Fall lectures deal with environmental issues

by Eileen DeJong

The Fall lectures on Nov 1 & 2 brought environmental issues to the forefront once again. Prof Hodgson, the first of the four, dealt with the Greenhouse effect on Earth. He mentioned the idea that the earth can be a life boat or a death boat; we must judge when the lifeboat is full. The earth is the only one we’ve got and we’re “conducting a dangerous experiment globally on the only habitable planet we know of.” His solution for the increasing global problems boiled down to reducing fossil fuel use and adapting a simpler lifestyle. Prof Kok, the second speaker Monday, on the other hand dealt with 3 specific issues in his speech. 1) Controversies within the field of environmental ethics 2) Role of science in resource management and environmental decision making and 3) Christian response to controversies. Kok sought to show the audience that although science is extremely helpful, it is a field full of diverse meaning, so they should use it carefully.

The last lectures, given by Dr. Miller and Dr. Vander Zee, also dealt with the environmental issues which are circulating throughout the country. They forced the audience to analyze their own way of thinking and think of solutions for the environmental problems. In general, there was a good response to the fall lectures, the audience seemed to enjoy Hodgson’s use of examples and clear vivid imagery, as well as the other lecturer’s use of style. However, somewhat frustrating was the variety of the problems, but no foreseeable solution for the future.

Simon and Elise Vander Woude gathered with their grandchildren here at Dordt over Parent’s Weekend.

Family celebrates relations at Dordt

Vander Woude’s have 10 relatives at Dordt

by Katie Dekker

Hundreds of miles away in Marcos, California, where probably few have even heard of a small Christian college in northwestern Iowa, lives pair of very strong Dordt supporters—they’d have to be, considering the fact that this pair of grandparents has ten grandchildren attending here this year.

Simon and Elise Vander Woude came out from California/California to visit their grandchildren during Parents’ Week. The parents of the ten students, from California/California and Idaho, also came. The whole family attended a special luncheon Sunday, Oct. 24 to honor the family’s commitment to Dordt.

The luncheon started with family picture-taking, then after dinner the Vander Woude couple received an award “In Recognition of their commitment to Christian Education.” Dr. Hulst also spoke, and Simon Vander Woude also said a few words. Junior and granddaughter Annetta De Jong remarked that her "Pake" (Frisian for grandpa) had "never smiled so much. Everyone noticed."

The Vander Woudes also received matching black Dordt sweatshirts with "Pake" in gold on the back of his and "Beppe" (Grandma) on the back of hers. The ten cousins are Freshman Simon Vander Woude, Freshman Henry Vander Stelt and his sisters Sophomore Theresa and Senior Julie, Freshman Gerrit Brouwer and his older brother Senior Doug, Sophomore Ellie Vander Woude and her sister Corinna, a junior, and Freshman Arie De Jong and his sister, Annetta.

The Sunday luncheon was the first time the whole family had been together in two years, the last time being the 50th anniversary party of for couple.

Volleyball playoffs

District champion Defenders begin playoffs Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
Fennema defines boundaries for Christians in public schools

by Shelley Westerhof

Dr. Jack Fennema, education professor and new member of the faculty, addressed the issue of Christian teachers in public schools in a forum on Oct. 26.

According to the First Amendment, religion can neither be established or prohibited by any government agency, including public schools. There are several reasons, Fennema said, why a Christian should consider teaching in a public school: to evangelize, to be salt, to support the body of Christ, and to teach God's truth "as much as one can." He quoted Matthew 10:16, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

Fennema brought up several issues involved with religion in the public school setting. The first one mentioned was prayer. Prayer is not to be advocated by any school leader or allowed at any school function. Schools may rearrange their schedules to accommodate students who get religious training outside of the school, but these students may not be dismissed from regular classes to attend the religious classes.

Studying the Bible as a part of the curriculum was also a controversial topic. Schools are allowed to study the Bible as literature and make a comparative study of religions. The question a Christian teacher must ask himself is, "Can I be descriptive rather than prescriptive in my discussion of religion and values?" In other words, can I talk about religion without promoting any particular one? The policy regarding distribution of religious literature is unclear, and seasonal religious activities are allowed as long as they do not promote religion.

Creation vs. evolution has been heatedly debated. One court case decided that evolution may be taught, but only as theory, and the Genesis account of creation may only be taught in literature, and not in science.

Can I talk about religion without promoting any particular one?

New policy provides more advisors for Dordt students

by Jenn Dyke

Last spring, Dordt began restructuring the advising system in order to provide an advisor for each student.

A number of Dordt's accrediting bodies had also demanded this change, and now, for the first time in twenty years, all Dordt students, not just freshmen, will have a specific advisor for their field of study.

A problem with the current advising system is the amount of traffic in Academic Affairs. According to Mr. Doug Eckhardt, Registrar, students who do not have their own advisor rely on Abe Bos for academic advice. "Now, the first question will be 'Have you talked to your advisor?'" said Eckhardt.

The new system has been reviewed, advisors have been assigned, and students will receive this information concerning their advisors on Nov. 10, when pre-registration materials are distributed.

The approved policy does not completely destroy the 20-year-old system, but it is less relaxed. Students are still able to seek advice from different people in their department. But every student is responsible for their own program, and completing their requirements for graduation.

From the editor

The Diamond staff wishes to clarify its position on the article published on page 7 of the last issue. In no way do we condone the abuse of alcohol or drugs, nor did the article intend to glorify that kind of activity. We are sorry for any misunderstanding.

