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50 years later, veterans share experiences

by Kristen Westerhof

Dr. James Schaap's Literature of the Holocaust class has welcomed several speakers this semester. Tues., April 11 saw the arrival of five special guests: members of the American Army during WWII who were present at the liberation of concentration camps in Germany and Poland some fifty years ago. In fact, Tuesday marked fifty years to the day of the liberation of the camp at Nordhausen, Germany. The men had various experiences while serving in Europe.

John L. DeGroot had been fighting in the fifth battle in the advance through France and Germany. They arrived at Nordhausen and were greeted by 22,000 slave laborers and prisoners of war. He recalls meeting a group of 35 Dutch prisoners with whom he had spent time. When he asked if the Nordhauseners had known about their camp, the prisoners revealed that the townspeople would often picnic outside the fences and

taunt prisoners with food.

This was only the first of three camps at Nordhausen. The second served to camouflage a bomb factory which could have threatened Allied forces had the war lasted much longer. This camp featured a Krematorium, gas chambers and several furnaces which ran day and night.

The worst of the camps lay to the south of the town, where the troops were met with thousands (DeGroot estimates between 3500 and 5000) of bodies which evidenced brutal deaths: shootings, stabbings, electrocutions, beatings and hangings.

Arie Oliver's story began at the Battle of the Bulge, where American troops were outnumbered 800,000 to 80,000. His outfit moved on to Nuremberg, the city in which later Nazi war crimes trials were held. He met a group of prisoners, one of whom might have been (but wasn't) Don Brommer, who lived across the street from Oliver back in Iowa.

Brommer was captured on in December of 1944. He underwent interrogation, revealing only his name, rank and serial number. He was forced to march 100 miles to Bonn, then boarded a box car for a four day/four night cramped, cold trip to Hannover. After a time in the camp there, he volunteered for duty in Schweinfurt. Prisoners there



Neil Graves

Five World War II veterans from the community shared their sometimes horrifying experiences with the Holocaust literature class and guests.

were set to work cleaning streets, where they bolstered their meager rations from the pickings off the street.

He and others with him were marched to Nuremberg, a trek which lasted six weeks. On May 1, 1945, the

ed. Once he and his tank had made their own gate across the barbed wire fences, he entered barracks, full of emaciated prisoners stacked in shelf-like bunks.

He was also shown the gas chambers and the ovens for burning the dead. Other methods of death used in the camp included hanging prisoners by their chins from hooks and drowning in a deep well. The commandant's wife's fondness of tattoos led to the removal of tattooed skin of victims for manufacture of lampshades. Hoogland saw piles of smoldering bodies left in haste by the guards.

The final speaker was Henry DeGroot, a former professor of business at Dordt. He was drafted six months after his wedding and served the next three years in counter-intelligence in the Army. His service included detection of information available to foreign spies in the U.S.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II

camp was liberated by Allied forces.

John Hoogland landed on the beaches of Normandy, France in June of 1944. He fought in battles across France and also in the aforementioned Battle of the Bulge. His unit went to the camp at Auschwitz, Poland, which Russian troops had recently liberat-

Diet Eman returns

by Heather Gregg

This April marks World War II resistance worker Diet Eman's seventy-fifth birthday. She says that her mission work around the world and her speaking tours around the nation keep her away from her Grand Rapids home nine months of the year.

On March 20, Eman stopped at Dordt. English professor James Schaap invited Eman to speak in his Holocaust literature class.

The class was open to the public, and a good number of people came to hear Eman speak. She began by saying, "This is not a story of what we did, but of how God protected us." The reluctance to take credit for her own work is what impressed sophomore Kim Walhout about Eman. "She was humble," says Walhout. "She said if you were there you, would have done the same thing."

Eman said it was necessary for her to help Jews. "If you don't open your mouth when you see injustice, you are also a bit guilty."

She wants to warn people about the work of the Neo-Nazis, which she recently learned more about. In an interview, she described the way that wealthy Neo-Nazi men are training young people with weapons. "That is how Hitler started in Bavaria in private territory training young kids. It's scary."

Eman says she's been speaking about the Holocaust much more since the book came out. She does most of her speaking about the Holocaust to young people. "The young people are the future of the country," Eman says. "They have to stand guard so that it won't happen again."

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See side-splitting "Soprano"

by Scott Hazeu

The house lights dim and the rustle of the crowd hushes into silence. The lights come up on Mr. and Mrs. Smith and the sound of a clock striking seventeen times, to which Mrs. Smith responds, "There, it's nine o'clock."

This ridiculous line opens this semester's one act play

"The Bald Soprano," by Eugene Ionesco, and sets the stage for more nonsense to come.

...you will not be confused about ...the laughter that "The Bald Soprano" inspires.

despite the fact that they have already eaten dinner. No one can quite remember where they are or why or even who they are for that matter. Throw in a maid with snobbish airs (Lisa Johnson) and a fire chief who just can not seem to locate a fire (Geoff Davidson) and you have hilarious, captivating confusion.

One thing you will not be confused about is the laughter that "The Bald Soprano,"

If you are expecting to follow a carefully contrived plotline you had better catch the next show, but if you are looking for some laughs and an all out good time then this is the production to see. "The Bald Soprano," is an absurdist piece which means that, as the term implies, it is going to be nonsensical and ridiculous. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, played by Mark duMez and Rebekah Sanford, have invited Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Sean Voogt and Sara Modderman, over to dinner

inspires. Dr. James Koldenhoven is directing the piece and his advice to his audience is simply to "let your hair down and just have a hoot, you can reflect on it the next day."

Despite the lack of a conceivable plot "The Bald Soprano" does have a point. Koldenhoven states that in modern society we "cliche each other to death." Small talk has become an art form and people are more cautious than ever about opening themselves up to others. At its heart this play is



Dirk Zwart

"Bald Soprano" cast members Rebekah Sanford, Mark du Mez, Geoff Davidson, Lisa Johnson, Sara Modderman, and Sean Voogt take a break from their heavy rehearsal schedule.

about society's inability to communicate. The characters desperately try to communicate but never quite

connect, creating much of the confusion and comedy found in the piece.

"The Bald Soprano,"

runs 7:30 and 9:30 shows on April 20 and 22 in the New World Theater and is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Band and orchestra head west

by Heather Gregg

About 80 Dordt students left early on March 23 for spring break. The members of concert band and chamber orchestra boarded two buses and a van and left for California, Arizona and New Mexico, where they would perform several concerts and assemblies.

Those performances kept them busy, but when asked about the tour, most students talk first about the bonding that took place during the many traveling hours. "You really got to know a lot of people," said sophomore Bethany Baker.

Most impressions of the

tour were positive. "Everything went well," said Dr. Duitman. "It was a fantastic tour."

The students enjoyed a day of sight-seeing in San Francisco and warm, sunny weather each day of the tour.

The students were excited about the tour survival guide prepared by sophomore Andy Schuttinga and junior Sonja Brue. The guide had cartoons, fitness findings like, "It's Sunday, take a nap!" and "Duitman's Declarations," such as "If in doubt, speed up," for each day of the tour. Also included were interview questions like, "Ask Mark Rip about the

days when he sang soprano in the Glad 4."

The students also enjoyed a day of sightseeing in San Francisco and warm, sunny weather every day. But some students wished they would have had more free time.

Junior Andy Schuttinga said, "It would have been nice to go to a major California attraction, like the beach or Disneyland." Despite those small complaints, though, Schuttinga added, "On the whole, I'd say band tour was really good."



Janneen Wassink

Band and orchestra gave a post-tour concert on Sunday, April 9 in the BJ Haan Auditorium.

Spring Fling '95

by Jonathan deHaan

The Student Activities Committee hopes to make a successful change with this year's "Spring Fling." Instead of having to drive to Sioux City, the festivities will all take place on Dordt's campus.

