Our Family Album hits stage

by Mitch Beaumont
Staff Reporter

Every family has ancestors, and every family has relatives. Certain families however, have a richer heritage than others; such is the case of the Christian Reformed Church.

You are probably asking why I referred to the Christian Reformed Church as a family. I do not come from a CRC background, and as I become more and more familiar with the CRC, the more evident it is to me that Reformed Christians act more like family than any other denomination of the Christian faith. Now, why do I say all this?

This past Sunday an event that took place on the Dordt campus that no one should have missed. The event was the dramatic version of Professor Schaap's book entitled Our Family Album: The Unfinished Story of the Christian Reformed Church.

The play was designed to be a preview of what the book really is; or, if you will, to provide snapshots of what the book is like.

The cast of the play consisted of a combination of Dordt faculty and recent graduates including: Don Draayer, Jeri Schelhaas, Jim De Young, Dave Bloemendaal, Karen De Mol, Cathy Feenstra, Gena Koning, Matt Kortman, John Schuurman, Lois Vander Zee, and Deb Vogel.

The production took the viewer on a whirlwind tour of the Christian Reformed Church, starting all the way back with John Calvin and running as recent as the 1980's.

For someone who has absolutely no background, it was good to see the rich heritage of both the CRC and the Dutch community as a whole. Also, for someone who comes from a long line of relatives and a rich heritage of Dutch ancestors, this could serve as a friendly reminder of where you come from.

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by Daphne Lamb
Guest Writer

Our Family Album is Dr. James Schaap's newest book outlining the history of the Christian Reformed Church. While it may follow some standards of a typical history text, such as dates, key figures, etc., this goes a step further in dealing mostly with the controversies in the past in understanding the problems and divisions in the present.

This project in documenting the history of the CRC was one that was started back in the early 1980's, but was forgotten over time. When Schaap took it over, he decided to take a different approach to the work by focussing on Old Testament history as well. Like the Israelites, the CRC has often found itself losing its identity in the midst of controversies and changing culture. In order for that sense of identity and purpose to be regained, the story is retold of how the church as come as far as it has.

The story is mostly a Dutch-American one, but it acknowledges the immigration of different nationalities that have joined the church. While this has contributed to the growth and diversity of the church, it also leaves room for more battles and divisions. However, hopefully with this reminder of who the church is and its responsibilities to God and the world, the pattern of separation can change.
Halloween fright all through the night

by Andrew Steers
Staff Reporter
in the basement of the SUB, as everyone could see by the forty-five minute hour-long wait to get in. In line this reporter found a person who had never celebrated Halloween before. Rebecca Van Ecc told of her feelings on this first celebration.

"I'm happy! I feel vibrant," she said.

The mansion itself got rave reviews from the people who went through, and most seemed to find at least something to scream at inside.

The special effects were very well done and quite extensive, considering the limited amount of time spent setting up.

The performers inside of the mansion claimed to enjoy the task of causing people to jump out of their skin. Robb Keizer claimed that making Dave Persenaire jump was one of the highlights of his night.

The Costume Dance Friday night was a dark, vibrant milieu of costumes, bass, and people. The only thing louder then the music was many of the colorful costumes. The Seventies style was a very popular one, as people brought out their bell-bottoms and afro-puffs to strut on the dance floor. The military theme also made a huge showing with many vintage and modern variations on the theme. Another very popular costume style was the hick/farmer theme, although there were as many hicks as cross dressers.

The music was loud, fun and a variety of styles that most people enjoyed dancing to. The weekend was a fun time for everyone.

Jubilee 2000: hope for the hopeless

by Matt Dekkers
Staff Reporter

If you think back a little to your Sunday school days many of us hope, can recall what the year of Jubilee is. For those of you who cannot, let me refresh your memory. In Leviticus 25 God gave the Israelites the command that every fiftieth year was to be a year of Jubilee.

This decree called for His people to free the oppressed, give the land rest, and to release all debts. The Jubilee mandate has only been fulfilled once in the history of the world: when Christ died on the cross, Christ freed us from the slavery of sin and paid our debt to God with his own life.

Today there is a new calling of jubilee. An international campaign, Jubilee 2000, is attempting to apply the ancient theme of jubilee to the debt crisis of third world countries.

Many impoverished countries have crushing international debts. These debts are so great that hundreds of millions of people live in poverty and will remain in poverty until the debts are paid. But there is a catch; the people will never be able to pay these debts. These countries are trapped in an unending circle of interest payments.

The debts are only the beginning of the problem. Since these countries are focused on their massive debt payments, they neglect the needs of their own people. Scarce resources normally used in health care, education, and food security are to be used in debt payment. This inhibits these countries from growing socially and economically.

The Jubilee 2000 campaign has taken it upon itself to unite people throughout the world in support of the cancellation of these debts.

It is hard for people in developed countries to grasp the burden of these debts. So here is an analogy that can help you come to grips with the position of these countries: after four years of attending Dordt College you have acquired about $40,000 of debt. You graduate and get a job making $3 a day. Now attempt to divide that between food, your family and the interest due on your debt.

In our society we do not expect people to remain in debt forever. Nor do we expect people to sacrifice the health and education of their children in order to continue paying their debts. We have set up bankruptcy laws to give people a second chance. And yet, we continue to allow millions of children in these poor countries to live each year of poverty-related causes, while their governments are forced to make payments to rich countries and other creditors.