Any further complaints should be addressed to the editor, Jennifer Dyke, DC 130, 722-3125.
Canadians overwhelmingly elect change

by George VanderBeek

On Oct. 25th Canadian voters went to the polls to cast their ballots in the federal election. As Canadian students filtered in and out of C160 on election night to watch election coverage, it became readily apparent that their new government would be characterized by majority Liberal Party representation.

Al Siebring of KDCR, who organized the election night coverage as well as the opportunity for absentee voting on campus and a four party debate forum for interested students, stated that "the big surprise is not really how well the Liberals did but how poorly the Conservatves did."

The Conservatives, who have formed the government for the past nine years, were decimated in this election losing all of their 155 seats in parliament save two. These losses can be attributed to a variety of factors including the institution of the unpopular Goods and Services Tax, doubts concerning the Free Trade agreements, a stagnant economy, unpopular leadership and constitutional fail- ures.

The Liberals were the main beneficiaries, moving to a sound majority of 178 of the 295 seats available with the leadership of Prime Minister-elect Jean Chretien. Nearly as significant, however, were the gains made by some of the lesser players.

The Bloc Quebecois, a regional party from Quebec who represent a French Canadian strike for sovereignty, captured all 54 seats available in that province. Traditionally, although not formally站在ed, the party with the second-largest representation in parliament has formed the official opposition in Her Majesty's Government. It will certainly be interesting to have an explicitly separatist party in this position in parliament with all the perks, such as access to funding, agenda setting and "floor time" at their disposal.

The other surprise showing came from the surging Reform party who made significant gains, especially in the West. They moved from a single seat in the house to 52. Like the Bloc Quebecois, the Reform party is populist in catering to the interests of the average person, in this case largely western regionalists. Instructor of history, H. Krygsman, says that "the success of these two parties reflects the polarization of the country which is more acute and regionally divided now than it has been since 1921."

On the other hand," Krygsman continued, "the Conservatives were still well represented in the popular vote so the country is not necessarily as divided as it appears."

The Liberals rose to government on a platform which included renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement, doing away with the Goods and Services Tax and government involvement in reviving the economy through the rebuilding of the nations infrastructure of roads and services, thus creating jobs and stimulating cash flow.

Once again the Canadian parliament can be described in a variety of ways, but dull is not one of them.

Glimpse of the World

Somalia: "I am not a warlord," said Mohammed Farah Aidid, after coming out of hiding.

Poland: the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary all want to join NATO. However, the U.S. proposal only allows for NATO and the old Warsaw Pact countries to train and plan together for peacekeeping and crisis management.

Haiti: Jean Bertrand Aristide was to have returned on Oct. 30, under a U.N. supervised accord, which has collapsed. A pro-military group said if Aristide doesn't resign, they will announce plans to replace him with an interim president and call for new elections.

Germany: Two U.S. luger-team members were harassed by five skinheads outside of a disco in Oberhof. No one was seriously injured.

Canada: Jean Chretien was elected prime minister in the recent elections. The party of the former prime minister, Kim Campbell, lost 153 of its 155 seats.

Northern Ireland: Irish president Albert Reynolds and British Prime Minister John Major will discuss a new peace initiative. Terrorist groups may participate in the discussion if they renounce violence.

South Korea: The United States and South Korea may cancel their annual defensive war games as an attempt to influence North Korea to end its nuclear arms program. South and North Korea are still technically at war, but North Korea has shown signs of wanting better relations with the United States and South Korea.

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Hey! Who's in charge here?

There seems to be a pattern developing in the Dordt community whenever a misunderstanding occurs. This pattern seems to go as follows: community contacts President Hulst who contacts Dean Kroeze who contacts advisor who contacts instigator of problem.

I have a responsibility to my readers given by our administration when I was interviewed for the position of editor-in-chief. I have the authority to approve and edit whatever we choose to publish in the Diamond, and if something is wrong, I take full responsibility.

When my readers have a complaint about our publication, I have the duty to meet their needs and resolve this problem through one-on-one collaboration. But I cannot do this in a reasonable way if I receive the complaint that has gone through all the powers that be before reaching me.

While I was typing my original editorial earlier today, something happened that did not strike me as odd until hours later. An administrator came into the publication room and asked to see a copy of the last issue of the Diamond. I gave it to him on the condition that he return it, as our number of copies are limited. He did so politely, and I never gave it a second thought until I received a call from my advisor a couple hours later. Informing me that there had been complaints about the last issue. Kroeze had called her after being called by Hulst who had received complaints from readers. The administrator had been right in front of my face and said nothing about the problem to me.

It seems people tend to display some kind of displaced aggression when dealing with things that offend them. It's difficult to face the person with whom you have a bone to pick, but it is the only way to resolve conflicts.

Another thing that struck me today was how hard I try to get reactions from our readers through what write. I regret it when stories or opinions are unintentionally offensive, and this is not my idea of getting our readers' attention.

I want to strike you with our ideas, not mistakes. When people get in an uproar over a mistake on our part, then it is obvious to me that they are not taking into account everything else about the Diamond that is substantial. We have many talented writers that have genuine, thought-provoking ideas that deserve attention, much more than bad editing.

It's really sad when, for all our efforts, the only attention we receive is when we do something wrong.

