Student teachers move into the 90s

by Alisa Siebinga

Ah, remember the old days when all the degree you needed was the ability to read, write, and maybe do a little adding and subtracting. Well, wake up from the dream because the teacher education program has changed once again.

The major change comes in the length of time required for teachers to gain certification. As of September of 1990, all teachers applying for certification in the state of Iowa have to complete twelve weeks of student teaching.

Student teaching will still take place in the last semester of the student's senior year, but the required course work will be deleted. The student teacher will teach for seven weeks and come back for two weeks to attend an education seminar, comprised of the student teaching experiences, observations, and needs. Following spring break, the teacher will go out and teach for another five weeks.

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Brenda Van Hal, a secondary education major, said this in response to the change. "I feel that the move is positive because the more practice you get, the better a teacher you become. I especially like the idea of a two week seminar in the middle of the course, which will help me understand the breadth of the course in Special Ed. At the present time, all of the course changes have been implemented."

Being accepted into the Teacher Education Program has also become harder. The cumulative GPA needed to graduate from the program is now 2.50, compared to the GPA for general graduation which is 2.0. According to Dr. Vander Ark, "The changes have been made for two reasons. First, it is required by the state of Iowa that all teachers comply with the twelve weeks of student teaching to gain certification. Second, the more student teaching a prospective teacher gets, the better their preparation.

According to Dr. Vander Ark, "There are new requirements all over North America and even if the state hadn't imposed the changes, Dordt would still implement some of them."

Dr. Vander Ark also sees the possibility of Dordt developing a five year optional program so that when and if the state implements such a requirement Dordt will be ready.

Jennifer Van Weelden echoes the feeling of most education majors, "I feel that the move is positive because the more practice you get, the better a teacher you become. I especially like the idea of a two week seminar in the middle of the course."

Senior Dale Fopma practice teaches at Sioux Center Christian School. Fopma is a secondary education major. Fopma's junior high math students pay close attention while sitting in a non-traditional seating arrangement. (Photo by Jeff De Boer)

Olympiad I kicks off homecoming

by Patty De Nooy

Homecoming 1990 begins Sunday, February 18, and will include many events in addition to the annual basketball games.

This year's festivities include Dordt Olympiad I, a week-long competition between the faculty, staff, alumni, and students of Dordt College. The students will divide into freshmen/sophomore and junior/senior teams. Following is a list of the scheduled activities:

Sunday-Homecoming kicks off with Covenant, a Christian music group, appearing in the chapel at 8:45.

Monday- A single elimination coed volleyball tournament begins at the gym at 7:30.

Tuesday-Men's and women's 3-on-3 basketball tournaments begin at 7:30 in the gym.

Wednesday- A Quiz Bowl begins at 8:00 in the chapel.

Thursday- A snow football tournament will also begin on Thursday and continue Friday afternoon and/or Saturday morning.

Friday- The Dordt Lady Defenders take on Concordia College in their final regular season game.

Saturday-A winter golf tournament at Sandy Hollow will take place, weather permitting. The highlight of the Olympiad will take place between the JV and Varsity basketball games. Included are relays, a tug-of-war, a basketball shoot-off, and a slam dunk contest. Points will be awarded for first through fourth place winners. At the end of the competition, the group with the most accumulated points will be awarded a trophy.

De Young says the committee borrowed the Winter Game theme from last year's homecoming, but decided to add the Olympiad games as a way to get more people involved in homecoming. He says it will be a lot of participation from the entire Dordt College community. If successful, the Olympiad will become an annual Homecoming event.

Wal-Mart representative Gordon Rasmussen presents a check for $1285 to Marty Vander Plaats and other representatives of Putting Love Into Action. Wal-Mart's contribution will help pay for PLIA trip expenses. (Photo by Lavonne Bolkema)
Administration unfairly leaves students off new task forces

In this issue of the Diamond, Jane Lamfers writes about a new task force set up by the Dordt faculty to address the concept of global education. This is a most important issue at Dordt. Our community is far too sheltered; we need a better understanding of who we are and of God's kingdom. Broadening our scope to include faculty and students from other cultures is an important need to be filled at Dordt.

Other faculty task forces also been set up on campus dealing with important issues, including changes in the curriculum, special academic programs, and enriching the student environment. Each task force has one thing in common. No students have been asked to participate in any task force. Student input has been completely ignored. I believe the administration is setting up these task forces without proper consultation.

Have we gone back to the Dordt of the 1960s when the Radical Administration acted however they wanted with no regard for student needs? If the powers-that-be at Dordt are serious about progressing as Christians into the next century, making changes in the very structure of the college is a clear and noticeable point.

Barbara Williams Skinner of Tom Skinner Ministries will speak next Tuesday at 7:30 in CI60. The debate over evolutionism that has split the evangelical world continues today. Christian colleges and high schools have been the setting for debates over those who believe in a literal six day creation, and those who prefer to speak in longer time periods.

