Homecoming:
Bringing the community together

by Karla Kamp

Dordt's Homecoming proves to be much more than alumni coming to their home campus, it will be an opportunity to involve the entire Dordt community -- students, faculty, and supporters.

The pillars of Homecoming still remain -- the Alumni Chapels, the Homecoming basketball game, the Talent Extravaganza, and the ice cream social -- but this year, more has been added. Nancy Verhoven, chairperson of the homecoming Committee, visualizes a Homecoming where students are involved. According to Verhoven, the committee wants to make Homecoming more exciting and fun for students. In order to encourage student participation, the committee is setting up games throughout Homecoming Week, based on a "Winter Games" theme.

Another new Homecoming event in is the Sunday night kickoff, "Praise Celebration," featuring a hymn sing, and special music from students, and alumni.

Sioux Center planning downtown mall

by Dan Mennega

The sprawling metropolis of Sioux Center is planning to make major improvements in the business section of the city. With Hy-Vee's move to the south end of town approaching, and Wal-Mart's well-established home already there, concern has been shown by "downtown" shopping. "Downtown" is considered to be the business area on or near central Main street (Highway 75), such as De Ruyter's Mercantile or Mick's Clothing.

Information from the Sioux Center News stated that the mall will be located in the area west of the present downtown business district. Plans and goals have been discussed and set over the past year or so to determine such things as value appraisals on property needed for mall development, interest level of store owners involved, as well as costs involved. Information concerning the exact location of the mall isn't available at this time, but the city has hired an architectural firm to study the community and start some designing.

At this point, the main problem facing the Downtown Redevelopment Corporation, which deals with the progress of the development, is acquiring an agreement from several property owners concerning their properties' appraised values. Resolving this issue could result in substantial added costs to the entire project, or use of the condemnation procedure. This potentially drawn out court procedure has already become an issue of mixed feelings in Sioux Center. Hopefully, the people involved see condemnation as a last option.

The new mall is, however, an exciting renovation, anticipated by the people of Sioux Center. The mall is expected to be completed in time for the Sioux Center centennial celebration, during the summer of 1991.

Schedule of Homecoming events

Sunday, Jan. 29
8:30 p.m. - Praise Celebration in Chapel
10:00 a.m. Special Chapel
7:00 p.m. Women's Basketball game vs. Mt. Marty
Free throw game

Monday, Jan. 30
Bunko game in SUB

Tuesday, Jan. 31
10:00 a.m. Special Chapel
7:00 p.m. Women's Basketball game vs. Morningside (home)
Free throw game

Wednesday, Feb. 1
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Mt. Marty
Golf putting competition in SUB

Thursday, Feb. 2
10:00 a.m. Special Chapel
Win Lose or Draw competition in SUB

Friday, Feb. 3
3:00, 6:00, 9:00 p.m. Film La Bamba
1:45:7:00 p.m. PLIA soup and pie supper
5:30 p.m. Women's basketball vs. Mt. Marty (home)
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Iowa Wesleyan (home)

Saturday, Feb. 4
12:00 p.m. Alumni vs. JV basketball game
2:00 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Grandview
5:30 p.m. Homecoming Dinner in Commons
7:30 p.m. Talent Extravaganza in Chapel
Ice cream social in Commons

Homecoming: '89
"The Winter Games"
Jan. 29 through Feb. 4

Jim De Young, Director of Alumni and Public Relations, represents the alumni point of view on the Homecoming Committee. He says that the emphasis of Homecoming has changed throughout the years: Homecoming was at one time a low key event and very much alumni oriented. However, now he feels Homecoming is being broadened to involve the whole Dordt community.

De Young estimates that 400 to 500 alumni will come out for the main attraction -- the Saturday basketball game. De Young's office sends direct invitations to a state area -- Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Missouri. About 98% of the alumni who participate in Homecoming come from these areas. Other alumni receive notification of Homecoming through the Spectrum, an alumni paper.

De Young explains that Homecoming is "intended to be an opportunity for the Dordt community to intermix." He stresses: "I'd like to see students and faculty make an effort to say 'hello' to alumni on campus, especially on Saturday." De Young believes students can also become involved in Homecoming by making alumni feel like Dordt is home and that they are not strangers on their campus.

A final touch to Homecoming is always the Talent Extravaganza, this year hosted by Robert Van Kooten and Leann Bowman, Senior Communication majors. Van Kooten explains that the Extravaganza is organized by the Social Activities Committee, but as De Young indicated, it is a major draw for alumni. Van Kooten believes the night will center around Dordt jokes. "I've been scouting for Dordt jokes," he explains, and adds, "I've always wanted to do this." Homecoming proves to be an exciting week. A new tradition may have been started: a Homecoming which is apparent throughout the week and that further seeks to bring the Dordt community together.
News Shorts

Enrollment drops

Dordt's enrollment of 964 is slightly down from last semester's 987 enrolled. Fifty-three of the people attending Dordt this semester are transfer and returning students. Of those enrolled, four are to be on the Chicago Metro Program, nine are on the Othello Program, and seven are student teaching off-campus.

Campus expands

In a December meeting, the Dordt College Board of Trustees approved buying the piece of land west of campus. The land was purchased from Leonard DeSitter for purposes yet undecided. "The property is in an excellent location for overall campus development," says Bernie De Wit.