All I'm asking for is a little respect. I expect the administration to respect the authority I have, and my ability to publish with good judgment. And I expect readers to take it up with me on a personal basis instead of burdening the administration with a responsibility that isn't theirs.

I can't help but think that if the administration itself had found the article on page twelve offensive, I would have heard about it much earlier. Instead, I can deduce that it probably was not read by anyone in the administration until they borrowed the copy of that issue to photocopy the article.

Now, instead of keeping a copy of a genuine iconoclastic statement, the administration has immortalized for future reference something that was simply the result of poor judgment during the wee hours of the morning.

Like one of my news editors said today, in five years, no one will care about this whole thing, but it matters to me now.

In closing, I'm going to go against my own principle of avoiding preachiness. Now more than ever, I think it is appropriate:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother" (Matt. 18:15).

I challenge my readers to gain their sister.
Letter to the editor

What is Clinton's foreign policy? I know, not the usual topic of the Dordt editorial page, but last week, we did read about his health care plan. But back to the question. During the last election, we did not hear much about foreign policy. Instead we heard about the economy, the health care "catastrophe," the ozone layer and the spotted owl in the Northwest. Now don't get me wrong, these topics are very important, but we live in a changing world and these new challenges must be dealt with.

Perhaps a better question is this: does Clinton have a foreign policy? During the campaign, we all heard about his advocacy of NATO airstrikes on Serb positions in Yugoslavia. We heard his promises to welcome the Haitian people into the United States. He claimed that he even had foreign policy experience because after all, he did send Arkansas national guardsmen to the Persian Gulf. He even gave his approval to then President Bush on the deployment of troops to Somalia. Well, almost. Mr. President, and almost right. Mr. President, and almost back to sending troops to Somalia. Well, almost our leader did send troops, led by Commander in Chief Bill Clinton (who had grabbed some UN workers. His deployed national guardsmen to and from the troops, led by Commander in Chief Bill Clinton (who had deployed national guardsmen to the Gulf) could not. On one bun- gled capture attempt, we grabbed some UN workers. His expertise in foreign affairs finally led to a 40% casualty rate when an American unit was trapped in a Mogadishu marketplace. Dead Americans were dragged naked through the streets. An American pilot was captured. Several weeks earlier, the Joint Chiefs had requested that more armor be sent to Somalia. This request was turned down by the Clinton administration. Things are now relatively quiet in Somalia. The pilot has returned home to loved ones and Aidid is no longer a fugitive. It has been said that Aidid will be allowed to have a say in the future political arena in Somalia. Why then did fathers, sons and brothers die?

When US peacekeepers arrived off the shore of Port-Au-Prince several weeks ago, they were met by hundreds of Haitians wielding knives and sticks. The ship soon left for international waters. The week before the recent fighting in Moscow, Clinton made this bril- liant statement. "Yeltsin is claiming that he is in control and Vice-President Rutskoy is doing the same. Oh well, they'll get it worked out over there, chuckle, chuckle." The laugh is the most important part of the quote. They got it worked out all right, Mr. President, and almost fought a civil war. I just don't think that Clinton gets it.

Two weeks ago, I heard a caller on the radio mention that every day she drives by the sea in Charleston, South Carolina, she sees more and more M1 Abrams tanks painted white, with UN markings. Unfortunately, they are a little too late for the market battle in Somalia. Will they go with the 25,000 troops Clinton would like to send to Bosnia? If the troops are pulled from Somalia by the March 31st deadline, will they trade the desert fatigue for blue jeans? Or the blue beret of the UN? Hopefully, when backup is requested, it will be there. Even more wishful thinking is the hope that they will be home.

John Mulholland

Letter to the editor

November 4, 1993

CAMPUS VOICE 5

Overheard...

compiled by staff

... So over here we have the sheep. Or let's say freshmen. Well, what's the difference, anyway?
—Dr. Williams during a light moment in Calvin's In-titutes

I don't feel comfortable using the garbage dispos- al.
—Melanie Van Unen's response two days after her roommate found the brat she left in the garbage dis- posal

I'm married? That's great!
—overheard during a psych. class role play

Did you iron the hallway?
—Jenn Dyke to Shelley Westerhof during the parents' weekend cleaning frenzy

Trombones, show us your positions!
—Dr. Duitman

We went so fast in Chemistry this morning that if I'd been wearing my hat it would've blown off!
—An anonymous Chem. 101 student expresses his frustra- tions

Rod, if you were a girl, I wouldn't date you, cause you'd be ugly.
—Steve Drost to Rod Hoekstra

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—Sally, "When Harry met Sally"

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Roadtripping
or what to do when you have to get off campus

by Henry Bakker

Everyone who goes to school here knows that there is very little to do in Sioux Center, especially when the weather turns cold. Dordt does a good job of providing entertainment for students through movies, concerts, the game room and special events but sometimes you just have to get off campus or you'll find yourself standing on a table in the library, throwing highlighters and screaming something about a worldview. Then the nice men in the white coats come and take you away.

So what to do? If you don't have a car you are obviously limited in your options but most people have friends with cars who are willing to drive places if everyone pitches in for gas. If you do have a car then your limits are those set by funds and your own imagination.