Starting at 12 PM on April 22, students will be able to participate in a Renaissance Fair, which will be set up in Southview's parking lot and the area near the sand volleyball courts. A variety of foods will be sold in booths. Theatre groups, musicians, juggling and archery will be showcased. Students will be able to buy tickets to experience sumo wrestling, a velcro wall, a bungee run, human bowling and a dunk tank. In case of bad weather, all activities and acts will take place in the gym and the chapel mezzanine.

In contrast to the informal nature of the afternoon, a formal dinner will be served in the Commons at 6 PM. Scott Jones, a comedian who has visited Dordt in the past, is scheduled as after-dinner entertainment. A dance will start at 10 PM in the gym.

Many ticket options are available. You may buy an all-day pass for \$15 or choose the events you want to enjoy and pay just for them. The evening activities will cost \$12. Look for posters around campus for more details.

If anyone is interested in performing at the Renaissance Fair, contact either Anne Phaneuf or Kristin Kobes. This year's activities look promising because of availability and the combination of formal and informal entertainment. Be sure to attend.

Renaissance Fair - 12pm

Includes: Theatre Groups, Musicians, Juggling, Archery, Food Booths, Sumo Wrestling, Human Bowling, Velcro Wall, Bungee Run, and Dunk Tank

Formal Dinner - 6:00pm

Comedian Scott Jones

Dance - 10:00pm

Prices:

All-day - \$15

Evening Activities - \$12

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By Heather Gregg

Juniors display work in art gallery

Eight Dordt juniors currently have their work on display in the art gallery on the second floor of the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The mixed media exhibit opened on last Friday and will continue until April 20.

Author Heynen speaks at Dordt

Dordt alumnus Jim Heynen, author of *The One-Room Schoolhouse: Stories about the Boys*, discussed some of his stories this afternoon on Dordt's Campus. He also read some of the stories he has written in the Sioux Center Public Library last night.

Students present recitals

Senior Rita VanDen Broek performed her senior recital on Friday, April 7 at 8:00 pm. She has been studying organ with Dr. Joan Ringerwale, professor of music, for the past three years. During that time, VanDen Broek has received numerous awards.

Sophomore Barbara Sjoerdsma also performed on the seventh of April. She was accompanied in an afternoon recital by sophomores Alecia Koerner and Lucy Bootsma. Sjoerdsma studies the clarinet with music professor Dr. Karen De Mol.

Math and computer science day at Dordt

Several students from area high schools gathered at Dordt College on Monday, April 3. The schools that participated are South O'Brien High School, Southwest Christian High School, Unity Christian High School, and Western Christian High School. The winner of the Math Quiz Bowl was South O'Brien after the round robin tournament was completed. The winner of the computer science was Unity Christian's A-team.

world news

by Sara VandenBosch

Ankara, Turkey: Turkey continues its campaign, begun March 20, against Kurdish rebels in Northern Iraq. The Kurdistan Workers party has been fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey since 1984. Turkey has 35,000 troops in Northern Iraq, but withdrew 3,000 of them on Saturday.

Chiapas, Mexico: The Mexican government and the Zapatista National Liberation army met Sunday as a prelude to formal peace negotiations.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti: The U.S. troops have been replaced by a U.N. peace-keeping force. Haiti is still torn by unrest due to a 75% unemployment rate and increasing crime.

United States: Human Rights Watch-Americas today issued a report accusing border agents between

the United States and Mexico of beatings, shootings, rapes and deaths.

Tigard, Oregon: A well-dressed man calling himself "David", carrying a sign saying "I Want to Share a Dollar," handed out \$1,000 in small bills until his pockets were empty.

Rwanda: Last week marked the one-year anniversary of the beginning of the massive genocide in Rwanda. The neighboring country of Burundi, which has a similar ethnic make-up is near to beginning the same sort of violence that occurred in Rwanda. The United Nations is working to act as a mediator between fighting ethnic groups there.

Lebanon, New Hampshire: Michael Towne, a cook at Denny's restaurant, was charged with assault after allegedly spiking two state troopers' eggs with Tabasco sauce.

Strange but True Statistics

Number of rubber ducks accidentally spilled in the North Pacific in 1992 by a U.S.- bound freighter: 7,250.

Percentage of Americans who said last October that they had "never heard" of Newt Gingrich: 42.

Number of insect species that entomologists have named after cartoonist Gary Larson: 3.



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The Heart of the Matter

Gun control or gun controlled:

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President Clinton's successful automatic weapons ban has come under fire lately from Republicans who feel that bans interfere with their constitutionally guaranteed rights. Newt Gingrich is promising that the ban will be overturned.

To be comprehensively pro-life, your philosophy must cover all the living humans. It is very ironic that the political party that has been traditionally pro-life is also the one to support frighteningly easy gun access. It is probably easier to get a gun than it is to get an abortion in some states.

In a country where crime is skyrocketing every day, with more and more people becoming victims of random gun violence, many argue that you need a

handgun to protect yourself and your possessions. This argument sounds good at first, but it has several flaws.

First, if you are going to use a gun to protect yourself, you will have it in your house. You will need it easily accessible, which means leaving it in a place you can get to quickly. But if you can get to it, so can others, including curious children. So if you are afraid your children will get to your gun, you'll put it somewhere safe, like in a locked box on the top shelf of the closet. But, if someone is invading your home, you will probably not have the time to go in your closet, unlock the box, load the gun and then protect yourself.

Second, if someone has a gun on you, you are going to give up your possessions. If it comes down to a choice between your TV/VCR or your own life, you'll choose life. Stuff can be bought again; you can't replace your life.

And many people don't think handguns are good enough. They want semi-automatic weapons, which are guaranteed only to kill, as if maiming weren't enough. These guns are designed to kill—

how can someone who is pro-life also be pro-semi-automatic weapons?

The underlying theme in this issue is lack of respect for human life. If you have a handgun, you are saying that you are willing to hurt someone else to protect your stuff. You are saying that your material possessions are more important to you than someone else who was created in the image of God.

People who claim to be pro-life need to be involved in legislation for gun control. (Yes, hunters, you can have your hunting rifle, unless you plan to start using human targets.) The National Rifle Association paid big bucks to congressmen in the last campaign to swing the vote in their favor. They claim that everyone has a right to have and use a gun. If we follow this philosophy through to its logical end, we'll have a paranoid, armed-to-the-teeth society that is willing to risk their own life and take someone else's because it is their "right."

I realize that even if laws place restrictions on who can own guns and what kind, there will still be those who insist on having

guns, and will get them illegally. But, even so, we have to make our stand against the obvious and dangerous defiance of simple common sense. Common sense dictates that the more people who own guns, the more people will be shot by guns.

The catch phrase "Guns don't kill people. People kill people" is often touted by pro-gun people. Guns do kill. There is a detachment and a sense of power that comes from using a gun. It is the ultimate sociopathic weapon. You don't have to touch the people you are aiming for; you don't even have to see them. As far as I know, there has never been a drive-by strangling.

The Constitution does include an amendment that gives people the right to bear arms. But I don't think the framers were thinking of AK-47's when they wrote the amendment.

The question rises: Is the Republican agenda a "Contract with America" or a "Contract on America?" You be the judge.

—s.a.w

—Diamond Staff—

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Free Press



On the Reformed Inquisition

by Henry Bakker

My imagination seems to be withering lately. Not that it seems to matter anymore. Apparently imagination has been overrated in the society I am a part of. In the paranoid, knee-jerk reactionism we have been witnessing in the Christian community of late, it appears that anything that cannot be perceived with the five senses is suspected to be a tool of subversive New Age radicals. Ironie, isn't it. Even the rainbow, symbol of God's eternal protection, is not safe from the New Age witch-hunt.

The damage this attitude can do and the power of those who wield it hit very close to home for me recently. For the last two or three years I have been fostering a love for literature in my younger sister. It began one Christmas when, instead of purchasing her the "Sweet Valley High" books she requested on her Christmas list, I gave her a copy of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn". She read it and enjoyed it and I was reminded of my own awakening from an adolescent disdain for literature by reading Tolkien's "The Hobbit". This Christmas I was surprised and delighted to discover my sister had

been reading plays from my volume of Shakespeare's works.

