Board chooses Zylstra

Dordt's third president plans 'open door' policy

by Sonya Jongema
Features Editor

When J.B. Hulst retires from his position as Dordt College President, his shoes will be filled by Dr. Carl Zylstra, currently a pastor at Immanuel CRC College.

Zylstra was selected by the Dordt College Board of Trustees to be Dordt's third president, and he will take office in the summer of 1996.

Zylstra is a graduate of Calvin College and earned his master of divinity degree from Calvin Theological Seminary.

He received his doctoral degree in practical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1983.

He has had experience in leadership roles on the boards of a number of different educational institutions and church agencies.

Zylstra and his wife Gloria have three sons, one in high school and two attending Dordt College.

While talking to students about his desire to serve as president, he found that Dordt College was his dream school.

He says he is enthusiastic about Dordt College and the mission for reformed higher education.

While president, Zylstra wants to interact with students and have an open door policy— "both literally and figuratively."

He plans to be involved on campus so he knows how students live and what they need.

Zylstra says his vision for Dordt is to make sure it remains firm to its commitments and stays true to its calling as an academic institution.

The other finalist for the position was Dr. Harry Frennout of Toronto, Canada, currently president of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto.

According to board president Mark Sybesma, both men were excellent, qualified candidates. Sybesma says, "We trust God that the difficult decision we made is a wise and good decision."

Vanderstelts aid Russians in struggle for Christian education

by Kendra Van Dyne
Staff Reporter

During the week of October 16-20, Dr. John C. Vanderstelt and his wife attended a conference sponsored by the Society for the Study of Christian Education.

The SOC aims to promote the understanding of the Russian country and to establish bridges between believers and unbelievers in an effort to piece together the fragments of traditions in education, upbringing, and art.

A wide variety of educational programs are incorporated at the SOC’s spiritual-cultural center including an elementary and secondary school, a religious-philosophical institute, a library, a house of human rights, a studio of Orthodox Church art, and a charity center.

Throughout the past four years, the SOC has sponsored eight international conferences which address such issues as theology and philosophy, education, upbringing, culture, and society and therefore encourage the understanding of varying worldviews.

The most recent conference, held in 1995, had its theme, "Orthodoxy and Calvinism." Dordt’s professor of theology and philosophy, John C. Vanderstelt, was one of 12 guest speakers.

While in attendance, the Vanderstelts witnessed a conflict which arose at the spiritual-cultural center of the SOC, the site of the conference and locale for the Christian School.

In 1991, the Leningrad City Executive Committee and Deputy Commissions transferred the current building site to the SOC for its free and permanent use. However, the Mayor of St. Petersburg, Mr. A.A. Sobshak and Vice Mayor, Mr. Vladimir P. Yakovlev, are trying to force the SOC out of this particular building partly because of pressure by the mafia and partly because they do not agree with the concept of Christian education.

The SOC is attempting, with the aid of international representatives for Christian higher education, to seek acceptance of their endeavor to offer Christian education and maintain their location site, by reasoning with city officials.

Dr. Konstantin Ivanov, the Chairman of the SOC, and his wife Inga, the director of the school, are struggling to maintain the availability of Christian education. Dordt students will have a chance to hear Dr. Konstantin Ivanov when he visits Dordt in January 1996.
Canadians concerned about Quebec vote

Money a major concern for Canadian students

by Scott Hazeu
Staff Writer

Where were you the night of Oct. 30 at around 7:00? If you are a Canadian citizen, you were probably sitting in S108 awaiting the results of Quebec's Referendum vote.

The citizens of Quebec were asked to vote simply yes or no to a single question: should the government of Quebec begin negotiations to make the province of Quebec into a sovereign nation?

For yeas the citizens of Quebec have been debating whether or not they wish to remain a part of Canada or to become a separate, sovereign nation.

The root of the problem can be traced back to the early formation of Canada, when the territory of Quebec joined other territories under a common government and were promised that if it joined, it would be allowed to keep its distinct French culture.

Many residents of Quebec are no longer convinced that they have been allowed to remain a distinct culture, which has sparked past debates and Monday's Referendum.

The Referendum vote was meant to show the government exactly where the people of Quebec stood on the issue.

The results of this vote were of great concern to Canadian students because of the cultural and economic loss that would result should the vote for separation be the majority.

When Professor Krygsman asked what the most relevant issue for students concerning the vote was, the unanimous response was money.

Early projections estimated that the Canadian dollar could drop to as low as fifty cents on the U.S. dollar. Such a drastic drop would mean a doubling in tuition for Canadian students who wish to return to Dordt or any other U.S. school.

These estimations were so grim that some students tried to change some of their Canadian money to American at the business office. but because of the projected drop, they were turned away.

Well, the votes were counted and showed Canada and the rest of the world that Quebec is still undecided.

The No side gained victory by a margin that had to be counted to one tenths of one percent.

A vote that close to even means that the federal government has a lot of unhappy people to deal with, but in the meantime, it also means that Quebec will remain a part of Canada.

The dollar will suffer regardless, but to what extent is yet to be seen. The one thing that is certain is that Quebec is still not content and will continue to make headlines today and in the future.

Quebec: History and information

Quebec timeline

1968 Several political movements favoring independence formed a political party called the Parti Québécois.

1974 Quebec legislature adopted French as Quebec's official language.

1976 Parti Québécois won provincial elections and gained control of the provincial government.

1980 Voters of Quebec defeated a proposal favored by the Parti Québécois that would have given the provincial government the authority to negotiate for independence with the federal government.

