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## The best of the year is here

### Van Soelen and DeJong to MC Extravaganza

by Dawn Bakker

"Test, test, test 1-2, test 1-2..." The stage is set for this year's Talent Extravaganza, "The Year's Best." Now all that's needed is an audience to entertain. The show will take place on

Saturday, February 12, at 7:30 pm in the Dordt College Chapel.

The M.C.'s for this year's talent show are Sandra DeJong and Thomas Van Soelen, both of them fifth year seniors.

The job is proving to be a lot of work, but Van Soelen says that after five years of seeing the talent shows, "we have a good idea of what people like and what they don't."

He says they'd like this year's Talent Extravaganza to be specific to Dordt College this year, and the show will include more music and more audience participation than other years.

The sections in between acts will also be kept short so things keep moving.

About M.C.-ing, DeJong says she and VanSoelen were "honored to be asked, but it's tough. Everyone's ideas of what's funny are different."

The two of them have put a lot of work into their job and are now fixing up the details. Neither has lost their sense of humor, though, and Van Soelen's last word on the matter is, "The

evening will be full of many surprises."

No doubt a lot of the people in the talent show are ones we've seen there before, but there are also many new faces. And variety is the name of the game—we have 19 acts including everything from quartets to skits to Scottish dancing.

Christina Breems, student

**"The evening will be full of many surprises."**



Juanito Moore  
**Three Canucks and a Yank rehearse their number at the Talent Extravaganza dress rehearsal this past Tuesday night**

activities coordinator, says there are a variety of music acts as well as a higher number of dance acts than there have been in the past. She says, too, that it's good to see how many refinements have been made on acts since auditions were held last week.

The judges of this year's Talent Extravaganza are Brian Vander Stoop and Jeri Schelhaas (faculty/administration), Wendy Proper and Troy Kooima (student judges); and Gar Jasper as an honorary alumni judge.

The doors on Saturday open at 7:00 pm. Students may enter free at the side doors, provided they have their student I.D. with them. Faculty and staff will enter through the center doors.



Juanito Moore  
**Lisa Barry and Allison Jongejan plan to sing a duet for the Saturday night show**

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# Homecoming promises fun for all

## Events planned include movie, sports, and lecture series

by Steve Ling

As most everyone on campus knows, this week is Homecoming Week for the alumni of Dordt College.

Many events have been scheduled for this week and they started on Tuesday night at 8:30 with the Quiz Bowl in which two student teams competed against a faculty team.

The first student team was comprised of Kristin Kobes, Alecia Koerner, and Nate Schreur while the second student team consisted of Terry Ribbens, Kent Rynders, and Deb De Jong. Both of these teams matched wits with the faculty team which includes Professor Koekkoek, Doug Eckardt, and Sheryl Taylor. The faculty team proved victorious in the match.

On Thursday, the third annual Distinguished Alumni lecture series will take place in S101 at 8:00. Karen Helder, who will also speak in chapel,

will speak on "Developing a Foundation for Christian Leadership". Helder is a 1974 Dordt graduate who now serves as director of professional services at Wedgwood Acres, Christian Youth Homes in Grand Rapids, MI.

On Friday, the Homecoming events focus on the students and many events are planned for that evening. Students can choose to see the movie "Benny and Joon" which will be showing at 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00. The Dordt Blades will also be playing on their home ice in Worthington which starts at 8:00.

Later in the evening "The Main Event" will take place. Starting at 10:00 in the gym, The Main Event will consist of a dance, dating game, couples contest, and door prizes.

Special arrangements have been made to allow extended late leave to those with curfew and attending The Main Event which is sched-

uled to conclude at about 3:30 a.m. with a free continental breakfast.

Tickets for these events will be sold in the SUB throughout the week. Purchasing tickets in advance saves money for students.

Homecoming Day starts off with the Alumni playing the junior varsity basketball team at 12:00. Next the varsity will compete against Nebraska Wesleyan which looks to be a good game to watch.

After the game, the Alumni and their families are invited to spend the afternoon in the gym where various activities have been scheduled, called a "Food 'n' Fun Fest."

Homecoming Week concludes with the Talent Extravaganza which will take place in the chapel at 7:30. After the show, students and alumni are invited to the commons for an ice cream social.



Juanito Moore

Student and faculty teams compete in Tuesday night's Quiz Bowl.

## Dordt-Vision offers film fare

by Dirk Zwart

When you look around in Sioux Center it does not take long to see that it lacks a movie theater.

It is futile for Dordt College to build such a structure, but thanks to Ron Rynders; Dordt College students can enjoy popular titles with "Dordt-Vision."

The movies we see at Dordt are not just videos rented from Hy-Vee or Family Drug, but they are purchased with large audience viewing privileges.

Student Services is allowed a small amount of your activity fee to provide visual entertainment.

The cost is not cheap. A movie shown in C-160 costs around \$600 to show. This price would certainly drain the available funds quickly. Student Services has now arranged to show movies in the SUB Snack Bar. This method is much cheaper and allows us to see more movies.

It is impossible to fit the Dordt Campus into the Snack Bar for more popular movies, so they will be seen in C-160.

Movies at Dordt began as an educational aid. The movies that were shown, would be beneficial to a course and some professors would use them as class discussion material.

Although the movies were educational, they were not much for entertainment. This is where

Student Services has made the change and wants to give Dordt students something that they can enjoy either individually or as an entire group.

This is a new step in Dordt College extra-curricular activities. Student Services voiced concern about not fully knowing what movies are appealing to the students and the movies shown being within accepted norms of the student body. This objective could be accomplished by a few students willing to make suggestions to Student Services and possibly previewing prospective movie choices.

Another step that Student Services took two years ago was supplying the board games in the SUB. This was done as an idea and within months they had to buy more games to keep up with the demand. There are many other things that Student Services would like to try in helping you enjoy your free-time at Dordt College. All it takes is an idea from you.

Watch for these movies coming soon to a "Dordt Vision" screen near you.

**Benny and Joon**

Tomorrow, C-160: 6:00, 8:30, 11:00pm

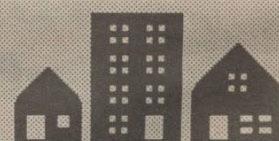
**The Fugitive**

Coming In April

**Free Willy**



## world news



and commentary

by Kristen Westerhof

**Bosnia:** After devastating bombing of Sarajevo by the Serbian forces, NATO has threatened airstrikes against positions held by Serbs in the hills surrounding the city.