Imagine my disappointment when I discovered that my sister's high school trip to the Stratford, Ontario, Shakespeare Festival to see "Midsummer Night's Dream" had been canceled because some parents had objected to fantasy elements in the play. I think these people are missing a key idea. This is a dream! Shakespeare is being burned at the stake for using his incredible, God-given gift of imagination. He makes no attempt to pass this off as reality.

A little bit of censorship is like being a little bit pregnant, it's going to grow. Are time honored classics that have awakened the imagination of countless young children and offered a brief return to that wonderful, innocent age for as many adults, to be swept from the shelves for a new generation of authors with shackled minds? Which works will be next to come under fire? Dickens' "Christmas Carol"? T. H. White's "Sword in the Stone"? C.S. Lewis' Narnia Chronicles?

Children are going to spend the rest of their lives dealing with the real world.

Fantasy literature is not going to corrupt the spirit of a child being brought up in the real world, rather it will awaken in him the ability to see the world in a different light. What child after finishing "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" has not come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the significance of Christ's death on the cross?

In our society it is becoming increasingly difficult to get children to read. TV does all the work for them, giving them the pictures and allowing the mind to rust from a lack of use. Fantasy literature is nourishment for the mind helping it to grow and expand, challenging it to see God's world in a new and exciting way. Do not take that away from your children.

Now I too, feeling the drag of a world where so often evil seems to have the upper hand, will go to my bookshelf and pull down that battered copy of "The Hobbit" from years ago. I need to remind myself that someone else believes that good sometimes comes out on top.

As I sit down to read I check an impulse to draw the shades and lock my door.

Overheard

"I remember being hit by a broom with a woman."

Monica Droog, in a Development Psychology, tells of her earliest memory.

"Okay. We'll sing all four verses, and on the third verse, let's drop everything...I mean, we'll sing it a cappella."

Nate Schreur, song leader at First CRC.

"You're engaged ??? Who are you?"

Jane Manuel to Lucy Bootsma in the Commons.

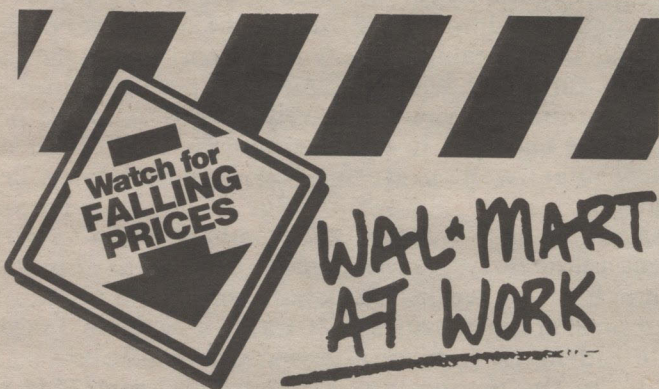
"There aren't many Overheards. I'll blame it on the weather."

Shelley Westerhof in a moment of frustration.

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Editor's Reflections

I went to see the film about the liberation of the concentration camps. I thought that I knew a lot about it. I never thought it would affect me as much as it did. I can't get the gruesome images out of my head.

A few things: first, please examine your own views to people of different races and ethnic backgrounds and don't assume for a minute that you are any better than they are. All people were created in the image of God, and just because they have different customs and traditions and even religious beliefs gives you no right to think of yourself as more than they. Second, after seeing the films and hearing the stories, anyone who says the Holocaust never happened is seriously deluded.

My great uncle died in a concentration camp. His crime? He was out after curfew. Don't blame the victims for the atrocities committed against them. Make sure it doesn't happen again. We can make a difference. --Shelley

Biggest PLIA group ever so



The PLIA group of Cary, Mississippi takes a break from painting trailers and working at the Cary Christian Center by touring the French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana

PLIA continues a long tradition of service

by Kristin Kobes and Katie Dekker

Thirteen years ago, twelve Dordt students spent their Spring Break on a service project to the Cary Christian Center in Cary, Miss.

The next year, fourteen students worked at the "We Care" ministry in Vicksburg, Miss.

These two small groups of students started a tradition of spring break service at Dordt College that, with the Lord's blessing, has steadily expanded over the years. This year nearly 180 students participated, the largest PLIA group yet.

Although PLIA has greatly expanded over the past thirteen years, its purpose has remained the same: to share Christ's love with the people with whom they work.

Students did much of

the same kinds of work as they have in past years: repairing houses, tutoring children, offering day care services, and leading workshops.

In order to make it possible for everyone to go, PLIA held several fund raisers, including selling beaded necklaces and bracelets, collecting pop cans, putting on a soup supper, and hosting a concert in First Christian Reformed Church by Darrin Berg.

In addition to fund raisers, the students donate \$50 to \$75, and ask their home churches and/or other supports for another \$250.

Individuals who have participated in PLIA in the past, or who have heard about the work PLIA does, also support PLIA with donations and prayer.

Students learn and grow in Chicago

by Heather Gregg

Most of the fourteen students that served at Roseland Christian Ministries Center in Chicago over spring break would agree that words can't really describe the experience we shared there. I'm one that feels that way, but here's an attempt.

We had a great day in downtown Chicago, visiting classy department stores, Nike Town, the John Hancock Building, the beach (yes, the beach), and Gino's East. We experienced some very different styles of worship, felt what it's like to be a minority, and made some great new friends. I could ramble on and on, but instead let me just describe (briefly) our three main activities: fixing up an apartment, helping out with grade school kids at the church, and getting to know the homeless men that stay at the center.

We spent a good part of our time re-doing a large upstairs apartment, but most of us don't consider that our most important work. It was important to Lucy, though, the widow who lives on the first floor with her young daughter and who

depends on the income from renting the apartment.

Our job was to make the apartment livable—to paint over the crayon markings found in almost every room, to spackle the holes in the walls, and to replace the broken glass, all of which her last tenant had left behind. We also repaired the leaking roof and redid one of the bathrooms. Since the place looked so bad to start with, we were easily encouraged by the improvements of our work. But the strongest encouragement came from Lucy, who said a heartfelt "God bless you" and wiped away tears as we left on Friday.

We were also privileged to work with children at Boys' and Girls' Club Monday afternoon and as chaperones on their trip to the Chicago Children's Museum on Thursday evening. The kids were a lot of fun, but they also taught us a lot. We had our eyes opened to the broken homes that many of the children came from. We were shocked at their knowledge about weapons and about neighborhood gangs.

All of this made us

thankful for the families we've been blessed with and very aware of the needs that fill the world we live in. We had just a few hours to spend with the children, but that was enough to form impressions that will last.

Perhaps the most memorable part of our experience is the interaction we had with the men at the shelter. No longer do we see them as "the homeless." These are real people with faces and names. They have unique stories, hopes and needs just like the rest of us. Sure, some of the men spend all their money on drugs and alcohol, and some of them are lazy, and some of them are ungrateful. But many others have spent time in college, many hold jobs, and many do appreciate the help they get from the center.

We learned a lot in Chicago—not just about the people there, but about ourselves. We claim not to be prejudiced, but we've seen that we often are. We're maybe not quite so holy as we like to think. We've always said there is great diversity in God's Kingdom; now we've experienced the beauty of that diversity.

Southwest proves adventurous

by Adele Koekkoek

After teasing monkeys and picking flowers at a zoo on the way, fourteen students arrived at Rehoboth, New Mexico, ready for about two days of sleep and some attitude checks.

We found out that there are places with stranger weather than Iowa. A blizzard pretty much killed our plans of hiking in a canyon. But the snow cleared at just the right times so we could still look at the incredible view and try to throw Amy Kingma over the edge.

The sun came out in time for our skin to turn bright colors once we started working. We painted garages

and helped build a fence. We also ripped the shingles off three roofs on the campus of Rehoboth Christian School. Thanks to our experienced shinglers we managed to lay the new ones, well, pretty straight.

No one fell off, but Johan Kers got a little dizzy. He was sick much of the week and missed some group activities.

