Homecoming around the corner

by Sonya Jongma

Homecoming Week is only a week and a half away. and, as always, it promises to be a busy one. Besides the fact that many professors have decided that the week of Feb. 7 to Feb. 12 is a good one to have tests, quizzes, and papers due-dates, there are various activities planned for Homecoming Week. The Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series at 8:00 Thursday night in S101 is just one of the activities planned for the week. On Friday night there is a home hockey game against USD and a travelogue in the chapel. The highlight of Homecoming Week will be Saturday’s festivities. An afternoon hockey game against USD will take place on Saturday as well as an afternoon basketball game in the afternoon. The JV and Varsity basketball games will include a slam dunk contest taking place between the games and the naming of Athletic/Academic All Americans.

As always, Saturday night will conclude with the much anticipated Talent Extravaganza. The theme for this year is "The Year’s Best: Talent Extravaganza ’94". Auditions for the talent night will be held on Feb. 1 and 2, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Competition is stiff, and according to Kroese, entries will be limited this year because the committee is keeping in mind a two to two and a half hour time limit and is not allowing any alumni acts to perform. They are doing this in order to give the students (and a few staff) more opportunity to participate. Kroese commented that the M. C.’s, Thomas Van Soelen and Sandra De Jong, will be making an effort to keep the show moving so it doesn’t drag out too long as it has tended to in past years.

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Upcoming theater arts events

by Steve Ling

After a long and relaxing break, the Theater Arts Department once again is preparing for a very busy semester. On Friday January 21, a group of students and Professor Simon DuToit left for Kansas City where they attended the American College Theater Festival (ACTF). While there, the students viewed 8 plays from an eight state region and attended workshops pertaining to theater arts.

Another upcoming event for the department is the play "Quiet in the Land". According to Professor John Hoiland, this play will be set in a sunny, farm country-type atmosphere and tells a story about two Amish families. A son of one family joins the army which enrages some of the Amish since they are a pacifist group of people. Throughout the play the families try to retain their identity by keeping their faith pure, however they must also deal with their son who clearly went against one of their most important beliefs.

Presenting this tragedy and the emotions it creates is only one challenge facing the cast and crew. Professor Hoiland also expressed another challenge which calls for the suspension of one of the actors by a thin wire to give the appearance that he is flying which has never been done before at Dordt. "Quiet in the Land" will be presented on March 3, 4, and 5 in Te Paske Theater.

This semester the theater arts department will also join the English Department in the presentation of a readers theater which will present a story written by Jim Schaap. This group will also most likely go on tour, as well as another group which will present a staging of the gospel of Mark.

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Talent Extravaganza

GET IN THE SPIRIT OF HOMECOMING WEEK—BE SURE TO TRY OUT FOR THE TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

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Van Den Broek moves on to Nationals

by Lynn Verhoef

"I didn't expect anything from State. I felt unprepared," said Rita Van Den Broek of the state level of the Music Teachers Association Wurllitzer Collegiate Artist Competition held in Waverly, Iowa on November 21. Since then, she has proceeded to the West Central division competition held January 15 in Minneapolis, as the only Iowa competitor, and has again emerged as the region's only state level of the Music Teachers competition to go on to the national competition, the first Dordt student to enter this particular competition and the only to go on to any national music competition. She will be one of up to seven competing on the national level.

The prizes will be awarded in a ceremony on a date to be announced after the winners are decided.

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The next performance is to take

place at Covenant Christian

Conference. This performance

has appointments through the

Department. The cast, comprised of

seven members, will interestingly

change throughout the upcoming

performances. The central

characters of the play are the

seventy-six-year-old Diet, the

young Diet during the war, and

Hein. Other characters include

Dr. Schaap and three members of the German Gestapo. Local

performances will be presented by Dordt students and faculty, but the on-road performances

will rely on substitutes for the

non-central characters, from the location in which they perform.

The play successfully pre-

miered in Pella last weekend.

The next performance is to take

place at Covenant Christian

Reformed Church tomorrow, as

part of the CRC/RCA Worship

Conference. This performance

will include Schaap as himself.

Mrs. Schelhaas as old Diet,

Erika Knight as young Diet,

Jack Du Mez as Hein, and

Larissa Lightheiser with

Professor Kockkock and

Professor David Schelhaas as the

German Gestapo.

The first public perfor-

mances are scheduled for April 7 and 8 in the TePaske theater.

These performances will keep

the same cast, but Rebecca

Sanford will play young Diet and

Tod WORKhoven will play Hein.

The Reader's Theater has

appointments throughout the

summer and into the fall

semester crossing the United

States and Canada. The advan-

tage of having two couples play-

ing young Diet and Hein allows

the play to be performed as

scheduled, with the convenience

of which couple can attend. The

character of old Diet will always

be played by Schelhaas. At the

various locations, the Gestapo

positions will be filled by per-

sons from that locality. The tour-

ing group will have one day in

which to talk to the new actors and

work with them, to get ready for the performance the following day.

This is truly an exciting

way to present a play and espe-

cally make it seem like anyone

in the audience could be one of

the people on stage, because the

characters appeal to every age

and many lifestyles. It is a pow-

erful story that relates the audi-

cence to the faith and commit-

ment of Diet Eman. She put her

own life on the line to help the

people that needed it.

