Homecoming '93

Classroom Bash

by Michele Feikema
The Classroom Building was transformed from the site of lectures and exams last Friday night to an entertainment center for the Homecoming's Classroom Bash.

Activities occupied students from 8:30 until 1:45, under the direction of Jim De Young and the Homecoming committee.

The comedy by Blake Edwards, "The Return of the Pink Panther" starring Peter Sellers and Burt Kwouk, was shown at both 8:30 and 10:30 in CIBO.

Games such as Outburst and JENGA were scattered throughout the building on leave from the game library of the SUB.

Phil Jongejan was the D.J. of the dance in the New World Theater, while the SUB Club was set up in C107.

De Young, who was in charge of this year's Homecoming activities, commented that he was somewhat disappointed in the turnout of around 180 students, considering the efforts of the committee members. Poor attendance was somewhat due to the Blade's hockey game in Worthington and an off-campus dance.

Heading the committee was Angela Walstra. Other members include Jared Johnson, Karl Meyer, Phil Jongejan, Dave Van Belle, Becky Gorter, Mike Van De Griend and Leah Schreurs.

Faculty and students alike enjoyed the quiz bowl

Faculty dominates quiz bowl

by Michele Feikema

Sounds of laughter and cheering echoed through room 5101 last Wednesday night while this year's Quiz Bowl participants competed.

The three teams consisted of one representation of the faculty and two from the student body. Faculty team members were Prof. Grotenhuis, Prof. Zwart and Jackie Williams. Kim Dawn and John Bakker formed a team, while Kristen Vandegriend, Nick Breems and Jonathon Eerkes participated on another.

Prof. Koekkoek and Mrs. Hulst served as Quizmasters of the event, enforcing the rules and asking the questions. Jim De Young clocked the participants and kept score.

Questions were from five different categories: History/Geography, Arts/Literature, Science, Popular Culture and Sports/Leisure. "What kind of animal is Gonzo on the Muppet see QUIZ BOWL, p. 12"

Andrew Patterson
5-4-1 sang their way to a first place finish. Turn to page 3 for a review of the 1993 Talent Extravaganza! Turn to Features, p. 6 for photos.

(right)
The Defenders did their part to make the 1993 Homecoming exciting when they came up with a win over Dana Saturday. Turn to Sports, p. 10 - 11 for details of the win, as well as the Defenders' other games.
Intervarsity members serve poor at banquet

by Juli Keldermann

Twelve members of the intervarsity mission group helped serve a meal last Saturday at the Banquet in Sioux Falls, S.D. For an hour and a half, the students served sandwiches, soup, fruit, salad, bars and milk to over 200 people. A few others entertained the children of those waiting in line, but all of them had a chance to interact with those who came for the meal.

The Banquet is an organization that tries to be more than just a soup kitchen. In addition to serving a meal, it strives to "install a sense of dignity and respect for the poor," explained Jared Johnson, radio club president. Presently, K-ICE hopes East Campus residents and those in the SUB will be able to tune in to their broadcasts before the year is over.

"It's not the issue of approving the signal, it's just the funding," explained Jared Johnson, radio club president. Presently, K-ICE's greatest barrier is the cost of installing the needed transmitters. Johnson expects an increase in the signal. It's just the funding," said Jared Johnson, radio club president. Presently, K-ICE hopes East Campus residents and those in the SUB will be able to tune in to their broadcasts before the year is over.

The station also plans to broadcast in the game room and snack bar. The cost should be minimal, however, since they hope to use the amplifiers and speakers already owned by the Sub Club. The connection merely needs to be made with East Hall to bring in the signal.

The club has a variety of ideas to repay the cost for the installation of the transmitter(s) and the connection to the SUB. The first fund-raiser is a dance planned for next month. They also hope to have K-ICE apparel to sell in the near future. They plan to raise the price of ads and are working on a promotional week during which they hope to give away prizes from their sponsors.

However, all three males in the group worked in the "kids' room," a small room attached to the main hall where everyone waited in line. Nate Schreur, Brian Hulsedal, Marc Andreas and a student from Augustana College entertained the children with games, puzzles, coloring and other various activities. They really wore us out, but it was a great time," said Andreas.

The highlight for most of the students was sitting down to eat and talk with the guests. Many were very open and willing to share interesting stories. "I learned how much we take for granted and how happy we can be without material things," said Laura Kuper after talking with various individuals. "They were so thankful for the banquet."}

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News shorts

by Shelley Westerhof

Defenders of Life keeping busy

Apr. 3 is the date of the annual pancake dinner fund raiser and the Pro-Life Rally. Also, Gianna Jessen, the pro-life abortion survivor, will share her hope and love of God through music in Sioux City on Mar. 11. For information and/or tickets, call Melanie Fisher before March 1.

Students invited to debate Middle East issues

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Model Arab League to be held at Northwestern College, Mar. 11 through 13. Participants will debate critical world issues related to the Middle East. Interested persons should call Professor Krygsma.

