Exploring hopefuls' positions on issues

by Galen Sinkey

Three presidential candidates—Jack Kemp, George Bush, and Mike Dukakis—are visiting Dordt this week. Kemp spoke Wednesday, Bush will be here today, and Dukakis is coming Friday. This article is intended to provide some background information on the candidates and to explore their positions on issues concerning the Dordt community.

Jack Kemp

Personal History

Jack Kemp was born and raised in Los Angeles. After graduating from Occidental College, he played professional football for the Buffalo Bills. As quarterback, Kemp was named the AFL Most Valuable Player and served as President of the AFL Players Association.

Kemp entered politics in 1967, working for California governor Ronald Reagan. In 1971, Kemp was elected to the House of Representatives and has served eight terms. While serving in Congress, Kemp helped lead the fight against abortion and co-authored the 1981 tax bill lowering tax rates 25% across the board.

Issues

As an eight-term congressman, Kemp adopted a strong conservative position. He helped President Reagan's economic policy and has held key positions on budget, foreign policy, and defense committees.

Abortion Kemp holds a strong pro-life position and has co-sponsored several pieces of legislation aimed to outlaw abortion.

Farming Kemp seeks to aid farmers by opening up new international markets for U.S. farm products. To accomplish this, Kemp advocates lower interest rates and stable currency exchange rates.

Defense Kemp believes in a continued defense buildup while reducing the number of offensive and nuclear weapons.

Foreign Policy Kemp believes in the development of Third World nations and support for the Contras in Nicaragua. In the Mideast, he believes in insuring the security of Israel, and using current peace treaties as a basis for further Mideast negotiations.

Mike Dukakis

Personal History

Mike Dukakis is a native of Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School, and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Dukakis served in the Massachusetts state legislature and is in his third term as governor of Massachusetts.

Issues

Dukakis is running on a Democratic platform. As governor of Massachusetts, he has provided for a growing economy, balanced budgets, and reduced taxes. He supports government investment in job training, education, small business, and farming.

Abortion Dukakis assumes a pro-choice position on abortion in the view issue by advocating education to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Fanning Dukakis seeks to help the small and medium-sized farmers through credit relief and subsidies, while developing new uses for agricultural products and marketing.

Branch campus in southern California?

by Eve-Lynn Spykman

For the past year or more, rumors that Dordt College may be opening a satellite campus on the West Coast have been circulating around the Dordt community. While many of these stories are exaggerated or incorrect, members of the administration have recently confirmed that Dordt is exploring the possibility of establishing a branch in southern California.

Discussion of this idea began about three years ago, said Dordt’s Vice President for College Advancement, Lyle Gritters. At that time a group of ministers from the Presbyterian Church in America held a meeting in California involving President Hults and the presidents of other Reformed colleges in the country. These ministers felt the need for a Reformed college in their own area of the country.

While no action was taken as a direct result of this meeting, other Christians in southern California have forcefully subsequently expressed a similar desire for a new college and have asked Dordt to become involved.

Many Dordt constituents, especially pastors and teachers, are concerned, said Gritters, because a "very, very high percentage of Christian high school graduates are not going to colleges with a Reformed emphasis." Since many of these Reformed and Christian Reformed young people do not want to leave California, they choose instead to attend public colleges and universities or private colleges with non-Reformed philosophies. When the amount of serious interest expressed reached a certain level, said Gritters, the Dordt administration felt it should examine the issue more closely.

The Dordt College Board of Trustees responded by establishing the Satellite College Task Force about one year ago. This committee, which includes members of the Dordt faculty and administration, is currently studying and exploring the potential for and implications of the "Dordt West" campus. Along with this task force, an advisory council, composed of a dozen southern California and Dordt campus ministers, was formed to work with Dordt as the local contact.

At the last meeting of the task force held in southern California in February of 1988, the council plans to conduct a survey of high school students and constituents in the area to provide a scientific basis for assessment, said Gritters. Given the large number of residents in the metropolitan Los Angeles area, Gritters thinks response to the survey may be great, but the committee has made no prior conclusions.

After the survey results are in, the committee plans to proceed cautiously and realistically. Dordt's involvement in the evaluation process reflects the college's desire to be of service, not to seek financial gains, explained Gritters. He and Hall both expressed concerns that they have for Dordt when faced with the potential of expansion. A major concern is the effect that a branch campus would have on the academic quality of Dordt. There are also financial concerns, and questions regarding the curriculum and facilities of the satellite. Should the branch campus come into existence, it would be under the direct supervision and control of the Dordt Board of Trustees, said Gritters. The statement of purpose of the colleges would be identical.