**Sign of the times:** Ten years ago this week, the Winter Olympics opened in the now war-ravaged city of Sarajevo. The then-and-now pictures are a horrible testimony to the destruction caused by this seemingly unending war, which I don't claim to understand.

### Washington D.C.:

President Clinton has lifted a nineteen-year trade embargo against Vietnam. Major companies, such as Coca-Cola, General Electric and IBM, expected to benefit from the newly opened market.

This is a gutsy, but necessary, move on Clinton's part. Twenty years is long enough for reflection and even forgiveness on the part of the American people.

**Somalia:** As U.S. troops continue their withdrawal from Mogadishu, at least thirteen Somalis were killed in what is described as "a fierce interclan battle" (TIME). This could be a portent of what may happen once the troops have all left, scheduled for March 31. The U.S. will have to move sensitively and cautiously in this area, not to stir up any further unrest.

**Romania:** Romania has become the first country to join NATO's Partnership for Peace program, which allows it to send troops in joint military operations.

This move by NATO is an act of good faith which could help Europe to crawl out of the rubble of the death of communism.

**Norway:** The Norwegian city of Lillehammer is set to kick off the Winter Olympics with the opening ceremonies slated for Saturday, Feb. 12.

This Olympics promises the expected beautiful scenery and stunning sportsmaniship spoiled only by the endless droning of commentators who seem to think that what they have to say is eminently more important than what is actually happening and by the press' recent obsession with "Tonyagate," the never-ending story of a tough-girl-done-good who may or may not have played rough and bent the rules, or maybe she heard about the plot after the fact and neglected to tell the investigators, or maybe she had no idea and simply should skate on her merry way. I think I speak for much of educated America when I say: If I hear one more pseudo-theory on what Tonya did or did not do, you will find me climbing to the top of the nearest tall building and testing my wings.



## Dordt bucks low recruiting trend

by Sonya Jongsma

The admissions office is a busy place these days, as the recruiting season continues full swing.

Things are beginning to fall into place—quite a few applications and deposits have been received and many scholarships will be awarded in the next couple weeks.

According to Quentin Van Essen, Director of Admissions, it's still a little early to tell, but preliminary indications show that next year's freshman class should be a good class.

"Response has been good," says Van Essen. "We're very happy with the number of applications we've received already and our acceptances are running slightly ahead of

where we were last year at this time."

He commented that four of Dordt's major "feeder schools," Unity, Western, Pella, and Southwest, have academically strong senior classes, and the scholarship selection process is expected to be tough.

Recruiters have made their first round of visits to high schools and for the next six weeks they will be going out for "call-backs." These visits will include more one-on-one talking with students who are considering coming to Dordt. The recruiters will encourage campus visits and answer any questions the students might have about Dordt.

Response from the first round of visits has been posi-

tive, and Van Essen says that each year it seems that more people know about Dordt and are aware that it is a high-quality Christian college.

Inquiries continue to go up from one year to the next which give the admissions office a very positive outlook for the future.

Although the Sunday Edition of the Des Moines Register featured a story about declining enrollment and a not-so-bright outlook for Iowa's private colleges, Dordt is doing well.

If things continue as they have been, Dordt College will continue in its task of educating Christian young adults for many years to come.

## PLIA serves soup to sponsor mission trips

by Katie Dekker

PLIA members aren't sure how many people came to their soup supper held last Saturday night in the West Commons.

Senior Craig Van Hill, man in charge, said things got a little hectic and they lost track. One thing he does know, though, is that they made a lot of money, and went through a lot of soup in the process.

Van Hill said PLIA (Putting Love Into Action) made about \$1,400, minus the bills which still have to be paid. The money will go to help about 135 students going on mission trips to nine different sites nationwide over spring break.

PLIA members served up about 20 gallons of soup during the supper from 4 to 7

p.m., as well as about 40 pounds of barbecue and 25 to 30 pies.

Besides serving the food, members also helped get the food ready, greeted people, and cleaned up afterward. According to Van Hill, about 50 PLIA members helped at the supper.

Van Hill, whose own job was to "keep everything running smoothly," stated, "I really feel it went well. I was really happy with it."

PLIA's past fundraisers include the Valentine carnation sale and selling mini Christmas trees last December. Van Hill said they also may sponsor a dance, in order to better support their mission trips.

**Rob Byker, Mark Van Drunen, Dawn Bakker, Michelle Hoekstra, Rebecca Post, and Beatrice De Vries attended a two week missions conference in Madison, Connecticut over Christmas break**



## K-ICE: change crackles through the air waves

by Eileen DeJong

With the turn of a new calendar year, second semester is here, bringing with it more music from Dordt's own student music station K-ICE. Although K-ICE lost some of its DJ's, new ones are already filling in the spaces.

One of the new shows is a revamp of last semester, with the same DJ's but a different format. Freshmen Jon DeHaan, Seth Bakker, Brian Tjepkema, and Sean Voogt hope to raise public interest and audience participation. Their idea is a debate-discussion of ideas relevant to Dordt students over the air instead of just playing music and waiting for requests

and dedications. Of course, they will still accept requests, but the focus will still be on discussion. They hope to have Dean Kroeze as a guest and have students call in. It is a way for Dordt students to actively participate in working for change.

Another returning show is the "Todd and Eric Show," this time with less talk and more music. The DJ's agree that being on the air is "a lot of fun, but it's better when people call in and participate." They offer a variety of music with between-song-bickering. Definitely interesting and entertaining for those who tune in, said Vice President Dan

DeBoom.

A common problem seems to be bad reception in the dorm rooms. "Maybe if there were better reception, there would be more listeners," several DJ's commented.

Another DJ, Jason Gerlack, summed up the general positive opinions when he said, "I've always listened to the radio and to the other DJ's, and now it's my opportunity to be a DJ and do it the way I want to do it....It's cool and a lot of fun"

DeBoom and President Jeremy Vos both agree that everyone seems enthusiastic this semester and willing to try new ideas.