Creative talent on display

by Katie Dekker

Students who are also artists and writers are busier than usual in February. The deadlines for both the Canon, Dordt's literary magazine, and the Martin Seven Writing Competition fall this month.

Entries of poetry, short

stories, essays, interviews, car-

toons, photographs, pencil draw-

ings, and other art are due on

Feb. 1 for the Canon. Editors

Lynn Verhoef and Sheila

Rasmussen chose the theme of

growth in personal experiences,

in the lives of those around us,

and within the Dordt communi-

ty.*

We want [the Canon] to be

something that anyone in any

major would want to check out," Verhoef said. Rasmussen added, "We want this Canon to be a good reflection of the talent that's out there. We know it's out there."

Rasmussen also stated that

any student who is thinking

about entering something to

"just send it in. Don't worry

that it's not good enough."

Both editors said that a differ-

ence in this year's Canon was the addition of two art stu-

dents, Jacko de Win and Ben

Meyer, to help with the cover

and layout of the magazine.

The magazine will go to

press in mid-March and will be

ready after Spring Break.

The deadline for the

Martin Seven Writing Competi-

tion is Feb. 15. The competition is accepting poetry, short stories, portions of longer

fiction, experimental forms in

fiction, informal essays, essays

analyzing literature, or any

essay submitted as an assign-

ment in English 101. First prize

in each category is $100, and

second is $50. Members of the

English department will be judg-

ing all the entries.

The money comes from a

fund set up by Martin Seven, who worked in the Dordt library before he passed away.

Professor Vanden Bosch said the purpose of the competition was to give students the incentive to want to publish their writings. He added, "I think that's what Mr. Seven had in mind when he left the money."

Vanden Bosch said any-

one who has written in a catego-

ry, whether freshman, sopho-

more, junior, or senior, should

enter. "By all means, submit," he

urged.

The prizes will be award-

ed in a ceremony on a date to be

announced after the winners are

decided.

*Hug a Linguist already!
Russian professor finds Dordt "amazing"

by Shawn Abbas

Helen Gulobeva, a visiting professor from Moscow who is teaching a Russian language course as well as a course in Russian culture, has a very positive attitude towards the Dordt community and the classes she is teaching here.

Gulobeva is "pleasantly amazed at the facilities and the vast opportunities students have." She is especially impressed by the Christian perspective which is shown throughout the students' education.

In order to see the Christian perspective in action, as well as to increase her own knowledge, Gulobeva is taking Professor Goheen's Theology 101 course.

The wide variety of liberal arts courses available to students also impresses Gulobeva. This variety is very different from the Russian educational system in which students are very specialized in their studies. Another difference Gulobeva notices and appreciates is Dordt's "spirit of openness and helpfulness."

"[I am] pleasantly amazed at the facilities and vast opportunities students have."

Gulobeva is getting such a warm reception from the Dordt community that she feels compelled to put forth her very best effort in teaching her two courses: Russian 101, an introductory language course, and Russian 206: Russian Civilization and Culture, a course focusing on the history and culture of Russia.

Gulobeva says that the objective of Russian 101 is to enable her students to communicate with Russians in a simple way. "Students will learn to say who they are, where they are from, and even ask directions, all in Russian," says Gulobeva. "I also plan to teach them a Russian song, "Katyusha," which is currently popular among foreign tourists."

All in all, Gulobeva expects her time at Dordt to be a very positive experience, not only for her, but also for the Dordt community as we are all enriched by the sharing of cultures.

Groups spend break in service

by Mavla Runia and Shelley DeYoung

On Dec. 28, 21 Dordt students and 2 community sponsors left for the Dominican Republic. There were two groups. One group of 12, Tom Altena, Matt DeFound, Randy Visser, Mavla Runia, Sarah Bierling, Pam Alexander, Trudy VanGunst, Tricia Hall, Linda Geerts, Christina Bultsma, and Shelley DeYoung, led by Dan Altena spent their time building a church/school in Monte Plate. The other group of 11, Mike Scheteboert, Kevin Wassenenaar, Scott Olman, Kerri Brill, Kari Meyer, Kerri Dussena, Dorissa Kuiper, Laurie Leys, Angela Walstra, and Cher DeJong, led by Dave Ruiter, finished building a 2 room school, laying a sidewalk, presented programs at the local medical center, and taught Bible school. They also visited a leper colony. Group member Kevin Wassenenaar said of the experience, "it gave us a sense of what it felt like to touch the untouchable."

Both groups had a wonderful experience and feel they know more about the Dominican culture. We found the Dominicans very hospitable and made us feel very welcome during our 2 week stay. The friends we've made and the experiences we have shared will be something we will never forget.

One of the AMOR groups who served in the Dominican had a chance to participate in the community in the church/school building.

World news

Portland, OR

In an ever-unfolding case, police have made more arrests of those close to figure skater Tonya Harding, including her live-in ex-husband Jeff Gillooly. The group allegedly planned and executed an attack on Harding's rival Nancy Kerrigan. Harding herself has not yet been implicated directly in the case.

Washington D.C.

During his first State of the Union address, President Clinton focused on universal health insurance and reduction of crime.