As freed slaves ourselves, we have a special calling: to work together to break the chains of poverty.

The first goal of the Jubilee 2000 campaign is to obtain 25 million signatures by June 1999. These signatures will be presented to the G7 (the top seven countries in the world) and hopefully start the ball rolling to address the debt crisis.

You can be involved in the campaign here at Dordt College. There are a number of students and faculty organizing to help the Jubilee 2000 campaign by passing around the petitions and informing people about the crusade.

Jubilee 2000 is an organization that relies heavily on grassroots. Everyone who gets involved plays an important role in the success of the program, so if you would like to help there are a number of things that you can do. Involvement can be as simple as signing the petition, writing letters to your Representative's office, contacting the media, organizing groups, or collecting more signatures.

For more information about Jubilee 2000, student can visit their web site at the following address: www.web.net/~jubilee.
Bread for the World: Day of Fasting

by Tricia S. Van Ee
Staff Reporter

Millions of people worldwide go hungry every day while most of the students on Dordt's campus take three meals a day for granted. However, Dordt students had the opportunity to get a taste of what it would be like to go hungry on the Day of Fasting, Thursday, October 29.

The Day of Fasting was organized by Bread for the World, the local chapter of a non-profit lobbying group that works through the government to deal with hunger issues internationally.

Over 150 students participated in the 24-hour fast, which began at 6:00 Thursday evening with a supper of soup and bread, provided by Carrie Foods.

The participants prayed and read passages from the Bible. Professor David Schelhaas spoke about the purpose of fasting and the relationship between fasting and prayer. Through their fasting, Dordt students were to be constantly reminded about the people around the world who actually are hungry.

Students also signed up for different times throughout the 24-hour fast to pray. Students who did not fast were also encouraged to do this.

Carrie Foods donated $5 for each person with a Commons meal plan who fasted; the money will go to CWRWC hunger relief in Sudan. However, the purpose of the fast was not really to raise money, but to raise awareness of world hunger, according to Junior Emily Hutten, member of Bread for the World.

Hutten said that more people turned out than were expected. "It was encouraging to see people interested in these issues," she commented.

The fast took place the weekend before World Hunger Week, and it followed the Africa Seeds of Hope campaign of early October. Bread for the World encouraged Dordt students to write their state representatives to vote for the Africa Seeds of Hope bill, which was passed by the House and Senate. The fast was somewhat tied into these two events.

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International News

Nicaragua and Honduras

Hurricane Mitch, the strongest hurricane in years, has dealt a devastating blow to Nicaragua. This storm dropped nearly one inch of rain per hour for four days causing tremendous flooding as well as numerous deaths. Nine thousand people are confirmed dead. Officials burn the bodies because the soil is too wet to bury them. More than 330 people were buried in the mudslide on a volcano in Nicaragua.

USA

John Glenn, the oldest astronaut living at age 77, blasted off into space last Friday at 1:30 p.m. In 1962, he was the first American to orbit the earth. Glenn has returned to perform more tests in space, and is faring well, though many doctors worry about the health of an elderly person in space.

Iraq

There has been effort by the UN to investigate Iraq's weapons capabilities. Iraq refuses U.N.'s intervention unless the UN agrees to lift the trade embargo from the Gulf War and abandon the position of head of the UN Special Commission. The Commission is inspecting the weapons and is thought (by the Iraqis) to be a spy. The US and England say they will take action if Iraq doesn't heed the UN's resolutions.

Sweden

Last Thursday, more than 400 Swedish teens packed into a second story disco which was intended to hold no more than 150 people. The teens gathered for a Halloween celebration and a good time, but the night didn't end that way. A fire left 173 people injured and 60 dead. Only 14 victims were identified by Friday night because most were not carrying any identification. The teens who survived experienced the worst fire in Sweden's history.
A vote for Clinton?

by Matthew McNatt Columnist

For those who haven’t heard of the surprising election results from Tuesday night, the Republicans managed to hold on to control of both houses for the third consecutive term, the first time they have managed to do so in 70 years. Nevertheless, Republicans had been predicting substantial gains in both houses, and the gains failed to come.

The election was billed as a vote against party politics. Throughout the Democratic Party, as Democrats who had supported Clinton throughout his sex scandal tried to recover, bitterly criticizing the American people, in the electorate, everyone is debating what the American people, in the electorate, everyone is debating what direction the vote was in purpose, what the American people hope for, what the government can provide.

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Indeed, before the election, even Republicans were saying that the American people, in going to the polls, would vote for or against Clinton by choosing Democratic or Republican candidates. But afterward the election, everyone is debating what occurred.

Was the vote a vote of confidence in Clinton? Was it a vote to end the impeachment hearings, a vote against partisanship politics, as-usual in the House? Or, was it a vote against a House his or her affiliation with the Democratic or Republican parties did the voters choose a candidate based on his or her stands on the issues?

The election of one Reform Party candidate may suggest the latter but, really, all of these analyses contain a bit of the truth. Most Americans are tired of the sex scandal; the president’s private life has been flashed across countless TV screens as the scandal unfolded, and his testimony was even broadcast on a big screen in New York’s City’s Times Square. Many also believe in Clinton’s abilities as president; he has, with the skill of the genius he is, outmaneuvered countless attempts to hamper his presidency.