Faculty members display art

Joanne Alberda and Jacob Van Wyk, art faculty members, have their work shown in the gallery. Weaving, ceramics, drawings, and lithographs which can be seen in the gallery.
1993 Talent Extravaganza
Show features acts ranging from comedy to drama and music

by Val Ruter

Nearly 22 acts performed by 70 participants in Dordt's Talent Extravaganza entertained a packed house Sat. night, Feb. 20, in the chapel. Students waited outside locked doors for up to an hour in a blizzard that dumped several inches of snow on northwest Iowa. But the wait paid off once the show began.

The acts of the 13th annual show included vocal performances, instrumental music, a monologue, drama, comedy, and dance. In addition, Host Kent Ryders and Hostess Sharon Vanderkruk interjected their own brand of humor into the three-hour event. "I was kind of scared to do it," said Vanderkruk of her hostess job, "but I had a lot of fun. It was a really good show to work with because it had good variety, and audience response was great."

Simon du Toit, one of the judges and a newcomer to Dordt homecoming, agreed. "I think the response from the community was fantastic. In the middle of a snowstorm there were people hanging from the rafters," he said. "You couldn't have fit another warm body in the place."

Others serving as judges were Nancy Meendering, alumna: Karen De Mol, faculty member; Jared Johnson and Cyndi Reznick, students. According to De Mol, judging the competition was no simple task. "There were no duds. There weren't one or two acts that really stood out with the rest being just mediocre," she said. "The quality of the show was very consistent. We wished that we could award more prizes."

The judges picked four prize-winning acts using a 30-point scale on the basis of three criteria: audience response, quality of performance, and stage presentation. Receiving Most Original Act was CWA (Caucasians With Attitudes). The group's members were Chad Nibbellink, Dave Van Essen, Chris Hull, Nolan Ver Steeg and Mike Plaster, who harmonized on a song written by Nibbellink. CWA was the first act of the show, and the group succeeded in getting the evening off to a great start.

The third place act was entitled "Can You Handle Dance to Handel?" a brightly-clad, six-person dance troupe. Those dancing in this number were Standlash, De Vries, Bev Doppenburg, Dan Ruder, Chris Hull, Becky Sanford and Tina Van Kooten. De Vries also choreographed the performance.

Judges awarded second place to Love Story, a vocal and drama presentation complete with eerie lighting effects. This act featured a scene from The Phantom of the Opera, with Christinna Breems playing the heroine and De Vries as the phantom.

Winning first place in the show was the a cappella quintet 5-4-1, featuring Randy Groen on lead vocals, Todd Zuidema, Harold Wierenga, Gene Vis and Larry Vande Kamp. The group sang "Kiss Him Goodbye," a song they sang at high school assemblies in Florida during their Concert Choir tour this past Christmas break. "It always brought a good crowd response, so we thought we'd sing it for the talent show," said Vande Kamp. "We didn't enter to win. We just thought it would be fun."

The quintet also had fun with the crowd. Dressed as street people, the guys placed a hat upside down on the stage, ready for any and all donations. The stunt earned the group well over five dollars in change. "We didn't know that many people would chuck 'em so hard," laughed Vande Kamp.

Although the judges had to pick a top act, everyone agreed there were really no losers in this year's show. "The division between first and third place was about one vote," said student judge Johnson. "It was absolutely nuts. I wouldn't want to make that call again."

Talent Show Results:

1st place: 5-4-1
2nd place: Love Story
3rd place: Can you handle dance to Handel?
Most original Act: CWA (Caucasians With Attitude)

Recitals at Dordt

by Mavis Runia

Dordt College Senior Thomas Van Soelen and Junior Lisa Van Vuuren will perform a recital of organ and violin music this Friday at 8 PM in the chapel auditorium.

Highlights of Van Soelen's organ portion of the program will include "Final" from Symphony No. 1 by Verdi and "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" by Persichetti. A highlight of Van Vuuren's violin repertoire will be the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto."

Dordt faculty members Richard Bognerf and Lori Thomas will be performing a joint trumpet and bassoon recital on March 8, at 8 PM in the chapel auditorium.

Bognerf, Dordt's trumpet instructor, received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and a Master's degree in music from the University of South Dakota. He then spent 21 years as a performer with the United States Army Band in Washington, D.C. Since 1991, Bognerf has been adjunct faculty member at Dordt, teaching private trumpet lessons.

Thomas, Dordt's bassoon instructor, received a Master's degree in musical performance from the University of Illinois. She is a member of the Sioux City Symphony and the Symphony Woodwind Quintet and is principal bassoonist of the Sioux County Orchestra. Thomas is an adjunct faculty member both at Dordt and the University of South Dakota.

Bognerf and Thomas will be performing a wide variety of music, ranging from the Baroque period to the Contemporary period. One of the songs Bognerf will be performing is "Napoli" which has a reputation for being played in the parks. Both professors will also join Dordt alumna Joan Van Holland in playing "Let the Bright Seraphim" by Handel.

"Murder" opens

by Shelley Westerhof

Tickets are on sale in the box office for Dordt's spring production of "Murder in the Cathedral," by T.S. Eliot. The performance is set for March 4, 5, and 6 in TePaske Theatre and prices are from three to five dollars.