He did make it to our campfire in the mountains. And because of help from God and the guys with mechanical knowledge, we all made it back, after worrying and praying when our van didn't start.

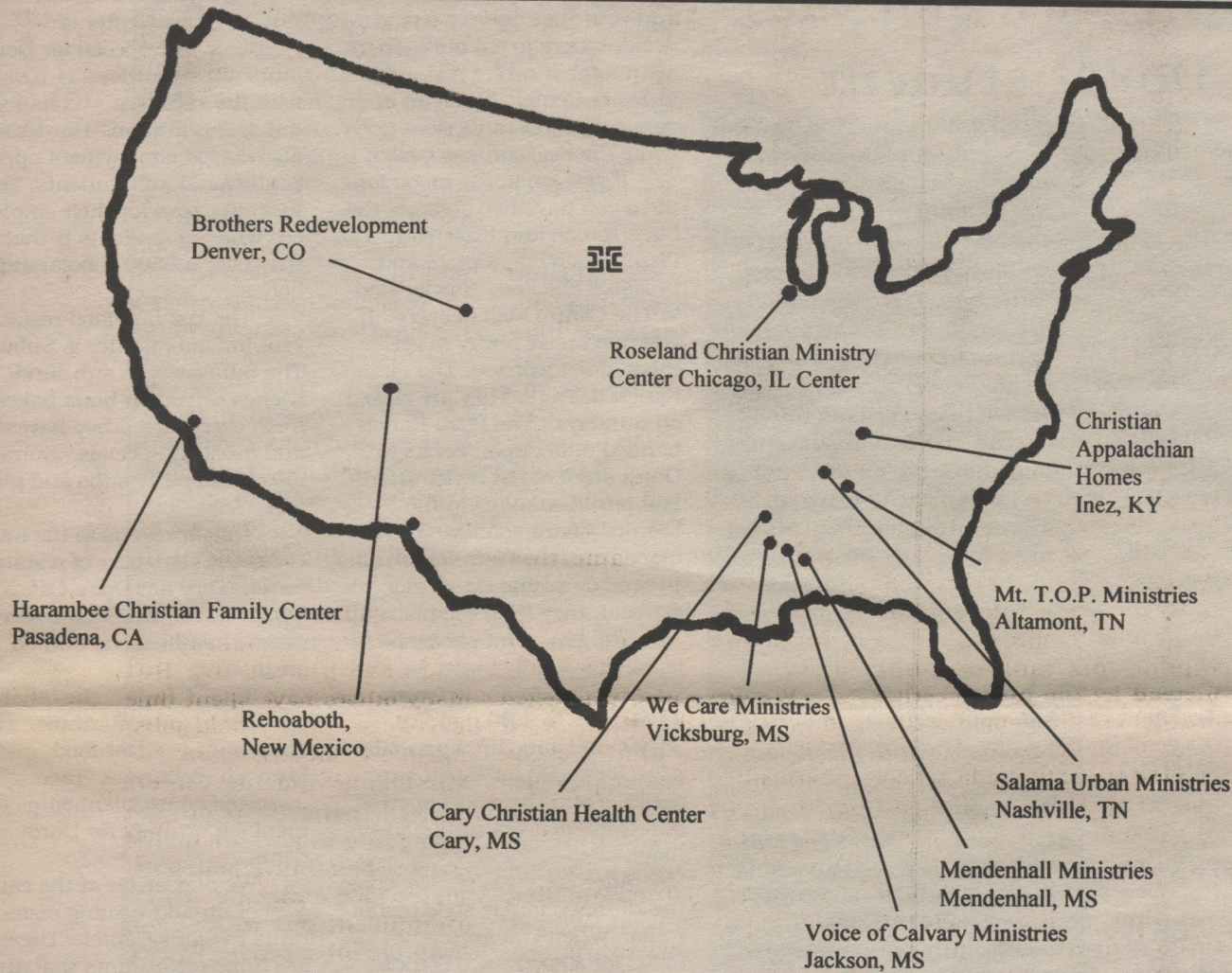
We didn't have much interaction with other people

like some PLIA groups, but many of us agreed with Vande Voort when she said, "As a group we examined and grew in our own faith by learning from each other."

We ate birthday cake in honor of Rozemartijn Vliegthart, and we shopped for Indian souvenirs and chain saws. Kers thinks, "Chain saw City" is the essence of man.

Kers also said, "PLIA is a good opportunity to get away from everyday life and put you back in tune with what's really important."

erves across the country



Nearly 180 students traveled to eleven sites to serve by teaching children, painting, remodeling, and sharin the Gospel.

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By Chuck Van Drunen

PLIA group bonds in Denver

by Sonya Jongsma

After waiting for Konstantin to arrive (which became somewhat of a recurring theme on our trip), 14 of us set out for Denver to spend our spring break on PLIA. Most of us didn't know each other very well, if at all, before the trip, but that changed in a hurry.

Spending 12 hours in a van together is a good start. We ate, slept and played Rook for most of the trip. I think we also listened to the Lion King tape about three times in a row, but my memory is kind of hazy since I was drifting in and out of sleep. We noted that "the Russians" (Konstantin and Sergey) had to be brothers, since they liked to argue so much (mostly in Russian). Because our group was made up of Russians, Canadians

and Americans, just living together was a cross-cultural experience.

Upon arriving in Denver, we spent the night at Second CRC and moved the next day to inhabit the study hall room at Denver CHS while the students were on spring break. That day was sunny and beautiful—of course, since we hadn't started work yet—but the days got colder and we were treated to big fluffy snowflakes for the better part of the following week.

Although cold, cloudy weather this inhibited our hopes of getting good tans, it didn't inhibit our zest for painting (each other, that is). Of course, we also painted quite a few houses, apartments (inside while it snowed), and a trailers.

The five guys and Jane and Evelyn even got to use

power tools one day while working for Habitat for Humanity. Those of us who were too sissy to spend all day out in the cold and snow sorted goods at a food pantry distribution warehouse.

But our daily work was by no means the extent of our fun in Denver. We went downtown the first night and met a group of Christians from a Denver church, and we spent quite a bit of time with them over the course of the week. Steve especially enjoyed this aspect of our trip.

Some of us also visited a homeless shelter and talked with several men there. We were able to learn a lot from them, and some of our misconceptions about homeless people were cleared up after talking and sharing our beliefs with them. Other

members of our group helped take care of homeless children one night at a Good Samaritan Center.

We did a lot of "bonding" and getting to know each other, which included talking, playing cards and playing Rook until two or three in the morning. Pranks were also an essential part of our PLIA experience. Fortunately Vito the mouse died before Paul and Steve could put him in any of our sleeping bags, but the more frequent pranks took the form of water or paint fights.

Our "day away" we spent hiking in the mountains (through two feet of nice packing snow that not only encouraged but demanded snowball fights) and visiting the Red Rock area. Because it was so cold, we spent part of the day inside in Golden

on an educational tour. Paul De Boer was our gracious tour guide for the day, or we probably would've gotten lost like we did several times a day on the way to and from our work sites.

Despite some of the scares we experienced while our fearless leader, Matt, was driving, we had a safe and successful week. We were able to help Brothers Redevelopment, a Denver volunteer organization that offers low-cost service to people with low incomes whose houses need painting or fixing. We also were able to form some good friendships, take a much-needed break from schoolwork, and revitalize our faith lives.

VARIED VOICES

South Padre Island, Texas, and the Experiences of a Dordt student

by Joe Addink

I had an interesting experience over spring break. No, I did not go on PLIA (not that PLIA is not a worthwhile thing to do on spring break). I went to South Padre Island, Texas. This may come at the horror of the current administration, but I went. For those who do not know about South Padre, it is a major spring break hangout for colleges all around the nation.

Anyway, this experience I am talking about happened one afternoon when I was sitting around our condo, having a couple cold ones and talking with some people from our condo that we had met the night before at a club.

