Ukrainian professors visit campus

by Dan Mom

Crossing the Atlantic and the wide cultural gap, two Ukrainian professors spoke to students on campus Wednesday.

Like Kozunets, English professor at The Kiev Institution of Foreign Languages, and Mykola Yevtukh, English professor at the Kiev State Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages, spoke to a dozen students about how Ukraine's newly founded independence is affecting their lives.

In December of 1991, 92% of Ukraine voted for Independence, a challenge as well to pray for missionaries who face conflicts.

Amenable to the new atmosphere of free enterprise much like the U.S.'s. One problem which Kozunets pointed out was the inability for the farmers to accept the restrictions it carries. During the communist regime, farmers often stole from the farms they worked on to feed their animals. Families now stealing from the new cooperative type farms only hurt themselves.

The Ukrainians hope to have help finding answers to these questions and others when American teachers visit the Ukraine to teach the Western methods. Dordt hopes to help in the process by sending a couple of professors and ten students to Ukrainian institutions where they can not only teach Western agriculture and business practices, but Christianity as well.

Commenting on the religious drought in his country, Kozunets said, "If you lose your money, you are still okay. If you lose your house, you are still okay, but if you lose your spirit, you have lost everything." The Ukrainians are very much interested in a revival of spirit which has wilted under almost a century of oppression.

For this and the hardships of two world wars, in which no Ukrainian family was left untouched, the country is ready to embrace religion. For, as they say, look what has happened without it. All told, thirty million people died under the communist regime.

Now Kozunets sums up his homeland saying, "We have no oppression to any minorities. That's why we now live in peace."

Brian Kamps, senior, attending the conference, said, "It was very interesting. It's a culture we've never seen before. It's different, but yet the same." When jokingly asked if one had to sing while harvesting plants in Ukraine, Kozunets promptly replied, "We don't have to, it's our free will," which sums up the new atmosphere of freedom Ukrainians is now enjoying.

Dominican Republic and Mexico welcome AMOR

by Dawn Bakker

AMOR (A Mission Outreach) saw two groups embark on missions trips over the Christmas break, one to the Dominican Republic and the other to Mexico.

Among the members of the Dominican group were Kerri Brill, Doug Byker, Rick Dykstra, Dorissa Kupers, Wendy Kuperus, Amanda Lapp, Timothy Schreer, Sherri Van de Hoef, and Keris Wassenaar (Wiz), all students of Dordt College. They were accompanied by Dave Ruter, a Dordt alumnus from Sioux Center, and Curtis Taylor, the Director of Student Life. The group flew down to the Dominican on January 1 and reached their destination of Sabana Grande De Boya via a very bumpy bus ride. During the time they were there, the group worked on building a second story for the Christian school under the supervision of Neal Hegeman, a CRC missionary.

The task involved hauling the bricks as well as laying and mortaring them.

The group that travelled to Mexico which included Kris Van Den Berg, Jared Johnson, Tony Crawford, Jeff Koolman, and Cher De Jong, left on January 2 and drove the 24 hours to Reynosa where they helped redo the inside of a house at the Children's Haven International.

Both groups returned to Dordt on the twelfth of January.

The experiences of each group involved more than just the hard labor. Those in the Dominican helped out with the Bible school and sang in churches -- a unique experience since the nationals spoke a totally different language. The group experienced the culture visiting the marketplace, trying their hand at bargaining, and visiting the Caribbean sea. The Mexico group spent much time in the evenings with kids at the orphanage, whose ages ranged from 8 months to 19 years of age. A day away for them meant a trip to South Padre Island where they visited the crowded market and watched an actual bullfight.

The poverty in Mexico and the Dominican Republic was obvious. Kris Van den Berg explained that in Reynosa, the city is very messy and many families live in buildings with no roofs or only three walls to avoid being taxed. In the Dominican, the group members got a taste of what it was like to live with only one change of clothes. Wash was done for them daily and thoroughly, and according to Rick Dykstra, his socks are now three inches longer.

The trips had many highlights for both groups. Tony Crawford stated that the kids were the best reason for him to consider going back, and Van Den Berg echoed the sentiment. "The kids depend on others to donate -- everything -- food, clothes, and money." he said, "and yet they are so happy." Really memorable events for the Dominican group were the church services. Although they spoke different languages, the worship was to the same God. Wiz pointed out that even though the services were sometimes three hours long, "worship was more enjoyable than the national people show passion and enthusiasm like we don't."

The AMOR group was thankful for the prayers and financial support. Taylor said the money is so important because volunteers have to take along their own supplies.

Everyone interviewed made it clear that they would love to go back and that they would recommend such a trip to anyone as a unique opportunity to benefit the kingdom of God. But as Sherri Van de Hoef pointed out, "There is a challenge as well to pray for missionaries who face conflicts just like churches in America."
Clinton to bring changes as 42nd President

by Sara Vanden Bosch

The inauguration of Bill Clinton brought the U.S. a different president from a younger generation with new ideas. The inauguration entertainment featured rock music, by groups such as Fleetwood Mac and Kenny G, a change from the lighter style normally played. Clinton even joined in on saxophone for a few songs. Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore, instead of hosting the usual first and second ladies lunch, sponsored a day for children, inviting groups like the Muppets.