Ukraine

The Ukraine has agreed to destroy much of its nuclear missile store in exchange for generous U.S. financial aid.
I saw the news today, oh boy

On Monday, January 24, the Supreme Court voted unanimously to pass a law declaring it illegal for abortion protestors to demonstrate with violence, intimidation and blockades. If this law is violated, criminals will be prosecuted under RICO (Racketeer Influenced, Corrupt Organizations act).

Response to this decision has been strong from both sides of the argument. NOW (National Organization for Women) sees this as a move that will forward their cause to keep abortion legal: Operation Rescue sees this as a hindrance.

First of all, this does not forward the cause of reproductive rights for women, it only makes it safer for women and doctors to do what they are already allowed to do. And it prevents those who harass the families and endanger the properties of doctors who perform abortions from acting without impunity.

Second, this law does not hamper the goal of Pro-Lifers, since it only stops them from using violence to stop violence. On the Monday evening news, Pro-Life activist Paul Dorr (the Diamond’s anti-recycling friend from December 3, 1992) expressed concern that now Operation Rescue would be bound by laws restricting methods of protest. But the truth is, the law only keeps activists of every kind from doing what they shouldn’t be doing in the first place.

It is frustrating that Pro-Life demonstrators are now being seen in the same light as the “mob,” according to the article in Tuesday’s Des Moines Register. The same article refers to demonstration leaders and organizers as “kingpins,” along with the usual media slant in phrases such as “abortion foes” and “extremists.” I don’t agree with the way these stories are presented, but we have to think about how abortion protestors earned these names.

Threatening, stalking, intimidating, bombing and blockading are a few reasons why Christian and Pro-Life supporters in general have received a bad name in the media. I am ashamed that I, as a Christian, have to be shoved into the same mold as Operation Rescuers. The media does not recognize the distinctions between Rescuers and most Christians in general. Most Christians who take a stand on abortion want nothing to do with that kind of violent activity.

I am not embarrassed to go out into the world where my opinions are not shared. I can tell non-Christians and Pro-Choice activists that I’ve marched in Washington and rallied in Indianapolis to protest abortion. The difference is in how we protest. When we stoop to violence and threats, we are no better than the rioters in South-Central Los Angeles.

We can emphasize peaceful protesting on the public scene, and in our relationships with others we can be a peaceful witness by testifying reasonably as to why we stand for what we do.

The only way to communicate is with compassion, respect, and love. The violent actions of Operation Rescue breed hatred.

When I was in Sunday School, I always hated hearing the teachers ask the question, “What do you think Jesus would say about that if he were here?” Even though it’s impossible to answer that question, Jesus’ very nature is a powerful example.

As Stephen Stills put it about twenty years ago, “Jesus Christ was the first non-violent revolutionary.”

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Dr. Duitman's Memoirs

by Barbara Sjoerdma

Who knows what a band director thinks at the end of a week with 40 some rowdy band students? Rather than try to analyze Mr. Duitman's thoughts for myself I have copied the list of things that he remembers most about band tour that he read at the homecoming concert.

1. Several students flat on the ground, changing a tire on the trailer as the arctic wind howled across the Minnesota prairie.
2. A ten minute setup of the band at a Minneapolis elementary school after we arrived forty-five minutes late because of a huge traffic jam.
3. Students running to the buses from the Mall of America complaining about their feet after an afternoon of shopping.
4. The poly-cultural and tonal experience crossing the border as half the bus burst into "Oh Canada," while the rest loyal ly sang every word of "The Star-Spangled Banner."
5. The wry retorts coming over the bus's CB speaker originating from the van's tenor sax section.
6. Our bus driver, Rich, showing a conducting form that could only be described as "individualistic" as he lead the band on a march at a rehearsal in Winnipeg.
7. The sound of inspired but peaceful singing on the bus as we were traveling through the pristine beauty of the Lake of the Woods area of Canada.
8. Watching my teacher Craig Kirchoff direct the band on "Trauer-Infonie" by Richard Wagner.
9. Finally, the bus driver compliment that has become a yearly tradition with Dordt organizations. "After 15 years and two and a half million miles, this has been the best group of students I have ever driven for."
10. What Mr. Duitman's tenth memory would be we can only guess, but from the preceding nine we can assume that it would be humorous and nostalgic for the other members of the 1994 Dordt College Band.

"You guys, this is just as if we were on a tropical island."
—Kari Meyer, overcome by the beauty of the Dominican Republic while on AMOR

"I got all excited because they made me take off all my accessories."
—Christina Bultsma explaining why she left her purse at the metal detector at the airport in Sioux Falls

"Que hora es?"
—Mike Schiebout confusing "what time is it" for "what time is it" while on AMOR in D.R.

"I love other people's opinions; I just wish they were shorter."
—Pat Kromendyk, after the second Gen 300 class

"Don't look at what I draw, look at what I say!"
—Jim Bos, trying to illustrate his point in Cmsc 131

"That Chia pet looks like Eric Kooi!"
—Sandra De Jong

"She's American, she can do whatever she wants."
—An American Lit student defending Emily Dickenson's right to poetic license

"Next time you make the light bulbs, put the wet ones under the frozen ones."
—Steve Drost, trying to tell his roommates what to do with ice cubes

"I was sleeping while I took a nap."
—Leandra Sybesma

"I'm gonna cough up a leg."
—Sheila Braskamp, describing her cold

"I can't see very well out of my left eye in the dark."
—Dawn Karsjens

"What if there were no hypothetical situations?"
—comedian John Mendoza in a performance on David Letterman

WISE WORDS FROM THE NOT-SO-FAMOUS:

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Want to see your friend or roommate in print?