The school-sponsored trip

Dordt does occasionally provide transportation to special events at other colleges and it is up to the individual student to take advantage of these. The best school-sponsored trips are the theater trips that are organized once or twice a semester to Minneapolis to see a show at the Guthrie theater. For thirty-five dollars students leave on a Friday afternoon, see a play Friday night, stay in a good hotel downtown Minneapolis and get a chance to see a little of the city on their own. On Saturday the students go to see a Shakespeare production at the Guthrie and arrive home Saturday night. The only additional costs are for food, about three or four meals.

Last year in September I went to see "A Winter's Tale" on this trip and had a great time. These trips are a great way to get to know people and many friendships are formed as a result. Sometimes even the organizers of the trip are surprised by what sort of interesting things can happen on the trip, like the productions we saw at the Unicorn Theater that Friday night.

The first trip of this year has been scheduled for November 12-13 and participants will see "Othello" as well as another small production. Cost is thirty-five dollars and you can sign up in the theater department.

In January the theater department provides transportation and accommodations for the American College Theater Festival which will be held in Kansas City this year.

Local trips

There are several cities close enough for day trips or evening outings. Sioux Falls is the most popular choice for evening trips. Sioux Falls has the attraction of a large mall and two large movie theaters right on Forty-seventh Street, close to the highway.

If you want to watch a movie, though, you should go to the Southern Hills Mall in Sioux City. The Carmike Cinema has twelve screens and there is an excellent chance that any popular, current movie will be playing there. The Sioux Falls cinemas offer less variety.

If you are tired of the movie scene there are other possibilities in Sioux Falls. Ernie November's is an alternative record and CD shop that is open every night until ten. They carry a lot of hard-to-find CDs and imported singles. They also have an interesting selection of tees, Mexican blankets, clothes and books. They are located on West Twelfth. If you are on Forty-Seventh, go past the mall and take a left on Kiwanis and then turn right on West Twelfth. Ernie November's is on the right hand side of the street. It's a good place to go after the mall closes.

Also on West Twelfth is the Sunset Strip Pawn Shop. Pawn shops are a fascinating feature of Sioux Falls and are a great way to get cheap stuff. The Sunset Strip has a decent selection of used CDs and tapes and an interesting array of acoustic and electric guitars. This pawn shop is also notable as a historical landmark. Stevie Ray Vaughan dropped in there once when he was in town and there are pictures of him playing some of the guitars in the store. He also autographed the wall and the pictures are framed and arranged around his autograph.

East Side Pawn on East Tenth Street is another interesting shop. It has the best used CD selection in town as well as a lot of other interesting items. It is almost as much a museum as a pawn shop. They have old firearms and sabres as well as cattle skulls that are painted with Indian symbols, interesting jewelry and ornate belt buckles, leather jackets and boots. The whole place has a very western feel. I purchased a used Sony Discman there last year for seventy dollars and have had no problems with it. A friend of mine bought a good VCR at Dakota Pawn on Forty-Seventh for a hundred dollars.

If you have an entire day to spare, head down to Omaha. It's only two and a half hours away and well worth the drive.

Go early in the morning and stop at the Henry Doorly Zoo. The indoor jungle there is well worth the few dollars it takes to get in. The jungle consists of a series of boardwalks and tunnels on three levels and has trees growing in the middle of a large area with a tangle of vines hanging all over the place. Waterfalls run from one level to another and feed pools on the bottom level filled with fish. There are several small varieties of monkeys which roam free there as well as lizards, tropical birds, pygmy hippos and an assortment of other jungle animals.

The zoo also has your standard zoo fare. The bear pavilion is a must-see, especially the polar bears. The elephants, sea-lions, jungle cats and the aquarium are all within a few minutes walking distance of each other. Two or three hours can be enough to see quite a bit of the zoo.

To get to the Henry Doorly Zoo take I-29 south from Sioux City to I-80 west in Omaha. Take the Thirteenth Street exit, go south and follow the signs. After a couple of hours at the Zoo go to Omaha's old market for lunch. Follow Thirteenth...
Street north until you get to the old market area which starts around Howard Street. Julio's is without question the best place to eat. Tex-mex food is their specialty and the Julio's Special Nachos are highly recommended. A large order can be a meal for two people but watch out for the chips and the Julio's Special. You can't miss the old market.

If pasta is more your style eat at The Spaghetti Works. This restaurant is built onto an old railway car and you can't miss it. They offer all-you-can-eat spaghetti for decent prices and the staff is fairly patient with college student mentalities.

After lunch there are plenty of interesting shops in the old market to amuse you for the entire afternoon. There are several antique and curiosity shops, record stores and t-shirt stores. There is a candy store in the market that has over thirty flavors of jelly-bellies, little jelly bean candies. You can mix and match as you like and fill a bag with them. Some sample flavors are popcorn, peanut butter, green apple, strawberry daiquiri, cotton candy and cherry cola.

Dirt Cheap is a little record store that has a good selection of used tapes and CDs at reasonable prices. What really makes it notable is its large selection of posters. Nearly every band I had ever heard of was represented. They also have hard-to-find t-shirts.

There is an Indian (India) store that sells interesting, "alternative" or exotic clothing and jewelry. The nostalgia stores will make you feel old. Some of them had toys that I used to play with when I was younger and they were priced at more than I could now afford.

Omaha offers good possibilities for nightlife. While you are poking around the record stores check the bulletin boards for announcements about live music and dance clubs that weekend. Many clubs allow minors to enter and only card them if they try to order alcohol. There are also eighteen-and-over dances most weekends. Coffee-houses offer live jazz bands and a unique, relaxed atmosphere. Usually they will ask for only a small free-will contribution for the band.