"Murder" is based on the murder of Archbishop Thomas a' Becket (Mark Du Med) in the 12th century by knights loyal to King Henry II. The production features both 12th and 20th century figures, costumes and sets. The music was written especially for the show by a Benedictine monk, Brother Chris Uehlein of the Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, South Dakota. The cast includes over 50 Dordt students.

Van Soelen and Van Vuuren practice for recital.
From the Editor

Who am I Lord? Tell me, please

As I made my way down to the pub room for what seems like the ninetieth time this week, I passed a small group of people standing by the "jobs board," jotting down all the available teaching positions from Virginia to California, discussing which would be the best, which would probably pay the most, which was in the best location, and who was going to apply for which.

Passing that group of seniors sent a tinge of nervousness through my stomach. It was an irritating reminder that sometime between going to class, taking tests, writing papers and putting together Diamonds, I should put my very own nose in front of the "jobs board" and make a serious effort to find a job.

I'll admit, I've been putting off the job search, partly because I'm busy, partly because I'm scared. And from the conversations I've had with others, I'm not alone.

Seniors are at an unstable crossroad in life that can be downright frightening. Most of us don't know what we're going to be doing a year from now, where we'll be living, whether or not we'll be enjoying our jobs, or if our employers will be satisfied with our work. And there's always the unpleasant possibility that we'll accept a job, thinking we've made a wise decision, thinking we're going to enjoy it, and instead end up dreading the thought of going to work each time the alarm goes off in the morning. When our college career comes to an end of the tracks, we could find that we've been riding in the wrong car for the past four or more years.

College is supposed to prepare us for a career. Choosing a major is one of the first big decisions. We're told to study hard and retain what we've learned. We worry about grades because they could affect our chances of being hired. We're encouraged to get experience, so we work, get involved in extracurricular activities and do internships.

We can build quite an impressive resume without doing something else that's very important — developing a clear understanding of who we really are. College is supposed to give us a better grasp of who we are. New opportunities help us discover talents we didn't know we had. Experiences fine-tune our sense of what it is we really love in life. Challenges and debates carve out or strengthen our value systems. These things are important.

But only One knows us completely and can help us discover how our individual talents and interests can best be used in the world. That is God. Trying to make decisions about the future on our own can be a scary business, because answers are rarely in black and white. Many times answers aren't apparent at all. God doesn't always give clear-cut directions for our lives either. But it is comforting to know that He is in control, that He will direct us in His own good time, and that we don't have to enter the real world alone.

God should be tops as we plan for our futures. But the pressure to find a job and the thought of being in debt and unemployed tempts us to rush ahead and plan our future on our own. We don't want to be the only dud who can't find a job. Other seniors are sending out resumes, so we figure we'd better jump on the bandwagon. The job market is tight.

There's only a limited number of jobs available so we want to grab them before our fellow classmates do. I hear seniors asking each other what they wrote for their cover letters, sometimes out of genuine need for assistance, other times to make sure no one else's is better than their own. I have come to despise the question, "So have you sent any resumes out yet?" Oh, I don't mind if the question is asked out of genuine concern. But other times I want to snap, "Why do you care? Are you worried that I'm closer to finding a job than you are, or will it make you feel better to find someone else who hasn't sent out resumes yet?"

We begin to think that finding a job depends solely on how fast and furiously we pursue one. We rush to find a job whether we know exactly what we want in life or not — just so we can say we found one and panic when the process isn't going as smoothly for us as it is for others.

Of course seniors are going to be concerned about their careers. We've spent four or more years in college preparing for one, we probably need the money, and we have talents and abilities that should be used. But I think we need to resist the temptation to make our goal sending out more resumes and getting more job offers than others.

Then post-graduation planning becomes a selfish competition rather than an earnest seeking after God's will for our futures.
Actions should match policy

To the Editor,

Remember the beginning of the school year when the big news on campus was the dreaded new and improved Student Discipline Policy? Most people were up in arms over the matter. Such things as curfews, room searches and even invasion of privacy were brought up. I actually heard that there were about 110 people with a level three violation. Some students said the five percent on campus could be sent home by Christmas for just drinking on campus.

I would like to know what resulted from the open forums and committees held to discuss "changes" in the policy that were not consistent with what the students believed was fair punishment for such actions. Personally, I don't think there is a problem with the policy, especially when it comes to the issue of receiving level three violations and getting kicked out of school. It is clearly stated: two level three violations and you are out of here. However, I don't think members of the discipline committee find this to be true in many of the cases in which a student receives two level three violations. Even though the policy is clear, the committee is not. I'm sure they have swallowed at least one big fish story this year and let someone off the hook. I wonder how many parents have called Dr. Kroeze to say, "My little Johnny would never do something like that."

It is disappointing when someone who just got kicked out of school for two level three violations is allowed to stay in school because their parents call and complain enough to allow their "little Johnny" to stay.

Is the policy really the problem? If anyone questions the way the discipline policy is carried out, ask to see someone in Student Services, and ask them if the policy needs change or if the perspective the committee has toward the existing policy needs change.

Sincerely,

Jared Johnson

Registrar's Reflections

Dear Mr. Eckardt,

Can adding a class, dropping a class or withdrawing from a class affect my financial aid?