Arguments used to justify leaving students off such committees include the perception that students aren't interested in serving on such committees. However, student input serves an important role in the library, academic policies, and film committees, to mention a few. There must be interest in serving on these committees because I have expressed interest in being on such committees each of the years I've been at Dordt, and others have filled the positions.

Another argument raised is that students aren't around during the summers when the committees make some important decisions. But any student does stay around Sioux Center-some live in the area and others work around here during the summer. And committees ought to do everything possible to make their decisions when students can be around. Justice requires that students be included in making decisions that affect them.

I am very disappointed in the administration for neglecting to include students on the new task forces. I hope the administration will respond, either giving good reason for their neglect, or appointing students to each of the task forces. In the meantime, Diamond reporters will be covering the activities of the various committees so students will be aware of the important decisions affecting them.

One post-script: We didn't have room in this issue for an article on the Staley lecture series. (We had too many letters, but please, keep them coming! We'll print more!) However, this year's lecture series will be strongly encourage students to turn out for this important campus event. If you have a conflict with a class, skip the class. This lecture is more important.

Professor provokes student response

To the editor:

I'm one of those rare professors (there are only three at present) who have the inculcable privilege of teaching GEN 300C. This semester especially, I find that I need to keep pinching myself to insure that I'm not off in some fantasyland where my ideals have finally supplant my perceptions.

Recycling Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at about 9:55 a.m., I find myself skipping back to my office, blood racing through my veins, many and various thoughts streaking through my mind at warp speed, in general, coming down from the heady experience, so extraordinarily in this culture of air-headedness, coming here in the presence of people who think!

Perhaps I ought not to be so surprised at the abundance of intelligent questions and the reformationally serious wrestling with significant issues that has characterized GEN 300C lately. After all, this is Dordt College.

But then I think back over the last few years and the issues of the Diamond that I've read. Why is it that this richness of discussion I experience in GEN 300C fails to overflow the pages of the Diamond? Where I often see a column of letters to the editor from students and faculty, I instead see advertisements for hairdressers, descriptive reporting of past events, and a whole page devoted to sports. I hope that the following provocative (but serious) questions:

1. If a Dordt education is for the purpose of equipping oneself for service in the Kingdom, why does there seem to be such a concern for getting a good job or getting into med school or law school on campus? Do we think that success in the Kingdom requires that we first succeed in the Way of Death?

2. If being biblically reformed means rejecting the kind of secular dualism which characterizes the pervasive notion of "full-time Christian service" (as opposed to part-time Christian service), why is there not a problem with church attendance on the part of many students who think nothing of skipping class? And why, on campus, do we occasionally hear reference to "sacred" music and "secular" music?

3. Speaking of music, if KDCR is truly Dordt College Radio, why don't students play a more active role in determining the programming? Why don't I ever hear Tracy Chapman, Bob Dylan, or student "Plumblines" over KDCR?

4. If we as a Christian community take Matthew 6 seriously and truly believe that seeking God's Kingdom and righteousness is what life is all about, is what ought to be at the foundation of all we do; then how come we haven't given the profit motive the lambasting that such a sin deserves? Or, is it true that there are many of us who still buy into the idolatrous view that money is always a good thing to have more of?

5. Now that the communist countries are moving to multi-party systems, why is there no outcry on the part of Christians that we do the same thing here in the U.S.? Or have we been duped into believing that those two pagan societies (the Republican and Democratic parties) genuinely offer freedom of choice to those who wish to choose our national leaders?

6. Is it true that there are many Christians who treat voting as a sacrament and have been filled into political sleep by the system, believing that by casting a ballot they have discharged their prophetic responsibility as Christian citizens?

7. Is it true that if Robin Williams became a born-again Christian, went to Calvin seminary, and was called by a church in northwest Iowa that 95% of Dordt students (and 85% of everyone else) would flock to that church each Sunday because we have been enunciated by the TV to seek entertainment and have forgotten (if we ever knew) what genuine worship means?

8. Have we finally exercised sexism from our campus, or are there still some women students who think that too high a grade point average endangers their sex lives? Or are there still men on campus who fantasize themselves as James Bond, Joe Montana, or Rambo-of-the-Prairie, and who find(change)auty and thoughtful women threatening?

9. As reformed Christians we claim that Christ is Lord of all creation and redeemer of every area of life. Why then, do some of us believe in what is called "pure entertainment," an activity where we leave our critical Christian insights behind, rent the latest video, and tell ourselves that "It's Friday night, I've worked hard all week, and I don't want to have to think?"

10. If success is determined by hearing the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and if our self-worth is not something we have to strive for, but is ours because we bear the image of our God and have been called into being "for such a time as this," then why do we just rush after such things as a high grade point average, the approval of our peer group, or any of the other ways in which the decadent surrounding culture defines success?

Shalom.

Charles Adams
Engineering Dep't

Discussion evolves

by Scott McClenny

Ever since Charles Darwin came up with the theory of natural selection, evolution has been heated in evangelical circles.