I was sitting in my bedroom which had a window that connected to the balcony. I overheard a conversation which surprised me, so I went out on the balcony to check it out. On the balcony one of my roommates was talking to a girl named Paige. They were discussing what Christianity is all about. I sat there and listened as my roommate tried to convince her that Christianity is the way to go. She was a very smart girl and a self-proclaimed agnostic. That is, she believes there is a God, but she doesn't want to commit to any particular religion's God. It soon became apparent that she had given her religious standpoint a lot of thought.

She challenged us with questions which were very hard to answer. They revealed to me that living in our little Christian community here at Dordt had left me without the answers to many of these questions. I was forced to sit back and think about things that had never challenged me before. By now, you're probably saying, "Clue me in, what are these questions?" Well, I don't remember. My point is merely that

it happened.

Actually I do remember the questions she asked. The hardest of these questions: how do you know that your God is the real God? After much consideration by my roommate and myself the only answer we could come up with is faith. Not real convincing when you're arguing with an agnostic who had given much thought to her position. I then began to purge deeper. I began exploring if my religion made more sense than any other religion.

This made me wonder if my religion made sense

Would your faith stand up when placed "under fire?" Have you really thought about your religion?

because I have ordered my entire conception of reality around it, as well as my religion would stand up under some critical questioning by an unbeliever?

Would your faith stand up when placed "under fire?" Have you really thought about your religion?

I really wonder if many people really think about their religion when living at Dordt. We have a little community "of people dedicated to growing in the knowledge of God and His Son Jesus Christ, and of God's creation. We seek to apply this knowledge in each person's life as well as in the area of his or her chosen career." Yet, we seem to miss something fundamental in this mission statement ... WHY?

This leads me to take this line of questioning to another

level. What is religion and how does it work in a human being's life? Unless my memory serves me wrong, this was never really discussed in my Theology 101 class. The question seems to be a starting question, not something I should be asking on spring break my senior year. Perhaps this is one of those "unanswerable questions" which we must just assume there is a good answer to. This seems to me to be a cop-out. It is a simple answer to a hard question which, it seems to me, we should all be able to at least start answering.

To me, religion is a thing which is different than any other element in a person's life. It is not something you do. Religion just is. Seems to me that a person is religion. Which makes sense considering God created us for his glory. It is not your specific actions, your specific beliefs about which moral action you should choose under specific circumstance; it is more than that.

It is even more than a "worldview"; it is the essence of a person. I respect what the term worldview is trying to get at when it is defined as "your basic beliefs about things." But, it seems to be missing something. It seems to imply that it is an intellectual thing, but it is more than that. It is also emotional, and relational, as well as intellectual. Religion is your "heart, soul, and mind," and where all three are ordered, not just your intellect. Worldview seems to make little room for the Holy Spirit, which lives in us as Christians.

How do you know your God is the real God? Take a moment and try to answer it. What is religion? How does your concept of religion affect your life?

A culinary journey through town

by Amanda VanDenTop

How many times have you wished there was a restaurant called I Don't Care's when you and your friends were trying to decide where to eat out? There are a total of twelve restaurants in Sioux Center. Such an abundance of restaurants does not make the decision any easier.

If you are in the mood for pizza you have two choices, the Pizza Ranch and Pizza Hut. The Pizza Ranch offers pizza and broasted chicken. It is located in The Centre Mall delivery. If you don't have a way to get there, don't worry — The Pizza Ranch delivers. They are closed on Sundays. The Pizza Ranch handed out coupon books to Dordt students at registration and prints coupons in the Diamond occasionally. The manager of the Pizza Ranch said they enjoy seeing Dordt kids come in, they live the place up.

The Pizza Hut serves pizza as well as a daily buffet for \$3.99, a Sunday buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$4.49, and a medium specialty pizza for \$8.99 for Dordt students. Pizza Hut stays open and offers delivery until midnight.

After the pizza places, come the sit-down family style restaurants. When you are in the mood for a good meal without the rush of the fast-food restaurants there are two places to choose from in Sioux Center. They are the Auto Dine and Sandora's. The Auto Dine has daily noon sandwich specials for \$4.00 and has nightly specials. Dordt students can get an extra 10% off their bills when they show their Dordt I.D.s at the cash register. The Auto Dine serves everything from hamburgers to steaks. Ed Sneller, owner and manager of the Auto Dine said, "It's the best food in town." The Auto Dine also does catering and has a party room for large groups.

The other sit-down family restaurant in Sioux Center is Sandora's. Sandora's is a steak house and lounge. Sandora's offers daily specials for lunch, dinner, and drinks.

This brings us to the fast-food restaurants located in Sioux Center. There are a total of three fast-food restaurants. They are Dairy Queen, Hardee's, and Subway. The Dairy Queen restaurant in Sioux Center is a full brazier Dairy Queen. This

means they have a full line of hot food, ice cream, and ice cream cakes.

The next fast-food restaurant in Sioux Center is Hardee's. The special for Dordt students at Hardee's is 10% off with the card that was handed out at registration. Hardee's is also a good employment opportunity for Dordt students. The incentive plan for their employees who are students is that they offer a \$500 scholarship for books.

The last fast-food restaurant in Sioux Center is Subway. The Subway sells sub sandwiches served on buns baked fresh every day. They have daily and monthly specials. Subway also offers party subs and platters.

This brings us to the miscellaneous category of restaurants. They are Doc's Cafe and Taco John's. Doc's Cafe serves mostly hamburgers, and no steaks.

Taco John's is the other miscellaneous restaurant. This restaurant is a fast-food Mexican restaurant. Taco John's is an excellent employment opportunity for Dordt students.

We now arrive at the category of up-and-coming restaurants in Sioux Center. There are three restaurants that are new to Sioux Center or have changed ownership. A popular Dordt hangout, R.G.'s, has changed ownership and will be turned into a steak house sometime in the future. As of right now, it serves Mexican food Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Holiday Lanes has also gone through an ownership change. It is now owned by Carol Harlow. Their specials for breakfast are \$1.00 and the noon specials are \$3.25. They serve homemade pies, soup, and bran muffins. They have created a new menu that came into effect on April 3. Holiday Lanes would like to emphasize that they are now under new management and ownership and would appreciate our support.

Mr. Art Bleyenburgh is going to be opening a new restaurant at the Sandy Hollow Golf Course. The Sandy Hollow Supper Club will be a family restaurant and steak house and they hope to open the third week in April.

Students meet to discuss gender in the classroom

Purple Martin Update

by Sarah Nieuwsma

The Purple Martin Writing Contest, formerly known as the "Martin Seven Scholarship," is in progress for the 94-95 school year. Supported by the English department, this opportunity was established to recognize and reward excellence in student writing.

The categories open to all Dordt students include fiction, poetry, informal and academic essays. Narrative or personal essay, argumentative or persuasive essay, expository essay, and review or critical essay are the categories open only to freshmen.

"I think it's the consensus of the [English] department," Schaap said in reference to the freshmen-only categories. "I think it's a good thing to have. Every freshman takes a 101 class...it serves as an incentive for freshmen English, and as a point to get people to write...and write well."

A \$100 first prize and a \$50 second prize will be awarded in each of the categories open to all students, and there will be a \$40 first prize in each freshman category (assuming each of the categories gets some—or enough entries).

Members of the English department are working hard to select the winners. The date of awards has not been finalized, but "they promised before the end of the school year," said Schaap.

by John Emshoff

If any of you read the Today last Friday, you saw this announcement: "Research is increasingly showing that men and women think and learn differently. Do you see evidence of this in the classroom? Can or should changes be made to take these different styles into account? How do you think Dordt College would change if the gender makeup of the faculty, administration and board more closely reflected that of the student body? Join a panel of eight students to discuss these and other questions."

Two four-person panels made up of two men and two women students gathered in C160 on Monday and to discuss gender-related issues.

The session was set up somewhat like a debate, where the two panels took opposite points of view. One student from each panel responded to a series of questions. One team was required to maintain the

position that Dordt should attempt to change in one area or another, and the other team was told to defend Dordt's current position and argue to maintain the status quo.