Perhaps, though, more than anything else, the election results are a vote for an agenda, any agenda. The president, unlike the Congress, happens to have one, and an agenda is indispensable at a time when world markets are failing and the American people are looking for direction. The vote was not, certainly, a vote for Bill Clinton the man; it was a vote in purpose, which the American people hope against hope the government can provide.

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Care of campus a student responsibility

by Sarah Walsh Columnist

2,4-D is the herbicide that was recently used on campus to kill weeds. We have weeds because we walk on the grass, compacting the soil so that only weeds may grow. Weed control is necessary and 2,4-D is one of the safest products on the market right now for the job that needs to be done. This herbicide is also on the brink of being banned for use in many states across North America.

If this is the safest herbicide on the market, why must we stay off of the grass for an entire day? One would think that a “safe” herbicide would be safe for people too, but traces of this herbicide can be found in lakes near where it is sprayed. How can a pesticide be safe if we have to stay away from the sprayed area for 24 hours? It would be ideal if there wasn’t a need for this chemical on campus. That would only happen if people chose not to walk on the grass. This is one apparently unlikely solution as many students feel grass is meant to be more than looked at. Realistically speaking, the reason these chemicals need to be used is because we abuse the campus. We have demands for a good looking campus, not only from the administration, but also from the student body. Those demands aren’t going to change.

What we need are less dangerous alternatives to be available on the market that can do as good of a job at eradicating weeds as 2,4-D. More research needs to be done on the chemicals we use here at Dordt, not just for the students, but for the people who apply the chemicals as well. Maintenance does a lot of work for this campus already, I think Dordt should train someone additional to look into the chemicals we use so better alternatives can be found.

Even if Dordt hires someone, that doesn’t mean the problem is solved. “The biggest challenge isn’t the pesticides, it’s our.” (Thank you Stan) Its time for the student body to pay attention to the ways we treat the campus that require such high maintenance. It’s a gross distortion of sphere sovereignty to assume that the workers in the maintenance department are the only people responsible to make this campus look good.

A few examples of what it will mean for us to take seriously our role to maintain the campus are: taking that extra effort to put the trash in the trash can, cleaning off our vehicles after 4 wheeling so mud doesn’t collect on the ground, cleaning off our vehicles after 4 wheeling so mud doesn’t collect on the ground, cleaning off our vehicles after 4 wheeling so mud doesn’t collect on the ground. If only...
Halloween Celebration: Is Dordt Forgetting the Reformation?

Religious holidays have been secularized by modern society. Symbols like Santa and candy canes have been added to Christmas to make it less religious for people who do not understand the real meaning. Even though they do not realize it, these people are still taking part in a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Turkeys and gourds have been added to the Thanksgiving celebration to make it easier for some people to swallow. The real concept here is that the pilgrims wanted to give thanks to God for the blessings they had experienced.

The same applies for Halloween. Symbols such as ghosts, trick-or-treating, and pumpkins have been added to cloud the real origins of this day. So what exactly are we celebrating when we dress up in costumes and watch scary movies?

The name Halloween applies to the evening of October 31, preceding the Christian feast of All Saints' Day. The observances connected with Halloween are thought to have originated among the ancient druids who believe that on that evening, Samano, the lord of dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits. The druids customarily lit great fires on Halloween apparently for the purpose of warding off all these spirits. The Celts also believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes on that evening. So when people dress up in costumes and watch scary movies, they are actually celebrating these pagan rituals.

Halloween is obviously not a Christian holiday, and I do not think I need to convince anyone that it is not a holiday that should be observed by a Christian college like Dordt. This especially applies because Dordt College is a Christian Reformed college and should be busy celebrating the Reformation that occurred in 1517. But is that how it is?

In the past week I have been bombarded with announcements and posters advertising events like a “Mystery Mansion”, a “Costume Dance”, and numerous opportunities to watch “scary movies”. What troubles me is that I have not seen any events that celebrate the Reformation. This seems odd to me; this Christian Reformed college provides plenty of opportunities to celebrate Halloween, and yet seems to completely ignore the very event in history that brought about the foundation of its beliefs.

The following is a quote from Dordt College's home page:

“While remaining focused on its educational task, the college must treat its members as whole people. It should therefore maintain an environment that promotes responsible Christian living and supports scholarly investigation and practice. Curricular and non-curricular activities and organization of college life in general should facilitate and complement study of the curriculum, so that the college can better realize its mission. The curriculum should be rooted in the Word of God and infused with a Reformational worldview to reflect the fact that all of creation is related to God as its Creator, Redeemer, and Lord.”

Does the way Dordt College treats October 31 reflect this statement? Dordt College needs to seriously reconsider where it places emphasis when October 31 comes around. There should, however be an attempt made to at least equalize the emphasis put on events to fairly represent both aspects of the holiday. Changing the name of an event from “haunted house” to “mystery mansion” or from “Halloween party” to “costume dance” is barely an attempt to solve this problem.

Dordt College should have a goal to implement more events that are based on the Reformation. A good start toward this goal could be to conduct informative chapels about the Reformation or even put up decorations or bulletin boards that draw attention to the holidays. Another good idea would be a Reformation Celebration. Of course these ideas would need a lot of planning in order to become a reality, and that would involve a lot of work. Nevertheless, I believe that something must be done if Dordt College wants to conform to its mission statement.

Brian Matherly

Abortion Awareness: We All Need to Be Reminded... 