Monty Baggs from Nevada

Dear Monty,

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Sincerely,

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"You could edit history with a NEXT computer!"
—Jim Bos, referring to editing a computerized encyclopedia

"Tell him to wake up and smell the women."
—Jody De Stigter, talking about a computer buff

"I can't use that—it's too useful!"
—Kalvin Parman's comment when handed a users' manual when he needed a theoretical manual

"You may think you sound like women, but it sounds very good."
—Jennifer Van Weelden boosting Joel Knierem's confidence as he practiced the tenor part in St. Paul's Oratorio

"It is illegal in some states for mothers who are 6 to 7 months old to drive a car."
—Rick Eigenbrood expounding on his knowledge of laws concerning pregnant women

"Daddy longlegs are poisonous, you know. You can't eat them."
—Karen Martinus, revealing her wealth of knowledge on spiders

"I found out this morning that you can't do dishes and take a shower at the same time."
—Tom Van Soelen after a very hectic morning

"Computer services, this is Dale... It does WHAT?!"
—Dale Van Voorst, answering the phone in computer services

"If your bed is too high you're going to have problems getting in, if nothing else."
—Mr. Dekkenga, explaining how to put voice over a music bed in radio production class

"I myself am not a man."
—Dan De Boom during play rehearsal

"Pig butts are not my forte."
—Prof. Jake Van Wyk, commenting on a sculpture during a critique

"Terry? Terry who?"
—Paula Van Hill, when asked a question about her fiance, Terry Homan

"What kind of weird?.... Is there any sizzling or crackling or black smoke coming from it?"
—Jim Bos, attempting to diagnose yet another computer problem by phone

"Is anyone following this plot?"
—Matt Perkins, still watching movies at 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning

Thanks to all those who sent in the great quotes—keep them coming in.

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Talent Extravaganza

Chad Nibbelink, Dave Van Essen, Chris Hull, Nolan Ver Steeg and Mike Plasier accept the award for originality.

Standish De Vries and Rebekah Sanford's "Can you handle dance to Handel" impresses judges.

Jenness Eekhoff and Dorissa Kuipers perform "If I Had a Million Dollars".
Operation Restore Hope: Ideology vs. Practicality

by Jenn Dyke

MEDIA HYPE

As quickly as the Crisis in Somalia gained our attention last December, so has talk of it died down in the two months since then.

The average American knew little or nothing of the atrocities occurring in Somalia before the media took over, filling our newspapers, magazines and televisions with footage that cut straight to the heart of any human being. We began seeing the reality of the needy in the shrivelled faces of the starving Somali children, and before we could demand action, former-President Bush had sent troops to relieve the impoverished nation. During the week of Dec. 14, a multi-national force was led into Somalia by 1800 U.S. Marines to distribute food and enforce peace.

As Somali bandits dictate the food convoys as the troops make their way to the villages, Bush made it clear that the U.S. "would not tolerate armed gangs ripping off their own people, condemning them to death by starvation."

As relief efforts began, the media provided us with full and complete coverage for the first few weeks. While Operation Restore Hope continued, media coverage continued steadily, but little progress was reported. Soon, we began hearing less and less of the events in Somalia. This does not mean things are getting better. It only proves the media's fakeness. The famine and political instability in Somalia is not over. Though it is no longer our first topic of conversation, Somali children are still dying. Starvation and political unrest prevail while we, as short-attention-span American consumers eat up the next hot topic the media dishes out to us.

A HUMANITARIAN EFFORT

A statement had been made, and that statement was "This is a humanitarian effort." What could be more noble? Every news story and magazine article made it clear in no uncertain terms that this was being done purely out of the goodness of America's heart. The government gav the media a package wrapped in good intentions and tagged it with the virtuous title "Operation Restore Hope." We were bombarded with the word "humanitarian," and beaten over the head with the phrase "NO ULTIMATE MOTIVES." We read this rhetoric so much that it is almost seemed suspicions, as if we would have doubted the government's intentions immediately. This, in turn, actually causes one to wonder if we do not, in fact, have some kind of stock in Somalia.

It seems unbelievable that the U.S. would choose to exploit a country in such a condition. It would be morally reprehensible to use a country such as Somalia for any reasons of self-interest. We don't want to think about it in this way, so we choose not to doubt.

But look at the way the news is given to us. The U.S. is portrayed as some kind of hero, going into a poor country and rescuing it from bad men with guns. It's so entirely red-white and blue that it's as if the government did it to save face or something. If this is a way of promoting patriotism, the American public should be insulted.

Some have even further to say that this is yet another game of American global policing. There are good arguments that assume the government does have ulterior motives in Somalia, and that these motives include taking control of the country and setting up government in order to gain more power. Bush, even with his don't-back-down attitude attached to Operation Restore Hope, did not want to disappoint anyone, including the leftover ones of the American troops in Somalia. He stated that they would be home as soon as possible, with Chairman of Joint Chief of Staff Colin Powell standing over his shoulder saying "two or three months."