These were not necessarily the personal views of the students on the panels, but they argued for opposite positions to generate discussion and give those who attended something to think about.

Not many students attended the discussion, but those who did found it interesting and thought provoking. A number of students in the audience contributed to discussion as well.

One question that I have heard many students asking about this and other gender forums is "why do we have these this year and not other years? Who chooses the topics? Who is behind the whole

process?"

In an attempt to answer some of those questions, I interviewed Sally Jongsma, a member of the planning committee for the gender forum. She is the editor of the Voice, Dordt's alumni newspaper, and she works in the advancement office in the classroom building.

The gender committee was appointed by Dordt's co-curricular committee after seeing a presentation by

Professor Jake Van Wyk did a presentation about how women are used in advertising.

The co-curricular committee decided something should be done at Dordt to explore how gender differences effect students on campus.

The planning committee this year, according to Sally Jongsma, hopes to "sample a small number of gender concerns." Specifically those

Who is behind the whole process?

Presidential search continues

by Stephanie Dam

As the school year comes to an end, we wonder the future of Dordt College's Presidency. Dr. Hulst under contract through the 1995-96 academic year, but after that who will fill his shoes? No one knows for sure yet, but the Search Committee has been hard at work.

There are twenty-one members of the Presidential Search Committee, representing the faculty, administration, student body, and the Board of Trustees. Of the twenty-one people involved two are female; one is on the Board of Trustees, and the other is a student. Interesting fact, isn't it.

Since last fall, the committee has been following their process calendar which was sent out to the All College Assembly last month. In January 1995, a list of interview questions was final-

ized, and unqualified candidates were eliminated. Originally there were forty-five candidates for the presidency. Those who remained on the list were asked to provide written recommendations from references for the position. In February 1995 the candidate list was reduced to six names or less. They aren't saying which.

Still ahead for the committee in April 1995 is the job of completing the interviewing of the remaining candidates, creating a finalist list of two or three names, and presenting this list to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Board has the authority to reject the list, sending the Committee back to work. The list of finalists will be announced next week, around the 20th or 21st.

If the Board accepts this final list, in September 1995 the finalists will be brought

to campus for separate two day visits involving interviews with various groups and individuals including the faculty, student forum, and the Board. Each visit will be summarized according to campus response to the candidate, allowing the Board to Trustees to make their final selection.

Sadly, no names can be given at this time out of consideration for the candidates' privacy.

Good Friday Service

by Stephanie Brown

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died an unworthy death, Dordt College will sponsor a special Good Friday service. The service will take place after classes in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at 3:15.

Actor Alan Shore will be presenting a piece of drama entitled, "The Chosen Vessel," by John Martin. The piece portrays the Apostle Paul as he walks along the road of faith.

Shore is a Jewish Christian from Washington who uses drama in ministry. He will also be participating in the worship service at Covenant CRC Thursday night and in the Gen 200 class Friday morning at 10:00.

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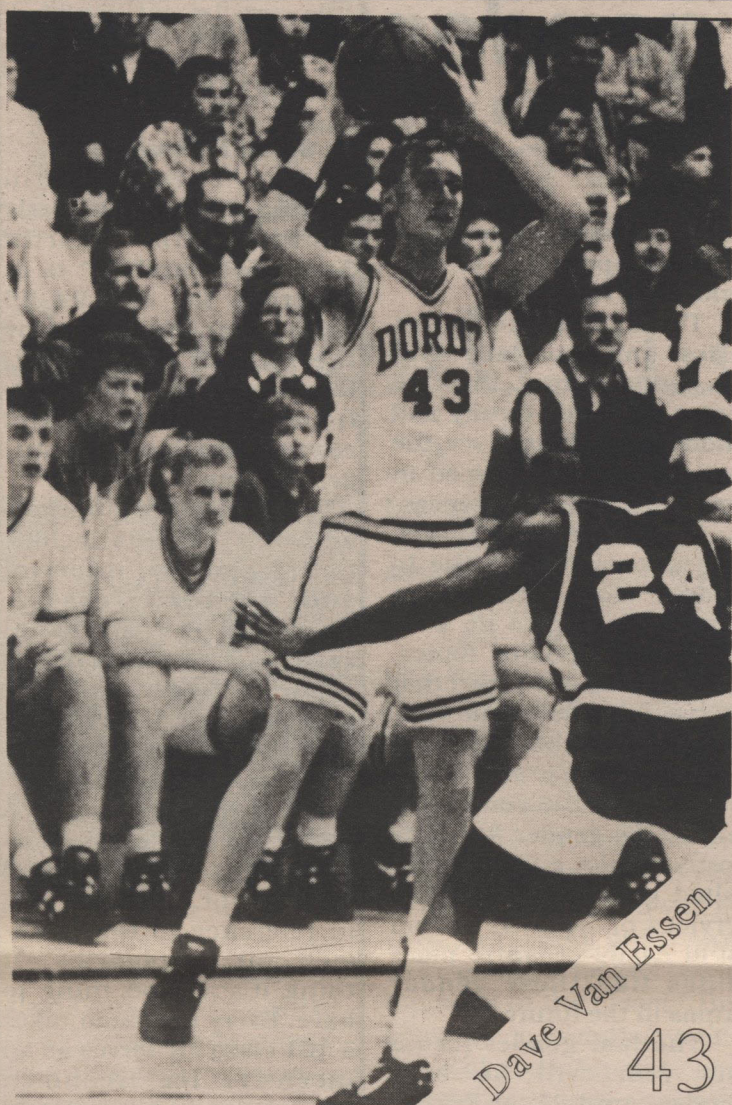
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Standing tall

Senior standout Dave Van Essen has been rewarded for a strong season and career by being named an NAIA honorable mention All-American selection.

Senior forward Dave Van Essen has been named to the honorable mention All-American basketball squad for NAIA Division II.

The 6'6" Van Essen led the Defenders with 15.9 points and 7.3 rebounds a game this season. Van Essen has proved to be a consistent performer for Dordt, leading the team in both scoring and rebounding in each of the last four seasons.

Van Essen also earned a spot on the All-Region team. Individual honors are nothing new to the Sioux Center native, who was All-Region last season and All-District 15 as a sophomore and freshman.

Van Essen winds up his career as a Defender near the top of both the scoring and rebounding lists. He finished third in scoring behind Greg Van Soelen (3104) and Gene Hospers (1627) with 1560 career points. Van Essen also was third in career rebounding following Greg Van Soelen (1123) and Terry Krull (768) with 738 rebounds.

The 1991 Western Christian graduate was also a standout in high school. Van Essen helped lead the Indians to state tournament appearances in '90 and '91. He was named to the all-tournament team his senior year as well as being honored as the 2A player of the year.

Baseball team rebounds

The Defenders posted three wins in five games-mark after spring break struggles left them with a 2-8 record.

The fifth inning of Dordt's baseball season opener was an omen of things to come.

Dordt played well in the early innings of the game, holding Northwestern to only two runs and smashing four runs of their own on back-to-back homers by Heath Oostenink and Tim Roetman. But in the fifth inning, with the bases loaded and one out, a throwing error opened the floodgates. Northwestern scored four runs en route to a 6-5 decision against Dordt. Deflated by the first-game loss, Dordt went down 8-3 in the second game.

The trip to Minneapolis was more of the same, as costly mental and physical errors spoiled decent pitching and strong hitting.

The trip north was highlighted by pitching victories for Jeff Schouten and Kevin Bailey. Mike De Jong provided punch at the plate with an opposite field shot off the Metrodome's "big blue Hefty bag" and a drive to centerfield that hit the 408 ft. sign on the fly. H. Oostenink also hit well in Minneapolis, tallying over one RBI per game for the trip. Dordt came away with a 2-6 "Dome" record and a 2-8 record overall.

Dordt has toughened up since spring break, winning three of their last five. The team will attempt to climb back into a playoff position in the coming weeks, but bad weather may make it tough for the Defenders to earn enough points to make it back to Sioux City.