## F Y I

by Kristen Westerhof

### Travelogue explores Italy

The chapel will once again be the site of a travelogue, this one featuring Italy. Friday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., audiences will have the benefit of viewing "Amadeus—A Traveler in Italy," which features the music of Mozart following the route he and his father actually traveled. Tickets are \$2 for students at the door.

### Profs earn master's degrees

Assistant professors Dennis DeJong and Marv Wielard have both earned master's degrees in computer science from Mankato State University. Both professors hold master's degrees in other areas, DeJong a master of science in mathematics and Wielard a master of arts in the same. DeJong focused his study on artificial intelligence and Wielard on data bases.

### Dordt's Master of Education Program Approved

The Iowa Board of Education has granted Dordt's masters of education a three-year conditional approval. The three year sequence of courses will begin July 11. The summer

track will take three years to complete, but the summer/evening track could be completed in just one.

### Alumni lectures approach

The Social Sciences Division is sponsoring this year's lecture series, focusing on "Northern Plains Indians—Interpreting the History, Culture and Worldview." The main speakers are Dr. Martin Brokenleg, professor of Native American studies and counselor at the Wellness Center at Augustana, and Rev. Stanislaus Maudlin, Director of the American Indian Cultural Resource Center at the Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD.

Alumni speakers include Dr. David Mulder, who is a physician with the Indian Health Service Indian Hospital in Pine Ridge, SD, and will meet with pre-med. students. Education students will meet with Mrs. Karen Augood, a former 5th grade teacher with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the American Horse School.

### PLIA plans retreat

PLIA is planning their annual retreat for the weekend of Feb. 18 and 19. Featured speaker will be Derrick Perkins.



# THE EDITOR SPEAKS

## HER MIND

### Your face will stay that way



Positive, think positive, I said to myself. What is happening here that makes me happy? I searched for something that has happened on this campus that has given me that nice warm feeling that makes me feel good about being a part of this community. I took my father's advice and tried to focus on something praiseworthy and uplifting and upbeat.

Then I decided to stop worrying about how I felt and what makes me happy, and instead look to the good in the people around me.

Every year, the editor of the Diamond writes an editorial about drinking. Whether they condemn it or condone it doesn't matter, I think it's simply required that they do so at least once. So today I am going to fill my quota.

A lot of people are living

with the idea that there are three kinds of people at Dordt: those who do, those who don't, and those who act like they don't to avoid getting caught. If there is one thing I've learned about people while being at college, that is the fact there are no "types" of people.

Categories are easy. They save us the trouble of dealing with individuals. Since drinking has such a stigma attached to it, those who drink are often equated with those of weaker faith.

This is a stereotype that is too often unexposed. That is no more true than saying the messier roommate has a weaker faith than the neater roommate. Right now, I have more honest Christian friends who drink or used to drink than I ever made in circles where it was never an issue. I have learned more about my own faith by fellowshiping with these Christians than I ever did in church or youth groups. I have seen sincere Christian witnessing in the things they do and say that are more moving than any self-glorifying testimony during a worship service.

Why? Because some people have nothing to hide. Some people know who they are and admit they are wrong, but still proclaim Christ's work in their lives. It only takes get-

ting to know people to see past the rumors and the level threes.

Wait a minute, this is supposed to be positive! Stay with me.

Last weekend, a certain group of Dordt students entertained a crowd consisting of certain college students, recovering alcoholics, and a certain group of Dordt professors at a certain coffee house in Sioux Falls. Before they were about to close the show, they mesmerized the crowd with their version of Buffalo Springfield's "For What it's Worth." As a certain keyboardist sang the chorus over and over again, chanting "Stop. Hey, what's that sound? Everybody look what's going down," he was overcome with the need to share with the crowd his love for the Lord, and expressed to them their need to give their lives up to Christ.

Though he will probably hate me for giving him attention that he doesn't want, I knew then and there that was what it meant to be representing Dordt College. I was proud to be a Christian, a Dordt student, and a friend.

This is only one example of how many times Christians tend to forget their pride and truly reflect God's image. Even people who are

messy, who procrastinate, who smell bad, who smoke, and, yes, even drink have something to say to the world and are often used by God.

None of us are in any position to judge the sins of others through what we hear. Instead of frowning on a few mistakes a person has made during the weekend, look at what God is doing through them and the good they can do for others. If we keep raising our eyebrows in disdain, our faces will stay that way.

If getting to know the people we have stereotyped as "partiers" means going to their parties, then do it. If you are assured of who you are, don't worry about the pressure to drink. That is another myth and another issue altogether.

If you don't drink, be happy that you have that kind of discipline; don't judge those who do, or those you think might do it.

If you do but don't want others to know about it and are worried about your reputation, forget your image and let people see who you really are. If you are ashamed of that, then ask yourself why you do what you do.

—jd

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Luv Ya

—the editors







# Exploring Centre Mall — or,

by Shelley Westerhof

To make a decent town, you need the following things:

1. a pizza place
2. a used-book store
3. an all-night restaurant
4. a movie theater
5. a mall

How does Sioux Center rate? We have the pizza place and the mall, so I guess we're two-fifths of the way to decent. Both of these establishments are relatively new, only having been built in the last five years or so.

The Centre Mall is the newest addition to the downtown area. It had been a long time coming.

## The Beginnings

The idea for a mall is not a new one. The concept started brewing in the area 25 years ago. It would come to the forefront until the question of money came up. The clamor of "Who's going to pay for it?" would quickly bury any serious discussion.

Finally, in the November of 1987, progressive voices made themselves heard. A committee was given the go ahead to look at building. The committee met for months, planning.

## Decisions, Decisions

The most important question in purchasing real estate is, of course, location. This was not a problem for the town, however. The lumberyard sold the town a block right behind Main Street, and the next block could easily be developed. Ideal.

The next question was what to do with the present downtown area. Some of the buildings had historical significance, and the town was not too eager to take everything down. But most of the buildings had fallen into disrepair, so they decided to

start from scratch.

In late 1990, this thing looked as if it actually might work. But there were a few issues to deal with yet. How would the town pay for the project? Should they use an outside contractor, or keep the revenue in the town? These were also easily answered. The project could be paid for with tax increment financing, or bonds. Outside contractors were not feasible because of the size of the

project. And it would be more beneficial for the town to keep the contractors in town, to put the money back into the community.

It was time to bring the project to the City Council.