Remember something funny they say and submit it to the OVERHEARD column!

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Life on Glacier Dordt—

by Shelley Westerhof


Lies. All lies. This winter offers us nothing but visions of stalled engines, icy roads, sub-zero days and bitter windchills dancing through our heads. Now the happy children can't be outside for more than five minutes without danger of Jack Frost attacking their rosy cheeks. The idea of any snowfall, Currier and Ives-esque-ness notwithsanding, sends us all running for the nearest shelter. The only things dancing are the people trying to stay warm without slipping and falling.

If you've always wondered what it would be like to live on a glacier, this is the place to be. Temperatures in the Midwest and East were at all-time lows last week. In what meteorologists described as a "Siberian Express," record lows were set in 33 cities across the nation, including -43 degrees in Watertown, NY. Siouxland experienced its coldest temperatures in 100 years, with -30 degrees Tuesday added to a bone-chilling 64 degree windchill.

Winners of the coldest temperatures were (as if this were a medal of honor): Devil's Lake, ND, with a -92 degree windchill, and Garrison, MN, at -32 degrees, the coldest in the continuous 48 states.

The Iowa AAA reported 200 stalled cars on Tuesday. The Iowa State Patrol had helicopters on the lookout for stalled motorists across the state. The AAA recommended no long distance traveling unless absolutely necessary.

Minnesota governor Arne Carlson felt it necessary to cancel all MN schools because of the extremely dangerous windchills. Many South Dakota and Iowa schools followed his lead, fearing for the safety of students. Several universities, including South Dakota State, University of South Dakota, and Iowa State, also canceled classes. Perhaps Christian institutions felt their students had a spiritual edge against the frigid cold: Taylor University in Indiana and Calvin College in Michigan didn't cancel any classes. Neither did Dordt. Students hovered around their TV sets for warmth in vain listening for the big announcement that never came.

This fierce cold left a death toll in its wake. The cold is responsible for 39 deaths across the country, including two Iowans, who died of exposure.

But life went on as normal, for the most part, here on Glacier Dordt, a name my friends and I adopted for the campus as freshmen when we first experienced the "typical" Arctic freeze. The main difference was the amount of clothing worn to and from class and, often, indoors. This apparel became nothing short of comical at some points, when students wore so many layers of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, wool socks, hooded hoods and big old boots that they had a hard time recognizing each other. But no one cared about their clownlike appearance—"it's COLD!" was the reply to sarcastic remarks.

Many dorm residents felt the chill indoors as well as out when their heaters didn't function enough to keep them warm. Trailer dwellers could hear, as well as see, the wind whip through their homes, whistling through windows with gaping edges and curtains left blowing in the "breeze."

Some Saturday afternoon plans were abruptly called off when the hapless drivers of unprotected cars couldn't get them to start, even after numerous attempts with jumper cables. Mrs. Pam De Jong, director of the Academic Skills Center, said that her family depended on their minivan instead of the
The Deep Freeze

De Jong also cited the cold for her family's recently extreme crankiness. "Everyone got cabin fever," she said. "Or at least everyone got cranky and I blame cabin fever." She also worried for her sixth grade son, who likes to run outside with nothing on his head. The cold "made me hungry for soup, a warm afghan, and a good book," she chuckled.

The main things that changed for Tim and Amy Meyer, juniors, were that they bought a heater for Amy's car and they didn't walk to school at all. "We didn't really go anywhere," Amy said.

The cold was also the main topic of discussion anywhere you went—class, the Commons, the SUB, church, etc. "Boy, that's some weather we're having," was no longer merely a polite comment. The weather prompted many "It was so cold that..." stories. In fact, the Des Moines Register is sponsoring a column under that title. This Arctic Blast won't fade in our memories for a long time. Even when it's 90 degrees in the shade this summer, we'll remember the frosty days this winter.

The break Sunday did not go by unappreciated. A few North Hall residents brought out their couch and did homework outside. Some less daring students simply wore shorts. Many walked to church, bringing back fond memories of fall and warmer times. It was a virtual walking phenomenon. We came out in droves for weather which would have, a few months ago, had us turning on our heaters, putting on sweaters and complaining how cold it was getting.

I'm ready for the countdown to spring. Enough of this wearing-three-layers-or-lose-feeling-in-body-part-days; bring on the slush and spring rains. I'm ready. Only 52 more days.

Until then, bundle up, and don't forget the Chapstick. And if anyone tries to tell you you're walking in a winter wonderland, tell them to try Iowa for a while. They'll learn soon enough that Old Man Winter is not to be confused with Santa Claus. 52, 51...

Earthquake better than cold?

by Michelle Kulper

When asked, "Would you rather be subjected to windchills of 50 below or an earthquake?" Gerrit Brouwer and Ellie Vander Woude of Ramona, California responded, "Definitely an earthquake."