McKenna's Blues, Booze and Barbecues is an excellent club that doesn't card on entry and offers great live blues and rock bands every weekend. The food is good too. Take the I-80 west off I-29 and then take Seventy-second Street north to Pacific.

The planned overnight trip
This is the kind of trip you can do on your average weekend. Often students will go to visit friends at other universities within a couple hours of Sioux Center. Other students will just go somewhere and rent a motel room for the night. This becomes quite affordable if you split the cost of one room between several people and sleep on the floor. If you are a die-hard Blades fan, one option is to go an away game. Last year several students took a road trip to the University of Northern Iowa, in Cedar Falls, watched the Blades play and stayed with a friend of a friend who lived in the dorms at UNI.

Another option is to attend a professional sporting event. Minneapolis is only four hours away and offers pro basketball, baseball and football. Many students have credit cards and might allow you to use them to order tickets by phone if you provide the cash up front. It helps if you have a friend who lives in the area where you can stay overnight. Before or after the game you can check out the Mall of America, if you're a mall kind of person.

John Ploegstra

Pete and Tymen: Live at Red Rocks!

This year I went to see the Jonas play my hometown favorites the Blue Jays. We stayed with a friend's uncle who lives on a lake about thirty miles north of the twin cities. He allowed us the use of his boat to do a little fishing and pseudo-water-skiing. We learned that it always pays to show your appreciation to your host. Before we went home we arranged to have flowers sent to his house as a thank-you. He was so touched that he invited us back this winter to go skiing and offered to pay for our lift-tickets and rentals.

Not everyone has friendly uncles who live on lakes, obviously, but examine your options and make good use of those available.

Major concerts are held in Minneapolis, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Des Moines and Ames on a regular basis. The number for ticketmaster in Sioux City is 252-3434 and for a dollar a month they will send you complete concert information for South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. You may have noticed the article in the last Diamond about the group of students who went to Omaha to see Primus over Tri-state. They paid $10.95 for their tickets and maybe $5 each for gas.

Last April I went to Ames for the FARM-AID concert. It was a twelve-hour event and we left early on Saturday morning to get there in time. The drive to Ames takes about four hours and has great scenery. Anyone who says that Iowa is flat has obviously not driven through the rolling countryside on Highway 141 to Highway 30. After the show we drove back to Dordt in time for church. It is a good idea to take turns driving and sleeping because an excursion like this can be pretty exhausting.

The long weekend

Many Dordt students live too far away to go home for Tri-state or Thanksgiving. Of course, you could stay on campus and do homework but you deserve a break once in a while. A popular getaway is to go home with a friend for the weekend. This can be a lot of fun and you get a chance to see their hometown or have them show you the city if they live near one.

Another option is to go camping. South Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming all have excellent scenery and are a manageable driving distance from Sioux Center. State parks are affordable for camping, otherwise you can share a motel room or cabin. Over Tri-state a group of Dordt students drove to Colorado just to see some great scenery. They hiked in the mountains, saw wolves, stayed with relatives and paid a visit to Red Rocks, the natural amphitheater where U2 recorded their "Under a Blood-Red Sky" album.

I took a friend home to Toronto for the Tri-state weekend and had a great time showing him all the sights and cool places to hang out. It can be quite a culture-shock for many Americans who visit Canada for the first time. One word of caution if you're going north of the border, bring your birth certificate and be polite to the customs officials. They have the power to make your life miserable for a little while.

Now is a good time to start planning what to do over Thanksgiving if you aren't going home. Pick a place that you've always wanted to see that's within about fifteen hours driving distance, call up the chamber of commerce or some other tourist information service there and have them send you information about where to stay and what to do.

Personally, I hope to do a little cross-country skiing in Yellowstone Park this Thanksgiving and I challenge you to come up with something more fun and do it. When you get out of college you'll probably have to start working and you may never get the chance to do all the things you've always wanted to do. You're here now and so are your friends. Carpe Diem.
Okay, you’re right
by Sharon R. VanderKruk

Our house is set back from the road a ways which always made it a challenge for me to catch the bus. Or for Phil (and younger siblings) would be at the the end of the driveway, and suddenly, as I was making last minute school preparations, I’d hear their panic stricken voices screeching “BUS IS COMING” in unison until they saw me come ripping around the back of the house, back-pack flying behind me and coat draped over my head. The coat was my Mom’s recommendation; she would never make me take it, but I knew if I didn’t she’d be right: I would freeze.

I ventured to admit was that he was stuck. In stubborn determination he ignored the helpful hints of his dad, who had happened to peer over his newspaper and slip in a suggestion or two. After several attempts at solving the problem, Rob hastily gathered up the pieces and quickly disappeared downstairs, failing to acknowledge that the next time he pulled out his model his Dad’s ignored advice would be put to use.

Somehow our parents’ sense of humor [goan groan] sneaks its way into conversations, their practical thinking isn’t out in the gray, and they are not the only ones that share unique “when I was a kid” nostalgic anecdotes anymore.

Suddenly we realize that our similarities to our parents include more than a few facial characteristics, such as their expressions and trains of thought.

I kick myself for quitting piano lessons ten years ago, and I’m happy to be privy to the wonderful comedy, “The Servant of Two Masters,” on Fri., Oct. 29. The program (which by F.B. Standish deVries by Simon) was deemed a wonderful comedy by the critics, who were all positive. I’ve tried to figure out what their trick is, but it’s useless; they just seem to know.

