000 Talent Olympics.
Rochelle Van Ry and Sara Blenna added a bit of comedic flair to Grieg’s Piano concerto in A minor.

Joel Visker, Sam Gutierrez, Evan Jasper, and their roommates Jeremy Geels, Ryan De Koekkoek and Brian Koning won first place for their choreographed lip sync to the Backstreet Boys’ “I want it that way.”

Eric Van Wyk and Mike Contant created a huge painting in under ten minutes called “creation.” Heather Van Ooyen and Tricia Van Dyk provided cello music for the experience, which was chosen as Most Original Act.

Ten sophomore guys from West Hall, plus Prof. Einfeld performed a juggling act to music, earning second place.
Kristin Brands provided a rendition of "When Peace Like a River" on an original instrument—a saw.

Seamus, the bagpipe-playing scotsman, a.k.a. Chris Muller, entertained the crowd between acts.

Chad Flikkema courageously faced countless perils on his trek from the Netherlands to bring the Olympic torch to the 2000 Talent Olympics. He braved crazed crowds on the Netherlands, the waves of the Atlantic Ocean, a hockey player and a Canadian Mountie before being hit by the security truck right in front of the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Several cross-dressing men portrayed a road-trip gone awry in "Uneasy Rider."
Sports

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Hockey
February 4,5
Blades vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato
February 4
L-4-8
Leading Scorer: De Lange-2
Goaltender: Hoogland
February 5
L-1-1
Leading Scorer: Woudstra-1
Goaltender: Hoogland
February 11, 12
Blades vs. Inver Hills Community College
February 11
W-10-7
Leading Scorer: Bentum-3
Goaltender: Guilliaume
February 12
L-8-9
Leading Scorer: Van Niejenhuis-
3
Goaltender: Guilliaume

Indoor Track
NIAC Indoor - Sat, Feb. 12
4x200 - School record
Juli Rooze, Megan Graham, Rachelle Wobbe, Sarah Ham
5000m - 1st place.
Eric Vander Kooy

National Qualifiers this season:
Women:
Pole vault - Jill Starkenburg
Long jump - Susan Schiap
Triple jump - Eica Ton
4x800 - provisional
Lisa Conneigeler, Rebecca Demarest, Tabatha Vander Vliet, Emily Kusk

Men:
800M - Ron Kingma
1000M - Jeff Sommershays
4x400 - Troy Ten Napel, Jon Dukers, Eric Carlson, Ron Kingma, Mark Bywalski (sub)
4x800 - Jeff Summerhays, Marcus Scholten, Jon Dekers, Jor Dekers
This Saturday, February 19, is the Dordt Indoor Track Invitational. It starts at 9:30 am in the REC Center. There will be 8 teams competing for the places, and Dordt would like a crowd to cheer them on!

Ladies are triumphant

by Jocelyn Van Beek

Sports Page Editor

The Lady Dusters claimed victory against Mount Marty with a score of 72-62 at the Homecoming game Sat, Feb. 12. This was a big win for Dordt, especially after suffering 3 straight losses in the previous games. Dordt is currently ranked 6th in the conference with a 5-6 record while Mount Marty is #2 with a 7-4 record.
The women established a 10 point lead in the second half, and held onto this lead for the rest of the game. According to Coach Rhoda, all played well, despite Heather Brookhuis dislocating her shoulder part way into the second half. Rhoda also commented on the good crowd.
Dordt had five scorers in double digits for the Homecoming game: Serena Van Beek with 16, Marlene Van Wingendeh with 14, Kelli Holwerda with 12, Carla Geyleyn with 11, and Krystal Smiens came off the bench with 11. Holwerda also had 13 rebounds. Homecoming proved to be a very successful day for Dordt women.

Remember to recycle your Diamond!

Close win for Defender men

by Jocelyn Van Beek

Sports Page Editor

The men had an exciting win of 81-80 over Mount Marty College at the Homecoming game on Saturday, Feb. 12. Adam Van Meeteren put in the game-winning shot with less than a second remaining. After Randy Oostra missed an outside shot in the final seconds of the game, Mount Marty had to score to give themselves a one point lead, and Dordt put in the basket to take the lead. In Coach Van Soelen’s words, “it was a great game for the crowd, but it was hard on the coach!” He also said that the crowd was great on Saturday.
The Defenders were ahead by two at halftime. At one point in the second half had gained a nine point lead, but just couldn’t shake Mount Marty.
High scorers for Dordt were Van Meeteren with 19 and Eric Maas with 15. Leading rebounders were Oostra with 9 and Van Meeteren with 7.
The men are currently ranked second in the conference with a record of 8-3 behind Hurton’s 9-2. Dordt’s record for the season so far is 17-2.

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IRA pulls out of disarmament talks
Britain resolved to set aside Northern Ireland's Ulster Unionist party were looking for a military victory and would only deal with the arms issue under their own conditions. The prime ministers of Ireland and Britain met Wednesday to restore self-government to Northern Ireland. Peter Mandelson, Northern Ireland's Secretary, noted it wouldn't be the best thing to do until the IRA promises to lay down their arms. Within hours, the IRA was willing to consider the state of its weapons.

Deadly tornadoes
The deadliest tornadoes in 50 years hit southern Georgia Monday, killing 22, injuring 100 and leaving 500 homeless. The hospitals, described as "battlefield field hospitals," were swamped.

The Vatican and PLO signed an accord Tuesday, warning Israel that one-sided decisions in Jerusalem will bring peace. It was discovered that the mental patient who set off an explosion in the Temple Mount was not a member of this movement.

On how we spend our time
The average human life-span is finite. The amount of time it would take to learn every available technology is much less finite. Therefore, we need to make choices as to how to spend our time.