## Community Reaction

Because the project's success depended so much on the community, the committee wanted high approval. The

community was concerned with three things. First, nothing like this had ever been done before. Second, they were paying for it and if it failed, they would lose money. Third, they wanted to preserve the history of the downtown.

## The town conducted surveys of citizens to find out what they really wanted in the mall

The committee held public hearings at the library so issues like those could be discussed. It took one and a half years of public education before the referendum

vote to sell bonds. The referendum was passed by over 92% of the voters.

## The Centre Mall

The businesses displaced from the demolition of the street front stores were the first to relocate in the mall. The town conducted surveys of citizens to find out what they really wanted in the mall. They wanted to appeal to all segments of the community. These surveys

resulted in clothing stores like NuEra, which has already expanded within the mall, and Maurice's, a larger chain that opened in October.

The committee also looked at needs within the community. These searches brought in Centre Sports and Shoes Ta' Boot.

The mall offers everything from prescription drugs and movie rental at Family Drug, to wedding and special occasion decorating ideas at Weddings, Etc., to Hallmark cards at Evie's Hallmark, to school supplies (well-liked by education majors) at the Pencil Box. Renae's salon offers the convenience of having your hair done before or after shopping. For those who are looking for bargains, there is a Dollar General Store.

True Vine and Casey's Bakery are two businesses customized to the needs of this mostly Dutch, Christian community. Where else could you pick up Chuck Colson's newest book and stop for some coffee and Wilhelmina peppermints?

In order to learn a little more about the advantages of a mall location for a business, I spoke with the managers of three stores: Changes, a women and infants' clothing store, Pizza Ranch, a chain restaurant, and Pat's Jewelry Centre, formerly Harold's.

Barbara Vermeer, a manager at Changes, said that they were the first ones to sign a lease at the new mall. They were on Main Street, and it was either sign a lease or close the doors. Vermeer said that the business had benefitted because of the move. Sales have increased, she said, probably because the weather is not so much of a factor and they



Juanito Moore

**The Mall offers convenient one-stop shopping**



# It may be small, but it's ours



Juanito Moore

**Striking architecture graces mall entrance**

get a lot of pass-by traffic.

Pizza Ranch, which used to be up the block from the mall, decided to make the move, too. They opened in the mall in March of 1992, four months after the original opening. Darrin Rensink, manager, said that there were definite advantages to being in the mall. The restaurant is more centrally located, there is easier access, there is more room, and it has higher visibility, and more traffic than for a store front operation. Sales have gone up significantly, he commented.

Pat Estes recently purchased Harold's Jewelry from its Orange City owner after managing there for two years. She "definitely" sees the benefits of the Centre Mall. It

is one stop shopping—you don't have to drive around from store to store. It is convenient, and it has a pleasant, non-snowy atmosphere. She also listed security and the fellowship factor. "You get to know people because you see them passing by, instead of everybody staying in their own store."

Pat's Jewelry Centre has some specials for the Valentine's Weekend. For the weekend and Valentine's Day, you can get a 14 carat gold diamond heart pendant for \$49.95 with a 12 oz. chocolate heart, and there's free chocolate with any purchase above \$25. And there is always a 20 percent discount for engagement rings for college students.

## Advantages

At City Hall, Brian Gromitz at city hall shared the advantages not only for the owners and consumers, but also for the whole town of Sioux Center.

The mall gives a focal point for the downtown area and adds to the public perception of the community. On the whole, he said, the community is happy with it. They were willing to have a tax increase to finance it.

The stores that were never here before, like the shoe store, the drug store, and Maurice's add to the quality of life and make us a little more self sufficient.

There is also a monetary benefit. Sioux Centerites are saving money by not traveling to other towns for goods. Other people are coming into Sioux Center to shop at the mall. Sioux Center has grown consistently, Gromitz said, while other towns in the area have dropped off or stagnated.

the public opinion of the mall, I talked to mall experts—college students. They agreed that the town was better off with the mall, but it was still lacking a few essentials.

Remember my list at the beginning of the criteria for a decent town? Two of those items, the used bookstore and the movie theater, were mentioned most often as needed additions. Some also favor a music store.

"It's still not some place you would go to hang out," one sophomore Sioux Center native said.

Being a suburbanite, I have a pretty good idea of what a mall should be. Where I come from, every mall has a Gap, a Marshall Field's (like Hudsons), a Music Land, a Hot Sam, a Cinnabon, and a million bored-looking teenagers. Sioux Centre Mall isn't really what I had expected.

Despite its shortcomings, the Centre Mall serves its purpose. It brings in out-of-town customers and meets the needs of Sioux Centerites. It may not be Minneapolis, Sioux Falls, or even Sioux City, but it's ours.

## Not Perfect

To get the real scoop of



Juanito Moore

Pat Estes, owner of "Pat's Jewelry Centre," sees several advantages to having her business in the mall



# Free Press

## Mediocrity revisited

When it's really late at night and you haven't brushed your teeth since Sunday dinner and you are lying in bed and you can't get to sleep and it's two o'clock and the harder you try to fall asleep the less tired you get and your pillow is all clumped up behind your head and your covers scratch your back and you're unsettled and you don't know what to do; that's how I feel. I don't think I'm alone. I thought we were waging war, but all I feel is the discomfort of constant comfort. Where is our intensity?

In response to A.Z. Wanton's admonishment to "get hot, get cold" about something, I add, about something worthwhile....

I watched the Bud Bowl with folks who sat on the edge of their seats. I play basketball against guys who swear when they miss a lay-up. Playful intensity is fine, but it's not the foundation for a balanced life. You can't wear a jock strap to bed, and support bras are not very comfortable at supper.

Balanced playfulness revives us for a while, but all a life of "intense" (call it "hot") Trivial Pursuit offers us is plastic pieces to our little round saucers. What are we doing?

Last year, when I went home for Tri-State, I protested outside of an abortion clinic. A man with an Elmer-Fuddish speech impediment explained why he was protesting against abortion. A few months prior to our meeting, he had responded to Christ in an evangelical, charismatic, Spirit prompting conversion to a life of obedience. As we talked, his eyes deepened with sincerity, and his voice amplified his conviction to serve our risen Savior.

As he narrated his conversion from sin to salvation, he gestured with the expansiveness of a "raise your hands in praise to Jesus" Pentecostal.