1994 Parti Québécois won a majority of seats in Quebec and its leader, Jacques Parizeau, became premier. The new government pledged to work for provincial independence and economic development.

Quebec facts

Quebec is Canada's largest province.

Quebec is the province with the second highest population.

French Canadians make up 80 percent of Quebec's population.

Quebec produces about one-fourth of all the goods manufactured in Canada.

About 25 percent of Canada's people live in Quebec.

Jean Chrétien, the prime minister of Canada, is from Quebec. He favors keeping the country together.

About 24 percent of Canadians speak mainly French.
Students trippin’ in Minneapolis

Theatre and art students enjoy various forms of art and have fun at the same time

by Sarah Blise and Jodie Zwart

On Friday, Oct. 27, 40 Dordt students headed for a weekend of culture in Minneapolis. Even though the trip was sponsored by the theatre department, there were more than just thespians in attendance.

The real fun began with the search for the Jungle Theatre where Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett was playing. Eventually it was found, and we enjoyed a wonderful performance. The play centers around two characters, Vladimir and Estragon, who are waiting for a person named Godot. He never shows up. During their wait, they meet two rather interesting characters named Pozzo and Lucky, Pozzo’s slave. It ends with Vladimir and Estragon continuing to wait. As opposed to the usual depressing performance, the Jungle Theatre took the play and looked for the hope in it.

Instead of committing suicide after the play, we all went and enjoyed a delicious meal at a restaurant called It’s Greek to Me. Exotic flaming foods and Sodanoi and Greek coffee, so thick you could chew it, were the highlights of the evening.

After dinner, the rest of the rainy night was spent running around the streets of Minneapolis, and not one coffee house was open. After a restful two hours of sleep, the authors and a few others awoke early to squeeze as many bookstores in as possible, since there are none in Sioux Center. Three hours later, we headed to the Walker Art Museum and the Guthrie Theatre. There were a few hours until King Lear began, so the authors traversed the museum. Our favorite exhibit was the multimedia display by Georgia Starr, featuring a computer with CD-ROM. Visitors could select different objects in the exhibit and learn more about them. There were also a few songs on the computer, one of which was “You’re the One That I Want” from the Grease soundtrack, which we danced to, causing them to add a whole new dimension to Starr’s exhibit. (A security guard congratulated us.)

Next on the agenda was the Guthrie’s performance of King Lear. Shakespeare and Saturday Night Live mixed for a blood and gore show. Most of the students were disappointed in the performances lack of commitment. There did not seem to be any energy or focus. Fortunately, there were two intermissions to keep us awake.

The ride home was less than raunchurous. The long night and bad performance contributed to the snores coming from the back seat. During the drive home, the biggest excitement was a wild turkey bouncing off of the front window and driving five minutes out of our way for the carsick Jodie.

Former funeral home goes bed and breakfast

by Paula Treick & Stephanie Brown

Perhaps on your travels to Hy-Vee you have noticed something new in Sioux Center: an orange sign with the word “coffee” flashing into your subconscious. On second glance you’ll notice that in place of the old Memorial Funeral Home on South Main Ave. there is now a quaint little bed and breakfast, The Prairie Rose Inn. It is the first of its kind to line the streets of Sioux Center. The house was purchased by Dillie Houtkooper and her husband who, with the assistance of their daughter Julie, have undertaken this renovation.

The Prairie Rose Inn is now open for daytime dining. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., lunch at 10:30 a.m. and coffee, tea, and dessert from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Daytime reservations are available but not necessary. Look out Commons, the Prairie Rose Inn has competitive pricing! For those of us with limited cash flow, the inn is an affordable place to dine while avoiding the less than desirable atmosphere and clientele of Truck Haven. The house is elegantly adorned with rose design wallpaper, lace, and Victorian style decor. After our pie and coffee, we were invited to take a glance at the rooms upstairs. We found the accommodations more than satisfying, should anyone care to refer their parents upon their next visit. Mrs. Treick commented on her stay at the Inn, “I loved the Inn because I could come and go as I pleased and still had the feeling of being in a home. I really enjoyed the no TV! Dillie was most accommodating, treating me more like a friend than a paying customer.” The furnishings are all unique, period antiques from Northwest Iowa. The early pioneer motif is accomplished.

So, whenever the line in the snack bar is too intimidating, try taking in some culture at the Prairie Inn. The dining room is large, so there’s never a wait. We recommend the hazelnut coffee and turtle cheesecake.

PICTURE POLL

Student knowledge of current events
Do you feel cut off from news of the rest of the world here at Dordt? Why or why not?

Seth Tambrini
Freshman
Lansing, Illinois

"Yes I do. I think they should have newspaper vending machines on campus."

Josh Mulder
Junior
Prinsburg, Minnesota

"Yes, because to me, Dordt is a community in itself, so that the news of Dordt is the news of the world. Dordt becomes our world."

Shelley Bouwmeester
Senior
Guelph, Ontario

"Yes, especially as a Canadian I feel cut off, but that has to do more with being out of my country. But I appreciate Dordt’s effort to connect with issues that are going on in Canada, like the Quebec Referendum."

Lennie Klug
Senior
Green Isle, Minnesota

"I do feel cut off, but I think that’s more my fault because I don’t take the time to read the paper or watch the news."

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Is there life outside Dordt?