Letter to the Editor

I write in response to Heidi Kooiman's column, entitled "Who's the Target?", in the last issue of the Diamond. I know that many Dordt students probably agree with Heidi’s feelings, so I welcome this opportunity to explain the actions of Dordt Defenders of Life.

The sidewalk chalking was a DDL awareness-raising activity, as was the mailing of notes to every student several weeks ago. We try to promote awareness every month, and even now DDL members are probably thinking of more ideas for awareness in November. Yet, our on-campus activities are balanced with community involvement. We take monthly trips to abortion clinics for Prayer Vigils and also work with local ministries such as Bethany Christian Services. So why does DDL want to raise awareness at a conservative Christian college like Dordt? I cannot refer to anything so authoritative as the Communication 110 text, but DDL believes that even Christians need to be reminded of the tragedy of abortion.

Seeing the words "baby" and "murder" in one sentence should be enough to horrify anyone, but sadly this is not the case. Thirty-eight million unborn children have been killed, in the last twenty-six years, but this number is so large that it defies comprehension. In the same way, the anguishing betrayal of a mother aborting her child is almost too horrible to think about.

I hope the readers will excuse me for using an example from Christian life. I know that I often need to be reminded of what Jesus has done for me and all Christians. The magnitude of Jesus' love for us and His incredible sacrifice is difficult, if not impossible, for humans to understand.

Sometimes it is something as simple as Praise & Worship songs, other times it is a carefully chosen sermon, but whenever I am reminded, I feel overwhelmed and want to respond in some way. DDL hopes that, through our awareness activities, the tragedy of abortion will sink in and some people will resolve to make a difference.

Dordt’s campus should not be isolated from the abortion debate just because it is full of Christians. Some Dordt students may have gotten abortions, and some Dordt professors believe that fighting abortion shows a lack of compassion. While we welcome criticism of our methods, our members hope that people will not try to deflect responsibility away from the Dordt community. DDL asserts that Christians who truly believe that life is sacred from conception should be ready act on their principles.

On behalf of Dordt Defenders of Life, Kevin Maas

Student Forum: Serving the Lord and the Student Body

by Adam C. Zylstra
Student Forum Press Secretary

With the semester quickly coming around, there should be an idea for the college, to do what a majority of the student body feels appropriate. Our challenge on the Student Forum at Dordt is different. We certainly do exist as an outlet for student concerns and we take our duty to the student body very seriously. But unlike a student government that simply listens to the majority, our job is to serve the Lord.

When a student comes to us with an idea for the college, we cannot afford to ask simply, "What do the students want?" The question we need to ask is, "What does God desire of this college and these students, and how does this idea reflect that?" This is what makes our duty as the Student Forum of Dordt College a challenge and a privilege. We serve God above all else, and in doing so hope to serve you.

Student Forum has been dealing with several issues this year. For example, we have been dealing with the issue of visitation hours for Freshmen and we are striving to achieve equality between North, East and West Halls. Recycling and Parking issues have come before the Forum and we will continue to work with these issues. There is much more in store for this year's Student Forum. We value your insight and would like to hear from you. A suggestion box is located in the SUB or you can e-mail us at forum@dordt.edu. The Student Forum asks for your prayers as we continue striving to serve God and the student body.
My experience as an EMT

By Joel Feekes
Guest Writer

If someone would have told me my senior year in high school that I was to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) my freshman year in college, I wouldn't have believed them for a second, but as luck would have it, I decided to go premed. for a while in college and was encouraged by a very enthusiastic aunt to become an EMT. I started the classes early in the fall of my freshman year and got my license in April of my second semester at Dordt. The classes were from 7:00 to 10:00 every Monday night until Christmas, and then they were from 7:00 to 10:00 every Monday and Wednesday night until April.

The classes themselves were not that exciting, but the actual emergency calls were a different story. The Sioux Center ambulance squad lets you start riding along and taking calls with them as early as February, before you're even technically licensed. The advantage about starting early is that you don't feel pressured to do anything, because you aren't licensed to do anything. The bad thing about starting in February, is that it's in the dead of winter and you don't have the experience to feel confident, so you become quite nervous anyway. In the beginning, I was very nervous and agitated every time I took call. The first time I ever wore my beeper, I got a call and basically I freaked out. Looking back, I think it was an adrenaline rush.

The call turned out to be a head-on collision due to icy roads and high winds and so I got the full bore of experience right from the start. It wasn't a very pretty call. From that point on, I got a call the next six times I took call. My second call was a heart attack victim and so I got to see a defibrillator in use and was allowed to do CPR on a real person for the first time in my life. I thought I was jinxed and that this EMT thing was going to be way too crazy for me, but my fellow veteran EMTs told me I was lucky—that some EMTs have waited over five years to see what I did in my first two weeks. I thought that was just great, but it did little to convince me otherwise. Eventually, my calls slowed down considerably and I was reminded of the setting. Sioux Center isn't a large town and so we don't always get that many calls.

I've only been an EMT for about two years so I still feel new at this compared to some of the other EMTs that work in Sioux Center. But now when I take calls I don't get nervous and when I do get a call, I enjoy it most of the time. There are about 25 EMTs in Sioux Center so no one has to take call all the time. I usually take call about three nights a week, making sure I get three weekend shifts in a month. The shifts run from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and then of course, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM. I would like to take more day calls but because I'm in school, I'm limited to night shifts.