The last thing he wanted to admit was that he was stuck. In stubborn determination he ignored the helpful hints of his dad, who had happened to peer over his newspaper and slip in a suggestion or two. After several attempts at solving the problem, Rob hastily gathered up the pieces and quickly disappeared downstairs, failing to acknowledge that the next time he pulled out his model his Dad’s ignored advice would be put to use.

The show itself ran very smoothly and no obvious mistakes were made by the people backstage. This makes it easy to forget that they were a big part of this play, but we won’t: Well done! Then the actors. First of all I have to say that they had it pretty easy. With a director like Simon deVries.

We might not have had a big discussion after the play was over, but we had a good laugh.

du Toit and a translation of the script like the one he made, what could go wrong? The translation kept the rhymers. I have taken the liberty, but at the same time, the asides directed toward the audience were so contemporary that it felt like the characters on stage were really talking to their audience, making up these beautiful punch lines right then and there.

Going down the list: I think Luke Schelhaas’ performance was strongest whenever he fell, whether it was down the stairs or having his stick knocked out from under him by Dottore Lombardi. Lombardi’s role was a very strong performance by Phil Jongejan, although sometimes he spoke a little bit too fast. Pantalone always remained a believable character, Schelhaas’ biggest challenge was holding in a laugh when he had a funny line. Both Jongejan and Schelhaas had difficulty convinc- ing me that they really were old men and needed those sticks.

Colleen Ruiper (Clarice de’Bligniosi) did an excellent job. Her part didn’t stop when she had no lines. Her challenge was her appearance: huge eyelashes, huge fake nose, huge dress. How she made it all look natural. Matt Kortman, who portrayed her lover Silvio Lombardi, son of Dottore, was so into his performance and in spitting out his words as (see PLAY, p. 12)
Bye-bye "Babe of the Week"
by Shawn Abbas

Mark and Andy's FallFest Fun on K-ICE lost one of its big attractions two weeks ago. The "Babe of the Week" segment was taken off the air after complaints that the segment was offensive to women.

The hosts of the show, Andy Schuttinga and Mark Memmelaar say that the segment was designed as a call-in contest for a guy to vote for his favorite girl and for a girl to vote for her favorite guy. Schuttinga was emphatic that the "Babe of the Week" segment was not a beauty contest or a "sexist endeavor."

"No harm was intended in any way," said Schuttinga.

No concern about the "Babe of the Week" was voiced to the show hosts until Schuttinga was approached by the members of the Advancement Office about the segment. "Our reaction was not a personal one, but more of a response to concerns about sensitivity and how the segment might be perceived," said Gerry Ebbers, Dordt College's Director of Development.

"I hope that this conversation about the 'Babe of the Week' segment will increase our [the Dordt community's] awareness of how easily we can slip into stereotyping of people," said Sally Jongsma, Editor of the Dordt Voice.

"We were upset that other faculty and students did not come straight to us...." Memmelaar and Schuttinga were both very happy that the people in the Advancement Office came and expressed their concerns directly to them. "I went in and sat down with them and they stated their concerns," said Schuttinga. "In light of that, I then responded with our position and Mark and I decided to end the 'Babe of the Week' segment."

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It's part of the peer counselor-sponsored Midnight Masquerade: students bobbed for apples, did the hokey pokey and had a costume contest.

Hunger Week prompts food drive
by Jenn Dyke

In light of the upcoming World Hunger Week, the hall councils of North Hall, East Hall, West Hall and East Campus are sponsoring a food drive.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, students are invited to participate in "Hobos for the Hungry," which entails masquerading as homeless persons and collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items from the surrounding neighborhoods of Sioux Center.

Food will be collected in the West Commons from 6:30-10:00pm, where it will go to help the Mid Sioux Food Center. This activity will provide food for the center through November and December.

Those who wish to participate can follow the Campus News for further information.
Lady Defenders capture #1 seed in district
15th ranked Dordt hosts Clark to open playoffs
by Matthew Belmers

The Dordt College Lady Defenders earned the top seed in District 15 playoffs which begins this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. when the Black and Gold face off against eighth seed Clark College, a team which finished 11-22 on the season. The top seeds which are heavily favored to advance to the semi-finals next Tuesday are No. 2 Mt. Mercy, a team which handed the Lady Defenders two of their four losses, No. 3 Northwestern, and No 4. Graceland. District 15, seemingly the toughest District in the nation, presently stands with three teams ranked in the top 25, Dordt, which presently stands at No. 15 in the national rankings, is followed by the Red Raiders at 21 and Graceland at 22.

With a 37-4 record, the 1993 women's team has already broken the 36 win record set last year and in 1985. The win-loss ratio also gives the Lady Defenders their highest winning percentage in history. This past week, three starters

District 15 player of the week, Joy Veenstra, will lead Dordt into the playoffs this weekend.

The Lady Defenders were named to the first team All-Midwest Conference squad. Sophomore Joy Veenstra, Junior Annetta de Jong, and senior Laura Landstra were named. Corrina VanderWoude and freshman Kristi Holland were named to the second team. On Senior Laura Landstra is on pace to break every season record possible. Landstra, one of the teams tri-captains, is on pace to break the season assist mark and average assists per game mark that she already set last season. Her 11.1 average per game is ahead of the 10.6 clip she set last year and her 1100-of-1100 assists mark has her 31 off the season record. Landstra also holds the school record for career assists. Landstra's versatility is seen in her 469-469 (95.9%) serving, her 192 kills and 252 digs. She also has 39 ace serves.