The task force has come to no conclusions yet, said Gritters. Because the evaluation process takes time, any major decision will have to be delayed until the fall of 1989. Constituents in southern California would like to see the branch campus in operation by the fall of 1989, but that estimation is perhaps too optimistic, said Gritters. The task force plans to proceed carefully, according to Gritters, keeping the integrity and academic quality of Dordt College as a major consideration in the decision.
editorials

Nothing...does it mean something?

It's been a quiet month at Dordt College, where all the men are tall, the women are beautiful, and intellectually they're all above average. The air smells sweetly of farm manure. Everyone buries their noses in their books.

The Dordt College bookstore—if you can't find it there you can probably do worse—has a sale on desk calendars and large-collared polo shirts from 1975. If you haven't used your 10%-off-on-materials coupon yet, you can probably buy five packs of that discount lined paper, which turned yellow in the back closet eight and a half years ago, for less than five dollars.

And in the library the books are neatly lined up as usual, silence has evolved into quietness, and once again the study table portion is falling in love. It is a known fact that many Dordt alumni can say, when their children ask them how they met, "Your father was studying abnormal psych while I was reading Introduction to Children's Literature when our eyes met across the table."

Last August Professor Peter van Pella is lured to sleep by a monologue lecture on the Tudor reign in England. His mind drifts off into that realm of the fantastic—where man-sized turkey drumsticks seduce him into owning thick brown gravy. He is rudely awakened by what he first believes to be a giant carrot cooked tenderly in butter, but with a touch of spice. "Watch Mom, I'll be the one waving at the camera." The girls from apartment E26 were frantically searching for one person to reach All My Children for when they really wanted to hear the vice president but wanted to find out if Charlie and Julie really were going to get back together, or whether Julie was going to live up to the lie she told Charlie.

Every day the sun comes up, alarm clocks go off, classes begin, lunch, supper, study, back to the room. After a long day of studies, nighttime is the most welcomed time of the day. If it has been an especially busy day it is "release time," when the shades are drawn, the doors locked, and you do or say things that only your roommates will understand. Like turning up the music and belly dancing. Or singing with opera voices while dressed like the hunchback of Notre Dame. Afterwards it is a cup of hot chocolate, and delicious sleep.

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Even though there are the interesting and unpredictable times, it is the usual and reliable things that keep everyone getting up in the morning and studying during the day. Things like knowing there will be cookies and coffee on Tuesday before chapel and on Sunday night. Or knowing that even though there are five papers due within the next five weeks you will get them written as you have for four semesters before. Or knowing that you will be able to wear the sweater grandma knitted and sent especially for you last week because winter will hit any day now and it has for years before.

Yes, it has been a quiet month at Dordt College. But quietness maybe means contentment, or maybe a lack of something, even if it means absolutely nothing at all.

letters to the editor

Recipe for Reformation

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago the Dordt College community celebrated Reformation Day. The Rev. Samuel Escobar was invited for the occasion, and he presented a chapel talk and two lectures dealing with reformation. A special mass worship service was even held in the Dordt gymnasium so the entire CRC community could gather as a united body of believers.

The emphasis placed on this day shouldn't really be surprising. After all, we know how important the Reform Movement was. Its impact on world history was immense. And it is fortunate that reform occurred, for things were a royal mess in those days. People lacked access to God's Word, and the Church was polluted with false doctrine and hypocrisy. Instead of fighting to accumulate wealth and power at the expense of others. Times were tough. The Reformation of years ago has produced today's Protestant community, to which the Christian Reformed Church also belongs. Continuing Reform in the Dordt community is certainly appropriate.

However, today's Church, including Reformed circles, may be as much in need of reform as that of Luther and Calvin's day. Most people today have access to the Bible, but often it is ignored as irrelevant in today's world, read selectively, or otherwise stripped of its power. False doctrine, hypocrisy, and corruption are rampant, and people are still led astray by striving after material wealth and power. Times are tough, and reformation is clearly needed.

The recipe for reformation has not changed. It is still the power of God's Word in Christian lives that can bring about dramatic results. A mere reading of the Bible or even spending time in its study is not even enough. God's Word of Truth will not and cannot produce changes unless it is searched prayerfully by Christians and relied upon as the basis for direction in life. The result will be life-transforming Christians striving to further God's Kingdom here on earth. God's Word is the only glasses that can provide the Kingdom vision all Christians need. Reformation then is really the heart of what Dordt College and the Reformed community are all about.

If this institution and community are indeed reformers for the Lord, why did Rev. Escobar lecture twice to a community Reformation Service in the gym packed like a basketball hall, who are from California, have been wearing their winter coats since September 7, when the thermometer read 69 degrees.