Other changes are some of Clinton’s new executive orders and policies. In his first days in office, Clinton eliminated the President’s Council on Competitiveness, a group that tried to keep “unfair” and “unwieldy” environmental legislation from harming businesses. Clinton also eliminated bans on the abortion pill, fetal tissue research, abortions in military hospitals, and abortion counseling at federally funded clinics. Clinton also said he supports funding for population control in other countries. The Gramm-Rudman act, which would have placed a 10% cut in all federally funded programs because of the deficit, was not implemented.

During his campaign, Clinton promised to improve the economic situation — potential good news for college students who will be looking for jobs and repaying tuition after graduation. Due to a larger deficit than anticipated, Clinton said he may not be able to give a tax cut to the middle class. However, he still plans to deficit spend $20 billion through investment tax credits and public-works programs in hopes of boosting the economy out of the recession.

Clinton also plans to spend extra money for job training, education, and infrastructure projects on roads, bridges, and high-speed railroads. But political science professor Donald King said those things will not reduce the deficit. He said, “if it is going to cost, it has to be tied to some sort of savings elsewhere.”

Facelift De Waard, senior history major, said she believes that reforms in areas such as health care and education will impact college students. De Waard said that these reforms all tie into the deficit, though.

Another issue important to students is Clinton’s proposed National Service plan. Through this, the government would guarantee more student loans. Students would have to pay them off by doing national service jobs such as teaching, helping the police, or working in a nursing home. This would also reduce government losses because fewer students would default on loans. Kelley Kapteln, senior political science major, said she thinks the plan is good for students who can’t afford to go to college.

King said that one of Clinton’s more important tasks will be to define the role of the United States in today’s world. The U.S. presently has troops in Somalia and Iraq, and the civil wars in the former Yugoslavia continue. The former Soviet Union also contains nuclear weapons and some of the republics are refusing to return or destroy them.

The environment will be “a really good thing, a key thing,” under Clinton, said Marc Andreas, a freshman political science major. He says Vice-President Al Gore’s influence might encourage the U.S. to adopt more environmental protection legislation than in the last 12 years under Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Clinton hopes to elevate the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, to a cabinet level post. Through stronger environmental legislation, the U.S. will be able to increase environmental—related jobs like waste cleanup and alternative energy sources development, as is being done in Japan and Germany.

Now that the campaign and the inauguration are over, the United States will see the results of their election of Clinton and his promises of change.

The SUB received a face-lift over the Christmas Break

Tour takes choir south

Christmas-Break Renovations

by Juli Kelderman and Paula VanHill

Students returning for the second semester were in for a surprise when they went to get their mail or study in the library for the first time. Both buildings underwent minor renovations during the Christmas break, though the library is still in for a few more changes.

Sheryl Taylor, a reference librarian, said large signs will be hung from the ceiling to mark the different sections of the library. The librarians had hoped the signs would be up at the beginning of the semester so students wouldn’t be confused by the rearranging that was done over Christmas break.

Students probably noticed the first library change when they walked in the door and had to enter the right security gate rather than the left one. A few daydreamers discovered the change only after making physical contact with the wrong gate.

Taylor said the rest of the rearranging was done to make the library “a little easier to use than before.” All the bound magazines were organized in one alphabetized section on the east side of the library. The microfilm and copy machines were moved nearby. The reference section was placed closer to the librarian’s desk to make helping students more convenient. The library rented a machine that moved shelves, books and all, to their new location. Old periodicals and magazines were taken out of the back corner and placed right up front where students could find them easily.

Taylor said the file cabinets and high shelves by the door were moved to give the library entrance a more open look. She says now students can see that someone can help them if sitting by the desk.

Even the multicolored shelf ends were painted a uniform green.

Taylor said the renovation project took nearly two weeks, but positive student reactions made the hard work worthwhile.

Meanwhile, students came back from break to a new switchboard office under renovation in the SUB. Nancy Hilbelink said the project was supposed to be finished last summer, but the office wasn’t completed until last week.

Hilbelink said the office has more room for games and security. She said, “Overall, it just gives the SUB a more professional atmosphere.”

Tour takes choir south

by Dina VanderStelt

A cold, blustery Wednesday morning saw the Dordt Concert Choir off for their tour of Nebraska, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Missouri.

The 45 member Concert Choir began their tour in Omaha, Nebraska. From there, the Choir performed and traveled. The group had a little time for shopping, sightseeing, and catching a few rays of the Florida sunshine.

The members spent about 6 hours at M.G.M studios and 3 hours at the beach. When sitting on the bus getting bored, the choir members watched movies, played games, and held mock newscasts in the mornings just to stay in touch with world events.

One night, everyone got off the bus for Big Mac’s and fries, but Director Dale Grotenhuis made them sing before they placed their orders. They didn’t receive free food, but they did receive free smiles.

Grotenhuis said he thought this tour was more memorable than any other Concert Choir tour. “The kids really had their priorities straight,” he said. “But it doesn’t mean that all the other tours were not good. In fact, they were great, but this tour will stay in the hearts and minds of the participants for a very long time.”

The concert in St. Louis was particularly memorable because it was the last tour concert for most seniors. Every member hugged and cried as they shared the emotional evening.
Faculty prepare for joint organ and flute recital

by Janna Hofmeyer

Professor Ringerwole rehearses for the upcoming recital.

Andrew Patterson

Ringerwole and Cherry will combine their efforts to perform “Rhapsody” by John Weaver. Cherry chose this piece because she thought it would be a very enjoyable and interesting piece.