The debate over evolutionism that has split the evangelical world continues today. Christian colleges and high schools have been the setting for debates over those who believe in a literal six day creation, and those who prefer to speak in longer time periods.

The debate has not escaped Dordt College. Two lectures are scheduled on evolution. The speakers are David Livingstone and Kenneth Hermann. According to Dr. Russell Maatman, they speak with passionate conviction about the impact of evolution on 19th Century church thinking.

Maatman also says that the lectures are part of a conference on evolution designed to help students to become more aware about evolutionary thinking.

According to Maatman, the lectures are not related to a recent subject matter, to the lectures presented last year by Dr. Howard Van Tall of Calvin College and Dr. Jise van der Meer of Redeemer College.

As an added interest, there will be a lecture on the problems in Northern Ireland, presented by Professor Livingstone, a native of that country.

Professor Livingstone will speak on February 27 at 7:30 on "Evolution and the Evangelical." Professor Hermann will speak on "Discerning the Spirits" at 7:30. Livingstone's lecture on Northern Ireland will be at 7:30 on February 29. All lectures will occur in lecture hall C160.
Students say...

by Dan Mennega and Jeff De Boer

Do Americans know enough geography?

Lisa Van Denend
Freshman--U.S.
"Compared to the Americans, Canadians know more."

Hans Folkerts
Sophomore--Canadian
"From what I've seen and heard, Americans know little."

Todd Bartels
Junior--U.S.
"It seems like nobody knows where Dordt should offer Canadian History 101."

Protest pro-choice?

by Christine Van Belle

Abortion. It's the hottest, most emotional issue to sweep the nation since the Civil Rights movement in the late 60's. In the small, reformed community of Dordt college, most of us are pro-life. If someone did voice a pro-choice opinion, no doubt they would be bombarded with hundreds of pro-life arguments.

So we're pro-life. We believe abortion is wrong. But how wrong is it? And how convinced are we? Is abortion in fact murder?

I say yes. Abortion is killing a child and most of you would agree. Thus we have a Pro-life Awareness Week. We cart off 50 kids to picket the Sioux Falls abortion clinic. We vote for Pro-life politicians. We write our congressmen. We create homes for women with unwanted pregnancies. But is this enough? Is this enough when 60 babies every 20 minutes are being aborted--murdered?

The Germans are often asked, "Why didn't someone--anyone--take a stand against Hitler?" Some claim ignorance, others fear. But here in the United States, every American is fully aware of the genocide that is taking place. We know that inside of the building we are parading in front of--with our signs, hundreds of human lives are being snuffed out.

Do we really believe abortion is murder? Do I really believe that the young woman with the large tummy waddling into the clinic is going to kill her child? If I did, wouldn't I try to stop her? If someone was stabbing a person in the parking lot, wouldn't we try to help the victim?

The Nazis claimed the Jews were dogs, less than human. When the horrific world learned of the Final Solution, countries around the globe united in saying "Never Again!" But in 1990 with a new genocide to fight, the oaths of "Never Again!" seems to fade off in the distance.

Gandhi successfully gained the independence of India through passive resistance. Martin Luther King led the oppressed American blacks to freedom with civil disobedience. If we are truly convinced that abortion is in fact murder, then it is our duty to disobey the laws of this nation concerning abortion. The Bible commands us to obey the authority of God places over us. However, we subscribe to God's law first. When our nation legalizes murder, we are Christians first. Not Americans.

Do I suggest we sit in abortion clinics and block doorways? Yes. But, we must not use anger and violence to fight this atrocity. I believe passive resistance and civil disobedience are the Christ-like way to deal with abortion. History tells us it works. The future tells us it must work.

The Free Press was originally founded by two Dordt students in 1965. On May 1968, Dr. James C. Schaap, an English professor at Dordt College, Dirk Schooten and Dan Mennega revived the Free Press in 1989, to continue to give students the opportunity to openly express views on various topics which affect students and faculty alike. The coordinators, Schooten and Mennega, are leaving the columns open for any student or faculty member who wishes to contribute to its success. Please send your opinions, suggestions, and reactions to the Free Press.

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Student challenges Calvin seminary ad

To the editor:

An advertisement for Calvin Seminary in the last Diamond caught my eye. It said, "If you think you fear God calling..." and then goes on to describe the programs at the seminary. Is this not a rather limited and somewhat dualistic view of God's calling? Does not God also call plumbers, garbage collectors, and farmers? I believe He does.

The ad also said, "Keeping the Heritage...Proclaiming the Kingdom." If "keeping the heritage" means "proclaiming the Kingdom" I heartily agree with the statement. If, on the other hand, it refers to our Dutch heritage, I must disagree strongly. That strikes me as the Christ of culture. Granted, there are some valuable traditions in our background. But, how applicable are they to people of different habits and beliefs? We need to proclaim Christ's culture, and forgive my audacity, but Christ is not Dutch or Christian Reformed. Christ is international and interdenominational. Let's "proclaim the Kingdom" but let's watch ourselves that we do not proclaim our heritage.