Dordt 3, Mount Marty 2

Dordt took an early lead in the first game of the doubleheader and held off a late Lancer rally to pick up the one-run victory.

H. Oostenink doubled in the first and scored on a sacrifice fly by Matt Fynaardt after a past ball put him on third. In the fourth, M. De Jong doubled and H. Oostenink walked. Another sacrifice by Fynaardt moved the runners to second and third. Tim De Jong brought home the lead runner on a fly to right and a Ross Bouma single scored the second run of the inning, giving Dordt a 3-0 lead.

H. Oostenink held off a fifth inning rally for the complete game victory. He gave up only five hits in seven innings in knotting his first decision of the year.

Mount Marty 8, Dordt 7

Mount Marty scored first in the second game, taking a 2-0 lead in the second.

Dordt stormed back in the top of the third, scoring six after sending eleven batters to the plate. Dordt held a comfortable 6-2 lead.

The Lancers and Defenders traded a runs in the bottom of the third and top of the fourth to make the score 7-3.

Mount Marty then responded with two runs in the bottom of the fourth and three in the fifth for a one run lead. The Lancers held on to avenge their one run loss in the opener with a one run win of their own.

Chad Feikema started the game, but the loss went to Jason Nikkel in relief.

Mark Vander Giessen talked his bat into a 3-4 performance with run and an RBI. Schouten equalled Vander Giessen's 3-4 hitting. M. De Jong and H. Oostenink had two RBIs each.

Dordt 7, Buena Vista 4

Dordt used early leads in both games of a doubleheader to sweep the Beavers.

The Defenders capitalized on Buena Vista's early control problems. Several walks in the first inning lead to a four run first. Buena Vista answered with a single run in the bottom half of the inning, but trailed 4-1.

Schouten drove in Dave Heinen in the fourth and Randy Lamfers in the sixth for a 6-1 lead.

The game ended 7-4, with Bouma picking up his first college victory after 6 1/3 innings work. Bouma gave up only four hits, but he allowed ten walks.

Heinen was a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate, while Schouten and Fynaardt each placed two hits and two RBIs.

Dordt 7, Buena Vista 5

Dordt again scored seven runs and again trapped the Beavers for the Defenders fifth win.

A five-run sixth was too much for Buena Vista. Seth Oostenink led the offensive charge with two hits and three RBIs. Kevin Bailey rapped three hits and Schouten added two hits of his own.

John Limberg gave up four hits and two unearned runs for the win. Chad Feikema held off a Beaver seventh inning Beaver rally for the save.

Northwestern 1, Dordt 0

Dordt saw its best pitching performance this year but still fell short, losing to Northwestern for the third time in as many games.

Schouten was masterful, scattering five hits and giving up the game's lone run in the sixth. The run was unearned.

Dordt managed only three hits in the loss and dropped to 5-10 on the season.

Softball team shines after stormy start

Defenders come around for five wins in last six games

The Dordt softball team has taken several games to hit stride. Young pitching and tough competition made for a rough beginning for the Defenders.

But since returning from its spring break trip to Kansas City, Dordt has won five of six games, including a sweep of Teikyo Westmar and three wins in four games at the Northwestern tournament.

Dordt 14, TWU 6 (Six innings)

Dordt hosted its first home game of the year and put on a hitting clinic for the Sioux Center crowd, as the Defenders won by the eight-run rule.

Trudy Molendyk scored in the second inning on a Julie Reno single to give Dordt a 1-0 lead.

Teikyo Westmar surprised Dordt with six runs in the third and seemed to be in command, 6-1.

The Defenders took charge, however scoring six of their own in the bottom half of the inning for a slim 7-6 lead. The Dordt barrage included a home run by Kristi Huenink and a double by Sara Bareman.

Dordt did not let up on the Eagles in the fourth, as they added another half-dozen runs to take a 13-6 lead.

The game ended in the sixth inning, as a Bareman single scored Huenink and Dordt won by the eight-

run rule.

Picking up her second victory was Natalie Groninga. The freshman struck out eight as she went the distance for Dordt.

Bareman went 3-3 with three RBIs. Huenink, Kari Vanden Hoek, Jill Van Essen, and Reno all added two hits.

Dordt 9, TWU 5

The second game was a 0-0 tie for the three innings. The Eagles scored two in their half of the fourth and Dordt answered with a single run.

The Defenders took the lead in the fifth as a Bareman double scored two.

Westmar scored in the sixth to tie the game at 3-3, but Dordt utilized its third six-run inning of the day to pull away 9-3.

The Eagles could only muster a pair of runs in the seventh, leaving Dordt a 9-5 winner.

Meredith Kos went six innings on the mound for Dordt and gave up four runs in her second victory. Groninga finished up the final inning for Dordt.

Dordt was lead at the plate by Huenink, who had two hits. The Defenders drew eight walks off of the Eagles pitching staff.

Northwestern Tournament

On April 8, Dordt traveled to Orange City to play in the Red Raider Classic. Dordt faced tough competition and came away with three one run victories.

Dordt 8, Neb. Wesleyan 7

The third inning saw Dordt take a 2-1 lead over Nebraska Wesleyan. Dordt then exploded in the fourth for --you guessed it-- six runs and an 8-2 lead. Reno picked up two RBIs in the inning.

That was all Dordt would need for the victory -- but barely. Wesleyan chipped away at the Defender lead, scoring once in the fourth and twice in the fifth to close the margin to 8-4.

In the seventh, Wesleyan continued its comeback. They scored three runs to cut the lead to one with no one out. Dordt got two quick outs, but allowed Nebraska Wesleyan to load the bases. Starting pitcher Groninga pitched out of the jam, get the final out on a grounder to short.

Groninga went the distance to even her record at 3-3.

Denise Rowe went 3-4 with an RBI.

Dordt 4, Northwestern 3

Dordt scored four times in the first against host Northwestern and

depended on the arm of Meredith Kos to make the lead stick. Kos scattered three runs and gave Dordt the 4-3 victory. The win pushes Kos's record to 3-2.

The Defenders gathered eleven hits, including doubles by Huenink and Van Essen.

Briar Cliff 2, Dordt 1

Dordt played well against a good Briar Cliff team, but could not keep their perfect record of one run victories in tact, losing 2-1.

Robyn Droog reached base on an error and scored the only run for Dordt, who managed only one hit.

Groninga clicked well in seven innings of work, despite taking the loss. Her record moves to 3-4.

Dordt 7, Concordia 6

Dordt finished the day with another one-run win over Concordia of Nebraska.

Dordt took a 5-0 lead, scoring three in the second and two in the third. Dordt added two in the fourth, but Concordia smashed five of their own, cutting the lead to two runs.

Concordia added one more in the fifth, but Dordt again held off their opponent for the 7-6 win.

Kos won her fourth game of the season by working the first four innings. Huenink closed the final three innings.



Kurt Cobain

Ben Christoffels hurdles down the home stretch.

Track teams open with three individual first place finishes

The Dordt College Track team opened the outdoor portion of their season on April 8 in Storm Lake at the Buena Vista Invitational.

Veteran trackster Tereasa Van Zee paced the Defenders with first place finishes in the shot put (43' 2.75") and javelin (117' 1"). Sophomore Matt Howerzyl managed the men's only top finish, taking the 110-meter hurdles (15.67).

Sioux Center plays host to the nine-team Dordt Invitational on Saturday, April 15.

"We're hoping for nice weather for our home meet. We have quite a few teams coming this year and it should be a good meet," says track team member Sonya Jongsma.

Field events start at 11:00 a.m. and running events begin at 12:00 p.m. at Open Space park.