The two performers are very talented. Their recital should make for a very entertaining evening.

Dordt Theatre Buffs Experience Minneapolis

by Shelley Westerhof

Last weekend, a Dordt group traveled to Minneapolis for the American College Theatre Festival. Eight students, Simon and Esther du Toit, Dr. James Koldenhoven and Shirley Matheis set out to attend lectures, workshops, playreadings and performances.

“In the Shadow of the Terminal Tower,” performed by the University of Iowa, portrayed the life of Eliot Ness after leaving Chicago. “Speed of Darkness,” from Clarke College, told of the personal struggle of a Vietnam vet. “Turtle Island Blues,” from the University of Nebraska-Kearney, was a historical portrayal of how the United State’s government and those who discovered America treated American Indians. Overall, these three department-developed dramas received lukewarm reviews by the group.

Emporia State University’s “Voice of the Prairie” told of a couple’s long lost love and their reunion through a radio program. Kim Dykstra, a junior theatre major, said the plot and the technical aspects made that production her favorite.

The only musical production, “Assassins,” composed by Stephen Sondheim, was a farce about the various attempted and successful presidential assassins.

John Hofland, the ACTF sponsor, received an award from the Kennedy Center at a banquet on the last night for his light, set and sound design in the drama “Temptation’s.”

Saxophonist presents Christian Jazz at Dordt and Northwestern

by Amy VanderMay

Seattle jazz saxophonist Don Lamphere recently performed his unique music for Dordt and Northwestern College audiences. He presented a master class and a chapel at both colleges and an evening concert at Northwestern. According to Dr. Karen De Mol, head of the Dordt music department, his appearance was possible because of a joint effort between the Dordt and Northwestern music departments to sponsor him.

At Dordt, Lamphere gave an hour presentation for the music theory class, jazz fans and anyone else who was interested. He focused on jazz scales, chords and step-by-step improvisation.

Later that morning, Lamphere spoke in chapel and performed music that reflected both his strong jazz background and his Christianity. He performed familiar Christian hymns in jazz style. At one point, he improvised with the audience singing—something he does frequently in his home church, Eastside Foursquare Church in Kirkland, Washington. Lamphere was accompanied during the chapel by local Sioux County musicians Dr. Herb Risema on piano, Bryce Assink on bass and Jeremy Orris on drums.

Many enjoyed his fine musicianship, clean jazz style and integration of Christian music and jazz. Others, however, thought the combination was awkward and uncomfortable.

De Mol compared Lamphere’s improvisations to J.S. Bach’s compositions. Bach also improvised on well-known church hymns. De Mol said that some people might have been uncomfortable with Lamphere’s music because jazz is often associated with a night club setting.

Lamphere also gave a few students a private lesson while he was on campus. Dan Ritter, a freshman and trombonist from Lynden, Washington, had already made arrangements to take lessons from Lamphere during the summer.
Editor’s Corner

Family—an obstacle or a gift?

Bill Clinton officially became President of the United States last week. Class pulled me away from the actual inauguration, but I did see the pomp and circumstance leading up to the big event.

I remember the smile on Clinton’s face as Billy Graham prayed for the nation, the enthusiastic choir, Hillary’s bright blue coat and figured scarf. But the image that sticks in my mind the most is an interview a CBS reporter had with three young female law students who were waiting for the inauguration to begin. The reporter asked the students what they thought of Hillary being in the White House.

“I think it’s great,” one replied. “We are so proud of Hillary because she has showed the world that she did not allow her husband or family to get in the way of her career.” That reply has annoyed me like gravel in my shoe since last Wednesday.

Now don’t get me wrong. I believe women are entitled to a career, and I’m excited about all the opportunities open to them today. Otherwise, believe me, I would not be spending nearly 11 thousand dollars a year to develop my own career. But I guess what bothered me is the young law student’s attitude that spouse and family are inconveniences, obstacles that could get in the way of what’s really important in life — a career.

I believe that mentality has become so prevalent among both men and women in our society today that I fear being looked down upon if I do anything but futilely pursue a career. I don’t think I’m alone. Today, many people consider “staying home with the kids” an awful humiliation, a waste of time and talents, an I-suppose-I-gotta-do-it-but-I’m-not-gonna-like-it decision. Putting effort into one of the most awesome gifts and responsibilities that God has given is considered old-fashioned. And two of the very things God has given to bring meaning to life — marriage and family — are dubbed an inconvenience.

In my opinion, strong marriages and families need to be a priority because they are two very important blocks needed for rebuilding our broken society. Let me give an example. While I was on the Chicago Metro program, I studied the problems facing the poor inner-city school system. Ironically, after years of throwing money at the schools with few results, frustrated school officials are beginning to realize that positive things accomplished in school are often undone in negative homes. They are realizing that what inner-city kids really need are things that will make up for their unhealthy home and family situations, so mentors, tutors, and after-school activities are being used to supplement education.

Other problems have the same application. Imagine the difference in our world if there was no divorce, spouse abuse, child abuse, and harmful addiction — things that tear families apart.

I could go on, but the point is, the family is more than the inconvenience our society says it is. I’m not saying that everyone needs to run to the chapel and get married or that everyone’s cut out for a career. But I do believe that once the decision to marry or have children is made, that becomes as much a part of one’s calling as one’s career. Then family cannot be seen as just something to set on the back burner so it doesn’t interfere with a career. Maybe that requires people to think seriously before getting married or having a family.