Tremors from the January 17 earthquake, which registered a 6.6 in the Northridge section of Los Angeles, could be felt from San Diego to Las Vegas. President Clinton has declared this area to be a natural disaster, and already the financial losses are surpassing those of Hurricane Andrew. There were 24 casualties, thousands of buildings and homes were shook off their foundations, and major highways collapsed. Although this earthquake was not the strongest that California has ever experienced, it was one of the most destructive because it occurred in such a heavily populated area.

Students from California showed various reactions to the earthquake depending on how close the action came to home. "Ramona is not located near any fault lines, so earthquakes never really affect me," said Vander Woude. "We live over 100 miles from LA, so nothing happened to my home." Fortunately, no Dordt students from California experienced any major damage to their homes.

Marc Andreas who lives in Cerritos, only 35 miles from this earthquake, held a much different opinion. "No serious damage has ever occurred to my home, but one earthquake in 1987 scared me really bad. I thought I was going to die because I was standing right in front of this window that was shaking, and I thought it was going to shatter all over me."

Others that were less serious have almost shaken him out of bed a few times. "I had to hold on to things to stay in bed," said Andreas, "but usually I was too tired to care."

Valerie Wigmoldy, who also lives near Los Angeles in Artesia, said, "My father had a few mirrors and windows break in his glass store, but lately he has a lot of extra business repairing all the broken windows from homes in Northridge."

When asked if she would rather live where there are 50 below windchills or earthquakes, she responded, "I am a California girl. Earthquakes only happen once in a while, but this winter thing gets kinda long."

Andreas says that he would rather face windchills than an earthquake any day. "The 'Big One' is coming sometime in the next ten years and I might move to Iowa just for that reason. I don't want to live in California. I'll die!"
**Varied Voices**

Get free

by Brad Weldenar

Are you sick of the rules at Dordt? Are the rules too strict for you? Think the administra-

tion is coming down on your head? There is only one way to

remedy the situation—grow up! Yes, you heard me ladies and
gentlemen. Grow up. There are many advantages to it. The

first of which is responsibility. The dreaded "R" word. It sounds

horrible. It sounds like one of those long lectures your parents

used to give you. Like forgetting to take out the garbage, or not

putting the toilet seat down. Young man/woman when you

grow up you will have to start taking responsibility and then

you'll see what 'real' life is. You'll see what responsibility

means in place of the parents. It applies here because Dordt feels

that they take over the job of your parents while your stu-

dent. Now for those of you who are already defensive about

what I've said so far, buy some underwear that is a few sizes

bigger and read a little further.

It is one of those hidden

rules because as far as I know the actual term in loco parents is not printed in any of the liter-

ature that Dordt will give you. Although I must admit that in

the four and a half years that I've attended Dordt I do not

believe that I actually read the rule book. (It is one of those

paper items that aids in lighting bonfires.) What is printed is the
due process that a person goes through when the rules are

infracted. That is opposed to the students who have no written

ten rules or due process. These

are freedom, p. 12

**Free Press**

Leave me alone, I'm Reformed

by Tal Cardis

"Hide it under a bushel no, I'm gonna let it shine. ..."

Hiding in our tradition, buried somewhere between "A

Mighty Fortress is Our God," and "Respond, You Loyal

Hearts to Dordt," we have lost touch with the world which we

are supposed to be reforming. We have developed quite the

little commune here. We live in the middle of nowhere, we build

a compound with mirrors and buildings, and in heir hus-
bands and wives who are still teenagers. Seem like I heard

about a religious fanatic who owned a place in Texas like

that.

When we get into the real world... we assure ourselves,

"then things will change." After our doctrine has matured and

we have given birth to a 1/12 pound world within a year, we

may be ready to dialogue with the world." Shaking our heads, we

say, "If only those people knew about Kuppen or Dooyeweerd,

then they too could bring servicable insight into a dark and

sinful world.

Sometimes I get flashbacks of my pre-puberty, pre-intel-

celig family vacations. Once my family trekked out to New

York City. Coming into the town, we asked one of our friends
to guide us around the evil streets of the city. He did not

work with all weekend jobs and was

ing at the skyscrapers, watch-

ing the taxi drivers, and cal-

culating the numbers on the call

board at the N.Y. stock

exchange. My mom and dad

would tell kids what we were

seeing, staying off the city from

our little impressionable minds.

But what I remember best is

when my family bought pizza

from a vendor in a street-corner

market. I remember shouting

out orders at the clerk behind

the counter and him telling us

to talk louder. I remember when

we interacted with the part of

New York which made the

city a city and me a small-
town hick. I remember the

hums who asked us for spare

change, and threw us off bal-

ance with their intoxicated

breath. I remember what we
did more than what we

watched.

In many respects, the

Dordt Reformed community has

earned a sense that instead of a

world reformer.

The body of academic activity which we call college has

become atrophic due to our lack of mobility. Oh, we are

active, but only internally. Trying to mediate the "world out

t here" through comfortable paradigms and a tunnel vision

world-view, we contemplate our navels while we give the rest of

the world a cold shoulder. We criticize the "world" without

really talking in its language. We whisper conspiracies

against "faggot propaganda" and "A.C.L.U. relativism" if we

are not pointing an accusatory finger at those evil

Democrats.