By Kevin Maas
Staff Writer

Quick quiz: what is happening in the world at the moment specifically, what is happening outside of Dordt College? For example, do you know if the Kosovo ceasefire is holding? Or, did you hear whether or not Quebec is still a province? I hope most Canadians can answer that.

May be you are American, and international news doesn’t turn you on. Could you answer a domestic question, like has the Republican Medicare plan been passed yet? Or, what is the conflict over the Million Man March?

Are these questions on stuff you have heard about before? Perhaps you are in a class that requires you to read about current events. Maybe you joined a club that works with issues in the real world, or you are doing research for a project on some contemporary problem. Possibly you are a person who faithfully watches Peter Jennings every night, or reads Time every week.

If you couldn’t relate to any of the above items, then maybe you could answer another question. Do you feel cut off from the rest of the world here at Dordt College, or don’t you care about the rest of the world? I talked to a number of freshmen during the past week. Nearly all of them felt that they had become insulated from the real world since arriving at college. They were not really sure how they had gotten out of touch, but it had happened somehow.

Most upperclassmen I talked to couldn’t contrast their awareness in high school to that at Dordt, but many also noticed their isolation. Time after time, people said, “I try to watch the news and read the paper, but I don’t get around to it.”

Whether or not you feel like college severs your connection to the world, or even if you don’t care, I believe that you should be concerned. If a Dordt student forgets about a dynamic outside world during four or more years of isolation in northwest Iowa, he or she will emerge to find that things have changed. I have tried to figure out why this can happen and what can be done about it.

There seems to be several things that can cause an overwhelming student ignorance of external happenings. The first is location. Dordt, being 250 miles from anywhere, isn’t the best place to keep a finger on the pulse of the country. This is one area where I have to admit that there is an advantage to Dordt. Location has also affected the makeup of the student body, which definitely cannot be characterized as diverse. It is tough to have a good discussion when most everyone agrees with you. In the same way, someone could not know there is a Sioux County, and scream, “Abortion is wrong!” until he was hoarse and I doubt anyone would argue with him.

My uncle was at Calvin during part of the 1960’s, and my father was at Dordt during that same period. My uncle, who witnessed some of that era’s unrest at Calvin, noticed that the 60’s pretty much passed over Dordt entirely. Things have changed, but we are still out in the corn and that isn’t going to change.

The limitations of Dordt’s location can be overcome, but there are other things that make this tough. The pressures of college studies squeeze all areas out of people’s schedules except the ones they deem essential. Here in Dordt’s protected environment, keeping up on world news is not something that many people give priority to. Reading some obscure article for a class is usually far more important.

Then there is just plain apathy. I often see students who don’t really care about it, it isn’t worth knowing about. Apathy is the thing that really kills. How many people realize it or not, the news from outside of Siouxland can profoundly affect them.

I’ll give some examples of plausible events that would affect people at Dordt. Not far in the future, Congress cuts student loans. Half of the money that people receive or not, the news from outside of Siouxland can profoundly affect them.

The above scenario probably won’t occur, but I hope you can see the way this can happen and what can be done about it.

The Editor’s MID!
Letter to the Editor

Environmentalist speaks out

Dear Editor,

I am saddened to see the ecological destruction of our campus for project 2000. Do not take this as a disagreement with the plans for project 2000. My concern is with nature's destruction. I understand the place for the new gymnasium was chosen carefully and some large trees were in the way. What do you do with large trees when they are in the way? Cut them down? Wrong approach!

My question, which I can guess the answer to, is this: is Dordt replacing the trees somewhere else? No! Dordt does not have to cut down the trees; they could have transplanted them. Yes, it would have been more work but it would have saved part of God's creation.

Dordt teaches us to be concerned with our role in a Christian community and our impact on the world. Why doesn't Dordt start showing its concern on campus? Dordt supports being good stewards of the earth and enforces this idea in many science classes and to environmental majors, but it seems to fall in acting it out. Taking away several large healthy trees, that add oxygen to the atmosphere, to put up a building that doesn't benefit the earth seems anti-environmental to me.

We live in Iowa; there is a shortage of trees around. To many people, the trees help to remind them of home or some just enjoy looking at them. What kind of message is Dordt trying to tell us? That expansion and growth is more important than nature?

Melinda Conklin

Letter to the Editor

Violent acts show disrespect

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the article in the last Diamond concerning the random acts of violence and destruction on our campus. First of all, it is hard for me to believe that someone could possibly desecrate and ruin an art piece that is being put on our campus in celebration of Dordt's fortieth anniversary.

I can't understand what the point could possibly be. Does it make this person cool or more of a man or a woman, if he or she can ruin something that a person has worked on for such a long time and has spent countless hours preparing for its unveiling? It doesn't make any sense to me whatsoever.

This is a Christian campus (emphasis on the word 'Christian'), and we are called by God to respect our neighbors, and this includes our neighbors' property. I call them our neighbors because we live in a community, and we should respect others' feelings as well as their property. I understand that it has not been proved that this destructive person is a student at Dordt, and I really hope it is not.

Another thing I would like to address is the upsing me the most is the senseless killing of a cat. What in the world did that cat do to that big human that could possibly upset this person enough to drop a cat from a roof three times until the poor creature is dead? And burning the whiskers before deciding to kill it? As it said in the first letter to the editor, it is God's creature, he created it, and he says it is good. What gives you the right to say it is not good, burn it, and throw it off the roof until it is dead? I'm sorry but unless you have not heard, what you did is illegal, as well as immoral. I would like whoever you are to think about this, put yourself in the cat's position, and imagine yourself looking down to the ground from three stories up, and the huge hands that are holding you let go. How would you feel?