Sam Gesch
Breaking past Dordt's frontiers

Faith and learning in Washington, D.C.

by Sandra De Jong

Bright lights, big city—that's exactly what the American Studies Program (ASP) in Washington, D.C., held for two Dordt students, Chuck Adams and Karla Kamp, last fall. ASP, sponsored by the Christian College Coalition, is a program open to students from Christian colleges around the United States. The program aims to provide students with an opportunity to work as an intern, and attending seminars on political issues. The main goal is to teach and challenge students to integrate their faith and work and to think Christianity.

Chicago Metro: Accepting the challenge

Chicago broadens students' horizons

by Jean Zondervan

Chicago is a complex city. It's a place where people come from all over the United States, from places that are very different. It's a city of contrasts. You can see old and new, rich and poor, in the same place at the same time. It's a city that's full of energy, but also full of challenges.

The Chicago Metro program is not only an academic experience, but also a cultural one. Students have the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds, to learn about their lives, and to see the city from a new perspective. It's a chance to grow, to learn, and to have fun.

Chicago Metro: Accepting the challenge

by Tim Larkin, a Baptist minister in Uptown Chicago. This seminar uses the city as its classroom, visiting various neighborhoods and studying its people, politics, and problems.

George Beekema, minister at an inner city church, teaches the values seminar. The course delves into our value system and displays its effects on our career, family, and lifestyle choices.

In the values seminar, individuals are introduced to a variety of career paths, from business and communications, to English, theater arts, and education.

Dave Goslinga, Brent Van Zytveld, Dave Tilstra, Lois Pastine, Gerald Dekker, Rob Louters, and I participated in the program from Dordt last semester. Six Dordt students are currently in Chicago.

Scenes from Chicago will remain engrained in my memory: sitting on the upper deck at Wrigley field watching the Cubs play at dusk, with the city lighting up in the background; each morning walking past "Bill," the homeless man who slept in the doorway of the cafe next to our apartment building; and shoving myself into a subway car crammed full of people during rush hour.

Now as I walk to class in the morning, I feel far away from rush hour andsubways, yet it's easy to smile at the familiar sidewalks and faces at Dordt. The greatest benefit gained from a program such as Chicago Metro is not only an appreciation of a culture so new and vastly different, but also a better understanding of the background we call our own.
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Dordt programs offer learning in different locales

by Jane Lambers

Dordt's off-campus programs envelop a variety of locales. Students of any major can develop their foreign language skills, study the environment, or learn how to cope with city life.

For those students interested in a foreign language, there are several programs available. Programs through Dordt include the German Overseas Program, the Netherlands Studies Program, the Latin American Studies Program, Semester in Spain, and the Summer Study Program in Mexico.

The German Overseas Program is a semester program located in Germany. The Dordt program is in conjunction with the Loesche Institute. This program is available to students of any major. The emphasis of the program is solely on language learning as the key to the culture. Many of the courses emphasize grammar, writing, or speaking, so the participant must make a serious commitment to learning.

One interesting factor of this program is that the participant has the opportunity to get involved with all aspects of the culture as he sees fit. One such participant is sophomore Paul Dahlen.

The Netherlands Studies Program is a spring semester program, located in Amsterdam. Several cities in this area are open to the student, as well as other places that are also open during the semester. One of the most valuable benefits of this program is that it includes cultural experience. Students gain an appreciation for the architectural styles.

Students are advised to take some Dutch before going because the more they know, the easier it is to practice the language in the country. Students of Dutch descent have the opportunity to connect with their ethnic ties and better understand Central American Christians.

Dr. Struyk and Dr. Boot are involved in the Netherlands Studies Program. Dr. Struyk left on Friday, February 9, to set things up for this year's program. Dr. Boot will leave their family brochures and information on courses: Intermediate Dutch and Dutch Literature.

"It's an opportunity to test oneself to see how people on the other side of the globe live. We have the command to love our neighbor. We do this cross-culturally too."

Dan Boonstra, Ron Van Baale, and Heidi Siebring are currently on the program. Students that have previously gone on the program include Tammy Van Dyke, Kevin Wolters, Tracey Boonstra, Corrie Reynedal, Melissa Huibregts, Jordan Vander Berg, and Cassie Verburg.

Dordt students interested in Spanish have a variety of programs to choose from. One of these programs is the Latin American Studies Program (LASP), set in Costa Rica. Ed Visser, a student who took part in the program last semester says, "It's different when you hear personal testimony from someone who had their hands dirty and how the people live and what they eat."

The LASP program has several valuable purposes. For practical purposes, students have the opportunity to learn Spanish by living in the country, and they can experience the culture firsthand. However, the emphasis of the program is that students see and understand the program. Dr. Apol encourages students to begin to develop a sense of how they can personally be involved in solving Spain's problems.