Soon after you get your state license, you have to take renewal tests and make sure you get enough credit hours. Most of the re-certification is all done through the ambulance service in town, so we meet once a month to sign up for call schedules and to recertify ourselves. While this is an ongoing process it's really no big deal. You only need a minimum of 24 hours of continual education to renew your state license when it expires every two years, which is easy to attain. The rest of the training, which involves everything from CPR re-certification, to full scale trauma disaster drills, is also done through the ambulance garage and is scheduled at various times throughout the year.

On the whole, I don't get calls all too often. It seems like when I do get one, they go in streaks, so if I get one call, I can expect two more. Being an EMT, you will definitely get transfers which are not always the most fun and they take a lot of time—usually during the middle of the night. When we transfer a patient, we take them to Sioux Falls or Sioux City and basically monitor them the whole way there. Most transfers are non-emergencies. One benefit I will point out is that they really let you get to know the patient which is sometimes very interesting. People enjoy having someone to listen to them, and sometimes that's all you have to do. My last transfer was a 13 day old girl with a high fever. She slept the whole way to Sioux Falls. It's hard to not enjoy being an EMT on calls like that.

Being an EMT has taught me an incredible amount of knowledge that I wouldn't trade for anything, and I'm very grateful that I have the opportunity to participate with the squad. It's a great feeling to be able to help someone, even if you're just calming them down. The town of Sioux Center and the other EMTs are always helpful and have always been incredibly patient. I would seriously recommend the class to anyone, not just premed. students, because a large portion of the class is just about basic first aid that everyone should know, and the rest of the class forces you to handle yourself well in high pressure situations, which can't hurt to know either. You also find out quite a lot about yourself in the process.
Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are the epitome of dedicated, committed volunteers. They put in long hours of work for little or no pay, their only wage being the safety and gratitude of the people they help. It is not a job for those who want easy work or superficial compensation; for those who choose to be EMTs, the reward is in the people they help, not the pay.

To become an EMT, training and experience are required. Typically, a person will undergo about 150 hours of basic medical training with an experienced EMT instructor before receiving their EMT “basic” license. To become an advanced EMT, or “paramedic,” 450-600 hours of training and experience are required.

Some Dordt students who have undergone this training include Joel Feekes, Josh Meendering, Brent Nyhof and Matt Zieske. They have varying levels of experience and time commitment, but all are certified EMT basics.

While the most important part of any EMT squad is the people, most squads have additional equipment in order to assist them in their job. The Sioux Center EMT squad responds to any emergency that requires medical attention, and averages about 360 calls a year. There is always someone on duty, as volunteers work in shifts around the clock, since things can go wrong at any time. Although the accidents they respond to can sometimes seem minor, to those involved it is invariably a traumatic experience, and the EMTs strive to ease the fear and pain of the patient.

EMTs are not the most visible or glamorous in the medical profession, but the work of these everyday heroes often means the difference between life and death for the victims they help.
Dordt’s cross country team ran well at their race on Saturday, October 24, in preparation for Conference. It was the Annual Mount Marty College Invitational at the Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. It was 55 degrees outside with only a slight breeze, so it was really nice running weather. There were 14 colleges, seven of them nationally rated.

The men’s team ran very well, but had to settle for eighth place out of 13 full teams. Seven of the men ran their best races of the year at this meet. They were Jon Vander Kooy who placed 18th, Greg Van Dyke in 50th, Marlin Hoogland with 62nd, Jim Dekkers took 63rd, Jon Dekkers with 65th. Peter Simmons and Eric Vander Kooi also ran excellent races.

First place for Dordt was Jeff Summerhays in 17th place. J. Vander Kooy, Van Dyke, Jim Dekkers, and Jon Dekkers have run consistently faster every meet this year so far.

The Dordt men ran against some of their SDIC rivals in this race. They outran Mount Marty and Northwestern, but could not manage to take the University of Sioux Falls and Dakota State University.

The women placed fifth at this meet with Becky Van De Griend running an outstanding performance. Her time gave her ninth place and beat her best time this year by 1:14. Five other members of the women’s team also ran their best times of the year: Tabitha Vander Wilt with 19th place, Julie Huizenga in 31st, Cathy Palmer took 32nd, Jocelyn Van Beek, and Amanda Vander Wilt also ran their best times. The other counter was Loralee Dykeryk with 32nd place.

This was the first time this year that the women lost to anybody but Division I and II teams, but three of the four teams who beat them are nationally ranked by the NAIA.

Coach Goheen stated that two of Dordt’s runners were missing, so with a full squad it appears that they have a bona fide shot at the SDIC title which will be awarded on the following Saturday.

On November 7, both the men’s team and the women’s team ran their best races of the year at the NAIA Nationals on November 21 in Wisconsin. The women will be running at 11 and the men at 11:45 a.m.

The men’s soccer team closed out the season with a win, a loss, and a tie against Sioux Falls, National American, and Doane College, respectively. This finalized the regular season record at 11-4-1. The Sioux Falls Cougars came to Sioux Center on Wednesday, October 21, to try to even the score after the Cougars had beat them on their turf earlier in the year. Jon Pelster knocked in the first goal of the game with 22 minutes left in the second half. The Cougars scored with less than three minutes left to send the game into overtime. After 28 minutes of overtime, including a long break in which a S.F. player had to be taken off in an ambulance with a sprained neck, Pelster booted in a second goal to take the win.