My irritation with the law student doesn’t stop with her pain-in-the-neck view of spouse and family though. She also heralded the same view that nearly every magazine in circulation has since Clinton began his candidacy — that Hillary should be applauded for doing something for herself, for accomplishing her own personal goals. I don’t know what Hillary’s motives were for pursuing a career. But the law student implied that all women need to run to the chapel and have children, and that she and other people replaced the temporary pinch. However, many things fell into place and other people replaced those who left.

Paula Van Hill is stepping in as an editor-in-chief after spending first semester on the Chicago Metropolitan Program. “I think it’s going to be a challenge coming in mid-year like this,” said Van Hill, “but I’m excited about the job and I’ll do my best.”

Taking over in the sports section is Henry Bakker, and Jennifer Dyke is now both features and copy editor.

Remaining staff members are Andrew Patterson (photo editor), Shelley Westerhof and Juli Kelderman (news editor), David Mahady (production editor), and Sherri Van Schepen (advertising). Several new writers and columnists are also joining the Diamond staff.

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Two men, two visions

A history of Martin Luther King:

by Jenn Dyke

During this time of major transition in our nation, we tend to forget the things that do not immediately grab our attention. We sometimes need a moment to remember why the post office is unfortunately not open today, and then we nod and smile and get on with our lives, postponing our stamp-purchasing until tomorrow.

January 15, 1929, is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the most committed civil rights and justice advocate this nation has ever seen. He is born in Atlanta, Georgia to a Baptist minister and his wife, Christine Williams King. As a teenager, he attends Booker T. Washington High School, and passes the entrance exam for Morehouse College without even graduating.

While still in college, he is licensed to preach and serves as his father's assistant at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Just months before graduating from Morehouse with a sociology degree, he is ordained in the Baptist ministry.

1941—James Farmer establishes the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and stages lunch counter sit-ins in Chicago.

The following semester finds King at Krozer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. While he is a student there, he hears a sermon on the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and begins to study him seriously. This is just the beginning of King's commitment to civil rights and peace.

Two years after graduating from Krozer with a Bachelor of Divinity, he marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama. In 1954, King becomes pastor of Dexter Avenue Church in Montgomery, the same year that the Supreme Court rules unanimously in Brown vs. Board of Education that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

December 1, 1955—Rosa Parks is arrested in Montgomery for not relinquishing her seat to a white man on a bus.

This is a major year in King's life. He heads up the Montgomery Improvement Association and the city-wide bus boycott begins, resulting in suspended service in black neighborhoods. He receives a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University, and his first child, Yolanda Denise, is born. The boycott continues throughout the next year and King's house is bombed for the first time. No one is injured. King and his associates keep pushing for desegregation in public transportation, leading to federal injunctions being served on city officials. The bus systems of Montgomery become integrated.

The following year King becomes president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Civil Rights Commission is established along with the Civil Rights Department of Justice, and Martin Luther King III is born. He then publishes his first book, Stride Toward Freedom: the Alabama Story. During a book-signing at a white jury, and also charged with trespassing during an Atlanta sit-in. After the Supreme Court outlawed segregation on interstate buses, CORE organizes the Freedom Riders, set on integrating them. Dexter Scott King's third child, is born.

September 20, 1962—James Meredith applies to the University of Mississippi. He is eventually enrolled because of a

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s entire life was spent striving towards his goal. He had a dream of all men being free. His contribution to the civil rights movement lives on today.

Supreme Court order, and U.S. marshals escort him onto campus.

While protesting segregated eating facilities in Birmingham, Alabama, King is arrested and from his cell, he writes the famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." One month later, the Supreme Court rules the city's segregation ordinances unconstitutional. King's fourth child, Bernice Albertine, is born.

June 11, 1963 - Governor George C. Wallace tries to personally deny entrance of black students at the University of Alabama by standing in a doorway.

Two months later, the March on Washington is held, and King delivers his "I Have a Dream"
The fight for civil rights begins to get violent. On a day remembered as Bloody Sunday, Selma, Alabama is ordered to desegregate.

April 4, 1968—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is shot while on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. He dies later in St. Joseph’s Hospital. His death causes riots in 125 cities while literally thousands gather at Spelman College in Atlanta to peacefully mourn his death.

Since 1966, Dr. King’s birthday has been a national holiday. We remember him not only for his awards, his Nobel Prize and his accomplishments; but he is an example to all races of a man who embraced peace, demanded justice and strove for equality. His commitment and determination challenge us to examine our own priorities and to take a firm stand even when faced with persecution.

Malcolm X, the movie

by Brad Weidenaar

Spike Lee’s Malcolm X is a powerful interpretation of history for our generation. The movie is based on the biography of Malcolm X written by Alex Haley and co-authored by Malcolm. The movie traces the life of Malcolm from Lansing, Michigan in the 20’s, to Boston and New York in the 30’s and 40’s, to Mecca in the 60’s and finally to the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem in 1965.

Unlike King, Malcolm X was a militant black Muslim. After his conversion to Islam, Malcolm believed that the white man was the devil. Lee gives the viewer a powerful scene to illustrate this. When Malcolm was giving a speech at a college, he was interrupted by a black student who wanted to help Malcolm’s cause. Malcolm answered the student that he was not a white cause. King and Malcolm radically disagreed during these years but after Malcolm made his pilgrimage to Mecca he changed his views concerning whites and King. This fact is in Haley’s book but never made the screen.