Pet Westerbeek IV

Freshmanity by Seth Koerner

Another mildly breezy day on Dordt's campus.

Chuvack by Laryn Bakker

Do you have any ideas, thoughts, or opinions that you feel the need to express? If so, type them up and mail them to DC 116 today!
Variety of events highlights week

by Marla Kamerman
Copy Editor

Last Thursday, the twenty black-clad and white-faced Dordt students were not masquerading for Halloween, nor were they merely trying to get attention. According to Matt Sharpe, one of the North Hall RA's who organized Alcohol Awareness Week, "The purpose of the 'corpses' was to drive home the serious consequences that alcohol use and abuse can have.

Despite the speculations heard around campus, the number of "corpses" did not represent the number of people who will die in alcohol-related car accidents or the percentage of Dordt students who will grow up to be alcoholics. The alcohol awareness committee arrived at the numbers by taking the percentage of Americans who are alcoholics and applying that to Dordt's campus. But the actual number of 20 students was drastically understated, because according to the committee's research, approximately 7 percent of Americans are alcoholics, which would have been equal to 86 "dead" students. But the real point of the walking "corpses" was to make the effects of alcohol real to Dordt students by seeing these effects—namely, death—manifested in their peers and friends.

The students pretending to be dead also learned from the experience. Not being able to interact with other people for an entire day was described as depressing and lonely. Brenda Nyhof, one of the "corpses" said, "It really impressed on me how valuable life is, and that life is not worth risking for alcohol."

Another objective of Alcohol Awareness Week was to give students an opportunity to discuss alcohol concerns with Mark Christians, as well as with their peers. A question and answer forum had been scheduled for last Thursday night in the North Hall lounge, but because of poor publicity, it was canceled. However, another discussion time is being planned for next semester.

When the organizers of Alcohol Awareness Week originally proposed this event to the campus drug prevention committee, it was titled, "Alcohol Action Week." The name was later changed, because the week of Oct. 23 was the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. But that title is not completely appropriate, because as Sharpe said, "We know everyone's aware of alcohol—we wanted to do something."

Do something they did. They wanted to show—not simply say—that a good time does not require alcohol. The North Hall RA's proved that by throwing a phenomenally successful (and free) dance on Friday night. Originally planned for Sandy Hollow, the dance had to be moved to the SUB because of rain. However, the relocation did not diminish attendance—Sharpe estimated that throughout the course of the evening at least 500 people came in. The food and services were provided by donations and funding by different companies and campus groups.

Alcohol Awareness Week was not really directed to those who consistently and excessively drink, though Mark Christians and everyone else involved are always available to help anyone who struggles with a drinking problem. Nor did it aim to make the teetotalers who never have and never will touch a drop feel self-righteous. Alcohol Awareness Week was primarily addressed to students in between the extremes who are struggling with peer pressure or who are actually ignorant of the disastrous results the abuse of alcohol can create. Drunk driving is not the only negative repercussion—heart disease, liver failure, and blood poisoning are just a few of the other possible physical effects. The week focused on prevention and the reality that alcohol can be a serious matter, both for innocent victims and potential alcoholics.

The North Hall Resident Life staff would like to thank the following groups for contributing to Dordt's Alcohol Action Week: Snapple, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, Jim Hoogland, Resident Life Staff, Carrie Foods, Theatre Arts, Inter-Varsity, Student Services, North, East, West, & East Campus Hall Counsellors, Calen Moerman and Jason De Goed, HI-FI and Friends, Dr. Williams and Dr. DeSmith.
In abuse, not proper use

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responsibility by giving them freedom to act as 
adults within the academic community of the 
In fact, many of the goals of the 
conduct policy support this idea, most notably 
number two, which seeks to "encourage stu-
dent responsibility by holding them account- 
able for their own actions."

These are good and noble goals that I 
wholeheartedly agree with. However, while 
Dordt pays lip service to placing the burden of 
responsibility on the students, its policy on 
alcohol does just the opposite. Dordt's support 
of an alcohol-free campus takes the responsibil-
ity of alcohol upon its own shoulders and 
denies students and staff of legal drinking age 
the "freedom to act as adults" and as role mod-
els in this community. I think that almost 
everyone would agree that we certainly could 
use some more positive role models in this 
community where alcohol is involved.

I see a double standard when Dordt 
believes that I have the preparation and 
responsibility necessary to go into a classroom 
and educate the children of this community, 
yet, by the same measure, I am not equipped 
with the responsibility to know when enough is 

enough when alcohol is concerned. Gen 300 
tells me that I have a worldview that I need to 
be aware of, evaluate, and take ownership of. 
This is another statement which I will sub-
scribe to, but while I am told that my worldview 
and personal accountability are subject to every 
area of life, I learn right away as a freshman 
that alcohol isn't one of those areas, at least 
not while I'm on campus.