Joy Veenstra, a 6’2” sophomore middle hitter, who prepped at Unity Christian, has emerged as one of the dominant hitters in the Mid-West this past season. Veenstra leads the team in kills with 348. and a kill-efficiency rating of 39.5%. She is second on the team in 60 solo blocks and 176 team blocks, good for an average of 1.7 per game.

Dordt’s other premier middle hitter, Annetta de Jong, has helped establish Dordt for the tough middle tandem in the district. De Jong is second only to Veenstra in kills with 302. and leads the team with 186 total blocks. De Jong is a team captain also.

Corrina VanderWoude, a junior outside hitter, has established herself as the team’s best all round player and sparkplug. VanderWoude, who is underrated by many opponents, is near the top of the team statistics in almost every category. Her 56 aces lead the team, and her 207 kills put her at fourth. She also is a tri-captain.

Kristi Holland has had an outstanding freshmen year. Her transition to the college game has been quick and smooth. The 5’10” outside hitter leads the team in digs with 369 and is third in kills, with 215. She has converted 329-353 serves and has 30 aces. She also passes at a 93% clip.

Soccer team finishes 2nd in district
Dordt opens playoffs against St. Ambrose tomorrow
by Derrick VanderVander Waal

Dordt’s 4-2 record in NAIA District 15 play during the regular season was enough to place them in second place. This placement was extremely important because it meant that Dordt, as well as first place finisher Telkoy Westmar, received byes for the opening round of the district playoffs. Dordt also continued as the Upper Midwest Conference champions for the fourth consecutive year as a result of the 7-1 record in conference play. Dordt finished the season with 14-4 overall record.

On Friday afternoon, Dordt travels to Davenport, IA to play their first game of the District 15 playoffs. In this game, Dordt will go up against St. Ambrose, a team that Dordt has already defeated this season by the score 2-0. If Dordt wins this game, they will go up against the winner of the Telkoy Westmar/Teleky Marycrest game for the District 15 Championship on Saturday afternoon. If Dordt can make it through the districts, they will take on the District 20 champions of Illiniois, and if they win that game they will go on to the nationals held in San Antonio, Texas.

On Oct. 22, Dordt’s 3-2 defeat in Roseville, Minn. against Northwestern was the first loss to a conference opponent since 1989. Earlier in the season, Dordt had easily defeat Northwestern 10-1 at home. In this game, Dordt struck twice during the first half behind two goals by Doug Brouwer. Dordt held this lead until a major defensive lapse late in the game resulted in three Northwestern goals during the last 16 minutes of the game. During the second half, Dordt only allowed three shots, but all of these were converted into goals by Northwestern. Although this was a disappointing loss and hurt their overall record, this loss was not as insignificant since Dordt had already clinched the conference championship.

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Raiders defeat Dordt for first time in 3 tries this season
by Matthew Belmers

The Dordt College Lady Defenders volleyball squad ended their regular season play Tuesday night when they faced off against Northwestern College, the 21st ranked team in the country. The Lady Defenders, who jumped up to 15 in the national rankings, had trouble getting started in the first game and could not erase a 12-0 deficit in the fourth game as the Red Raiders defeated the Black and Gold for the first time in three matches this season, 15-4, 13-15, 15-7,15-11. The loss puts the Lady Defenders season record at 37-4.

“...all the goals we set at the beginning of the season have come relatively easy for us,” said Coach Vonda De Stigler, “winning the conference, first seed in the district, this loss allows us to see that it won’t be easy anymore.” De Stigler describe the loss as a “good reality check” for her squad.

De Stigler said that the competition was “the best we’ve seen since the Central tournament. We need that.”

De Stigler gave full credit to the Red Raiders for their tough all round play. “Their serving was outstanding, I don’t know if they could ever do that again, but we have to be ready for it. They did

When they needed to and we have to be ready for it next time,” said the fifth year coach.

On the Defenders’ side of the net, De Stigler thought the performance of “the blocking and backrow specialists poor.” She noted that after being down in the fourth game 12-0, she was “pleased we came back, it shows character, bit I didn’t think we were ready till that happened. They were more motivated, which just shows how much of the game is psychological.”

De Stigler also said that several other off-court factors contributed to the Lady Defenders loss. “We found out that Kristi Kooiker damaged her medial collateral and anterior cruciate ligament as well as tearing cartilage in her knee. That has been on the girls’ mind. She will have major reconstructive surgery sometime next season.”

De Stigler was not pleased that Northwestern decided not to play their JV team in the 6:00 match. The fact that their no JV game made the girls crabby. They had to bring up some JV players because of injuries and they didn’t know who was going to set, and they didn’t want to take that chance of injuring them, it was on short notice too. (Monday), Little things like that add up and affect the team.”

Sophomore Terri Poppema, who virtually came out of nowhere last year, has had a quiet yet very successful season. Playing at the outside position, Poppema finished second in digs (see VOLLEYBALL, p. 12)
by Derrick Vander Waal

As the temperatures plummet and a bitter Iowan winter rolls in, our consolation is that college basketball fever is heating up. Over the past few weeks, the men's basketball team has been busily preparing in eager anticipation for the Nov. 13 season opener at home against Graceland. With the graduation of five seniors, including three starters of last year's team, Dordt will field a team with a distinctively different look this season. Excitement and optimism surrounds this team as talented yet inexperienced players appear ready to step up and prove that they are ready to perform at the varsity level.