For all Lee’s interpretations of Malcolm story, whether reviewers deem them good or bad, the movie succeeds. The movie succeeds because of the pacing that is typical of Spike Lee’s movies. Without this the movie would need divine intervention to keep an audience’s attention because it runs three hours and twenty-one minutes. However, the movie is full of speeches and the political jockeying for position within the Muslim organization that keeps it interesting.

There are a number of other elements that lend to the success of the movie. The visual spectacle is exciting and intense. It starts with the colorful designs of the zoot suits and brings us all the way to the markets and pyramids around Mecca. The tension created for the ending is mind numbing. Even when we realize what is going to happen the next day as Malcolm waits out the night in motel room, nothing can prepare us for the horror and shock of the event. The acting of Denzel Washington is award winning. He is at his best giving the speeches of Malcolm X.

Spike Lee’s Malcolm X is an impressive movie. It should be viewed as a biographical movie, as Spike Lee’s interpretation of the history of Malcolm’s life, and not as the absolute history on the man’s life. Lee’s release of this movie is timely as well as important, for it is the story of Malcolm X, a part of our history that we cannot and must not forget.
Free Press

Note from the diary of a dying radical

Jan. 10, 1993

Today, much like the last.

Please disregard my entry on Jan. 3, 1993. After further considering the topic I realized that I was angry when I wrote it. I hope that you can understand that when I become passionate about an issue it consumes me. And as of late my voice is all I have.

Today I went downtown to meet an old friend of mine, Steve. We sat together in a poorly lit, little bar, drinking warm tap beer and chain smoking, trying to conjure up old times. And for a little while we were believing that we could actually remember what our college days were like. Steve was saying that when we first came to college - the first memories he has of me were of me saying that ROTC was a racket.

I thought you were invincible - a youth - unstoppable and yet a realist. You wanted life hand - fight the power type of stuff.

What a student I must have been in college. But I said to Steve right then that as I look back I can see that the power we fought, he and I and the rest, the only power we fought was not authority or the enemy as we called it, the power wasn't the system, we fought ourselves. I fought Steve and Steve fought himself. We simply go through the system, agree or disagree, quietly or screaming, so that sooner or later we either empower the system or are cut down trying to get out.

I thought that you, to disturb the peace, to speak out was wrong or at least not the way to go about changing things. While we are on the subject of changing things, was it really change we were after in those days or only trying to get what we wanted - maybe all we wanted was to blow off some steam by making people mad. Anyway, the way we went about things was wrong. I see now that we should have just kept our heads down, simply smiled and nodded yes. We should not have raised our voices. If we had done this they would have made us out to be good little boys and girls ready for service. This way we could have been free to do whatever we desired as long as our sincere appearance held up. This would have been the way to win. I think by this method we could have gotten what we wanted - that of us naive enough to believe in change would have gotten it, the rest would have gotten what they wanted. However, we chose another way.

The next generation will learn. They'll keep their heads down. They'll believe the promises. They'll get what is coming to them. Much like we got what was coming to us. They won't want to meet in a little bar downtown - they won't be satisfied with that. Maybe they'll read this entry someday and recognize how lost I am or maybe they'll recognize how lost they are - they probably won't be satisfied with it.

Hope that tomorrow is much like today.

-A.Z. Wanton

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World in Review

by Jeremy O. Voel

Overheard: "Oh, he's some late-night political guy. He's pretty funny though." Think about it - I'll get back to it.

Now, I planned to write about the inauguration, so here goes.

The man committed to the common man was gathered with other Democrats before the inauguration, each paying $1500 per plate for a special meal. I doubt any auto worker from Detroit was there with his checkbook. I doubt any poor or homeless person was given a seat so he could eat as well.

Then it must have been wealthy Democrats eating there. What? Wealthy Democrats? Let's just take that last thought one step further. Under whose administration did those people gain that wealth? The worst 12 years in the history of the country, wasn't it?

I must add to that above comment that there were private groups in Washington generously providing meals for the homeless. However unusual although politically right it may seem, in a town full of Democrats the poor were being fed...but not by the Fed.

Just one last quick thought about the inauguration. The country group "Asleep at the Wheel" played for the parties. I thought that was strangely appropriate.

Now, the quote I mentioned at the top. The man to whom the speaker referred was Rush Limbaugh (Rush Lim-bah). I just want to briefly respond to some of the criticism I've heard about Limbaugh.

They may sting a bit, but the truth be told. Many of those I hear lambaste Limbaugh as an example of the racial hatred in our world. Don't misunderstand me here. I'm not blindly throwing my support behind Limbaugh, but let's look at some of the arguments. Few of the people I've heard complain about him fail even to correctly pronounce his name. Others misquote Limbaugh's statements. Small details like Environmental Wackos (Environmentalist is cor-rect) and the first Brigade of Amazonians (the First Amazon Battalion) aren't important, right? But do these people really take the time to study Limbaugh's ideas and understand his message? The evidence says no. But do they not attack Limbaugh as a racist, which can be defined as someone who fears which they don't understand?

Well, enough of that heavy stuff. One last thought to leave you with for next time. Whose side are you on? Until then.