Instead of trying to under-

stand the world "out there," we

turn our meetings into little

wars. Dordt vs. Northwestern

wouldn't be the same if our

players did not have elbows.

Dordt's coaches did not have

nitches.

Inter-collegiate confer-

ences would not be fun if we

didn't have to leave our Post-it

"Platonian other-worldly," labels

back at school. But, hey, our

athletic, scholastic meetings are not times for understanding.

They are for reforming. We

reform them.

As a community of believ-

ers, we have a powerful witness to make to the world. Our

operation does have a lot to say to a world looking for light.

Geographically, we live knowing we can walk down the street

at night without too much to fear. Socially, we get to know each

other on a personal basis. But we must not forget that we are

a part of the "world." We

must remember that we are not the exclusive witnesses to the

gospel of Christ. Our Catholic

brothers, evangelical sisters,

dualistic uncles, repentant-

homosexual-aunts, and drunk

fathers are all members of the

same body. We are all struggle

to find the truth which is the

Way.

If being "Reformed" ever

means "being" instead of

"doing," we will have arrogantly

turned the gospel of Christ into

the gospel of Calvinism. We will be

seeking to convert our brothers

and sisters in Christ to a tradi-

tion we have exalted as god

instead of recognizing and shar-

ing the one faith which the

Body seeks to walk.

Who have you talked to

laterly?

**Equal time**

Work-study and the government

by Jeremy Voos

Whine and complain, whine and complain. I seem to be doing

that a lot lately. I really wanted to find something positive for this column. I know it's

out there; I just couldn't find it.

Now those words are said and I can get on with my whin-

ing and complaining anyway.

Why is it that Dordt College is paying people to vacuum

floors, clean toilets and do basic janitorial duties? I know this

falls under the "work study" program and that most of the funds
do not come from the college; however, unless these people are

studying Janitorial Science, this is not "work study."

Let's look at the words "work study. " Work is a four-letter

word that means to do something, to produce something, to engage

in an activity that produces results. "Study" (in my opinion should be a four-letter word) means to take the task of educa-

tion. Studying is work, yes, but it is more. It is purposefully
going about the amassing of knowledge.

Put these two words together and you have a government program. Although you can do that with a lot of other words, like "well" and "fare", "social" and "security", and "central" and "intelligence", "work study," I think, is special.

The very words imply that a student is working (that word

comes first) and studying. That is, the student is not only doing

work for pay, but also getting valuable experience.

Students who know what they are going to do with their lives, or at least have a pretty good idea, should therefore get these hours in abundance. But only if their work is in their field of interest.

Hypothetically, here, an accounting major wants real world experience. So, we shift around some work study money so that person can work at a local business. I can hardly imagine that any establishment in town would refuse a free bookkeeper! The system would work for local businesses and for the students. Almost everybody wins.

The losers in this scenario are the people who are undecided. I know that a good number of people are undecided and that it must be a tough spot to be In. There must be other jobs available in the community, and Dordt could sponsor some on-campus jobs to help out.

So, you ask, how do the toilets get cleaned and the rugs sucked? Simple, everyone on with an alcohol or drug offense

reports to the Science building at 6:30 P.M. on Friday. There

class goes them a couple of rubber gloves and a wash

bucket and the campus gets a thorough scrubbing. If they
don't show? The gallows—just kidding, extra duty at 6:30 A.M.
on Saturdays.

This system just makes sense to me. Why deter those

who want to work in their field of study, while paying a Psychology major to vacuum carpets? I don't know—does Dordt?
Course utilizes technology

by Kristen Westerhof

Engineering professor Paulo Ribeiro, currently on leave in California, is teaching a course via the Electronic Mail (email) system this semester. His engineering students, three seniors and a junior studying power systems analysis, meet on Wednesday afternoons for a three-hour period to discuss the assignments listed in a highly detailed syllabus. The class will send any questions it has to Dr. Ribeiro who will be available through email.

Ribeiro feels that this system may actually be more convenient for students than having him on campus since they have immediate access to him through the computer. Ribeiro will receive whatever questions these students have and will reply in a matter of seconds. "Considering the distance, I think it is something that enhances the educational process," Ribeiro said. And, if the students have no questions, he added, "I'll have questions."

The course, which has been in planning since last fall, began with six hours of lectures during the weekend which Ribeiro spent on campus. He has specified practical goals for the course and the students. For example, the Engineering Department will receive an instrument which can rate the quality of a power supply system. The class can go into local businesses which are having power problems and analyze those problems on the basis of their readings.

Ribeiro will also assign the students to access the electronic bulletin boards of scientific centers across the country to find out what kind of work and research is being done in each center. He also hopes to have the class write a technical paper which he will then present at a national conference.

He stressed that, "Technology can only be utilized properly if done in a Christian context," for, as C.S. Lewis wrote, "There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is being claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan."

A new activity for students

by Marie VanderStelt

A new program for fitness is being opened up to Dordt students this semester.

Water aerobics is a low-impact way of exercising, and is extremely beneficial to those wishing to rid themselves of some sluggishness.

The course will be taught by Junior Jenness Eekhoff, who has been an instructor for 4 years. She says that water aerobics provides a full body workout that increases flexibility and strength. Eekhoff stresses that though the class may provide a tiring workout, it's set to music to make it more enjoyable.