Then, standing two feet away, smirking like Murphy Brown, a pro-abortion cynic commented to her friend,

"Look at them, they talk about it so seriously."

I was embarrassed. I looked blandly from my brother in Christ to the woman. Had we been God's fools, or had we been foolish? I was ashamed.

Now I am ashamed that I was ashamed.

Dordt. My friends and I line up in the rocky corridor to burp down Mr. Rib. We flash our I.D., grab our trays, and look down the transparent umbrella to see how much cheese is left. Nobody moves with the fluidity of a regular commons meal.

We crane our necks and see the missionary from Haiti who spoke in chapel yesterday morning. He maneuvers the plastic spoon from the croutons to his tray, trying not to spill any of his toppings. He has lived near the equator for eight years so he does not know he should take the starch out of his collar. After all, Elvis died in '76. Unaware of the two-minute restriction on salad-bar contemplation, he does not know that at Dordt we don't care about wasting food, we just throw it on our tray, land on a table and then decided what we like and don't like so we can get on to the serious business of pepper snorting and salt-tower making.

One of my friends eyebrows twist in frustration.

"Look at him, he takes it so seriously."

I look blandly from my brother in Christ to my brother in Christ. Who is foolish? I am ashamed.

A few years ago, my pastor spoke about Trivial Pursuit. He commented how we sometimes make life a big game. Holding the little blue saucer in our hands, we piece together a life. We add a car, a date, a G.P.A., a scholarship, a whatever, and soon we have pieced together the pie of success. Then we chuck our "Trivial Pursuit" game-board so we can play "Life" by Milton-Bradley.

But, if all we do is play, then work becomes "chore" and play becomes "god." Maybe we should listen to Calvin Seerveld instead of Hugh Hefner.

From Spike Lee's Malcolm X, I gleaned this, "The most dangerous thing the world can create is a man who has nothing to lose." And he ain't playin'.

Take up a cross. They are heavy.

Tai Cardia

# = Equal time =

## Workstudy and Kingdom work

by Jeremy Vos

I found it! Actually, it found me. Remember last time I was looking for a positive thing on campus that would be good news for a change? Well, I spent about an hour the other morning talking with Stan Oordt of the Dordt Maintenance Department. Oordt told me about a lot of programs in the Maintenance Department that are superb.

Workstudy this is, for sure, because before any of us can enter the workforce, we'd better know how to work. I mean show up every day on time and perform the tasks we're supposed to.

The Maintenance Department has a number of programs that not only encourage but also demand hard work and dedication. Students are, naturally, expected to show up on time for work and do the work they are paid for.

Some Business Management majors have the opportunity to run their own cleaning service. The students buy their own supplies and then negotiate a contract through

Dordt. They take care of all administrative duties and they learn about running a business. That truly is "serviceable insight."

In other areas of the Maintenance Department, students can move up in the ranks and become student managers. They supervise a crew during the summer and are responsible for that crew. The managers must evaluate the other workers' performance and conduct discipline.

There are many other areas in which the Maintenance Department provides students with valuable life experience. All of these options prepare students for work in the Kingdom, and I would think, look great on a resume.

Work is a great thing. It's good for us to do something with our time that allows us to see some tangible results. Part of working is taking pride in a job well done. There is no satisfaction in shoddy work.

That work ethic carries over into all areas of life. Shoddy work anywhere in life brings no satisfaction, nor is it glorifying to

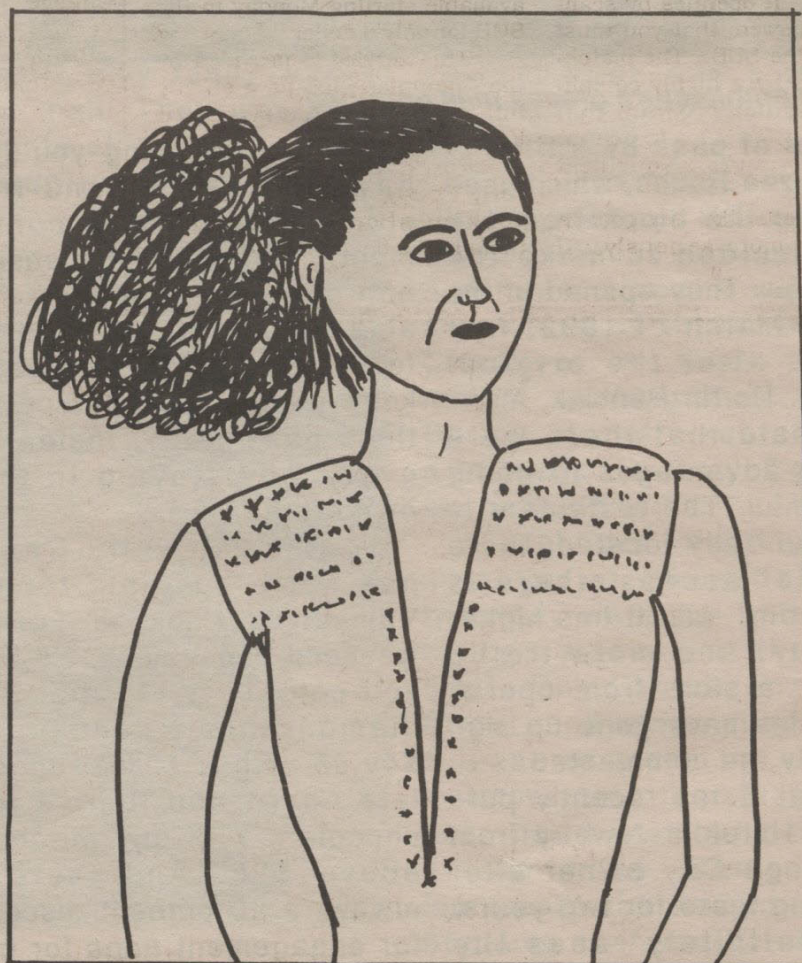
God. I have a hard time remembering this when it comes to school work. I think we could all use a little work in this area.

The column that appeared in the last issue of the Diamond was not an attempt to demean or belittle any of you in workstudy jobs on campus. I firmly believe that work is a great teacher of values and character. All of us must be prepared to pour our energy into the tasks that God has set before us. All creation praises God, that includes brooms, mops, snowscoops and the people who use them.