This semester John Holwerda, Brenda Van Wyhe, and Ryan Vander Lugt are on the program. Those interested in Spanish language courses previously have gone on the program include Dave Van Heemst, Cal Struyk, Helen Feenstra, Lisa Van Dyk, and Ed Visser.

The Summer Study Program in Durango is a valuable program for the student interested in a foreign cross-cultural experience. It involves little time and money.

The three-week-long program is held in late June or early August so students have the opportunity to work during most of the summer. Barb Van Gorp says of her summer experience, "I enjoyed learning about the culture because it made me more thankful for what I have because I live in the United States. The promtinent teacher helped me understand that I should learn Spanish not just to learn a foreign language, but also to help others."

Participants that have previously gone on the program include Cynthia Dykstra, Sheri Feenstra, Brenda Van Hulst, Adam Hulst, Jane Lambers, Darlene Vis, and Jerry and Lavonne Boer.

The Semester in Spain program provides another opportunity for students to learn Spanish and to experience living in Spain. However, this program offers the study of Spanish with a European flair.

Participants of this program are required to take many literature courses similar to those found in American universities. Dr. Apol encourages students to consider another program that is not offered through Dordt. Summer Training Session in Missions (STS) is a summer-long program that allows students to sense the urgency and flavor of mission work. By spending time with other students and church workers, the participant can determine if he or she is cut out for mission work. Participants also spend time studying the Spanish language and Spanish history.

Students who have previously gone on the program include Sally Jo Allerink, Lisa Van Dyk, and Jane Lambers.

For those students leery of a foreign cross-cultural experience, Dordt offers programs that introduce students to city life.

For those students interested in environmental studies, Dordt offers the summer Asable Institute of Environmental Studies program. Courses that are not normally offered on campus are offered through this program. Participants have the opportunity to interact with other students from around the country.

The Institute is located in the Northwest region of Michigan. Students have the option of spending one week, three weeks, or the entire summer on the program. Reverend Hodgson and Dr. Vander Zee have been teaching at the institute since 1984.

Students that have recently been on the program include Doug Gesink, Audra Bleyenberg, Linda Sijjardema, Beth Brower, David Vander Stelt, and Sue Dokter.

Dordt reaches to the land down under

by Karla Kamp

One of Dordt's priorities is communicating with other Christian communities—sharing information and working on similar projects. Three weeks we will see such communication taking place on campus.

Geoff Wilson is from Melbourne, Australia, where he is an administrator and 11th and 12th grade teacher in Mt. Evelyn Christian School. He's here at Dordt on a special task--to become acquainted with Dordt in order to recruit students from 50 Christian schools in Australia.

"The purpose of my visit," says Wilson, "is to familiarize and orient myself with Dordt College—the faculty, administrators, and students and to find out as much as I can about Dordt."

Wilson explains that in Australia there are no Christian liberal arts colleges, and as a result, he and many students are interested in what Dordt has to offer.

On behalf of Dordt, Wilson will spend two weeks traveling the year visiting parent-controlled schools in Australia, telling students and parents about Dordt. His visits will be in May, so it is unlikely that Australian students will attend Dordt in the 1990-91 school year.

Dordt contacted educators in Australia like Wilson through Dr. John Van Dyk and Dr. J.B. Hulst. In the fall of 1988, a group of Asia and the Pacific Rim, Van Dyk was able to visit Australia and meet with the professor he had through Dordt. "This opened up other contacts," says Van Dyk. "And I was able to visit schools, staff members, and take part in teaching."

On his trip, Van Dyk says he realized the potential for Dordt to have connection with Australian Christian schools because they had no other higher levels of Christian education. As a result, he encouraged Dr. Hulst to travel to Australia as the official representative of Dordt's administration.

"It was Dr. Hulst's visit," says Wilson, "that really got things moving."

"Dordt College is also interested in being in touch with Australia in the education scene," stresses Van Dyk. "Australia is a growing and an alive educational environment that we ought to be in contact with."

Wilson says there are exciting things going on in controlled schools. "There is a keenness to reform our work with educational flair. It was part of me means to teach from a Christian perspective—to teach Christianity."

"Students say they were really introduced to American culture at the Saturday night basketball game," says Van Dyk. "It was a fun game and intense game," he says. And then he came outside and saw the snow. "It was Sawney!—or as they say in Australia, "It was ace!" 
Love and politics: the Lady Jane Epic

by Michael Goedhart

Throughout the history of cinema, the atonachronic or theconscious have been the substance of which the most memorable screen characters are made. If you've got something different in you that sets you off from your surroundings, you're an artist, a hero instantly. Lady Jane Grey is the epitome of the rule.