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Equal time

On Woodstock, Amazons and Democrats

by Dan Blom

Mogadishu, Somalia -

According to the Israeli cabinet, the only power we fought was not authority or the enemy as we called it, the power wasn't the system, we fought ourselves. I fought Steve and Steve fought himself. We simply go through the system, agree or disagree, quietly or screaming, so that sooner or later we either empower the system or are cut down trying to get out. I thought that you, to disturb the peace, to speak out was wrong or at least not the way to go about changing things. While we are on the subject of changing things, was it really change we were after in those days or only trying to get what we wanted - maybe all we wanted was to blow off some steam by making people mad. Anyway, the way we went about things was wrong. I see now that we should have just kept our heads down, simply smiled and nodded yes. We should not have raised our voices. If we had done this they would have made us out to be good little boys and girls ready for service. This way we could have been free to do whatever we desired as long as our sincere appearance held up. This would have been the way to win. I think by this method we could have gotten what we wanted - those of us naive enough to believe in change would have gotten it, the rest would have gotten what they wanted. However, we chose another way.

The next generation will learn. They'll keep their heads down. They'll believe the promises. They'll get what is coming to them. Much like we got what was coming to us. They won't want to meet in a little bar downtown - they won't be satisfied with that. Maybe they'll read this entry someday and recognize how lost I am or maybe they'll recognize how lost they are - they probably won't be satisfied with it.

Hope that tomorrow is much like today.

-(A.Z. Wanton)

Berlin, Germany - Ex-East German Security Chief Erich Honecker, responsible for the former East Germans' hard line communist stance, and construction of the now toppled Berlin wall, was released from his German criminal trial.

Zagreb, Croatia - The United Nations is trying to negotiate a ceasefire between Croatian forces and Serbian rebels.

Hindering these proceedings are the recent offensives by the Croatians against the Serbs. A U.N. spokeswom- an said the attacks were, "A major setback, but not an irre- versible blow to the peace pro- cess."

Jerusalem, Israel - According to the Israeli cabinet, the 400 Palestinians stranded in no-man's land between Israel and Lebanon will stay where they are.

Israel accuses the group of being members of a radical Muslim group which killed 6 Israelis.

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti - President Clinton's messenger to Haiti, Reverend Jesse Jackson, said, "President Jean Bertrand Aristide must return."

The former president was ousted from his native country by a military coup over a year ago. Now pressure is being put on Haiti to restore Aristide in order to curb the flow of refugees seeking asylum in the U.S.

College Students often don't have time to watch the news or read the newspaper. So we've added a new column, "World in Review," to keep you up to date on what's been happening in the world while you've been studying.
How do you think Clinton will affect you as a student or a future career person?

by Will Alsum

Julie De Jong
Jr., Michigan
"He will create a lot more work for me as a social worker in that he will integrate homosexuals into society."

Rod Hoekstra
So., Wisconsin
"I think that Clinton, much like the presidents before him, promised a lot of plans and reforms that will never be implemented."

Travis Van De Berg
Sr., Iowa
"Hopefully the economy will keep going up. He's got some good ideas, but I don't have much hope because of the things he's backed down on."

Tim Bootsma
So., Ontario
"It will affect the overall liberal tendencies of the U.S., but it won't go across the border because, in many cases, these things are worse in Canada."

On the fence

Student dilemmas and the power of prayer

Lately, whenever I go to hear a college-age Christian speaker talk to a college-age audience, I find the same theme—lukewarm Christian commitment.

Recently, I heard one person term the college lifestyle one of living on the fence. That is, here we are, out on our own, staring the universe in the face, making decisions for ourselves, by ourselves. We’re experiencing all that this new life has to offer, trying to do it all our own way without making any mistakes. Yet, when we do make mistakes we aren’t so completely out on our own that we are helpless. After all we are still just students, living and learning as we go along. We are somewhat on the fence—not quite into the thick of life out on our own, nor in the life we used to know at home.

So, here we are facing a veritable myriad of decisions on all sides of us. How will we decide which side of the fence to come down on?

The mere fact that we are reading this in a newspaper at a Christian institution of higher learning is one clue that the great decision making process has already begun. That clue is simply the choice of Dordt College students to continue in a reformed Christian lifestyle. So now what?

In an attempt to answer some of the questions in my own life, I find that I want to see what the ground on either side of the fence consists of before I step on it. Thus, we arrive at the workbench. "On the Fence" will be a column devoted to looking at some of the common questions, dilemmas, confusions, and frustrations that college students face, without focussing on the negative, but looking to lift up and encourage the student body.

PRAYER POWER: THE BIG CUT IS ON OUR SIDE.

In the game of life, Christians will always be on the winning team. That's because the big guy's on our side.

One of the best sources of encouragement in my life is prayer. On Wednesday, December 16, 1992, three girls in southern Spain completed a semester of study and boarded a train laden with as much as they could carry and as little as they could survive with for a whirlwind trip through as many major European cities as they could handle in a three-week period. Each morning of the following twenty-three days these same girls would drag themselves out of bed and start off for a long day of viewing museums, cathedrals, palacial residences and varied peoples. Feet inevitably began to drag, eyes soon became bleary at the splendor, yet minds drove to inquire and to assess and to learn. Each night the girls would fall exhausted into an unfamiliar (but mercifully flat) bed, only to arise the next morning still eager for more.