The alcohol-free policy on this campus 
may not be the most effective or consistent 
point of legislation, but it does make us aware 
that the institution's interests lie. My research 
showed that if you were caught stealing a street 
sign here in town it would be considered third 
degree criminal mischief, which carries a maxi-
mum penalty of a $5,000 fine and three years 
in prison. Dordt considers this a level II. On the 
other hand, if you came home after a long hard 
work study shift on an unusually hot August 
September afternoon, sat on the sofa, cracked a 
cold one and were busted by the beer police, 
you would receive a level III. At first this may 
seem ridiculous, and it is considered ridiculous 
by those outside of our Christian community, 
but this policy demonstrates that the adminis-
tration recognizes the dangers of alcohol (which 
take priority over heinous crimes like street 
sign stealing) and, with student safety in mind, 
have sought to do something about it. The stu-
dent body should realize the administration's 
initiatives and good intentions and applaud 
them for their efforts to put students and their 
safety first. At the same time the administration 
needs to recognize that this campus is far from 
being "alcohol-free" and that their policy is inf-
fective. They, like many administrations, need 
to accept that you cannot change social pat-
terns and attitudes by simply laying down the 
law or changing the rules. As my education 
classes here at Dordt have taught me, there is 
big difference between telling people what to do, 
and showing them what to do.

Positive examples in my life have shown 
me that alcohol brings with it responsibility, 
just as many aspects of our lives do. Prayer, 
homework, cars, food—these are all good and 
useful things that require responsibility and 
that can easily be abused. The example of fam-
ily, faculty, and yes, even friends, has brought 
me into contact with many responsible atti-
dudes toward alcohol and has allowed me to 
develop my own sense of responsibility regard-

ing alcohol and the issues that surround it. 
These role models have taught me that having 
a couple beers with some friends in front of 
Monday Night Football, or swapping educational 
philosophies with a faculty member/friend over 
a few drinks, are not issues worth a level III, 
risking dismissal and interrupting an educa-
tional career.

I am not going to use the insignificance 
and innocence of these examples to speak out 
against the current policy, saying the punish-
ment should fit the crime, because the argu-
ment can go both ways. If a group of responsi-
ble people having a few drinks really is inno-
cent and insignificant and not worth a level III, 
then those of us who claim to be responsible 
consumers of alcohol should live up to what we 
say, proving our responsibility by simply obey-
ings the policy. Part of the reason the policy is in 
effect in the first place, is because somewhere 
along the line someone lacked responsibility. 
Show your responsibility in this area by obey-

ing the policy, whether you agree with it or 
not, or else you are undermining your own purpose 
and beliefs. Whether you are getting caught or 
not, when you defy the policy you are depriving 
those around you of the example and role 
model that you had when you formed, or 
reformed, your attitudes toward alcohol. Keep 
Romans 14 prayerfully in mind so that you will 
be more Christ-like and not become a stum-
bling block to those around you.

The policy may not change attitudes, but 
through positive examples of responsibility, the 
student body can change its attitude from with-
in. Then we can serve our community by exam-
ple in yet another area and there will be no 
more need for the current legislation. Idealistic? 
Yes, but as Christians the way we aim to live 
our lives can quite easily be characterized as 
idealistic, and that has never before stopped us 
from striving to glorify God with all our lives. 
Regardless of the ineffectiveness of the Student 
Conduct policy on alcohol, Alcohol Awareness 
Week can be an expression of a responsible 
atitude towards alcohol that can be seen on 
this campus everyday and not just the annual 
listing of statistics and restating of the problem.

Janeen Wassink
Artistic duo displays talents

by Adele Koekkoek
Staff Reporter

They've worked with their hands, bodies, minds, pens, and paper. And in the next few months, lots of people will experience their efforts.

Next weekend, Nov. 10 and 11, two student-written performances will be held at the New World Theatre.

"Finding Center" is created and performed by Mark Du Mez. He says the production is experimental, and he hopes people will want to join in the experiment. "I hope they laugh a lot, because that's what it's about," says Du Mez. "And I hope it moves people in their souls, because it can do both."

Along with producing "Finding Center," Du Mez also designed the set for "The Bookworm," which was written by Henry Bakker.

Bakker won't be performing in his play, but he is giving input in the production. "We bounce ideas off each other," he says of his relationship with the director and the actors.

CD Review: Lisa Loeb and Nine Stories: "Tails"

Riding on the success of her mega-hit "Stay" from the Reality Bites soundtrack, Lisa Loeb has finally put out her own full-length album. Although she blundered by selecting "Stay" as the last track on Tails, this effort is actually pretty good.

Loeb's voice and guitar-playing abilities are as evident as they were on the Bites soundtrack. In the first single, "Do You Sleep," her voice soothes the ears: tempting, caressing, tantalizing. The songs have a tame, Alanis Morissette-esque, quality to them, although I wouldn't call it a quality thing. It is more of a timid tearing up of the male race.

Neato, but it's been done. Lyrics like, "I don't know, and I don't care/ If I never see you again," have been done over and over and over again. Redundant, Yeo.

These inadequacies are forgivable for the simple reason that the music on this album is quite pleasing. The violins on "Hurricane" are a nice touch. They compliment Loeb's melodic voice perfectly. The drums and bass lay down a solid rhythm, while Loeb's acoustic guitar mixes well with the electric. The heaviness of "Alone" is a nice touch. But the real treats on this album are the tunes with just Lisa and the acoustic complimenting one another.

All in all, the album is a decent one, especially for a "debut." Loeb's voice sounds like she has four or five albums under her belt.

As for putting "Stay" on the album: a smart marketing scheme, but one can be sure that she had another song in her repertoire that we haven't heard before.

Whur funny: Comedy league gets laughs

by Dirk Zwart
Staff Reporter

The Comedy League has been flying high on new-found wings this year. There is no one thing that can account for this, but the reality is that when people go to Comedy League, they are sure to laugh at stuff that is high-quality, funny bone funny.