Jane is a well-educated young girl of fifteen who seems oblivious to custom; she reads the Phaedo in Greek, and challenges her friend the priest on transubstantiation. She wears men's riding clothes when her dress won't fit the occasion, playfully dons leather boots at the table, and smashes crystal like a true Greek (maybe she's read too much Plato). Never mind that she's living in the sixteenth century, a time notorious for putting women "in their place." Jane's surroundings are filled with the trinkets of the old religion of England, and with a sense of nostalgia stolen from monasteries, and a visual reminder of what most people do not want England to return to. When Jane's arranged marriage to King Edward VI falls through-she doesn't want to marry a man who wants to marry one of his sons, in order that the country might be assured of a Protestant king.-On his deathbed, Edward bequeaths the throne to Jane, who was his closest friend. Unfortunately, the throne rightfully belongs to Mary (Jane Laptainto), who is understandable upset at the news. Her fiancés defeat Jane's armies and ther is grave punishment awaiting usurpers.

All of this might sound like the makings for a savory sword-and sorcery adventure, but that story seems of little importance to the most wonderful part of the film: the love story of Jane and her husband, Guildford (Gary Elwes). Jane, played with wonderful buoyance and energy by Helena Bonham Carter, is initially appalled at marrying Guildford. And who can blame her? He is a boorish drunk who first hears of his imperial marriage while lying in the lap of a whore. Through a gradual process, both of the young newlyweds warm to each other and finally fall in love.

The catalyst for the bonding of Jane and Guildford is Protestant doctrine. He wants it explained, and her passion for the subject thrills him. Together, they start to discover a love that transcends religious distinctions and overcomes preconceptions that he holds. Says Jane, "I wonder if you reformers are more concerned sometimes with how many sacraments there are than if those who take them live or die." Ruling together, the two try to institute the social reform based on the idea that "the strong can still be good." Jane tries to understand her power and use it for good, but she is ultimately blind to the conspiracies and the politics going on behind her.

With all the backstabbing and deceit in the film, two things save: faith in Jesus Christ and pure and perfect love. Jane and Guildford sit naked before each other, physically and spiritually, and their uniting love assures them that they can transcend this mortal coil to where the "touching cannot touch them."

John Dudley (John Wood), imprisoned for being a traitor, looks at Guildford and confesses that he doesn't feel worthy of God's grace. Dudley can't even face his own son, let alone pray to God, to whom he knows he needs no priest to intercede.

The final comfort is a disturbing synthesis of Platonic dualism and Christian ideas (the often quoted "soul departs to the invisible world" line is from Plato's Phaedo), but the result is nonetheless a redeeming message of power of faith and love, a lesson that needs to be heard, and also told. And this film tells it with beauty and style.

Losing Heart

To the editor:

When I came back from pикетing the Sioux Falls abortion mill on February 8, I gave my friend of 13 years, Ilis Loof of Ahamo, Aksarbona, a call.

Jeff Voorhees: Hey, Ilis! How are ya doing.

Ilis Loof: Pretty good, dude! Surprised to be hearing from you! What ya up to? Stayin out of trouble? You're not in jail this time, are ya?

JV: Of course not! But I did pикet the only abortion mill in South Dakota today! Forty-five of us from Dordt College went.

IL: Well, that's interesting.

JV: You don't sound too thrilled, Ilis--aren't you pro-life? You're a Christian, aren't you!?

IL: Of course I am! I even picketed my own church, but they never believed in Operation Rescue. I call the church to repentance. Some of my friends switched. The rest of the pro-abortion churches greatly watered down their position as well. That includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ. Our counselor in Sioux Falls, Paul Dorf, said, "The church is a coming alive today...to expose the darkness of abortion. There's a spiritual warfare being fought..." I only know of one strict pro-abortion church left, the Unitarian Church, but they never believed in anything from the start.

JV: You don't sound too thrilled, Ilis--aren't you pro-life? You're a Christian, aren't you!?

IL: Okay, but I don't know much like the idea of Operation Rescue. Blocking entrances to clinics and getting arrested doesn't really appeal to me.

JV: Hey ya, you're giving me a "worst case scenario." Those are not the cases that pro-lifers like myself are addressing. If necessary, we will address them, but those "hard cases" are only ten percent of all abortions. We want to see abortion as a method of birth control stopped. They make up 97 percent of the abortions today.

IL: I hope you're not questioning my faith, Jeff! I hate it when people start judging me because I am not a...anything. All I know is to pray to God for guidance to help my fellow humans. I don't like to classify myself. Hey, I don't like to think about the topic of abortion.

JV: Dude, almost all the mainline pro-abortion churches in 1988 switched in 1989. The Presbyterian Church USA, the American Baptist Church, and the Episcopal Church all switched. The rest of the pro-abortion churches greatly watered down their position as well. That includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ.

IL: Okay, but I don't know much like the idea of Operation Rescue. Blocking entrances to clinics and getting arrested doesn't really appeal to me.