There is some stirring of activity on campus this week since it is once again an election year, and Iowa caucuses will soon be underway. Everyone plans to skip class to hear the candidates speak. The college band has agreed to play a few numbers before the vice president speaks. Secret service men insist they need to check everyone going in to the dormitory, but that only everyone but the tuba player check. The vice president did not want to hear the vice president but wanted to find out if Charlie and Julie really were going to get back together, or whether Julie was going to live up to the lie she told Charlie.

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To the Editor:  
I read with a little interest and much dismay the letter by William Moyerhoff in the November 5 issue of the diamond. He begins his letter as another defense of Rev. Hodgson, but then quickly raises the question of "how much influence constituents should have" over Dordt. I would like to raise some questions of my own for William (and others who agree with him) to consider.

First of all, William, why do you say it is insulting to the character of Rev. Hodgson to have his views on creation studied by the Board of Trustees? If his views are as sound as you've judged them to be, then what's the big deal? Why should Rev. Hodgson feel insulted for having the opportunity to air his good, solid views on creation? By the way, if the concern raised about Rev. Hodgson is so "unfounded," why is the investigation by the Board still being carried out? I have no ideas, do you?

William, don't you know that evolution is a red-hot topic in the church today? I'm sure we've all heard about the ongoing debate concerning certain Calvin College professors and their questionable views about the origin of the universe. So is it really all that surprising that when a science professor at Dordt is reported to have participated in an evolution debate, "certain constituents" inquire about it? Who can blame them? Anyway, who initiated the action in the Hodgson case? The Board or the constituents? Did you really bother to carefully gather all the facts, William, or are you just shouting in the dark?

But what about the constituents? William, where would you and I be if not for these "dogmatic constituents" who probably donate considerable amounts of money to this institution? I can probably tell you where we wouldn't be, and that's sitting in any classroom at Dordt College. This campus would probably still be a cornfield without the "considerable amounts of money" donated to this institution. At best we would be paying much more without the help from constituents. Yes, that's right, William, lots of cash has flowed into this college, so that you and I might have astronomy courses and music courses in which to sit. Piles of money which God in His marvelous grace has given the constituency to be used for His glory.

But I don't mean to say that it is just money that keeps this college going. I like to think the constituency is also a body of people who pray to God constantly for the welfare of Dordt College, included everyone involved with Dordt. After all, it doesn't matter how much money this college receives every year, because if Dordt doesn't have the blessing of God, it's probably all being wasted anyway.

William, you raise some intriguing questions when you attempt to compare the Board's investigation of Rev. Hodgson's views with possible future action against other profs who have their students read E.M. Forster and Bertrand Russell. But you're trying to compare apples and oranges. Let me compare apples with apples and ask: Does Dordt College have the freedom to hire E.M. Forster or Bertrand Russell to the faculty? (I am not alluding to Rev. Hodgson at this point.) Dordt College has a certain confessional stance to uphold. Anyone who wants a public university education should go to a public university. There, not only can one read works by Forster and Russell (which in itself isn't bad), but also possibly be instructed by people with views just like those of Forster and Russell.

William's apparent attitude toward the constituency is strangely ironic. Why? Because in an article on page one of the same diamond issue, readers are informed that William is the new editor of The Canon. Later in the article we read that the first issue of The Canon will be "an overview of Dordt's history." To quote the article, William says that "many students don't know a lot about what went into shaping Dordt College." Could it be that some of these very same "dogmatic constituents" had a hand in shaping Dordt? One hopes William's attitude towards the constituency that founded Dordt will be a little kinder in The Canon than in his letter of November 5.

Finally, William ends his letter by saying, "We must realize that Dordt exists primarily for students who desire to learn and grow in Christian academic setting, and not for dogmatic constituents." Do you really believe such a dogmatic statement, William? Actually, Dordt exists neither for students nor constituents. Dordt College exists for the glory of God and the coming of His kingdom. I urge everyone connected with Dordt College to work toward that goal.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Vander Hart

Not a "coffee achiever"

To the Editor:  
Alas, my cup runneth not over. If man has the ability to move mountains, if he can cross the vast expanses of the seas, if he has all the means of education at his fingertips but has not decent coffee, then what has he?

I find it astonishing that it is extremely difficult to obtain a good cup of coffee in Sioux Center, particularly at Dordt College. I point out Dordt because I have experienced some tasty java at a few select locations in town thus far. However, since I am a student and spend most of my time on campus, I find it increasingly annoying that I cannot achieve the same pleasure here. I have chosen to make this known so that something can be done to change this, since my personal requests have either been forgotten or disregarded. It is also true that I am far from being alone in my opinion. This is how I know through personal interaction, and it is my firm belief that the remaining hundreds of students find it equally difficult to stomach the poor substitute we have here at Dordt.

Now I know what you're thinking. It's easy for me to criticize, but what answers do I have, right? Let us begin with a description of good coffee.