Even though Comedy League started only last year, it has experienced incredible growth for just an activity on campus. The reason for this success stems from the League's fundamental belief to have fun with the games. Rebekah Sanford has been heading up the Comedy League since a year ago. Sanford says that this is now possible because they have paid off the debts incurred while setting up the League and now are able to put the money to good use. The League hopes to purchase more materials, including some additional stage pieces to give the teams more room to move. The $1 entrance fee for almost two hours of original and side-splitting humor is well worth it.

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**Campus Calendar**

by Katie Dekker
Assistant Editor

Nov 3: The travelogue "Irland" by cinematographer Ken Creed begins at 7:30 p.m. in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. Tickets are $3 for adults, $2.50 for senior citizens and $2 for all students.

Nov 4: The Gonzalez Family will perform in the B. J. Haan Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 in advance, $7 at the door.

Nov 8: Ken Medema performs in the B. J. Haan Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7.50.

Nov 9: Dr. George M. Marsden, Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, will speak at the President's Convocation at 10:50 a.m. in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. His lecture is titled, "The Christian College and the Culture of the American University." Admission is free.

Nov 10 & 11: The Theatre Department presents An Evening of Original Works, featuring Henry Bakker's "The Bookworm" and Mark Du Mez's "Finding Center" in the New World Theater at 8 p.m.

Nov 10-Dec. 31: The Dordt College art gallery (located on the second floor of the B. J. Haan Auditorium) will feature a collection of works by Art Professors Jo Alberda and Jake Van Wyk. The show is titled, "New Work" and includes sculpture, quilts, drawings, and some "in progress" work of Van Wyk's sculpture "The Gift." The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Nov 11: A group of students will take a trip to the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minn. Interested students should see Nancy behind the switchboard. There is room for 50 people. Cost is $25; first come, first serve.

Nov 14: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (formerly the Sioux County Orchestra) will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature several "outstanding young musicians" from the area. Admission is $3 for students, $7.50 for adults, or $18 per family.

**Overheards**

"On the day of my grandmother's funeral, because she died..."
--Erin Vander Schaaf.

"Well, I'm just a weenie."
--Kurt Vos when asked if he had the guts to grow a beard.

"Make a right-hand turn to the left."
--Prof. Carl Fictorie instructing the Chem 103 class how to behave like gas molecules.

"It was my academic hormones."
--Tim Huizenga after getting caught watching a movie for English in East Hall with only girls.

"Just call me toots."
--Sarah Gunst.

"I hate wet rain."
--Maarten Vander Stoel comments on the weather.

"I would have made a poor cave dweller--I can't draw stick figures very well."
--Gwen Alberda.

"That's like putting a ham sandwich in every issue because people are too lazy to go to the fridge and make one."
--Ryan Vander Plaats refuting the argument that World News should be in the Diamond because it's the only international news some students get.

"I wanted to do it wrong but I accidentally did it right."
--Kris Tukker discussing an Engineering problem set.

"It is so anti-Christian, it's not even funny."
--Libby Kragt, dreaming of a land called Narnia.

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Women peaking for playoffs

by Dan Harmelink
Sports Editor

As conference tournaments approach, the Dordt volleyball team is pushing its game to an even higher level. The Lady Defenders are ranked 14th nationally and have propelled their record to 27-10, including a perfect 11-0 record on their home court.

The Lady Defenders displayed their home court dominance at the Dordt Tournament on Parents’ Weekend. In a tournament featuring Northwestern College and Hastings College, ranked ninth and 25th respectively, the Dordt women ran away with the championship.

Janna Bouma and Joy Veenstra received all-tournament honors for their excellent play, but based on Dordt’s commanding performance throughout the tournament, the all-tournament team could have very well been made up exclusively of Lady Defenders.

Riding the momentum of their first place finish in the Dordt tournament, the Lady Defenders headed to Sioux City to take on a rugged Morningside team which was ranked 13th in NCAA Division II.

Dordt managed to grab an 8-7 lead before lackluster Dordt play took its toll and Huron seized game two 15-12.

The Lady Defenders’ unspired play continued into game three as Huron battled out to an 11-10 lead. Dordt then regained the level of play which has made it 14th in the nation as the team won game three 15-12, and then jumped out to a 9-0 lead in game four. Huron fought back, but the Lady Defenders closed out the match with a 15-10 victory in game four.

Leading the Lady Defenders on the attack was Kristi Holland with 19 kills, while Joy Veenstra added 15. Kim Van Kley collected 44 assists in setting up her teammates.

Tuesday night the Dordt women again faced an NCAA Division II opponent in Wayne State. The Wildcats had swept the Lady Defenders earlier in the season so Coach Patty Timmermans’s squad was hungry for a little revenge.

After the Lady Defenders finished inciting food riots in the stands by heaving Halloween candy into the crowd, game one got underway with a scary scene.

The Dordt men finished setting up their attack was Kristl Hofland with 19 kills, while Joy Veenstra added 15. Kim Van Kley collected 44 assists in setting up her teammates.

Freshman setter Kim Van Kley passes the ball in a SDIC win over Huron College.

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Cross country teams set for final conference clash

by Dan Harmelink
Sports Editor

In a final tune-up before the South Dakota conference co-ed cross country championships this Saturday in Mitchell, South Dakota, the Dordt College cross country teams journeyed to Storm Lake on Friday, Oct. 20.