JV: I hear ya. I have weak knees too when it comes to that, but I don't think you really know what they stand for. Paul Dorf told us, "Operation Rescue calls the church to repentance. Some ministers don't like it because they don't think the church is guilty. But it is. The church should be there at the woman's greatest hour of need, but it's not." There is talk of Rev. Jerry Falwell and Cardinal John O'Connor sitting in on a rescue sometime soon. "If that happens," Paul told me, "the church will be coming out in droves.

IL: Yeah, that's all fine, but God told us to obey authority over us. Right?

JV: No doubt, man! But the church of all times has been involved in Scriptural obedience since its founding. In Acts 4:18-20, Peter and John refuse to obey the Sanhedrin. In Daniel 6:10-12, Daniel refuses to obey King Darius's order. In Philippians 3:14-18, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's golden image. The church is just continuing the command of King Solomon in Proverbs 24:11.

IL: No way, man. I think you've lost your head.

JV: No, Ilis. You've lost your heart.

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Lady Defenders handle Westmar

by Steve Hoogland

Last week the Dordt College Lady Defenders picked up their second victory since January 5. They also suffered a loss to Mt. Marty Tuesday.

vs. Westmar

Dordt played host to the Westmar Lady Eagles last Wednesday. The Lady Eagles came into the game with only a 2-20 record. In the early minutes, Westmar took the lead, but the Lady Defenders hung close. By the end of the first half, Dordt had a 30-24 lead.

"We were moving the ball well," says Coach Len Rhoda, "but the shots just weren't falling." The Lady Defenders made only 11 of 33 shots from the field in the first half.

In the second half, the Lady Defenders took control and outscored Westmar 40-17 in the second half and scored a 50-41 victory.

In the contest, Lisa Wubben scored 21 points. Suzanne De Vries scored 12 and Vonda Brands and Rhoda Gitters each had 10.

The Lady Defenders dominated every aspect of the game. They shot 42 percent for Westmar. Dordt also out-rebounded the Lady Eagles 31-18.

vs. Mt Marty

Last night the Lady Defenders travelled to Yankton, South Dakota, and lost to Mt. Marty 74-72. With 1:38 Dordt was down 74-64, but they scored the last eight points of the game.

Suzanne De Vries scored 17 points to lead the Lady Defenders. Jill Bousema had 16 and Vonda Brands and Janet Zylstra each had 15.

The loss dropped the Lady Defender's record to 12-8.

Saturday, they travel to Briar Cliff to face all-American Cheryl Dreckman and the rest of the Lady Chargers.

Dordt is currently comfortably in fourth place in the District 15 playoff race. If they remain in fourth place they would host a first round playoff game.

JV Team picks up victories

by Steve Hoogland

Even though many people see them play, the efforts of the Dordt College Junior Varsity often go unnoticed. However, this year's JV has generated a certain amount of attention.

After losing their first two contests to a community college from Platte, Nebraska, and Northeast Nebraska Tech from Norfolk, Neb, they reeled off ten consecutive victories. Their streak ended February 2, when the Norfolk team came to Dordt. Since then Dordt lost one more contest, a game against Briar Cliff last Saturday night. Their overall record is 12-4.

This year's team has 13 players, all freshmen. Only twelve have seen action this semester since Troy Kooima broke a bone in his hand. "The team has as much depth as I have had," says Coach Syne Altena, "We can just wear the other teams out.

Leading a balanced scoring attack is Galen Van Roekel with 15.1 points per game. Jeff Zylstra, Brian Sipma, and Craig Veurink all average around 11 points per contest. Altena says those numbers would all be higher, but with the depth of reserves, none of the starters get a lot of minutes.

The biggest asset of the teams is their outstanding rebounding. Over the first 16 games, Dordt had been out rebounding their opponents by an average of 45-30 a game. All those rebounds, especially those on the offensive end, have resulted in a lot more shot attempts per game, translating into big numbers in the scoring margin. The team averages 88 points per game compared to only 75 for their opponents.

Altena says, "They are such good athletes I can usually play a man-to-man press the whole game. I don't like to play zone with these players." Probably their biggest victories of the year came against Northwestern and Worthington Community College. Their only loss to a four year college has been to Briar Cliff.

If there is one weakness to the team, it is that they don't have a dominating scorer. "Some nights, I don't know where the points are going to come from," says Altena, "and that may hurt them down the road when they start playing varsity.

The ultimate role of the JV is to develop players for the varsity team.

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Keeping The Heritage...

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Defenders rebound against DWU

by Steve Hoogland

The Dordt Defenders saw their overall record remain around the .500 mark last week at 11-11 as they lost two conference games before bouncing back Tuesday. Their record in the conference fell to 5-3 with the losses to Westmar and Briar Cliff.

vs. Westmar

Dordt travelled to LeMars last Wednesday night to tangle with Dexter Rogers and Westmar. The Eagles dominated the first 12 minutes of the game and led 26-13. The Defenders then rallied for the rest of the first half and seconds before halftime they tied the score at 33-33. Dordt began the second half with a Jay Schelhaas 3-pointer and took what would be their only lead of the game at 36-33. The Defenders fell behind again a minute later. With Coach Vander Berg in the lockerroom ill for the last ten minutes, they were unable to get back into the lead and lost 71-66.