This is indeed a hopeful plan for the troops and their families, but not for the Somali. Two or three months to the country's problems is just plain impossible. A truly humanitarian effort cannot consist of going in, slapping the hands of armed gang members, distributing food and leaving. It won't work unless the people have been discriminated against by the Marchan clan, led by Barre. Barre himself is of indeterminate age—probably about eighty-and-in poor health.

According to some diplomats, both clans are guilty of serious human rights abuses. When the Isaaq attacked, they settled personal scores and subsequently killed policemen and their families. In response, the government bombarded cities and strafed fleeing residents.

The present situation in Somalia is one of complete anarchy. Under normal circumstances, the government might step into such a situation and exert some kind of control however. In this case, there is little organized government. What government does exist consists of the Marchan clan, led by Barre—not exactly an objective or neutral peacekeeping force.

In the past several years, Somalia has received over a hundred million dollars in military and economic aid from the United States. In fact, the U.S. position has been one that passively advocates the slaughter of civilians that occurs every day in Somalia. There has been no legislation or even proposals thereof—to make further aid dependent on whether or not the killing of civilians comes to an end. As well, in Somalia's 1988 bid for economic aid, the U.S. came up empty-handed, pointing out that U.S. funds allocated for African refugees could be used to help the operation in Somalia. When asked, Japan responded similarly. There was no response at all from what was at that time the Soviet Union.

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A textbook example of anarchy

by Steve Drost

Civil war broke out in Somalia about the same time as the United Nations (UN) was backing the glory of its success in Iran, Iraq, Angola, Afghanistan, and Cambodia. The UN was caught unaware when a group in North Somalia, calling themselves the SNM, or Somali National Movement, seized power from the government of Muhammed Said Barre in a 1969 coup. The SNM consists mainly of the Isaaq, a northern clan who feel that their people have been discriminated against by the Marchan clan, led by Barre. Barre himself is of indeterminate age—probably about eighty-and-in poor health.

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Today, much like the last. Regarding my entry on Feb. 8, I would like you to realize that there is more than criticism. Simply criticizing is too easy, and often not too constructive. I try to seek a positive criticism. Maybe, just maybe, tomorrow will not be like today.

We here at Dordt are in a tenuous position. As the rest of the world seems to be in the process of dismantling itself and rebuilding either through violence or via buying into capitalism, we here at Dordt are between steps. We have attained that position in a walk where the weight of the body is beginning to shift from the back foot to the front. It is that point one can neither stop nor adequately redirect the step. And yet we have not committed. It is the point in waking from a long night of sleep were one is neither fully conscious nor fully asleep. It is a moment were dreams and reality coagulate. A walk where the weight of the world seems to be in the hack foot to the front. We here at Dordt are between steps. We are trying to revive its weapons and trying to figure out why I think I got only mean Democrats.

So what’s next? Where do we go from here? I don’t know. I do know this, you better start now because if you haven’t noticed it’s about survival. A.Z. Wanon

Do you "anti-dittoheads" have something to say for yourselves? There are things about Limbaugh that I don’t particularly care for either. I don’t agree with Limbaugh 100% of the time, and I certainly don’t totally agree with his delivery style either. He does poke fun of many Democrats and Liberals, but didn’t I hear a derogatory remark about Reagan and Bush on "Murphy Brown"?

To be blunt, I think that some liberals just can’t take such bitting criticism. On the other hand I am personally bombarded by opinions that counter mine directly every time I hear the news. Bill Clinton has moral and governmental ideas that split in the face of my morals and ideas for governmental policy. I have to disagree with almost everything the new president does, but I’m trying to respect him as an image-bearer of God.

On a similar note, I want to respond to Sheila Westerhoff’s spot in the last Diamond. She set me thinking and made me consider my own prejudices. I have quite a few. We all do. I suppose. I would like to point out, to avoid confusion, that we can criticize the president’s actions. We can also, in my opinion, criticize the work of Hillary Clinton. She is making decisions in the public forum and thus is open to debate. One last thing about Westerhoff’s thoughts. I was just wondering where this outcry was when Dan Quayle was being truly attacked by “Democrats, comedians and even students.”

Now, for a little of my brand of humor, some quotes I’ve gathered:

These first few are from lists of why people “dislike” Rush Limbaugh:

- “He is too kind to socialists… I mean Democrats.”
- “His show is at 12:00 instead of 10:00 to replace the news.”
- “Poor tie selection at times.”

Here’s a fictitious quote on how I think Bill Clinton will get out of his promise not to raise taxes on the middle class:

- “I realize that I promised not to raise taxes on the middle class, but you realize that I didn’t say anything about not raising contributions.”

The last one, from Senator Phil Gramm in reaction to the President’s speech:

- “There’s nothing more status quo than a democrat talking about raising taxes.”

Sarajevo. Bosnia-Herzegovina

Skepticism is rising in the ranks of the aid workers in Eastern Bosnia as to how effective the newly proposed U.S. airdrop will be.

The Chief of the United Nations relief operations in Sarajevo says he fears supplies will be landing on people’s heads and people’s houses. These fears arise from the fact that U.S. supply planes will fly high to minimize danger, but at the same time lowering accuracy.