Coffee is a universally unique fluid that arouses desire, stimulates the senses and lifts the spirit. It is as black as night, singularly tasty, and possesses an aroma more pleasing than Chanel No. 5. All of these qualities are greatly enhanced, needless to say, when it contains an appropriate amount of heat. Does this make you homesick? I thought it would.

The liquid we have here on campus, especially in the SUB, is about as completely opposite from the aforementioned as it can get. It has as much taste as my fingernails, smells slightly better than the gym, and appears a sickly shade of brown that reminds one of cold, week-old gravy. And if that isn't enough, to enjoy it warm, I have to hold it with both hands. I do in fact have quite high hopes for the future because all of these faults can be easily remedied, and in only two, possibly three, simple steps. First, increase the coffee grounds-to-water ratio. This will provide results threefold. It will strengthen and thus blacken the coffee, it will increase its aromatic values, and it will improve the taste. Second, crank the heat up on those elements inside the percolator which will ... you know. The third step is a variable one and depends on the results of the last two. That is, in the case of not obtaining the desired goal, repeat steps one and two with new equipment. By using these steps I believe it will be possible to acquire our much desired nectar.

This is not merely an "off the cuff" letter. The ideas I have mentioned I take very seriously and so should the persons in a position to affect change. Last but not least, you readers who are also consumers should and I hope you do, appeal to the proper persons in regard to this issue. After all, John Calvin, in speaking on total depravity, must have had in mind the man with no coffee.

Sincerely yours,
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by Ryan Hoekstra
Staff Writer

Senior Dan Vanden Bosch is Student Forum President and a chemistry major under the pre-medical program. A native resident of Sioux Center, he is the son of English professor Dr. Mike Vanden Bosch and Nancy Vanden Bosch, secretary to Dordt’s president, Dr. J. B. Hulst. In a recent interview, Dan shared some of his thoughts about attending the college under whose shadow he grew up.

Student Forum, his role on the Sioux Center EMT squad, and gave advice to freshmen and sophomore students.

What has it been like to grow up under Dordt’s shadow, with a father who is a Dordt professor?

There was no place that I wanted to go. Attending Dordt had a lot of advantages for me. I knew a lot about the college before I got here. I knew a lot of professors, a lot of other students, and I knew the workings of the college pretty well.

Being a professor’s kid isn’t bad. I’ve had him for two classes and I survived.

What do you think, life will be like when you get out from under Dordt’s “wing”?

It doesn’t scare me. I think Dordt has prepared me well. Dordt has been a part of my life, and it will always be a part of my life.

How is Student Forum president, do you see Student Forum?

Junior year was my first year on Student Forum. I wanted to be on Forum because I care what’s going on around me, and I’d like to make a difference. Forum is there to make a difference for the students. A lot of times I don’t feel we do enough. It’s basically a discussion group, a springboard for committees. It can be a little frustrating at times, but there’s not a whole lot for which we need power.

How do you see the whole library policy issue?

I think things have blown over a bit. Whether issues have been resolved is debatable.

I think Student Forum addressed the issue the only way we could. We made the needed of the students known. We’re here to meet the students’ needs, and if we’re not, I hope we hear about it.

What are some of the issues Forum has been working on this semester?

There hasn’t been a whole lot of issues that have had to be worked on.

A few years ago, when I wasn’t on Forum, Forum initiated a proposal for mid-term evaluations of new professors. The proposal got stuck in committee for a few years. We took it out and worked on it. It is presently at the Academic Council level. Dr. Hulst will present it to the Council, which consists of Huls, Ribbens, Bos, and the three division deans, in the near future. I was pleased to finally get some action on that.

We’re presently working on a line on 7th Street to stretch from campus to the highway for student use, so that students can walk on the side of the street, instead of on townpeople’s yards. We’re looking for action on it by City Council in the spring. We initiated it last year too, but it never acted upon.

What is it like to work as president of Student Forum?

Student Forum is a great group of people; they’re a good bunch of people to work with. A lot of great ideas come through them. Since we’re such a diverse group, we have a lot of different viewpoints.

I’m learning more and more that the best part of being president is learning to delegate authority and watching the assignments get done, and done well.

Then, you are a Sioux Center EMT [Emergency Medical Technician] squad member. How do you see your role on the squad?

It is valuable as a pre-med to be involved in at least one aspect of medicine. I also see it as a service to my community.

I think it is very important to encourage all pre-meds to become members of the EMT squad, but the squad is not fond of taking students who are not residents of Sioux Center. One rationale is that non-residents don’t know their way around the town. They also won’t be around for long. The squad is allowing me to be on the squad as a service to me, since I’m a pre-med, and because I’ve been a member of the community for umpteen years.

I think that the squad would be helped a lot by the non-resident students, but I’m not in a position of power to change policies.