I apologize to those who took offense to my last column. However, I still think that those on drug and alcohol offenses should be forced to work on weekend nights. That would at least keep party attendance low.

I know that a lot of work goes into the maintaining of the campus, and that Dordt's maintenance crews are exceptional. Cleaning for workstudy is studying...studying to be a better servant in the Kingdom.

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picture.  
Now let's  
move on.





## Setup-your-roommate-week Council continues tradition

by Marie Vander Stelt

The East Hall Council has recently put together an activity that has become a tradition for students at Dordt. In honor of Valentine's Day, the week of February 14th-19th has been proclaimed "Set Up Your Roommate Week".

The five members of the East Hall Council responsible for the festivities are Vickie Broek, Kathy DeYoung, Shawnda Dipple, Julie Reno and Barb Sjoerdsma. Those able to be reached for comment had only positive things to say about this activity.

Julie Reno thanks people for taking an active part in this tradition, and she encourages those who are not yet setup to do so soon. "This gives students a chance to have a good time dating people they might normally not. There isn't any pressure because it's just for fun."

Another Council member mentioned that "lots of people have already gone out and had a great time." The Council thanks you for taking part in this great tradition.

## Computer dating returns Answer cards due today

by Dirk Zwart

Computers appear to some as slowly taking over Dordt College. This is partly true, but they are adding new academic opportunities for all students at the college.

You may have seen all the advertisements for the new computer dating service at Dordt College. Well, it is true, computer dating is back at Dordt. This will help you find that special someone just in time for Valentines. It operates by scanning the answers that you must submit in the SUB. The matching is done by a highly complicated computer program that uses various formulas to extrapolate who would be your best match.

Questions like "My goal in life..." and more seriously, "If

you couldn't work on a computer would you rather..." are very important in finding a true match. The questions have been carefully constructed and amazingly probe all areas of life very accurately. This questionnaire is not to be taken lightly, for it could greatly affect your future life.

Upon participation, you will be given a personalized list of the top ten best combinations for you. The results will be available starting Monday in the SUB for only a dollar.

This service is provided by the Computer Club as a strictly fun event. What you make of it is your business.

You have until tonight or early Friday morning to fill out your questionnaires and put them in the box in the SUB.

## Internet: the world at your fingertips

by Shawn Abbas

You can visit the Library of Congress or the Library at the Free University of Amsterdam, talk to your old friends at Calvin College, or communicate with your new friends in Sweden or England or many other places around the world; and all of this can be done from any Dordt College computer terminal.

These are some of the possibilities available in the Internet, a worldwide computer network of which Dordt College is a part. Internet is quite versatile. "It can be different things to different people," said Jim Bos, Director of Computer Services.

"The Internet," said Bos, "provides students here with a way to communicate with other students all over the world."

However, the Internet is more than that. "Internet also has something called the 'gopher service' which I think every student should take a look at," said Bos.

The gopher service brings together information sources from all over the world. "The biggest advantage of the gopher

service is that it organizes information on many different disciplines from a wide variety of sources and makes it easy for students to access that informa-

it; whereas with a book there is a time lag between the writing of a book and its availability to the reading public."

"So while the information may not be polished," said Bos, "it is up-to-date."

The use of the Internet as both a social and an educational tool make it a very popular computer service. There are presently 20-30 million Internet users worldwide. "And the number is increasing all the time," said Bos.

Even with all of these users and the multitude of information available, the Internet, said Bos, is a "limited resource."

"It takes time to explore the Internet. Students may need to explore for a while before they find the information they require."

Internet gives everyone in the Dordt community the opportunity to explore the everchanging world from our own little corner. We should avail ourselves of the resources of the Internet to make friends, gain knowledge, and broaden our personal horizons.

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tion," said Bos.

The information provided by Internet is very current. Bos gave this example: "Someone can put together an opinion paper and send it out over the Internet the same day she wrote

## Video club tries again

by Steve Drost

The purpose of the Dordt College Video Club is to produce a "yearbook video" of Dordt College, for the entire school year - a yearbook using the video format. This is the third year that the video club has been in existence at Dordt. The Video Club has not been notable successful in past years - the first year, a video was produced, but last year, due to lack of manpower and resources, one was not produced. The club is

going a lot better this year - as club president Tony Crawford said, "We have a lot of things filmed and edited, and we're on our way to producing a very good video yearbook."

Although the club has more members in it this year, there is still a problem due to lack of members, and anyone interested is welcome to come to the meetings Saturday mornings at 11:00. Some of the things that the club does include filming campus events

such as when movies are shown on campus, as well as having club members running around taking casual shots of campus - that's the reason why you might see Dirk Zwart running around with a video camera, looking even more wild-eyed than usual.

The club is going to be in charge of filming the upcoming Talent Extravaganza, and copies will be available for sale some time in the future.



Jeff's hair had a mind of it's own.  
unfortunately, there wasn't enough for  
both of them.

## Editor's note:

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# Sports Extra

by Derrick Vander Waal

## Van Essen joins 1,000 point club

During Dordt's loss against Teikyo Westmar, Dave Van Essen's nine points put him over 1,000 for his career at Dordt. He has become the 16th player in Dordt's history to accomplish this. Van Essen, a 6-6 junior forward, has started in nearly every game on the varsity during his three years at Dordt.

During his time at Dordt, Van Essen has had some of his finest games against Northwestern. Last season, he scored 26 points and a career high 32 against Northwestern while this year, he had his season high of 26 points against them.

Van Essen has proved to be a solid post player with an good out side shot. He has been hampered, however, with several minor injuries which have hurt his consistency during various points of his career. This season he is leading Dordt in scoring and rebounding for the third straight year averaging 16.1 ppg and 7.1 rpg. Van Essen has put up almost identical numbers to these in his first two seasons.

# Women record three consecutive wins

by Derrick Vander Waal

Dordt has strung together several well played efforts during their most recent stretch of games. Before losing at Grand View on Monday night, they had put together a three game winning streak upping their overall record to 9-13. During the second half of these games, Dordt has often exploded offensively. All of this was accomplished without the services of one of Dordt's top scoring threats, Val Gritters, who has been out with an injury. With three consecutive wins in Io-Koda conferences play, Dordt is contending for the conference title with their 3-2 record.