Wiesbaden, Germany

Four American soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash at a U.S. air base in Wiesbaden.

Four others were hurt when the helicopter, attempting a landing, crashed at the base.

Mogadishu, Somalia

Due to escalated violence in the port city of Kismayu, U.S. troops scheduled to return home this week will stay until the situation is stabilized.

Baghdad, Iraq

United Nations weapons inspectors came up empty handed while searching for missiles in suspected hiding places in Iraq.

Officials feared Iraq was hiding ballistic missiles and trying to revive its weapons production program. Even though no proof was found, western intelligence speculates that Iraq is still hiding over one hundred missiles.
Do you think the new student discipline policy is working?

by Roderick Hoekstra

Wendy Kuperus
So., New York

"Yes. It gives the students a chance to show their maturity."

Sara Dahm
So., Iowa

"I don't think it's fair, but I think that it makes students think more before doing something stupid."

Dave Klompien
Sr., Minnesota

"No, because I feel some students are still favored in this policy. Good policy, but it is not being enacted fairly."

Robyn Bosma
So., Iowa

"It is considerably better than what we had before; it was too easy to buy your way out of trouble."

On the fence

Courage to Change

Julie DeBoer

Last Saturday morning, I rolled out of bed and flapped on the tube hoping to catch Bugs Bunny while my sugar-coated cereal was still crunchy—a ritual I've enjoyed since the Lone Ranger and his best friend Tonto were taming the West every morning. Instead of the wacky rabbit I'd expected, I found Bill Clinton and Peter Jennings surrounded by children, in trademark clown-show style. However, they weren't showing animated films or singing the birthday song. They were solving the world's problems (yep—magic tricks).

Back from his big promo tour after the taxes speech (a.k.a. the State of the Union Address), Clinton was at the White House where his buddy, Jennings, and some very hard-working ABC news staffers had gathered children with every social problem you could come up with ... if you brainstormed real hard. One girl was homeless, another's father had been put out of the lumber business because the spotted owl needs a safe habitat, one boy had AIDS, another girl's parents both had cancer and worked for a defense industry where Clinton has declared cutbacks in spending which could affect their ability to get insurance. They had some tough requests.

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OK. OK. I'm beginning to step over the line from watch-dogging into Clinton-bashing, but it's just so easy to do. It seems to me that Clinton is playing the part of a Superman, or even worse, a savior. In his travels through the Midwest this past week, he appealed for public support of his newest tax proposals. Clinton said we must have the courage to change the status quo. I couldn't agree more. But from this, I see the idea that Bill Clinton is the savior of the United States. After all, if all his programs succeed, he'll have overcome an enormous quantity of social problems. If he achieves merely what he promised those children last Saturday morning, he'll put us on the path to a cure for AIDS, channel out-of-work lumber-jacks into new vocations, solve our health insurance problems, and wipe out homelessness completely. The list just grows and grows. What will those kids think if he succeeds? If he fails, will they lose all hope of ever changing their situation?

Right now all kinds of Americans are behind Bill Clinton, ready and willing to contribute to his plans that use an immediate gratification technique of problem-solving. Some aren't even waiting for the I.R.S. to ask for more tax monies; they've got the coupons ringing with cash they're voluntarily sending in.

I, too, want Clinton to implement programs that will solve social problems. I hope the programs he's suggested work. But the courage to change is something new to Dordt College. We've been courageous, and we'll continue to be courageous, whether Clinton wins or loses. No matter what will come to pass, I will still be working, courageously, to heal the world with the talents and training that God and Dordt College have given me. I will still be talking, courageously, to point out to others the true path to salvation—not Bill Clinton, but Jesus Christ. Christ offers a salvation that is more than economic, more than individual, and much more than temporary. Stand strong and courageous, Christians! Put your faith in the true Savior, give glory to the one who is deserving, and He will provide the courage for our change, a lasting change, a redeeming change.
Blades impress at Homecoming

by Henry Bakker

Forget the fact that the Blades have never had a winning record, forget the two games they lost to UNI the weekend before last, have a look at the improvement over last year and consider the fact that nearly all the players will be returning next season. Then, once you have done all that, think about the two games they played last weekend. That was intense hockey.

But much as I'd like to forget the UNI games I have to touch on them briefly. The team went to UNI weakened by the fact that netminder Chris Hull was unable to accompany the team due to some choir thing. Captain Henk Wildeboer replaced Hull in net which broke up the team's best line of Wildeboer-Wildeboer-Minderhoud, add on to that the fact that Wildeboer has not played in net all season and it is not difficult to understand the 13-2 loss the Blades suffered.

Friday night, Saturday Wildeboer seemed more confident in net and cut UNI's scoring to six goals, however he was still sorely missed on offense and Dordt allowed only 4 goals and the Blades offense shot their opponents 47-30.

Scary defense contributed to a 3-1-1 record in the Blades' last 5 games

Blades down by a point but encouraged by a great performance on the part of all the players.

Saturday the Blades got even. Again they had to come from behind. Carleton scored first, but Dordt quickly answered. That goal with 1 of their own when Defensman Kevin Schiltthuis scored, assisted by VanderVelde and Verbeek. Carleton scored two more goals before the end of the first to take a 3-1 lead into the second period.