As a future pre-med student, do you have some general advice for pre-med undergraduates?

First of all, get some experience. Do you want to be on a waiting list for a job? Then get a job. Work overtime during vacation or the summer. You get experience, and it looks good on a med school application. Also, have fun in college. Have an active social life. If you go to med school, you won’t have fun there. What does the immediate future hold for Dan Vanden Bosch?

I’m going married to Sandy Stenhoek over Christmas break. Other than that, I’m not going to elaborate on my personal life.

After you graduate?

I’ll be going to University of Iowa College of Medicine next year. I find out during exam week of this semester—at the earliest—if I’m accepted. I’m not too worried about it, though, since I did well on my MCATs [Medical College Admission Test].

Why did you choose University of Iowa’s med school?

It’s a good med school, and it’s the only med school in the state. Dordt has a good reputation there for med students. There are at least nine Dordt graduates that I know of, that are presently attending U of I.

Have you decided on a specialty yet?

I don’t know yet, what specialty I’ll go into. I’ll get there and find out what interests me.

What advice would you give underclassmen here at Dordt?

I would advise any student to get some experience in the area he’s interested in. I feel you’re unsure about what to do, take different classes in some things that might interest them.

What is one thing that has given you the strength to carry on when the going gets rough at Dordt?

[Former Director of Resident Life] John DeLager’s memos. They were my strength through my sophomore year as I served with remarkable lack of distinction as an RA.

Any final comments?

As the student body’s president, I’d like to encourage students to get involved. If things need to be done, let us know about it, because that’s what we’re there for.

It’s kind of hard to get to know everyone if you’re isolated. It would be nice to have more interaction, but it’s not easy to do. Everybody’s busy.

Dordt alumni get with the program

by Miriam Keen
Contributor

Dordt’s Business Office adopted a new accounting system this fall. The package was designed by three 1987 Dordt graduates, Greg Boe, Dale Van Voort, and Darrel Raah. The program is currently being tested at the Sioux Center EMT squad.

The reason Dordt needs such a system, according to John DeJager, former Director of Resident Life, is because of the need to materialize four years ago when the system was more difficult. Because of the complexity of the program, the Business Office intended to buy a multi-fund accounting package that would work with the Altos computer. Planners searched for two and a half years, but could not find software that would suit their needs. As a result, the system is being used. There is an exact amount owed is shown on the screen.

The reason Dordt needs such a system is that it has more than six areas of income. Students pay tuition, donations are received through the Fall Foundation Drive, unsolicited donations come in as well—all of these must go on a general ledger. The general ledger is broken down further so that there are separate ledgers for such things as faculty salaries, inventory control, accounts receivable, and accounts payable.

Students have their own accounts as well. When students pay tuition, their names are called up, and the exact amount owed is shown on the screen. The payment is entered into the computer and the account(s) involved are immediately updated.

Boe, Van Voort, and Van Voort have written other software programs which are being used at Dordt. Boe wrote software to stop students from accidentally getting into system files. Van Woest has written a registration program for the Business Office. Van Voort wrote a program which is used in the Academic Office for entering grades.

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them internationally.

Economy Dukakis believes in balancing the budget by attacking tax evasion before raising taxes, and by cutting unnecessary spending. He hopes that investment in education and job training, as well as in federally supported research and development, will restore America's trade position and protect jobs.

Defense Dukakis supports reductions in nuclear arms through talks with the Soviet Union, and he wants to negotiate a nuclear test ban treaty. Dukakis believes in tough financial management at the Pentagon to provide a strong national defense.

Foreign Policy As president, Dukakis would reverse the U.S. policy in Nicaragua and support the Contra process and the Arias plan. Dukakis wants to attack problems of poverty and exploitation in Third World countries.

George Bush

Personal History

George Bush, the front-running presidential candidate, has made Texas his home. Before entering politics, Bush served in the U.S. Army and was awarded for his courage and heroism. Later he ran an oil company in Texas. Bush's strongest appeal as a candidate is his broad experience. He has served as a two-term U.S. Representative, as a U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, as Chief U.S. Ambassador to China, as Director of the CIA, and two terms as Vice President of the U.S.

Issues

Abortion Bush holds a pro-life position and supports legislation intended to abolish abortion.

Farming Bush is calling for increased federal support for agricultural research and is exploring new markets for agricultural products, namely ethanol and methanol fuels.

Economy Bush's proposed economic policy rejects tax increases but encourages economic growth through investment and savings. To encourage investment, Bush seeks to reduce the top tax rate from 28% to 15%.

Defense Bush wants to further national defense by developing outer space technology and the creation of a national space council. He also supports the proposed treaty to limit short-range nuclear missiles and wants to extend it to an overall ban on chemical weapons.