On Jan. 26, Dordt lost a well-played game, 80-76, at Dakota Wesleyan. Dordt played sloppily during the first half turning the basketball over 17 times as Wesleyan took a 42-28 lead into halftime. Dordt battled back during a second half in which they scored 48 points. Dordt trailed by only one point with a minute and a half left in the game, but they were unable to convert two consecutive times down the court as Wesleyan scored the final three points of the game.

Joy Veenstra paced a Dordt team that placed four players in double figures with 17 points. Kristi Hofland fol-



Nell Graves

**Veenstra vies for position against Viking defenders**

lowed with 14 points while Sy Nonginthirath and Anita Tinklinberg chipped in 11 points each. Tinklinberg also grabbed 11 rebounds.

On Jan. 29, Dordt trounced on the visiting Dr. Martin Luther, 72-48. Dordt opened the game quickly during the first half and led 41-19 after at the break. Dordt never looked back during the second half increasing the lead to more

than 30 points. Veenstra led Dordt again in this game scoring 18 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Kris Cnossen added 14 points for Dordt.

On Feb. 1, at home against Briar Cliff, Dordt won a tightly contested game, 70-61. This game was close the entire was as there was several lead changes during the game. After a 27-27 deadlock at halftime, Dordt broke out for 43 points during the second half. After leading the game, 59-58 with three minutes left, Dordt clinched the victory with their last 12 points coming off free-throws down the stretch.

Tinklinberg had a monster game on the boards snagging 16 rebound, 9 of which were offensive. She also scored 14 points. Karl Vanden Hoek and Joy Veenstra contributed off-

sively with 17 and 14 points respectively.

On Feb. 5, Dordt won their third straight game against Mount Marty, 65-54. Dordt struggled offensively during the first half leading by only one point, 21-20, at the break. Dordt exploded during the second half scoring 44 points to record a convincing victory.

Dordt place four players in double figures during this game. Nonginthirath and Veenstra led Dordt with 16 points each while Tinklinberg and Hofland added 13 and 10 points respectively. Veenstra also had 11 rebounds.

Next week, Dordt has three games. Two of them are on the road against Northwestern on Tuesday and Central on Saturday. Dordt closes out their home schedule Thursday against Teikyo Westmar.

# Dordt sets records during opening track meet

by Derrick Vander Waal

Last Saturday, Dordt opened its indoor track season with a strong showing at Northwestern's meet. Several Dordt records were broken at the meet.

The highlight of the meet was Tereasa Van Zee's showing in the shotput when she took first place and broke her own school record with a 43'5" toss. Her previous record throw was 41'10". Van Zee has qualified for the NAIA Indoor Nationals which will be held in March in Kansas City.

Some other Dordt records were also established in this meet. Mike Schiebout set a record with a 11'9" jump in the pole vault competition. Rob Greenham tied a Dordt triple jump record at 42'10".

The women's 4X400 relay team consisting of Cindy Vande Voort, Kristin Johnson, Melanie Schiebout, and Sonya Jongsma finished in first place and shattered the previous Dordt record by more than 20 seconds with a 10:23.40 time. During the prelims, Karmen Spronk set a Dordt record with a 7.48 time. Her 7.67 time during the finals placed her in second place in the meet.

In the women's division, there were some other strong showings. Eileen De Young finished fourth with a 4'10" high jump. Mindy Walstra finished second in the 55 meter hurdles at 9.53 seconds. Kristin Johnson was third in the 3,000 meter run with a 12:24.17 time while Diane Schinkel was fifth in the 200 meter dash.

In the 4X400 meter relay, Vande Voort, Schinkel, Schiebout, and Johnson finished second with the time, 4:25.10. The 4X240 relay, Spronk, Walstra, De Jong, and Schinkel also finished second with a 2:29.04 time.

In the men's division, there was also some solid performances. Greenham was sixth with a 19'11" long jump. Matt Howerzyl, 7.96, and Jaret Eshuis, 8.08, finished fifth and sixth respectively in the 55 meter hurdles. Ben Christoffels, Schiebout, Joel Wiersma, and Jeff DeKoter finished fifth in the 4X800 relay with a 3:40.84 time.

Dordt's next indoor track meet will be held in Vermillion, S.D. on Feb. 19.

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# Men lose nine of last eleven games

by Derrick Vander Waal

Dordt continues to struggle as they enter their last stretch of games of the regular season. Dordt has lost nine of its last 11 games dropping their overall record to 6-16.

At times Dordt has played well against top notch competition, but they have been unable to play well against the weaker teams on their schedule. On Tuesday night, Dordt nearly pulled off an upset of the 7th ranked team in the NAIA national polls, Sioux Falls losing by only four points, 72-68. Dordt nearly beat Sioux Falls at home earlier in the season losing only by three points.

On Jan. 26, Dordt travelled through a snow storm to Mount Marty in a game that was delayed because the scheduled referees were unable to make it through the snow. The winter weather did not cool off Dordt, however, as they cruised to a 90-70 victory, their third of the season against Mount Marty. Dordt jumped out to grab a 33-28 lead at halftime. Mount Marty fought back within one point during the second half, but after a timeout, Dordt ran off eight straight points and never looked back the rest of the way as they poured in 57 points during the half.

Dordt placed four players in double figures in this game. Craig Hommes led the

way with 23 points. Dave Van Essen chipped in 15 points and pulled down eight rebounds, Jay Regnerus had 12 points, and Mickey Visser added 10 points. Dordt was nearly perfect at the line hitting 18 of their 20 attempts.

On Jan 29, Dordt lost at home to a struggling Teikyo Westmar team, 74-67. This game was disappointing because Dordt played so poorly against one of weaker teams on their schedule. Dordt pulled ahead early 10-7, but then fell into a major lapse as Westmar put together a 20-2 run. Dordt battled back and was only down 36-30 at halftime. Dordt was not able to regain the lead during the second half although they pulled within three points after consecutive three-pointers from Tim Brunsting and Troy Stahl.