"There is no doubt we have lost quite a bit of scoring punch and size from last year, but what we have lost in size, we have more than compensated for with quickness," Coach Rick Vander Berg said. "I think we have an excellent chance to improve on last year's [10-18] record."

Not only will several inexperienced players receive the bulk of the minutes, Dordt basketball will also undergo some significant changes in its style of play in order to adapt to the personnel. The relatively large and physical team of last year has been transformed into a smaller team with substantially improved team quickness.

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forward position. Dordt will probably rotate Sophomore Scott Van Essen and Junior Ben Brumling to replace graduated Doug Veenstra. Both of these players also have the natural skills to play guard and have played at position throughout much of their time at Dordt. Van Essen, who was pressed on the JV team last year by averaging more than 7.2 ppg and 36.1 percent from the three point range, Senior Pat Krommendyk, a 6-8 center with excellent quickness, athleticism, and shooting ability, so once we get into a good fastbreaking game and good movement game, I think our players will adapt well to this type of game.

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Intense as possible that sometimes the front row audience wished they had brought umbrellas...but his character was completely believable.

Sara Modderman (Beatrice Rasponi) disguised as Federigo simply shined. Her performance was amazing. Mark Du Mez, as Beatrice's lover, had a really strong performance as well. He made Fiorindo Aretusi look so fierce and dangerous and, yet, all the blooper that he made caused the audience to laugh whether they wanted to or not. His ultimate challenge of this particular performance was dealing with a runaway sword and a defective table. But Du Mez proved to be a true actor by improvising his way through it. Both Modderman and DuMez were just hilarious in their "I-am-going-to-kill-myself-now" because I think my lover is dead scene (my compliments once again for the two singers who were able to keep singing with so much weeping of the actors and laughing of the audience going on around them).

Jared Wengert (Brighella Cavacchiacci) played a fine performance, paying attention to little details, and his moves seemed very defined and appropriate. And even the waiters (Rod Hooekstra and John Contant) had, despite the size of their parts, well developed and well distinguished characters.

Kim Dykstra played the part of the naive yet feisty Smeraldina, maid of Clarice, who falls in love with Truffaldino Battocchio (Michael Partridge). What can I say...if they had not won the hearts of the audience before, they certainly did in their courting scene! The porters, however, (Dirk Zwarte, Cordell Baan Hofman, and Calvin Horlings) charmed the audience even before the play had started.

One final compliment must go out to Michael Partridge. The diversity of his character and the humor he displayed must have convinced everyone in the audience that his performance was simply superb...two thumbs up, Michael!

I could go on and on...about the sound, the choice of music, the idea of spotlights, etc. But I have to stop somewhere.

It was nice to see a comedy for once, after heavy plays like 'Temptation' and 'Murder In the Cathedral.' It was even better to see it so well performed. A big, big thank you goes out to all the people involved in this play. We might not have had a big discussion after the play was over, but we had a good laugh...and that felt good.

Soccer
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On Oct. 23, Dordt defeated conference opponent, Concordia, by the score 4-1 in St. Paul, Minn. During the first half, neither team was able to put together anything offensively as the game remained deadlocked at halftime. Brouwer broke up the scoreless tie with a goal early in the second half. With ten minutes left in the game, Concordia tied the score, but Dordt finished the game with an offensive flurry scoring three quick goals to finish the game behind a couple goals by Chris Hull.

Last Saturday, Dordt defeated Nebraska Wesleyan by the score 5-3 to close out the season. Wesleyan struck first in this game scoring the first two goals in this game. Dordt struck back to tie up the game at 2-2 going into halftime. During the second half Dordt scored three goals to put them ahead for good. Dave Vander Ploeg led the way for Dordt with two goals while Eric Vander Mey, Tony Louter and Brouwer each added a goal.

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with 354 digs and fourth in kills at 192. Sharing time with Foppema is sophomore Tammi Van Kley, who was red shirted last season after going down with a bad ankle. Van Kley, who had an outstanding game against Northwestern, finished the season with 125 kills.

The backrow has been the staple of the Dordt team. Earlier in the season, Coach Vonda De Stigger called Leslie Hellinga the most improved player over the last three seasons. Hellinga, a former Sioux Center native, leads the team in scoring with an incredible 97% (356-345). Hellinga has 21 aces and passed at 90.8% over the season. Along with Sue Dykstra, the two have proved to be an invaluable asset to the Lady Defenders. Sue Vander Berg, an outstanding server (95.8%) shows the depth that De Stigger has in case of injury. Vanderberg also averages 1.2 digs per game.

"I sense that we are ready to begin district playoffs," said De Stigger, "we have accomplished our goals so far, now we want to win districts."

If Dordt wins the opener against No. 8 seed Clarke at 2 p.m. Saturday, the winner of Graceland (No. 4) and Grand View (No. 5) will play in Sioux Center Tuesday night at 7:30. If Dordt wins that match, the District 15 championship will be played in Sioux Center Friday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Note that Dordt students do not get free admission with an Id. card, but must pay $2.00 and $3.00 for adults.

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