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Lady Defenders Climb To 14th in National Rankings

By Leanne Prins
Sports Reporter

With the end of the volleyball season coming into sight, Dordt's Lady Defenders continue to get stronger and stronger as they knock off rivals in their quest for the final goal that is the desire of every team. The Lady Defenders, despite their many road games in these last two weeks, advanced their rank to 14th in the nation with an 8-0 sweep of their matches. Their record is now 33-2 for the season, and if they continue to play like they have been they could likely reach the goal that they have their hearts set on.

Dordt 3
Black Hills State University 0

With solid play both offensively and defensively, the Lady Defenders pulled off another sweep beating BHSU on their home turf 15-12, 15-5 and 10-14. Janna Van Donge and Darci Bouma led the team in kills with 15 and 14, while Mindy Boogerd dug up 16 balls in this battle.

Dordt Takes Home Another Championship

At the tournament hosted by South Dakota Tech University in Rapid City, Dordt went home with another tournament victory. They beat the host team 3-0 in their first match. Their second match on Friday was against Black Hills State University, which was another 3-0 sweep. Saturday brought two more wins, beating both Minot State and Jamestown 3-0. A reflection of Dordt's solid play was in the number of Lady Defenders chosen to the All Tournament Team: Boogerd, Bouma, Netz, Poppema and Van Donge.

Dordt 3
Huron University 0

Dordt advanced to 31-2 for the season as they took to the road once again, sweeping Huron 3-0. Freshman Poppema went 13-13 at the service line with two aces to add to her amazing total of 80 aces on the season (she broke the previous Dordt record at 66 ace serves).

Dordt 3
Briar Cliff 1

The Lady Defenders put on a show in Sioux City as Kim Van Dyken had 56 assists and went 18-18 at the service line. Poppema contributed 14 kills, adding five more aces to her record total, and Boogerd had 18 digs. The game scores were 15-9, 15-8, 9-15, and 15-4, giving Dordt their ninth win in a row and ranking them seventeenth in the nation.

Dordt 3
College of St. Mary 2

It was a back-and-forth battle on their own turf, but Dordt managed to defeat this fourteenth ranked team in the country with scores of 15-4, 7-15, 15-13, 6-15, and 15-13, extending their winning streak.

Van Dyken had a stellar game once again, tossing up 80 assists and going 29-29 at the service line with 2 aces.

The win helped the women move up three spots to 14th nationally and up to 3rd in the region, behind Dickinson State and Hastings.

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The game was controlled mostly by Dordt with the help from Heather Broekhuys with one goal and friend with two goals in the first half. The second half was all Dordt again in which Gaskell scored one, but Jamestown somehow snuck in a goal near the end of the game. The Lady Defenders are looking really strong in their last couple of games and this should carry on through the rest of the playoffs.

Editor's Note

The Lady Defenders finished their season Wednesday with a double overtime loss to Huron University. They end the season 13-6.

Mankato State simply too tough for young and improving Blades

By Franklin Guillaume
Sports Reporter

Four games, four losses, but still a step forward. The Dordt Blades opened their regular season schedule with four games against last year's league champion, Mankato State University. There is no way of getting around the fact that the scores were not very pretty but as Coach Ben Saarloos said, the Blades have "finally got over the first hurdle." After getting embarrassed in Mankato, the Blades came back stronger at home and were finally able to get some offense going. The guys are getting used to playing with each other now and improvement is being to happen.

Mankato State 7, Dordt 0

After holding Mankato State off for most of the first period October 23, the Blades gave up a late goal which led to four more in the second. Mankato added two more in a penalty-filled third period. Goalie Tim Hoogland had 34 saves as the Blades were outshot 41-8.

Mankato State 13, Dordt 1

Mankato State scored two early goals October 24 in the first period before Dave Vander Plaat's shot from the point early in the second squashed through to pull Dordt within one. Just when it looked like the Blades would be able to tie it, Mankato State took the momentum of the game right back by scoring less than a minute after Vander Plaat's goal. The teams entered the dressing room with Mankato State leading 6-1. The third period was a story of going from bad to worse as Mankato State managed 7 goals in less than 10 minutes to take the game 13-1.

Mankato State 10, Dordt 5

By far the most exciting of the four games, the Blades were able to hit hard, skate more aggressively and most importantly, put the puck in the net on October 30. The line of Dennis Schilhuis, Adam Jenninga, and James Bentum were able to combine for 3 goals and 1 assist. Schilhuis had two goals, Mark Nagtegaal potted his first of the season, and Vander Plaat added his second for the year. Saarloos commented that the Blades have "broke the wall" that has seemed to prevent them from scoring up to this point. Equally impressive was Dordt's ability to play a disciplined game against the rough and dirty Mankato squad. After only giving up one shorthanded situation throughout the entire game Saarloos simply stated, "I don't believe in retaliatory penalties."

Mankato State 11, Dordt 2

The Blades started slow and continued to have problems with Saturday games as they gave up five goals in the first period of their game on October 31. The second period, however, was one of their best, as they got the offense going once again. Schilhuis netted his third goal of the season off a rebound from a shot from Vander Plaat. Then, after Mankato made it 8-1, Vander Plaat found some open ice and spotted James Bentum skating hard down the left side and Bentum put home his first of the season. Mankato State added three more goals in the third including two short handed markers. The Blades have yet to click on the powerplay.