The Dordt women finished fourth, led by the outstanding effort of Sarah Plum who finished second overall. In fact, Plum became the first runner from the SDIC conference to defeat Dakota State’s Marje Parker and Plum finished only two seconds behind Amy Hansen, who also hasn’t lost to anyone besides Parker this season.

Plum’s time was 19:08 while Becky Van De Griep finished 16th in 21:02. Following Plum and Van De Griep was Cathy Palmer in 20th, Heidi Vanden Hoek in 26th, Mary Van Gemmen in 28th, and Kristin Schemelhorn and Christine Phillips in 37th and 38th respectively.

Sioux Falls captured the women’s title with 48 points, Simpson finished with 78, Dakota State with 79, and Dordt with 82. Buena Vista and Mt. Marty brought up the rear.

On the men’s side, Jason DeWeed led the Defenders with a 22nd place finish in a time of 27:57. Close behind DeWeed was Matt Oostra in 24th, while Micah VandeMerak placed 22nd, Peter Simmons 35th, Mike Aldrink 49th, Todd Schepner 54th, and Chad Van Ginkel who crossed the finish line in 60th.

The Dordt men finished sixth as the University of Sioux Falls took the men’s title with a score of 39.

In preparing for the conference meet this Saturday, the Dordt’s women’s team received a huge boost with the news that injuries to teammate Jongsma will be running in the conference meet.

If Jongsma can return close to her mid-season form, the Dordt women may very well turn some heads at the conference meet.

Blades drop the puck on their 1995-96 campaign

by Martin Dam
Hockey Guy

The Dordt Blades opened their season on Oct. 20 against the USD Coyotes. This was a tough way to start the season, and although the final score (a 6-2 loss) didn’t indicate it, Dordt played quite well.

The Blades came out overly aggressive in the first period, and spent most of it trying to kill penalties. USD took advantage of its many power plays to score four times, taking a 4-0 lead into the first intermission.

Dordt managed to regroup during the break, and played evenly with the Coyotes for the rest of the game. It was a rough, hard-hitting contest. Second-year player Anthony Minderhoud seemed especially aggressive, hitting everything that moved.

Freshman defensemen Brent Smeenk earned his first goal as a Blade with an end-to-end rush and a pretty finishing move to beat a talented USD goaltender. Fellow freshman Mark Beckering was the other goalscorer, managing to get in alone and score with a nice move.

For most of the first-year Blades, this was their first experience in intense, full-contact hockey, and it took them a little while to get used to it.

Jeff Smeenk put it best, “It was kind of like being thrown into a lion’s den. But the fan support made it all worthwhile.”

Goalie Erick Janssen, who made a number of eye-popping saves, agreed. “We seemed intimidated on Friday, but we lost the jitters on Saturday and played much better.”

Nearby every player I talked to complained about being sore from Friday, but the team definitely played much better on Saturday, although they came up a little short and lost 7-5.

Wayne Feelies was all over the ice, netting a pair of goals with rocket shots from the slot, and playing a sound physical game. Mike Wildeboer also scored twice, and Jeff Smeenk put in a break-away.

Last week the games in Sioux Falls were cancelled for unknown reasons. This weekend we’ve got home games in Worthington against Southwestern State University. Game times are Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The players really appreciate good crowd support, so do your best to get out there.
Defenders fire through season into playoffs

The men's soccer team finished its season last Saturday afternoon with a win over Northwestern. The victory gave the Defenders a season mark of 12-4-4 and a #2 seed in the post-season tournament. The Defenders finished up their last six regular season games with a 5-0-1 record.

After passing North Central 4-0, Dordt took on Westmar in Le Mars. The home team jumped out early, knocking in two first-period goals. But the defense put the clamp on Westmar, as the Defenders came back in the second half.

Eric Vander Mey put in a goal on a free kick and Eric Van Riessen found the net after a pass from Mark Memmelaar to knot up the score. Regulation time slipped into overtime, but neither team could score. At the end of overtime, the score was 2-2, as the game ended in a tie.

Dordt was held to only seven shots on goal as Westmar fired away with 11. But keeper Kevin Caspersen collected nine saves to preserve the tie.

The Defenders then hosted Nebraska Wesleyan for the first home game in three weeks. Despite the cold and windy conditions, Dordt's soccer-hungry fans showed up for the game. The soccer men slowly warmed up into a high-powered offensive machine as they won 5-0.

Freshman Sid Van Galien knocked in the lone goal in the first half, as Dordt held the early lead. In the second period, the Defenders erupted for four more goals to put the game on ice.

Dan Oppeneer found the net twice in the first period as they cruised to the win. Oppeneer and Vander Mey both knocked in unassisted goals in the first half. That was all Dordt needed, as it coasted to a 2-0 victory.

The Defenders dominated the game, as the defense held Westmar to only three shots on goal. The offense fired away with 16 shots on goal. Caspersen picked up three saves and another shutout win.

Last Saturday, Dordt hosted the Raiders from Northwestern to wrap up the season. The two rivals battled evenly through both halves of regulation. Finally, in overtime, Dordt cracked Northwestern's defense and scored.

With time winding down in the overtime period, Aron Hoff crossed the ball to Wilgenberg. The senior knew what to do, and he hit it hard to give Dordt the first score.

In the second period of overtime, the Defenders added another goal to seal the game. Keith Hendricks took a pass from Van Riessen and knocked it home for a 2-0 lead. Northwestern couldn't break the Defenders as time expired and Dordt took the win.