Other finishers for the Defenders:

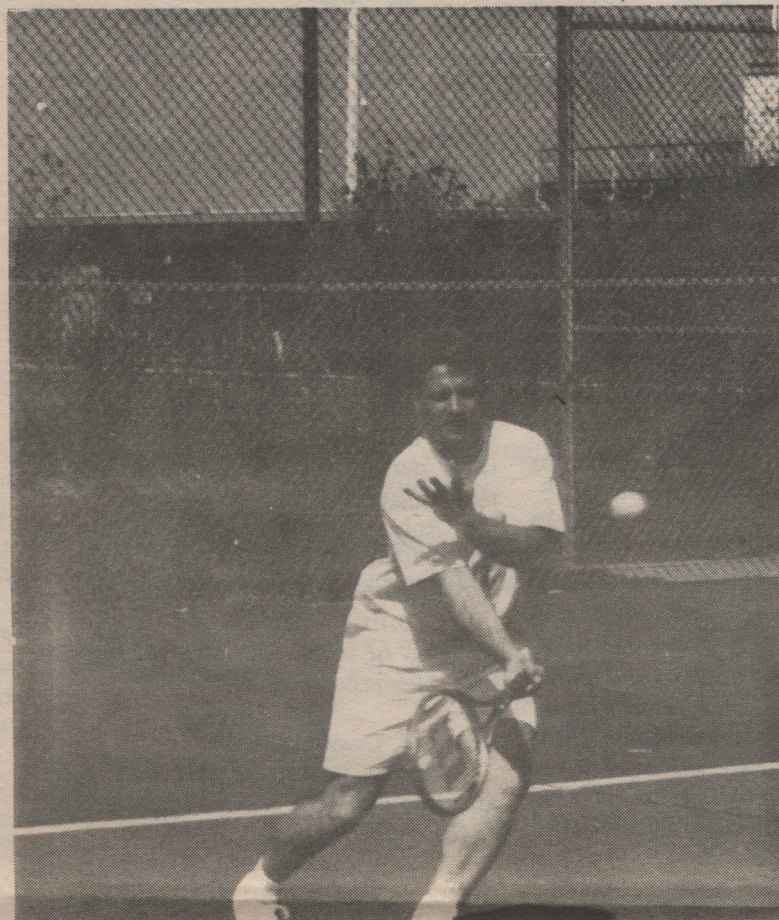
Women

Event	Finish	Time
5000-m run	10. K. Schemmerhorn	20:55.01
3000-m run	8. K. Schemmerhorn	12:34.94
1500-m run	3. Sonya Jongsma	5:02.96
800-m run	5. Sonya Jongsma	2:32.83
400-m dash	10. Christy Phillips	2:50.91
400-m hurdles	6. Diane Shinkel	1:05.26
200-m dash	8. Christy Phillips	1:09.98
100-m dash	7. Mindy Walstra	1:16.41
Discuss	6. Kim Verbrugge	27.36
4 X 400-m relay	6. Kim Verbrugge	13.57
4 X 100-m relay	3. Tereasa Van Zee	121' 8"
	6. Jongsma, Lisa Koning, Walstra, Shinkel	4:32.60
	5. Verbrugge, Julie Rotman, Sjoerdsma, Schinkel	0:52.93

Men

400-m dash	8. Jamie Schiebout	0:53.20
400-m hurdles	4. Ben Christoffels	0:59.20
110-m hurdles	6. Jarret Eshuis	0:16.39
Pole Vault	3. Matt De Kam	10' 6"
Long Jump	6. Matt Howerzyl	19' 1.5"
4 X 400-m relay	6. Schiebout, Jason De Weerd, Schemper, Beukelman	NA

Tennis team looks to continue winning ways



Janice Japlin

The tennis team will rely on the experience of players like Russ Natelborg for leadership.

After winning two of five matches against powerhouse California teams during spring break, Dordt returning home to record victories in its first two regular season matches.

by Derrick Vander Waal

Over the past two seasons, Dordt's tennis team has been one of the most successful sports programs on campus. Dordt looks build on the 7-2 and 8-0 records of the past two seasons with a strong nucleus of experienced returning players and the addition of a key newcomer.

In order to continue the success of recent years, Dordt needs to replace Scott Mawhinney and Tim Natelborg who they lost to graduation. Both of these players have been key components in the starting singles and doubles rotations over the past few seasons. Last season, T. Natelborg and Mawhinney played in the third and fourth singles slots respectively.

The experience of returning players is still Dordt strength as they return their number one (junior Randy Ten Pas) and number two (sophomore George Denisenko) starting singles players. Ten Pas who is number one player for the third consecutive season and Denisenko who is the number two player for the second consecutive season will provide consistency at the top of the starting rotation.

Freshman Brad Veenstra will fill the loss of T. Natelborg at the number three slot. So far, this season Veenstra has been impressive and looks like he is going to be tough to beat at number three.

Four-year starters and seniors Devin Le Mahieu and Rush Natelborg will both move up a slot to fill the four and five spots respectively. Both of these players have been consistent winners in the past, so they will make for a strong middle portion of the singles rotation.

The sixth singles slot appears to be more unclear and the biggest question mark as sophomore Scott Vander Berg, sophomore

Scott De Jong, and freshman Chris Nonhof will all probably see time there. One of these players will have to step up to anchor the bottom the the singles rotation.

The doubles teams will consist of Denisenko and Veenstra at number one, Le Mahieu and Ten Pas at number two, and Natelborg and either Vander Berg, De Jong, and Nonhof at number three. This is another question mark since the doubles teams from last season have been broken up. These players will have to get comfortable with new partners in order to gain some consistency.

"Last year when we came back [from our spring trip], we didn't lose a match," Coach Len Rhoda said. "That's going to be pretty tough [to duplicate] because we've have some tough competition to play. Even though we've have a good nucleus of players, we've just have some question marks mainly in doubles and also how well guys fill in for Scott [Mawhinney] and Tim [Natelborg]."

Over spring break, Dordt traveled to southern California two get in some competition in preparation for the regular season back home. This proved to be one of the better spring trips for the tennis team in recent history as they picked up two victories in five matches.

"It has been always difficult when we go on these tours to win even one match," Rhoda said, "and we were able to pick up two matches this year."

Dordt open up its first two matches of the trip against a powerful Marymount College team which boasted two Davis Cup players from Guyana, a Davis Cup player from Sri Lanka, and the top amateur player last year in the Netherlands. Dordt was soundly defeated in these matches by the scores 9-0 and 8-1 respec-

tively. Denisenko and Veenstra picked up the only win in first doubles.

Dordt easily defeated Biola in its next match, 8-1. Dordt then met up with a team far to powerful for them to handle in the next match against Southern California College which is rated in the top 25 in NAIA. Dordt then convincingly defeated Orange Coast, a large junior college with about a 25,000 enrollment, by the score 8-1. This completed a successful spring trip for Dordt.

"To be able get out there for a week and play all of that tennis and get that type of early competition and early practice is valuable," Rhoda said.

Dordt has recorded two victories since returning home for its regular season. On April 4, Dordt cruised past a Teikyo-Westmar team that is down from past seasons. Dordt's only loss came at number one singles as Ten Pas lost 2-6, 1-6 to the only real superb competition in Teikyo-Westmar's lineup.

"Our singles just had too much depth across the line," Rhoda said.

On April 6, Dordt pulled out a 5-4 victory in a tightly contested battle against arch-rival Northwestern. Dordt opened up with a strong single showing as Dordt took a 4-2 lead with singles victories by Ten Pas, Denisenko, Veenstra, and Vander Berg. Dordt's number one doubles team, Denisenko and Veenstra, clinched the victory by Dordt with a win in doubles.

"Northwestern is a very good team and a very balanced team like ourselves," Rhoda said. "So, they were competitive with us at ever position."

Two matches, against Buena Vista and Teikyo Westmar, have been cancelled because of weather conditions and have been rescheduled for the 29th and 19th of April respectively.

Tennis Schedule

Marymount 9, Dordt 0

Marymount 8, Dordt 1

Dordt 8, Biola 1

Southern Cal. College 9, Dordt 0

Dordt 8, Orange Coast 1

Dordt 8, Teikyo Westmar 1

Dordt 5, Northwestern 4

April 18 vs. Sioux Fall

April 19 vs. Teikyo Westmar

April 21 & 22 Buena Vista

Tournament

April 25 at Sioux Falls

April 29 vs. Buena Vista

May 4, vs. Northwestern