The Blades continue their season this weekend in Aberdeen, South Dakota as they take on Northern State University. On November 13 and 14 the Blades will travel to Brookings to meet South Dakota State University for a pair of matches. The team hopes to jump a few more hurdles over the next couple weeks as they look to pull out their first wins of the season.
R.E.M. had falls to climb to get Up

by Justin Westerhof
Staff Reporter

R.E.M. has successfully reinvented themselves, coming out with an album with a pre-packaged atmosphere called “Up.”

With the loss of Bill Berry, veteran drummer of 18 years, no one knew what to expect from the threesome. The rumor always was that R.E.M. would no longer be, if one member was gone. But the band pressed on. Overall, “Up” has a mellow, melancholy feel with some angry undertones. It is a mix of “Automatic for the People” (1992) and “New Adventures in Hi-Fi” (1995). But it isn’t a complete mix.

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Poetry class takes the next step

by Kirstin Vander Giessen
Art Editor

Ten years ago, the first group gathered. An artist had prepared a work, carefully crafted, rearranged, alive, to place before them. He asked the question: what do you think? Every other fall since then, a small group of students has dared to take English 303 Reading and Writing of Poetry, under the direction of Prof. Mike Van den Bosch. The reason I’m making the class sound so ominous is that—it is. For the first few days, anyway. As in any art class, the artist is at risk. He or she invites critique from a variety of people. Maybe the last poem one guy wrote was an angry lament about the death of Kurt Cobain. Maybe one girl has been published five times already and has a portfolio the size of the Bible. Maybe somebody else is only interested in writing children’s poetry while another dismisses anything less than completely abstract postmodern jargon. Regardless of personalities, motives, and preferences, they gather to share and critique what others have pulled out of journals, memories, pain, faith, dreams, history, lies, hope.

The first assignment. We comment on the alteration, the images, the theme. Mostly postive. The second. We acknowledge what “works for us” and what doesn’t.

The Center of Thoughts

you wouldn’t know in this swirling bubble, the clattering cymbal, the clinking spoons on glass a chaotic tumble, the chorus mumble of conversations a thousand lost words to our ears, a twisting mass of sound churning and spilling through the heat of air and bodies, the faces laughing in company

you wouldn’t know in all of this what I am thinking all the while, my voice drifting to the ceiling, thoughts to the fans and the lights and gone

by Ryan Vande Kraats
First Place
Iowa Poetry Association
College Division

The third round. Interesting perspective, but I don’t know if a pigeon would be so self-aware. We start to sound ridiculous.

The fourth. “I need more.” “I love it.” We are blunt.

As the semester proceeds, we not only learn how to write (how not to write), but also learn how to be critics. Sometimes had critics who make too much of a small detail and sometimes critics who help the critiqued discover exactly what was missing. We become predictable, comfortable, and safe. Then we have The Reading.

This Sunday night at 9 p.m. in C160, the poetry class will take their words to the next level of public critique as they each share a few poems at an open reading. Despite the presence of the familiar class members and the high friend and family content of the audience, the reading is a new risk which for some may be the only time they present their poetry publicly and for others may be only the beginning of a career. Or a hobby, if we’re going to be skeptically realistic about artists.

Another step beyond the classroom is entering contests like the one sponsored annually by the Iowa Poetry Association. Our own Ryan Vande Kraats won first place in the most recent contest, tying with graduate Sarah Bliss. Graduate Jessica Vander Werf was also featured with an honorable mention. The contest is open to all students. Contact Prof. Van den Bosch for details.

Oh, and we’d love to see you at Sunday night’s reading. Maybe it’s enough to witness the risk, but here’s a blatant incentive anyway: refreshments.

Smit and Soodsma recital

by Andrea Voogt
Staff Reporter

On November 14, 1998, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium Amie Smit and Kevin Soodsma will be performing a recital together.

Smit will be performing on violin with accompanist Colleen Evenhouse on the piano. And Soodsma will be performing on organ. The theme of the recital is a trip through music history. The concert promises a very interesting program, including pieces by Bach, Mozart, and Vitali, and ending with a violin-organ duet called “Theme and Variations on Slane,” which is known to most people as “Be Thou My Vision.”

Smit, a junior, plans to pursue a career in the field of music. She hopes to become a violin teacher and would like to write her own method of violin playing. Her biggest dream is to begin a school of violin.

Soodsma is a senior at Dordt and also has plans to continue in music. He would like to hold the position of minister of music in a church. He also plans to teach piano and organ privately.
Iowa's Wild Places on exhibit in gallery

by Allison DeJong
Staff Reporter

A new exhibit is presently residing in the art gallery of the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Over 20 photographs taken by Carl Kurtz make up this exhibit; the subject, "Iowa's Wild Places," is dear to the heart of the loyal Dordt person.

Over the past 25 years, Carl Kurtz, a naturalist and farmer as well as a talented photographer, has sought out the disappearing wilderness of Iowa and captured it on film. Vivid and varied, his pictures fully capture the spirit of Iowa at all times of the year.

Many of the photographs depict scenes from the fall and summer months: a yellow-billed cuckoo hiding among the branches of an eastern red cedar tree, yellow-white cotton-ball clouds floating across the evening sky after a thunderstorm, crackling brown oak leaves scattered on springy, rich-green moss, and a meadowly coated with frozen heads of dew. All of the seasons are represented.

Tiny blue-violet, yellow-centered pasque flowers nestled in dried grasses are the first wildflowers to appear in the spring, while the feathery rime of frost coating pussy willow branches transforms the world into a fairyland during the winter months.