Foreign Policy Bush believes in reducing American dependency on foreign oil and in developing new resources to replace oil from the Persian Gulf.

Socially acceptable

by Jacquie Boonstra

Dordt College is the only college affiliated with the CRC to have an accredited social work program and it has taken a tedious six-year process to reach this goal.

In 1978 Dordt began to implement a social work program into the curriculum of the college. It took three years to organize the courses and hire faculty. Once this was completed, Dordt applied for accreditation to the Council on Social Education in Washington D.C. This involved meeting ten basic requirements for the college in general, such as adequate library size and an nondiscriminatory approach to learning.

Dordt then had to write a self-assessment of the social work program, examining the content of the courses as well as the goals and purposes of the program. After the self study was approved in August of 1986, two representatives of the council came to Dordt for an on-site visit. They came in April of 1987 and wrote a report of what they saw here at Dordt. The council then evaluated both reports, and last October Dordt was granted initial accreditation lasting until 1990. At that time, Dordt will again go through the process of accreditation.

For the social work students, belonging to a program that is accredited has its advantages. More jobs will be available to them because many agencies prefer accredited programs over those that are not. Those students going on to graduate school will be on an accelerated status, meaning they can get their Masters in one year instead of two.

For the college, the accreditation status adds quality to the curriculum and may perhaps boost enrollment.

Students teach

Even though final exams are nearing and papers must soon be completed, education majors are walking around with smiles on their faces; they know the end is finally in sight.

Education majors, both elementary and secondary, have been meeting with their cooperating teachers in public and private schools throughout Siouxland. These meetings, occurring since early November, help the cooperating student teachers to get to know one another, discuss goals, and look over materials that will be used next semester.

Students are matched with cooperating teachers on the basis of special interests and positions that are available in the schools. Dr. Vander Ark, who does the assigning, has very little control over which schools want student teachers, but after contacting several schools over the years, she feels that she knows the different atmospheres well enough to match students so that they will feel comfortable in their surroundings.

Students are anticipating their semester of teaching with mixed feelings. "Some days are really exciting when I think about going to student teach, but then again, there are days when I could care less about the whole thing," said Preston Zwart. As this semester comes to an end, many students are looking forward to teaching their own classes next semester.
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Dedicated to Richard Wilson

by Kurt Hockema
From early boasting as an ad man that he could get mail-order husbands for the women in his office, to a nervous breakdown and the beginning of a writing career, to a death from swallowing a toothpick that punctured his intestine, Sherwood Anderson lived a booklength novel of a life.

Anderson was an artist practicing the art of writing in the city of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and his numerous short stories, Anderson's importance has deeper roots than his reputation as a leading American writer. Kim Townsend's fine biography makes this clear. Anderson's own writings far outshine this biography, but Townsend's book shows that Anderson was more than just a writer. He was a man searching for his manhood, a writer trying to discover the American literary voice, and an ex-businessman wondering how business and the machine age affected human nature.

Throughout his life, Anderson was concerned with what it was to be a man. He had doubts about his own manhood, and his observations about his fellow men left him with little hope. He was angered by the debased sexuality and the boasts of potency of the men he watched. He watched the culture turn them into adolescent braggarts that viewed women as mindless whores. He didn't distance himself from his own distaste, though; he admitted the excesses in his own life. He found sustained happiness only in his fourth marriage.

At times Anderson himself claimed too much for women. In Perhaps Women, he ruminated about the salutary powers of women. He had his female persona say that "cowardice was the note in American men now," that writers were fixed on sex and didn't see the changes occurring in the machine age.

Anderson took some punishment for being interested in the relationships between men and women. In one instance, William Faulkner parodied him as a man always talking about the demasculinization of men and about men ultimately writing for women.

Anderson eventually concluded that being creative was the best way to manly manhood. In a letter to Theodore Dreiser late in Anderson's life, Anderson realized that "I think it is our loneliness for each other that has made most of us throw too much on woman...making women carry more than their load."

Anderson was well aware of the threat of machines to men. Instead of the power being in men, the power was now shifted to the machines. Men could create and drive cars, but the cars' power wasn't their power. While the machines held men's power, Anderson watched as the women were drawn to the machines. He asserted that machines were either going to envelope men or that men must use them for the benefit of all.

As a businessman, Anderson had turned to writing as a means of self discovery. His writings were explorations of his disappointments with business and of his troubles with women. He wanted to break into life through his words, but he was plagued throughout his life with not being able to. "Are there no words that lead into life?" he asked. He was determined to find out or to keep trying through continual efforts to renew and remake himself.