There are a lot of horror stories out for the young, international, backpacking traveler. Nothing too spectacular, just the usual "my cousin Ann" that went to Zurich and lost the guide book, her traveler's checks stolen, lost her passport, ate at one type of food. I can tell you honestly that I too, spent a moment's worry other up faithfully and ceaselessly.

What an energizer! The power of prayer in that context, when mail took two weeks to reach and phone calls were few, in a culture I was trying to assimilate and a language I wanted desperately to understand, was so filling and encouraging that it seemed to make the day itself much brighter and clearer.

"Prayer is so much more than a thought or a feeling, though. This past summer I went to a Carman concert in which he sang a very powerful song that depicted each group of Christians praying as an earthquake in the realm of Satan, crumbling the very foundation he is trying to build in our sinful world. Here is another powerful image of what prayer can do."

What a privilege to live in a community that can support each other with such strength—the watchful eye and caring touch of our Creator and Savior. He has delegated a portion of his mighty power to us. Let's continue to use it to lift each other up faithfully and ceaselessly.
Thirteen seconds later, SDSU scored again, and the period ended with the teams tied at two. The deadlock continued to the second period as Eugene Laarrnan scored, assisted by Ted Kaemingh. SDSU answered this goal with one of their own, and Dordt scored again, courtesy of Mike Wlldehoer assisted by Henk Wlde boer and Mlnderhoud. Agato, the Blades were unable to hold the lead as SDSU scored again with 1:37 left to the period to enter the third, tied at four. The third period was all SDSU as they scored twice to win the game. Captain Wldehoer was enthusiastic about the players' performance and hopes to give number one ranked Iowa State a run for their money.

"I want to finish with a bang."
—Capt. Henk Wildeboer

by Henry Bakker

The Dordt Blades ended the first semester with a 2-7 record in league play. They started this semester with a few roster changes, most notably, soccer star Chris Hull taking over as goaltender from the departed Duane De Jong.

"Hull is filling Duane's shoes remarkably well," said captain Henk Wildeboer, although the Blades have dropped their first four games this semester. The first two games were exhibition games against Northern State University on January 15 and 16. The Blades played excellently but were the victims of some unlucky bounces losing 3-2 and 4-3. Not had considered NSU is the number seventh ranked Division II team to the U.S.

Last weekend the Blades faced scoring to the first as Joel Krilkke South Dakota State University scored a solo goal. SDSU scored and suffered 5-4 and 6-4 losses, two minutes later. Joel Minderhoud then scored, assisted by burly defensemen Jeremy Huygen with 7:13 on the clock. On Friday night SDSU scored two goals in the first period and three in the second before Dordt answered with two goals of their own in the last half of the second period. Doug VanderWilde scored on an assist by Mike Wildeboer with 7:26 on the clock. The second goal came when Mike Wildeboer scored, assisted by Joel Minderhoud and Henk Wildeboer with 3:15 left in the period. Dordt opened the scoring in the first as Joel Krilkke scored a solo goal. SDSU scored two minutes later. Joel Minderhoud then scored, assisted by burly defensemen Jeremy Huygen.

"We have nine games left and I want to finish with a bang. Joel and Mike have been scoring well, Jason Voogt has been hitting incredibly well, and things are going to happen yet."
Dordt ends skid with two victories

by Derrick Vander Waal

The outward appearance of Dordt Basketball has changed drastically over the semester break with the loss of two key bench players, center Mark Van Gorp and guard Tim Brunsting, and the addition of freshman guard Scott Van Essen. After a strong 4-3 start, Dordt faltered, losing its next seven games and ten of its next eleven games. Dordt has recovered recently with two consecutive wins against Tekiyo Westmar and Mt. Marty. Under the point system, Dordt’s 7-13 record places them third in District 15 behind Northwestern and Iowa Wesleyan.

Van Gorp, who was unsure of his major and direction in life, left school to work on a volunteer basis as an assistant chaplain in New York. Van Gorp had struggled offensively all season but was really the only inside defensive presence on the team with the ability to block shots. He was also willing to play physical inside and hit the boards. “It hurts you if you’re not playing the game, but it also hurts you mentally,” coach Vander Berg said. “We lose not only his physical ability, but Mark also had that quiet leadership.”

With Van Gorp gone other players will have to step their game up a notch. Mickey Visser is one who has done that. “Since Mark left he [Van Gorp] has picked up his game,” Vander Berg said.

Brent was easily beaten in its three games in California. Dordt then played in the Minnesota Morris Tournament where they beat Moorhead State, 98-83, but were beaten badly by Minnesota Morris. “The five teams we played in California and in the Minnesota Morris Tournament were excellent, excellent teams,” Vander Berg said.

Dordt traveled to Dakota Wesleyan on Jan. 12 and were soundly defeated 103-73 by the same team they beat by 34 points at home earlier in the season. At Briar Cliff, Dordt played excellent basketball for the first 30 minutes but lost 90-75. Dordt led at half 47-44 behind a sizzling 70 percent shooting performance. Midway through the second half when Dordt was only down by three points, Briar Cliff ran off 12 straight points to put the game out of reach. Although Dordt played well during certain stretches against Sioux Falls last Wednesday, they were unable to stop Sioux Falls defensively during a 100-86 loss. “You have to play well for forty minutes. In a lot of our games we have had three minute stretches that have really hurt us,” Vander Berg said. “You cannot give three minutes away. You have to concentrate for forty.”