The second was a battle of the goaltenders again as neither knows how to have their prescriptions Friday night. Saturday Wildeboer replaced Hull in net all season and they played last weekend. That was intense hockey.

Later Chris Hull commented on the game and the season.

"It's always great to win a couple and it gets your confidence up. I never played net before last season but I always wanted to, this is a great team, a great bunch of guys. I had a lot of fun this season." When asked if he planned to play net for the Blades again next season he shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know, I'll be a senior and I'll probably be pretty busy. I can't play first semester all because of soccer."

In late breaking hockey news, last night the Blades hot streak continued as they beat SDSU. It was another well played game with a good performance from all the players. Chris Hull allowed only 4 goals and the Blades offense backed him up with 7 goals. There were only 10 penalty minutes total and the Blades out shot their opponents 47-30.

Dordt plays one more exhibition game in Sioux City on Friday, Mar. 5 at 9:00 p.m.
Dordt will open playoffs against Iowa Wesleyan

by Derrick Vander Wal

After winning big against Northwestern and nearly upsetting Briar Cliff, Dordt faltered losing three of its last four games bring their record to 10-17. Dordt edged out Iowa Wesleyan in the point standing for second place in District 15 of NAAI. It also beat Van Essen on Iowa Wesleyan at home Saturday at 3 p.m. to open the playoffs. Dordt finished the season with Van Essen on the varsity to deal with the loss of these key players. "Anytime you start moving players around it is always hard to adjust," said Coach Rick Vander Berg. "You have to play with different people and the rotations are different. It just takes awhile to adjust."

At home againstTekiyo Western on Feb. 15, Dordt showed for the first time without leading scorer and rebounder Dave Van Essen in the line-up. Dordt came out strong in the first half and led by half 33-24. Dordt's lead quickly disappeared as Western ran off the first 11 points of the second half to give them a 33-35 lead. Later, when Dordt regained the lead Western again responded by running off nine straight points to put them ahead for good at 44-47. During the first half, Dordt was never able to seriously challenge Nebraska Wesleyan during the second half. Nebraska Wesleyan controlled the boards, out-rebounding Dordt 44-29. Nebraska Wesleyan also got to the line more than Dordt making 24 free throws compared to Dordt's six. Dordt was short on players with three out with injuries and Van Essen playing limited minutes because of the flu. Dordt placed four players in double figures. Veurink led the way with 14 points, Joy Regnerus followed with 13, and Veestra and Stahl each had 12.

Last Thursday night Dordt lost 100-87, on the road against Sioux Falls. Dordt was never really in this game as they fell behind 24-24 during the first six minutes. Dordt cut the deficit to 11 points with nine minutes left in the first half but was never able to close the gap any further and trailed at half-time, 33-56. Dordt played better in the second half as they outscored Sioux Falls, 54-44. "We didn't hit anything in the first six minutes of the game," Vander Berg said. "The rest of the first half we didn't play well either. It was an uphill battle after that." Again Van Essen received only limited playing time. Stahl, starting in place of Van Roekel, hit seven of eight free pointers on route to 25 points. Veurink added 18 points and 9 rebounds.

On homecoming day last Saturday, Dordt finished the season on a high note by defeating Dana, 74-69. Dordt fell behind early, 9-14, and trailed at halftime, 20-33. Dordt outscored Dana in the first five minutes of the second half. Dana controlled, and grabbed a 39-45 lead. Veurink then sank three free throws after being fouled on his three point attempt and then hit a three pointer to tie the game at 45. The game continued to be close until Dordt put the game away with a 12-3 run to make the score, 76-62. "Dana is a very scrappy team and we had to play fast and look really good against them," Vander Berg said. "I thought we stayed in [the game] and played hard with the win at the end."

Veurink added 16 points while Veestra chipped in and pulled down seven boards.

Dana's Van Essen should be able to play against Iowa Wesleyan, but it is unsure whether his wrist will be at full strength to do the job. "He [van Essen] can really do that to help us, defensively and on the boards, his wrist has to feel good," Vander Berg said. "It will be a little hard for Dave to get back in the flow depending on how long he can practice."

Dordt, who re-injured his knee, and Visser, who had a partially collapsed lung, will not play.

Track team performs well in Dome

by Henry Bakker

The Dordt track team returned to the Dordt Dome in Vermillion, SD last Saturday for another meet. The team has performed well in the Dome all season and this meet was no exception.

Sophomore Teresaa Van Zee took first place in shotput with a distance of 40' 11 1/2". Senior Lisa Van Denend placed first in the 5000 m competition with a time of 14:41.81 and second in the 3000 m at 10:32.68.

Freshman Diane Schinkel had a good day, placing fourth in long jump at 16' and fourth in the 200 m with a time of 24.8 seconds. Senior Derrick Vander Wal placed seventh in the 55 m with a time of 7.06 seconds.

Junior Randy Van Genderen broke the Dordt 200 m record he set two weeks before in Orange City with a time of 24.10. That shaved nearly half a second off his previous time of 24.38 seconds. That may not seem like much for those of us who only time how long it takes us to drive to Pizza Hut, but in a sprint it is a substantial improvement.