For Dordt, Joel Venstra scored 23 points and Jay Schelhaas had 21. Westmar's Dexter Rogers had 26 to lead all scorers.

vs. Briar Cliff

Saturday night, the conference and district leaders Briar Cliff came to Sioux Center to take on the Defenders. Dordt had defeated the Chargers five consecutive times dating back to 1987, and Dordt badly needed the victory. The first half remained close. Even when starting forward Joel Venstra and center Dave VanDraagter both picked up their third fouls, less than 13 minutes into the first half, reserves Brian Driesen, Loren Greenfield and Chad Ringler kept the Defenders close. Dordt lost their lead for good with 1:20 remaining in the first half and were down at the intermission 35-32.

A 9-2 spurt for the Chargers put Briar Cliff up by ten and Dordt got no closer than eight the rest of the game, and the Cliff won by an 88-73 score.

Dordt was led in scoring by Venstra who scored 20 of his 24 points in the second half and Jay Schelhaas who scored all 11 of his points in the first half.

Vander Berg says the Defenders must shoot better if they hope to win. Both Westmar and Briar Cliff shot 55 percent while Dordt shot 42 percent at Westmar and 45 percent against Briar Cliff.

vs. DWU

The Defenders came up with a big victory Tuesday night as they defeated Dakota Wesleyan University 93-89. Down 81-69 with nine minutes left. The Defenders took control, outscoring DWU 24-8 down the stretch.

Dordt was led by Jay Schelhaas and Joel Venstra who each scored 22 points in the victory. Dave VanDraagter scored 21 while Derrick Allen had 13 and Gailen Veurink 12.

The Defenders held DWU freshman sensation Scott Morgan to 23 points.

For Dordt Jay Schelhaas leads the nation in free-throw shooting. Gailen Veurink is second in the conference in rebounding.

Dordt has a big game Saturday night in Northwestern. Dordt is currently in seventh place in the close District 15 race.

Dordt spirit lacking at basketball games?

by Steve Hoogland

Tuesday night I attended what was my second to the last men's basketball home game as a student. I imagine I'll probably see each of the remaining three games and a possible playoff game if Dordt gets a berth, but for the most part I've seen the best basketball Dordt has to offer. Out of all the things I will remember about Dordt, I'm sure basketball games and related activities will be high on my list.

There is a lot to remember about Dordt basketball in the past four years. Anyone who followed Dordt two years ago won't forget that basketball team led by Greg Van Soelen. Not will anyone else who went to Kansas City and watched Dordt advance to the NCAA National quarterfinals. Dordt made a strong statement about our college by winning the sportsmanship award when many eyes could see us. A very impressive feat for a school of only 1000 students and 350 miles away from Kansas City.

This years basketball team has a 500 record. I no longer hear the positive remarks I once heard about Dordt men's basketball. So what if the names Joel Venstra, Gailen Veurink, and Jay Schelhaas don't sound as impressive as Greg Van Soelen, Jerry Boer, and Kevin Gesink. Is the only reason most students go to games to see Dordt win?

In the past four years Dordt has compiled a 69-38 record. For you people who are into numbers, that is nearly twice as many wins as losses. Dordt has developed a strong program over the past six years. These players are working just as hard as the one's who went to Kansas City and many were part of the Kansas City team. This team does have a good amount of talent.

We should be proud to be part of the basketball tradition here at Dordt.

Dordt fans are as supportive of their team as any Iowa NAIA school. We must continue to be supportive of the basketball team. To not go to a basketball game because "they'll lose anyway" is a poor attitude for a student to have. It is impressive for a basketball team which has a .500 record to play in front of a full gymnasium. That says a lot about a school. To win every game isn't the only objective.

Take Tuesday night as an example. Dordt entered the game with a 10-11 record. They played a DWU team which had a 17-7 record and an 8-0 record in their conference. What's more, they beat Dordt 100-88 two months ago in Mitchell. What we saw was the best game the Defenders played in the second semester. Dordt overcame a 12-point deficit in the last nine minutes and won by four. It was Dordt's biggest victory of the year.

The sad part was that it was one of the smallest crowds in the past four years at Dordt. I realize Tuesday night wasn't a good night because Western played in Hull and Unity in Sioux Center, but even the student section was pretty empty. I hope it wasn't because the students thought "we'll just get beat anyway."

What I'm saying is Saturday night Dordt plays at Northwestern. They have a greater number of victories than the Defenders, and Dordt could really use the victory. Northwestern is a beatable team. They played well against Dordt, but they aren't a powerhouse. Let's fill our seats in the Northwestern gym and cheer our Defenders. We can say a lot about Dordt spirit by how we treat a game like that. Let's show off that Dordt spirit and win.