Kurtz's pictures were taken in all parts of Iowa, though a majority of the subjects are located in central Iowa. From rivers to prairie land, from turbulent skies to frozen lakesides, all of Iowa's wildlife is represented in some way.

"Iowa's Wild Places" is produced by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization which teaches Iowans to take care of their state's natural resources.

This exhibit can be viewed on weekdays from nine to five and will be in Dordt's art gallery until November 24.

Satire for you: these two publications will give you your fill

by Rob Reitsma
Staff Reporter

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Is this the right way to go?

by Leonard Gooz
Guest Writer

"We are all different, yet we are all the same. One of the most important principles I learned at the first meeting of the Iowa International Fellows program sponsored by the Iowa Council on International Understanding was divided between the two superpowers: the USA and the Soviet Union. The Cold War has ended and we are finding ourselves in an era of interconnectedness and interdependence. We are witnessing globalization.

In these times when most nations in the Western Hemisphere are seeking internationalism, North America, aware of its super-national position, is closing its borders.

The world has seen the positive impact of the Peace Corps after WW II, the result of the Marshall Plan that helped to build up the post war countries and the results of the Truman Doctrine.

These international programs not only moved national thinking beyond national borders but brought vast possibilities of education and wealth into the USA. Still, the United States seems to have chosen to develop a dangerous and sometimes fatal attitude of isolationism. Most U.S. citizens have the illusion that their country is large enough without the help of other nations. They do not dare to confront the human community and its future.

A summary of our world

If we could shrink the Earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this:

- There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere (North and South) and 8 Africans
- 51 would be female; 49 would be male
- 70 would be non-white; 30 white
- 50% of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people, and all would be citizens of the United States
- 80 would live in standard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near birth, one would be near death
- Only one would have a college education
- No one would own a computer

Citizens of the U.S. think that the American culture, driven by strong individualism, is the only possible way to solve problems in the Third World countries. Free market economy and capitalism proved themselves to be the most stable and successful tools to make the U.S. a rich country.

This approach will not be successful in the Third World countries. People of these countries live in communities through which they fight against suffering and oppression of the elite class and do not want to separate themselves from each other. Their understanding of loving their neighbor is very different and much more biblical than the North American understanding of life.

North Americans live very self-centered and un-biblical lifestyles. Many times Americans do not even know their own neighbor although they have lived next to each other for ten years or more. This individualism results in a wide social class gap. An increasing number of the poor do not receive adequate social or any other type of help and the rich continue to decisions that bring privileges to themselves and not the majority of the population.

Is this the right way to go?

I think globalization would not only help the poor in the Third World Countries, but it would also bring a common, unified solution to these problems. A solution that would heal the problems both on the side of the Third World countries and the side of North America.

Global Awareness: how does our faith affect our thoughts on the world?

by Suzi Goudzvard
Staff Reporter

"I believe all humans are perfect."
"My religion is following and obeying our traditions."
"Christendom is such a sad in America—everyone is a Christian."

How shall we respond to these statements? How are we any different than globally aware and active non-Christians?

The Iowa International Fellows Program is a series of five conferences in which students from all over the world who are attending college in Iowa meet to discuss cultural, political, social and economic issues from a global standpoint. The first meeting took place on October 23-24 in Des Moines, Iowa. Speakers and panel discussions by immigrants to the U.S., a group of whom have been Peace Corps workers, and a number of people were life-long residents of Iowa.

The speakers' comments and our interaction with them was indeed insightful but we all agreed that the most valuable experience we took from the conference was the conversations and time spent with other participants. Gooz pointed out that we would not learn as much or as intimately about other cultures in a classroom setting as we did by simply getting to know the other participants. It was the people—the Africans, Europeans, Asians, South Americans and North Americans—who made the conference. So sure, we gained a slightly better understanding of Iowa culture, but more importantly, we were challenged to think more globally and were made to consider how our faith in a sovereign God affects our thoughts and actions."

World Vision

by Sean Gregg
Co-editor-in-chief

World Vision was begun by Bob Pierce in 1950. He was a veteran of World War Two and wanted to help Korean children affected by the Korean War. The program began by sponsoring children to provide them with the things necessary for a healthy life. World Vision has grown from simply sponsoring children to working with entire communities all over the globe. According to World Vision's Web page, the program served more than 50 million people in 103 countries last year alone.

World Vision is a specifically Christian organization. Dave Van Beek, the local counter-top display volunteer, said that World Vision wants to "not only meet the physical needs, but bring the gospel with it too." The program has its own well-drilling equipment to provide entire communities with clean water, and presented the "Jesus" film.

Van Beek recently set up a countertop display in the snack bar. It is a convenient way for Dordt students to contribute to the work of World Vision. Van Beek said that convenience stores are the biggest draw, but he thinks that "the potential here is just great."

The money from the countertop displays does not go to sponsor children. Van Beek suggested that since most college students do not have enough money to sponsor kids on their own, that they get together with a group of students to sponsor children. For those interested in sponsoring a child there are informational pamphlets in the countertop display in the snack bar.

Sponsoring a child and countertop displays are two ways that Dordt Students can participate in the work of World Vision. One other way to help out is to participate in the 30 hour famine in February. According to Van Beek, 33 thousand children under the age of five are dying every day from malnutrition and health care problems. It may not seem like much when you drop a penny into the counter-top display, but as Van Beek said, "all those little coins put together can make a difference."