Last Saturday night Dordt recorded a 79-74 victory on the road against Tekiyo Westmar. It was a tight game the whole way. Under pressure from the Regnerus looks to pass with Dordt trailing by two points at half-time. Dordt converted down the stretch with clutch performances at the free-throw line from Van Roekel and Regnerus who were seven for eight and four for four, respectively, in the closing minutes. Vander Berg said when you are losing, “you can say we played well, we played our best, but still winning gives you that extra confidence... Especially winning down at Westmar... is a confidence booster.” Dordt recorded its second straight victory last night with a 92-72 win at home against Mt. Marty. Dordt trailed 19-26 midway through the first half when Van Roekel and Regnerus ignited a 19-0 run with several steals and eight points each on the offensive end. With five of their last seven games on the road, Dordt has the opportunity to end the season strong going into post-season play. Dordt has played only see BASKETBALL, p. 12

Track team ready for indoor season

by Henry Bakker

The Dordt Track team has been preparing and practicing regularly since the beginning of second semester and is now set to begin their indoor season. The first competitive meet will take place a week from this Saturday at Northwestern in Orange City. The team is taking advantage of two preseason track meets at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion to prepare for the season. The big news for our Defenders at the first meet was Mike Schiebout and Jeff Dekoter’s performance in their first competitive pole vault. They cleared 11’6” and 11’ respectively for sixth and seventh place in the competition. At the same meet Jarret Eshuis shaved six tenths of a second off his best time in the 55 metric hurdles to give him the fourth best time ever for a Dordt student at 8.3 seconds. The team returns to the Dome once more this Saturday for the second practice meet.

The team will miss the contributions of All-American Fran Ton who graduated last year. Fran placed sixth in the 600 m at the national track and field meet. However, Coach Coheen is confident that the women’s team will be just as strong as last year with the addition of Freshmen Diane Shinknel, Melanie Schiebout and Cathy Davelaar. These athletes together with sophomore veterans Irene Ton, who holds the Dordt indoor record in the 400 m and 1000 m, Wendy Schiebout, Teresa Van Zee, Dordt record holder in shot put and Senior Lisa Van Denend, qualifier for Nationals in the marathon, should create a force to be reckoned with on the track.

The men’s team is stronger than last year with the return of Junior Jeff Dekoter, who along with his newfound pole vaulting interest holds the Dordt indoor record in the 200 m. Also returning are Sophomores Ben Christoffels and Junior Randall Van Genden. Several freshman are on the team including Chuck Van Drunen and Dan Butler, both of whom have impressive high school credentials. Van Drunen ran a 50.7 400 m and Ruster ran a 4:28.9 for the mile in high school.

This team will be one to keep an eye on this season as the competitors try their best to attain new heights and add to the long list of achievements for Dordt track athletes.
Anyone who still wants to act, sing or dance at the Talent Extravaganza, remember to return registration forms to the switchboard by Feb. 1.

**Homecoming Schedule**

**Sun., Feb. 14**
8:45 p.m. *Chariots of Fire*. True story of two Olympic runners, one driven by the will to win, the other by the desire to serve God. Winner of four Oscars, including Best Picture. C-160

**Wed., Feb. 17**
8:30 p.m. Fourth annual Quiz Bowl. Student, faculty, and alumni teams test their knowledge. C-160

**Thurs., Feb. 18**
8:00 p.m. Valerie McWilliams leads chapel.
8:00 p.m. Valerie McWilliams presents a public lecture in S-101; followed by a reception.

**Fri., Feb. 19**
7:00 p.m. The Lady Defenders take on Central College.

**Sat., Feb. 20**
1:00 p.m. J.V. vs. alumni basketball game
3:00 p.m. The men’s varsity team finishes their regular season against Dana College.
7:30 p.m. Talent Extravaganza and Ice Cream Social.

**Basketball**
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Son play, Dordt has played only five of its first 20 games at home, so these home games are a welcome relief. Dordt plays its next three games at home against Northwestern, Dakota State, and Briar Cliff.

Dave Van Essen leads the team again this year in scoring and rebounding at 14.4 ppg and 7.1 rpg. Van Roekel is second in scoring at 13.7 ppg and leads the team in assists with four per game. The starting line-up is rounded out with Veurink scoring 11 ppg, Veenstra, 9.7 ppg, and Regnerus, 8.3 ppg.

**SPEAK UP IN CHURCH**

If you’re young and single, here’s a way to talk to your church—without having to get behind a pulpit.

**The Banner** is looking for essays, poetry, fiction, humor, and artwork from single people ages 18-29 to publish in an issue by and for young adults.

We’ve suggested some topics at right. You may also write about anything else that you believe would interest BANNER readers.

Winning entries will be published in the April 19 issue, and winners will receive our standard author payment.

- Family ties: relating to Mom and Dad as an adult
- Moving back home: making it work
- God and insecurity: the world, your neighborhood, and the economy
- Your eye-opening overseas experience
- Serving God or getting married: must you choose?
- Tradition and identity: Must the CRC change? Do you want it to?
- You’re on your own: freedom, accountability, and selfishness
- Marriage panic, dating, and sexuality
- Young adults and the church: what’s the best scenario?
- All of a sudden I was “single”: being defined by marital status

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Send entries to Banner Writing Contest, 2850 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (FAX [616] 246-0834). Entries MUST include your name, address, daytime phone number, age, church membership, and a photo of yourself.