Sophomore Jarret Ehuis placed eighth in the finals for the 55 m hurdles with a time of 8.45 seconds, despite having to run his training hurdles in the gym lobby.

The Freshman guys did well, as usual. Ben Christoffers placed tenth overall in a field of twenty-four runners in the 55 m with a time of 6.87 seconds and set a new school record in the 500 m at 1:09.74. Dan Ruiter ran a 2:05.9 in the 800 m to place ninth and a 4:22.83 in the 1500 m with a time of 4:22.83. Junior Randy Van Genderen half a second better than his 400 meter time that day of 52.50 seconds. Coach Goehren remarked that "it sounded like the whole place was cheering him on during that leg but actually it was just the rest of the Dordt kids."

The track team will be leaving Friday night for a Saturday meet in St. Paul, MN.

Season ends for Lady Defenders

by Henry Bakker

The season is over for the Lady Defenders. They were eliminated from playoff action heading into last night's game against Dana College which they lost 90-72, and they finished fifth in District 15 Division II. But, giving credit where credit is due, they had a great season. Coach Len Rhoda took a roster with eight freshmen and turned it into a tough team that will be looking for bigger and better things next season.

The Lady Defenders averaged a January loss on Tuesday, February 9, when they downsaw Briar Cliff at home 72-58. The ladies led 41-35 at half-time and never looked back. Coach Rhoda had a huge effort from post Joy Veestra. She was 8 of 10 from the field, 5 for 6 at the line and pulled down 12 boards in the win. Tawnia Vander Veen had 19 points and Jill Anema had 10. One of the keys to the win was Dordt's 40-35 rebounding edge. A total of 20 of the rebounds came on the offensive end.

On Saturday, the 13th, Dordt hosted Tekiyo-Westmar. The Lady Eagles and our Lady Defenders were tied 38-38 at the half, but Dordt rallied in the second half, outscoring its visitor 38-30 in the second half to post the 76-68 win.

Vander Veen scored 17 points for the Lady Defenders. Veestra had 14 and Lori Klein added 12. Anita Tinklenberg racked up 10 rebounds. The Lady Defenders were 4-6 from three-point range. Vander Veen hit three three-pointers and Klein hit one.

The two wins placed Dordt in a tie with Northwestern for fourth place in the NAAI District 15 Division II point standings.

Last week the Lady Red Raiders won both their games and surged into third place, dropping Graceland into fourth place, and the Lady Defenders lost both their games, dropping into fifth place.

Last Tuesday Dordt played St. Cloud State in a game that according to Coach Rhoda, "a poorly played game on both teams part". Dordt shot 27% from the field, Sioux Falls shot 39%. Dordt had 23 turnovers, Sioux Falls committed 21 turnovers and Dordt was 0-2 for free throwers and 15-22 in free throws. "We shot very poorly and just never got started," said Coach Rhoda about the 81-65 loss.

The Lady Defenders lost to Central 80-56 on last week Thursday. Central shot 77% in the first half and 70% for the entire game. Coach Rhoda described Central as an outstanding team. Vander Veen contributed 17 points and Veestra and Tinklenberg each contributed 14.
Dordt meets Eastern Europe
A touch of Hungary comes to Dordt
by Dina Vanderstelt
Two members involved with the Sarospatak Reformed Academy in Hungary, Dr. Jeffrey Crandall and Csaba Szabo, will be here from Feb. 27 to Mar. 2. They will give lectures and speak in chapel about the programs and events happening in Hungary today.

Osterhaven has recently retired from being Professor of Systematic Theology at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. He lives in the United States but his connections in Hungary and the Academy go back many years. Since retirement, now devotes his time to the redevelopment of Sarospatak Academy and the theological seminary which was recently opened in conjunction with the Academy. The Sarospatak Reformed Academy was run by the Reformed Community until the Communist Regime took over. The Academy then became part of the state. Since the fall of Communism, the power has been given back to the Reformed Community and they are trying to build it back up to its former position.

Szabo is the Economic Counselor at the Embassy of the Hungarian Republic in Washington, D.C. and presently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Academy, where his father taught many years ago. Szabo also regularly speaks in various places across the United States.

Teaching positions in Hungary open to Dordt students
by Lynn Verhoef
Due to special correspondence between President Hulst and Reverend Istvan Thuroczy of a Christian grammar school in Budapest, Hungary, Dordt students have been invited to take advantage of a teaching position that needs to be filled at his school for the 1993-94 school year.

The job includes teaching English conversation and practical instruction on an assortment of topics to students who have prior knowledge of the English language but need some experience in using it. The students are Christians with Baptist backgrounds. Room and board will likely be a Hungarian family. This position is open to Dordt students because the Hungarian government has given control of the schools back to the churches. According to Thuroczy, 92 schools have been given back to the church in the last two years. Dordt students are challenged to take this teaching opportunity "to help regain the schools" of Hungary.

Contact between the Dordt community and Thuroczy was established last summer when he visited Dordt's campus.

Interested students are encouraged to contact Professor VandenBosch for more information.

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