He praised Dreiser for clearing the writer's road of the wilderness of Puritan denial. Anderson said this in his belief that grotesques (such as those in Winchell, Ohio) were those who tried to take truth and make it their own. The word was ever important to Anderson. Christ was the greatest, if only for sharing the belief with Whitman before him that only Christ was the word made flesh.

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When once thinks of Chinese music, vocal and instrumental, one imagines a distinctly nasal and twangy sound. Imagine in contrast a Mozart violin concerto or a piece by Bach, in which you come round tones with a variety of dynamic and romantic expression. The movie From Mao to Mozart is a documentary about the famed violinist Isaac Stern's visit to China; about two cultures touching each other in a way they can both feel and understand--with music.

Less you have already decided not to see this movie because you are not interested in music or in a documentary, I encourage you to think again. Not only is the movie documenting two very different sounds, it is also investigating cultural relationships between a communist and a capitalist country, and encouraging sharing and listening of very different ideas. The movie is funny and fast-paced, with a lovely sound track.

Stem goes to China first of all to travel by train during the cultural revolution when those in their late teens are not as extraordinary power, whereas very young who have been playing gymnasts, acrobats, and athletes. "I think the warmth and hospitality of the Chinese people comes right out," said Dr. Helen Westra after viewing the film. She has spent two summers teaching English in China. Stem comes to appreciate this warmth as he is given enormous ovations and other gifts. The contrast of Stern with the men of such a uniform culture is like a stamen of Westra. Stem's boisterous laugh, his expectation of having his wish (he decides before one concert to try to get another piano, and nearly resorts to calling the country's president) and his looks definitely stand out, sometimes rudely, next to the extremely conservative and polite Chinese.

One can see by the instrumental performances of students from all ages, how China's cultural revolution, which took place from 1966 through the early 1970's, affected students during this time. Stern notices that the young who have been playing instruments from preschool days on have extraordinary power, whereas a generation of their in late teens are as good. Several Chinese music teachers comment on how life was for them during the cultural revolution when they were imprisoned and thrown out of the Western music.

As a travelogue, a musical investigation, and an exchange of cultures the movie is very successful. A second movie entitled The Chinese Typewriter will be shown after From Mao to Mozart. As a very different film about China, the director Barnett takes footage of everyday Chinese life shot in Beijing, Nanjing, Shanghai and Canton and incorporates them into a mechanical and rhythmic visual affect.

Both movies will be shown on Saturday, November 21 at 6:30 and 9:00 P.M.
Out of the fringe

by William Meyerhoff

It was a beautiful, sunny, autumn afternoon as I walked into my apartment after my 2:00 class. My roommate Dave Vande Kieft was sitting down with a cup of coffee and reading. "Well, do you want to go?" he asked, in reference to the REM concert. "Sure," I said, and with that we were out the door and on our way to Lincoln, Nebraska to check out America's best fringe band. On the way down we discussed REM's latest album, Document, and whether the airflow their latest single "The One I Love" was receiving on KQ95 marked the demise of one of our favorite groups.

Document is the fifth album that REM has put out and is the first of their albums to make it into the top forty. REM is just about to release its next album, and by this time, it will have a fringe college band sound was a refreshing alternative to the heavily synthesized techno-pop that was around at the time, and the album spawned a rash of REM influenced bands across the country, such as the Minnescopful based Replacements. REM followed Document with Mewmar. The group's punk-folk garage band sound was a refreshing alternative to the newly synthesized techno-pop that was around at the time, and the album spawned a rash of REM influenced bands across the country, such as the Minneapolis based Replacements. REM followed Document with Mewmar. The group's punk-folk garage band sound was a refreshing alternative to the newly synthesized techno-pop that was around at the time, and the album spawned a rash of REM influenced bands across the country, such as the Minneapolis based Replacements.

Unfortunately, success doesn't come without a price, and this was evident from the concert at Lincoln. The audience at the concert was a contradiction to REM's music. REM opened their two-hour show with a blistering version of "Finest Worksong" off the new album, with a Jim Jarmusch-like video in the background. As John Gowdy, a concert goer of 15 years described it, "The crowd looked like they came to audition for a part in Family Ties." I guess this is what Nancy Reagan's America is all about—"it's the end of the world as we know it"—but despite the crowd, the concert and album were well worth the money, and I feel fine.

All-star carollers

by Preston Zwart

Staff Writer

Christmas is right around the corner (as the Sioux Center city fathers have so kindly pointed out by putting up the streetlight Christmas decorations a full seven weeks in advance), and soon the streets will be alive with frantic shoppers and visiting relations. Christmas carollers will also be a familiar sight in the weeks to come. But just imagine if Bon Jovi came to your house a-carolling. Or Run-DMC. Or Bryan Adams. Or U2. Impossible? No, not really because this year these artists and many others have put together A Very Special Christmas, an album of traditional Christmas music.