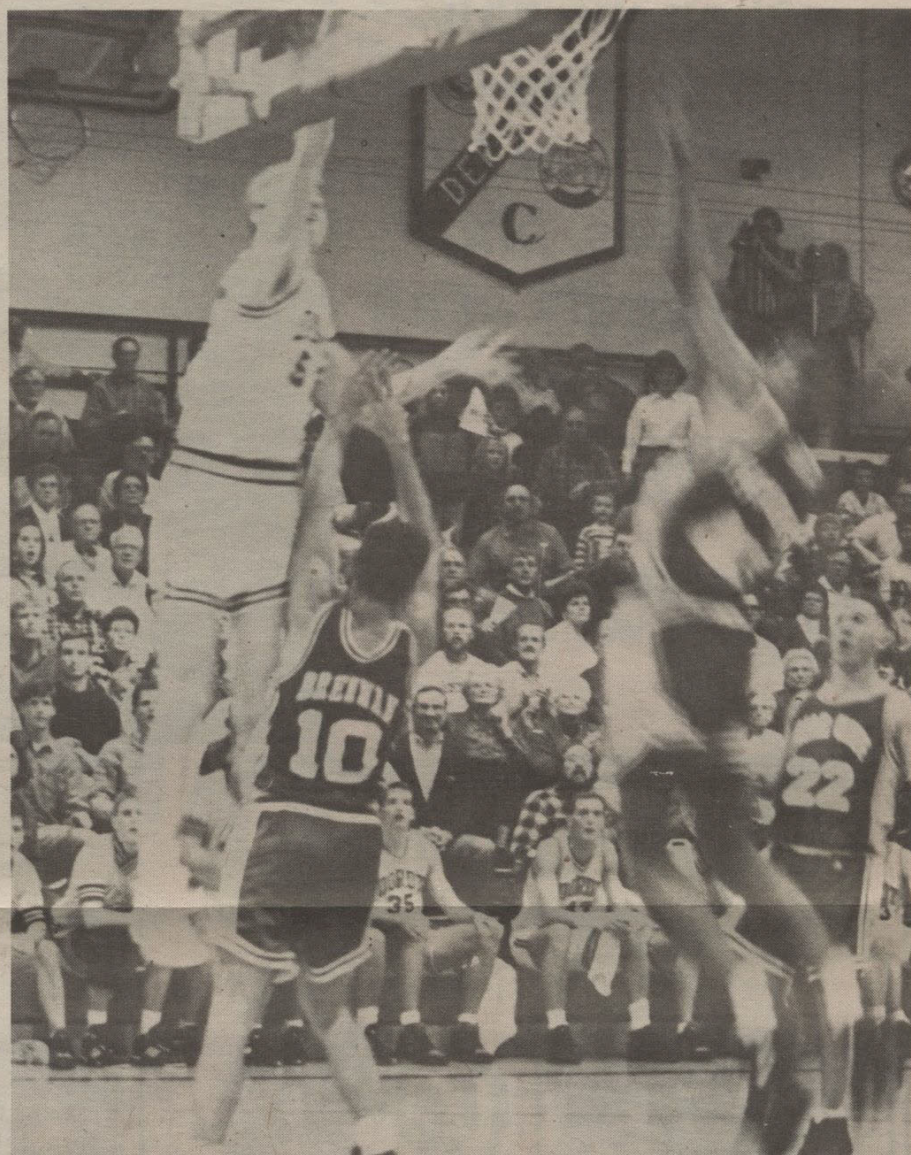
Dordt's bench provided much of the scoring in this game as they were led by Brunsting and Kyle Van Zee with 14 and 12 points respectively. Stahl added 11 points. Dordt shot miserably in this game hitting only 32 percent of their field goal attempts while sinking only 11 of 23 free-throws.

On Feb. 5, Dordt travelled to Briar Cliff and lost, 85-73. Dordt upset Briar Cliff earlier in the season, 62-55, at home. In their first game against Briar Cliff, Dordt's packed-in zone stymied Briar

Cliff's offensive attack, but this strategy did not work the second time since Briar Cliff hit its outside shots. Dordt fell behind early and trailed 48-31 at halftime. Dordt was unable to draw any closer than 10 points during the rest of the way.

Dave Van Essen played well for Dordt scoring 21 points which included four three-pointers and seven for eight shooting from the free-throw line while also grabbing seven boards. Pat Krommendyk and Regnerus added 14 and 11 points respectively for Dordt.

This Saturday, Dordt hosts a strong Nebraska Wesleyan team at 3 p.m. for their homecoming game. Next Wednesday, Dordt will take on Dakota Wesleyan in its final home game of the season.



Jill Martinus

Pat Krommendyk soars over Briar Cliff's defense for two points

## SCOREBOARD

### MEN

Graceland 83, Dordt 77  
Dana 96, Dordt 83  
Dordt 93, Mount Marty 75  
Hope 86, Dordt 82  
Dordt 105, Coe 91  
Dordt 71,  
Dakota Wesleyan 68  
Wartburg 83, Dordt 71  
Dakota State 88, Dordt 73  
Northwestern 100, Dordt 87  
Dakota Wesleyan 87,  
Dordt 70  
Dordt 67, Mount Marty 65  
S. Dakota Tech. 87, Dordt 74  
Dakota State 87, Dordt 74  
Graceland 96, Dordt 70  
Dordt 62, Briar Cliff 55

#### UPCOMING

Feb. 12, Nebraska Wesleyan,  
home  
Feb. 16, Dakota Wesleyan,  
home  
Feb. 19, Teikyo Westmar,  
away

### WOMEN

Grand View 79, Dordt 56  
Huron 86, Dordt 55  
Mount Marty 70, Dordt 55  
Dordt 68, Northwestern 48  
Wartburg 88, Dordt 48  
Dordt 74, Dakota State 61  
Dordt 58, Dana 57  
Dakota State 65, Dordt 61  
Sioux Falls 65, Dordt 47  
Dordt 69, Pacific Luth. 47  
Dordt 83, Briar Cliff 59  
Sioux Falls 66, Dordt 44  
Dakota Wesleyan 80,  
Dordt 76  
Dordt 72,  
Dr. Martin Luther 48  
Dordt 70, Briar Cliff 61

Dordt 65, Mount Marty 54  
Grand View 67, Dordt 59

#### UPCOMING

Feb. 15, Northwestern, away  
Feb. 17, Teikyo Westmar,  
home  
Feb. 19, Central, away  
Feb. 22, Dana, away



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