The class is offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at varying times, beginning on January 24. Those interested should sign up now. There is a $12.00 registration fee for the course, which lasts five weeks and pays for two one-hour sessions per week. The class may also be taken for a P.E. activity credit. Contact the offices of the Sioux Center Swimming Pool at 722-0361 to sign up now.

Frigid arctic air causes Dordt students such as this East Campus resident to bundle up against the harsh winter weather

F. Y. I.

by Kristen Westerhof

Hug A Linguist Days arrive

Peter and Sue Westrum, missionaries for Wycliffe, will present a series of lectures and a film on Thursday and Friday, the 27th and 28th of January. The sessions on Friday include "Translating Can Be Fun," "The Word of God for All People," and "Learning to Read and Write." A video "The Word Like a River" will be presented in the West Commons at 5:30 p.m. Thursday night.

Gallery displays pottery

The Dordt Art Gallery is currently displaying the work of potter Gerry Punt of Sioux Falls. A former Orange City resident, Punt teaches all levels of ceramics at Augustana College. The display features his large wheel-thrown pieces fired under the Raku firing process.

Dordt Campaign boasts success

A campaign for the Dordt College Development Foundation which has been in progress for three years has reached well beyond its original goal of $300,000 by earning $332,782. The Dordt Development Foundation has worked with area businesses on the campaign. The college will match the funds raised from the businesses in boosting the Heritage Loan Fund. The next major fund-raising project seeks money for the construction of the recreation complex.
It is these types of incidents that bring a bad name to rivalry.

Coach De Stiger Resigns

Coach Vonda De Stiger, who teaches Physical Education classes and coaches volleyball and softball, has announced her resignation from Dordt at the conclusion of the 1994 spring semester. De Stiger is unsure at time about her future plans. She is considering work in a doctorate or looking for other work in the area of health and fitness.

De Stiger has made a name for herself as a volleyball coach. She has compiled a 139-49 record in her five years of coaching volleyball. During the last two years, she guided her teams into national prominence with a 74-10 combined record. This season, Dordt compiled a 38-5 record which is a Dordt record and received the number one seed in the District 15 quarterfinals but was upset in the quarterfinals. De Stiger also coached her team to national tourney appearances in 1989, 1992, and 1993.

The team's play seems to be improving, despite some recent losses

Coach Rhoda sees improvement in women's basketball team

by Derrick Vander Waal

After losing their first three games of the season, the women's basketball team played well during its next nine games winning five games during this stretch. During the last five games, however, Dordt lost four games to drop their overall record to 6-12. Despite their win-loss record, Coach Len Rhoda does not seem disappointed in team's play because he feels they are improving.

"I'd like to have more wins, but in terms of how we have improved from the beginning of the first semester to now," Rhoda said, "I think that we are playing much better basketball since we came back from Christmas. I think record is starting to show that a little bit in terms of wins and losses during the second half of the season. You see the team starting to come together. We still have tough times against good teams, but we're playing much better basketball."

Throughout the season, Dordt has had trouble handling the basketball resulting in inconsistent offensive play and quick baskets for the opposition. In order for Dordt to reach their potential, they will have to cut down on their turnovers and increase their offensive efficiency. In recent games, Rhoda feels that the team has started showing more consistency in these areas.

"I think all year, we have been consistent in terms of our defense. We play good defense, but our offense has been very inconsistent. Against Briar Cliff, we scored 54 points in the second half, but actually we are only averaging 58 points per game on the season," Rhoda said. "In the area of turnovers we took a step back in the Sioux Falls game, but in the Briar Cliff win we had only 13 and in the loss against Huron we had sixteen. We had been averaging about 27 or 28 turnovers per game in the first half of the season."

Dordt's win at home against Briar Cliff has been the highlight of the season so far. After falling to a slim 29-28 lead at halftime, Dordt blew the game wide open during the second half pouring in 54 points to win in convincing fashion, 83-59.

"Everything fell in to place for us [against Briar Cliff]. We pressured and forced them to turn the ball over. We shot a high percentage and had more than two people In double figures In scoring, so we had good balance. We also handled the ball well in this game. These are the kinds of things that help a team win games."

Dordt will be hampered during the rest of the season with the loss of Val Gritters because of an ankle injury. Gritters has provided much of
Men search for winning combination

by Derrick VlUlder Waal

After opening the season with a 3-3 record, Dordt has slumped miserably dropping eight of its last ten games, dropping their overall record to 5-13. Three of their six wins have come against Mount Marty. Dordt's consolation is that as an independent this year, they will participate in post-season play since all the teams are automatically in the playoffs.

"The basic goal that we have all the time is to play the best basketball we can every game. We would really like to finish out the season strong." Coach Rick Vander Berg said. "Everybody is in the playoffs, so we always have a chance. We have that to look forward to."

Recently, Dordt has played well during one of the toughest stretches on the schedule. On Jan 15, they controlled the tempo against Briar Cliff (12-6) and were able to pull out a huge 62-55 upset before a capacity Dordt crowd. Clutch free-throw shooting in the closing minutes of this game sealed the victory.