The offense finished up with 19 shots on goal, while the Raiders were held to only three for the entire game. Caspersen collected three saves for his 11th shutout of the season.

Dordt hosted the University of Mary Wednesday on a cold, cloudy day. It had warmed up enough over the previous night for the snow to melt off the soccer field. By the time the game was over, the field was a muddy mess, as Dordt pulled away with a 4-2 victory.

First period action was cold as the weather. Neither team could find the net, as the score at halftime was tied at nil.

But in the second half, both teams caught fire. Mary headed in a goal three minutes into the period to grab the first lead. Dordt answered a minute and a half later, as Oppeneer knocked in a goal. But the visitors hit the net five minutes later to retake the lead, 2-1. The Defenders followed up with another goal, as Hendricks scored on a pass from Gerrit Brouwer.

Thirty-five minutes into the second half, Dordt took its first lead of the game. Wilgenberg passed the ball to Van Riessen, who knocked it through traffic and into the net.

The Defenders added an insurance goal a couple minutes later to ice the game. A corner kick, the visitors knocked the ball back into the corner. The Defenders promptly lined up and reared, as Mitch Schreurs caught up with the ball in front of the goal and knocked it home. Action stayed exciting, but neither team scored again, as Dordt won 4-2.

Dordt saw great team play as Oppeneer, Hendricks, Van Riessen, and Schreurs all found the net. Brouwer, Vander Galien, and Wilgenberg (2) also collected assists. Dordt dominated, unleashing 24 shots on goal. Caspersen picked up three saves, as Dordt's record improved to 13-4-4. The Defenders' next game will be Saturday.
Dance features
Christian music
by Sarah Nieuwma
Staff Writer

Last Friday night the Sandy Hollow Bash was held in the SUB due to the cold weather. Organized by the North Hall R.A.'s, the dance was the last of the campus activities planned for Alcohol Awareness Week.

The planning committee decided on an all-Christian selection of music. "We wanted to show people that Christianity really can be fun," Joel Ver Velde, North Hall R.A., said of this decision. "It was partly because Calen was the DJ, and it’s his philosophy to only use Christian music. We agreed that it would be fun—I'm glad we did."

"I didn’t think that it would go over really well because it was all Christian music," sophomore Paul Shupe said, "but the Christian music was really good, and lots of people showed up." Junior Brian Vos said of the dance, "I thought it was really cool that there were so many people there. About the music—I’ve heard a lot of good things about it. I kind of thought there should have been a little more variety than just all Christian, though it wasn’t necessarily bad. The food was really good... .there was a lot of good participation."

Dr. Williams helped with the fusing of the 600 (or more) frozen hamburgers. The line for food was long and cold, but the Snapple and hot chocolate were readily accessible, and it was all free.

Several times during the night the music stopped, and the food-eating contest carried on as people bid on how many bites it would take them to eat the selected food. Some instances include a cheese block in four bites, two Ho Hos in three bites, and a pickle in one bite. "I won no prizes," participant Lisa Pool said of the contest. "I won two rounds by forfeit, and then in the finals Heathar Van Dorp outbid me to eat a whole angel food cake in three bites. It was impressive."

Impressive pretty well sums it all up.

Volleyball:
of its own as freshman outside hitter Angela Vos fell to the ground with a sprained ankle. It was a fairly serious sprain, but Vos is expected to return in a week or two.

After making line-up adjustments, Coach Timmerman's team came out very aggressively and vaulted to a 7-1 lead. Wayne St. then rallied to pull within one point at 9-8, but the Lady Defenders regained their composure and, with a kill by Joy Veenstra, closed out game one 16-14.

Dordt came out very sluggish in game two and found itself down 11-1. The Lady Defenders made a meager comeback but lost game two 15-6 to even the match at one game apiece.

The Dordt women also struggled in game three as they fell behind 6-2 and were never able to recover, losing the game 15-12.

The Lady Defenders pulled it together in game four as they dominated from the outset and cruised to a 15-2 win.

Next was decisive game five. The only other time Dordt had gone five games this year was in the amazing marathon victory over Northwestern. But could they do it again?

Neither team led by more than three points throughout the entire fifth game. Facing their first home defeat of the season, the Lady Defenders found themselves down 13-10. Two clutch aces by Janna Bouna and a kil by Kristy Holford erased this deficit and knotted the game at 13. Dordt once again displayed its home court savvy and scratched out a 16-14 win to finish its three games to two victory over Wayne State.

Commenting on Dordt’s victory, Coach Timmerman said, “It was really nice to come back and beat them. Also, going a full five games like that is good preparation for tournaments, especially because we have won both of the five game matches we have been in this year. That will give us confidence in the future.”

The Lady Defenders finish up the regular season with matches at home on Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 1:30, and from there look ahead to the conference tournament which will be held at Dordt on Nov. 10 and 11. Dordt earned the privilege to host the tournament because of its first place standing in the conference.

Coach Timmermans stated that the winner of this conference tournament and possible at large bids on national ranking will advance to the regional tournament in Mitchell, South Dakota on Nov. 17 and 18. She also remarked that even if Dordt should lose in the conference tournament, the Lady Defenders will most likely advance to the regional tournament in an at large bid based on their national ranking and their success in the regular season.

Reflecting on the Lady Defenders as they gear up for the playoffs, Coach Timmermans concluded, “I think we are definitely peaking at the right time, and I am very excited about where we are as playoffs approach.”


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