This album is the brainchild of record producer Jimmy Lovine. He originally wanted to assemble contemporary rock-'n-rollers to record an album of Christmas songs, but soon the project became more than that. As the realization grew that this was not just another record, Lovine and the collaborating artists decided to use this recording in order to benefit the Special Olympics. Lovine was introduced to Special Olympics through his wife, Vicki, who works with the group's Los Angeles chapter. Because Special Olympics is not considered, in Lovine's words, "a hip charity," the charity group has had a hard time raising money. This album should help alleviate this problem.

A Very Special Christmas has thirteen contemporary artists each performing material especially for this project, along with two other songs that have been released in the past. Some of the songs are re-makes of traditional Christmas songs like "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Whitney Houston, "The Little Drummer Boy" by Bob Seeger and the Pretenders' version of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."

Other songs are done in a more lighthearted spirit. For example, "Christmas in Hollis," a pounding rap-carol done by Run-DMC is something that will remain not be in the next Andy Williams Christmas Special. Other selections include "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" by John Cougar Mellencamp; "Santa Baby," a song describing a greedy, materialistic little girl's Christmas list, sung by that infamous Material Girl, Madonna. Some other performers, like Bryan Adams, Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen, submitted "live" versions of Christmas songs for inclusion in this compilation. Also featured on this album are the Eurythmics and the Pointer Sisters.

Even with all this talent present, some songs on this album stand out above the rest. One such song is "Silent Night" as done by Stevie Nicks of Fleetwood Mac and solo fame. Sting also turns in a fine performance with his very choral "Gabriel's Message," based on Luke 1:26-38. U2's contribution to this album is a lighthearted ballad that sounds like it comes straight from the fifties. "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" comes complete with Bono doing a sentimental, deep-voiced spoken introduction. Alison Moyet, perhaps the least-known to American audiences in the list of artists performing on this album, has the honor of turning in the best song. Her version of "The Coventry Carol," an Old English madrigal, is the most beautiful and moving entry on an album filled with good songs.

A Very Special Christmas is funny in some places, beautiful in others and a little corny in spots, but on the whole it is a sincere attempt by those involved to produce an album of good music. I think they succeed. Perhaps hearing the Eurythmics perform a synthesizer-dominated version of "Winter Wonderland" is not exactly your idea of a traditional Christmas carol, but the artists featured on this album are helping to make this Christmas a little bit more special than the rest.

Artwork by Keith Herring
Basketball preview

by Chuck Adams
Sports Editor

Dordt is going to the national tournament in Kansas City, if the prognosticators at Street and Smith magazine are to be believed. The highly respected sports magazine cites the presence of All-American Greg Van Soelen on the Defender squad as the key element to Dordt's first ever trip to Kansas City.

Basketball coach Rick Vander Berg says it's nice for the team to be given honors before the season, but he says he doesn't "put much stock in predictions" to early in the season. In fact, the coaches in the district have pegged Dordt for the fourth-place position, behind Briar Cliff, Northwestern, and Westmar. Vander Berg says he is optimistic, however, and believes Dordt has the necessary components to win the District title.

Vander Berg points to several strengths on the team that fuel his optimism. Besides the presence of Van Soelen, who led the nation in field goal percentage and finished near the top in scoring, Vander Berg says the team will be very balanced this season, with nine or ten players getting an equal amount of playing time. He also points to the rapid development of the sophomores on the team, who are making their presence known on the varsity team after leading the junior varsity last year.

The biggest problem facing the Defenders in their quest for the district title this year is not their own weaknesses, but rather the strengths of the other teams. According to Van Essen, the defense was enough, as the defense allowed very little penetration.

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The first game of the season ended in success last night. The Defenders, travelling to the Corn Palace to take on Dakota Wesleyan, emerged a winner 95-63. Further down on the schedule, the Defenders are looking forward to two early season tournaments: the Central Tournament in Pella and the Warburg Tournament in Waverly.

Soccer winds down

by Chuck Adams
Sports Editor

With a 14-3-1 record, the Dordt College soccer team has ended a season of excellent play. The Defenders finished in second place in NAIA District 15, defeating Marycrest College 1-0 in the district semifinals, but losing to Grand View by the same score in the finals.

Against Marycrest the Defenders were able to wear down the defense with good play by the halves. Van Essen praised the passing attack of the Defenders, saying it turned the tide of the game. The single goal scored by the Defenders proved enough, as the defense allowed very little penetration.

Much of the same sort of play occurred the next day against Grand View. Tired from the game the day before, the Defenders were beaten on defense several times at the beginning of the game. But, according to Van Essen, the defense was able to come back and play an excellent game. The Defenders pulled Grand View off-side twelve times during the game, a figure Van Essen calls "outstanding."

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