On Jan. 19, they nearly upset Sioux Falls, a team that is now ranked 3rd nationally in NAIA Div. II. After Troy Stahl kept the game close with three three-pointers in the last couple minutes, Dordt had a chance to tie the game as time expired but was unable to get off a three-point attempt in the 75-72 loss.

"Defensively, we played very well against Briar Cliff and Sioux Falls," I think we confused them a little bit with our zone defense," Vander Berg said. "Defensively, we took our time. We play better when we have lower scores, and both of those games we had low scoring games. We took our time, passed and controlled the ball more. That is what we have to do to play well."

On Saturday, Dordt lost to Northwestern (ranked 6th nationally) 92-72. Northwestern blew open the game wide open in the first half behind an impressive three-point shooting display and lead by 26 points at halftime.

Whenever a team is struggling, they have to search for the right solutions and winning combinations. At the opening of the season, Dordt expected to utilize its quickness for a quick-hitting offensive attack. They found out, however, that they did not have the rebounding power or ball handling ability for an all-out running attack.

Dordt has found that they play better and do not turn the ball over as much when they slow the game down. In order to increase their size on the front line, Dordt moved Mickey Visser into the starting lineup. Visser has responded positively, significantly increasing his scoring and rebounding output.

"We have to rebound better and cut down on turnovers, because we have had trouble in these areas all year," Vander Berg said. "Those are two areas basically where we can really improve (during the rest of the season)."

There are a number of reasons for Dordt's win-loss record. The inexperience of many of their players has been obvious in their inability to take care of the basketball and their inconsistent shooting as the result often times of poor shot selections. Dordt has also been hit with a couple minor injuries to key starters, Dave Van Essen and Stahl. Dordt also has played against excellent competition this year playing three games so far against teams ranked in the top ten nationally (Northwestern and Sioux Falls), three NCAA Div. III schools (Hope, Coe, and Wartburg) and other tough teams such as Graceland and Briar Cliff.

"We hoped that we would be a lot better record-wise. So, it's disappointing what our record is right now," Vander Berg said. "Injuries have had something to do with it, but the competition was up this year."

BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

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Freedom
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stated procedures allow for a fair handling of every person who is accused of breaking the rules. They also allow for justice to be meted out in a formal and stated way. Now in a system like this the preponderance of evidence is supposed to be upon the accuser. However, for the majority of students at Dordt it is on the accused giving us guilty until proven innocent. (Whoops one more problem with the established rules.)

All the high sounding legal type talk is there because it is given to you in your rule book. But this is a front for the actual policy in loco parentis which gives Dordt a tighter hold on you than most of your parents had or have. Look at your lives ladies and gentlemen. Dordt tells most of you when to be in at night. Dordt tells most of you when to eat during the day. Dordt tells all of you where to live - and makes oodles of money off it. And on, and on it goes. Dordt has become your parents away from your parents. There is only one way to gain your freedom. There is only one way to fight this. There is only one way that the students can break free - be responsible.

I want to give you an example of the type of responsibility that the students should take on. Dordt has a problem with some students using (under age) and/or abusing alcohol. Now some responsible student ought to show these people, who chose to drink, how to do so responsibly - how to do so Christianly. This won’t solve the problem that Dordt has with alcohol but it will change some people’s focus. Most of all it will build a stronger community. Now some of you are skeptical that this may not be happening but maybe it is. This is just one example of being responsible beyond the rules. This is one example of getting out from underneath the tyranny of Dordt’s rules and taking responsibility for ourselves. You want to be free - be responsible.

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“Shadowlands” gives tribute
by Kristen Westerhof

“Shadowlands,” the story of C.S. Lewis’ courtship, marriage, and the death of his wife, pulls the current standard of Hollywood film-making up to terrific heights.

The characters are fully drawn, fully-drawing human beings. Despite the seriousness of the subject, the brief glimmers of humor break through, not allowing Lewis to be seen as merely an intellectual.

The dialogue is tender and fully human; the relationships between the characters are rich and joyful. Unlike many movie stars, these leads actually seem to like each other.

But it’s more than a feel-good movie. Viewers leave thinking about what it means to experience loss, especially the loss of someone one loves.

In a key scene, Lewis and his wife, Joy, discuss how he can go on living without her. He struggles with enjoying time with her when they both know she will die. But Joy, often more insightful than her scholarly husband, assures him that their happiness now is part of their sorrow later. The two are inevitably intertwined.

Such a brilliant script and plot are only made complete by equally brilliant performances by Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger as the couple. Both act with tremendous compassion and grace. The ending, a sure tear-jerker (I cried for the final 15 minutes), is a tender tribute to a beautiful love story.

Improvement
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Dordt’s scoring punch from outside and has been averaging double figures in the scoring column on the season. It is uncertain whether Griggers will be able to return in time for the playoffs. This injury is costly, but Rhoda feels the team can reach its potential if they continue to improve in the areas where they have been struggling.

“We hope to reach our potential, so that by the playoffs we will be able to play our best basketball of the year during the playoffs,” Rhoda said. “Hopefully, we continue to improve so that we make a good showing during the playoffs.”

Valentine’s Day is coming up

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Where the Meanings are—

None may teach it—Any—
‘Tis the Seal Despair—
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Sent us of the Air—

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Distance
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—Emily Dickinson