Artist comes to campus

Along with changes in the campus body, there are also changes taking place in the faculty of Dordt College. Professor Edward Kellogg is taking leave from his teaching post at Covenant College in Georgia to teach Dordt's art history class and an introductory course in visual arts, for the 1989 spring semester. Kellogg has created many pieces of art, which can be found in 24 major collections and museums throughout the eastern U.S. and in Canada. He has had solo shows in a dozen galleries as well as ten colleges. Dordt College featured his work in 1979 and 1986. A collection of his paintings are again on display in the Dordt College art gallery through February 18. The gallery is located in the chapel mezzanine and will be open on weekdays and when the chapel is used for evening performances.

Quink to perform

Quink, the five-member a-cappella ensemble from The Netherlands will be performing at the Dordt College Chapel on Monday, February 6, at 8:00 p.m. This is the third concert of the series to be presented by the Sioux County Concert Series. Since 1985 Quink has made three very successful tours through the United States and in the spring of 1987 the five made a concert journey through Italy where they received a warm and enthusiastic welcome. Quink has three records which have been released worldwide, and new recordings are being prepared. The group is often heard on radio and appeared on various occasions on national and international TV. Quink is a welcome guest to music festivals all over the world.

Smoking stopped?

In a recent Student Forum meeting the Student Personnel Committee proposed to ban smoking in all buildings on campus, to be enforced at the beginning of the 1989-90 school year. "The committee passed the proposal, which will now continue to advance. Further developments and decisions concerning the proposal will be reported in our next issue."

Blades tour Alberta

by Wayne Dykstra

Their license plates read "Wild Rose Country," but when the two Dordt College vans of hockey players entered the province of Alberta, flowers were the last thing on their minds. For the Blades hockey team the annual Christmas tour constitutes a third of their season all packed into a week and a half. Tour '89 kicked off January 5 with the first of eight games in the provincial capital, Edmonton, and ended in the city of Lethbridge, January 15.

Here are the game results. January 5, a 9-0 loss to the King's College, January 7, a 4-3 loss to Neerlandia, January 9, a 9-0 victory in Edson, January 10, a 5-5 tie with Concordia College, January 11, a frustrating 4-2 loss to Prairie Bible College, January 12, a 6-6 tie in Red Deer, January 13, a 5-2 victory in Coaldale and finally an 8-3 loss against Picture Butte.

Specific highlights of the games included James Koetsier's first shutout as a Blade against Edson (9-0), a dramatic come from behind goal with twenty-one seconds left to tie the game with Concordia College (5-5), and an excellent team effort in the victory over Coaldale (5-2), probably the team's finest performance to date.

While on tour, the Blades did manage to squeeze in other activities. A jaunt into the Rocky Mountains on a beautiful sun-filled day, a chance to see the National Hockey League champion Edmonton Oilers play, a visit to the West Edmonton Mall with its literally deadly roller coaster, and the various pool hall encounters were events that will be cherished for a long time.

With a win-loss-tie record of 2-4-2, the Blades nonetheless had an enjoyable tour for several reasons. Overall, the team really came together. Captain Phil Minderhoud stated, "I was very pleased with everyone's performance. We played some of our best hockey against some of the toughest teams we have ever met." The improvement of several players was another reason for a satisfying tour. With a somewhat understaffed team, certain players received more opportunities to play. The tour was also made enjoyable with the presence of Dr. Boot and his wife as team advisors. Dr. Boot went beyond the call of duty during games and kept the players encouraged during bleak times. Finally, Tour '89 was made enjoyable for the team due to the excellent hospitality encountered everywhere they stopped. Two alumni meals and a barbecue were thrown in the team's honor.

With the Christmas tour behind, the Dordt Blades are eagerly anticipating Midwest action. There will be several new faces in the line-up this semester as the Blades return to the ice February 11.

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The lamb before the slaughter

by Robert Van Kooten

"Hello, this is Student Services calling. Mr. Van Soelen wants you to make an appointment to see him."

Sooner or later most Dordt students receive this phone call. Tired and worn out from studying, a student's first reaction is, "Oh no, what did I do now?" But the scarier part is going into the Dean's office. His big desk and his tall, dark figure can be intimidating. Some students don't dare look him in the eye; instead, their eyes wander to the two pictures on the wall.

The first picture is of a collie dog, howling over a poor, little, exhausted lamb during a blizzard.

The second picture is of a big, fat bull moose, snapped to attention as it stands in the river drinking some water.

According to Mr. Van Soelen, the lamb symbolizes the students. The students are exhausted as the flurry of exams and papers swirls overhead. The collie dog represents the Dean of Students. He has found the student collapsed in the snow and he calls for help.

The bull moose represents the faculty. He snaps to attention when he hears the collie's call. But, as Mr. Van Soelen points out, when the bull moose runs over to attend to the collie, he accidentally tramples on the little lamb.

Telephone tangles

by Diana Klungel

Perhaps you have noticed changes in Dordt's telephone system. There have been some positive changes in the past months. The switchboard has quieted down considerably as a result of the direct-dial change which allows calls to go directly to dormitory rooms from off-campus. The switchboard is no longer needed to connect calls to rooms, the caller simply dials 1, 712 (if calling from a different area code), 722 and the extension number. This system is also convenient for those who live in East Campus to avoid the hassle of a busy switchboard. Parents may enjoy the convenience of calling at anytime as they are no longer limited to the 7 a.m. to midnight switchboard hours.

Another change that occurred was the complete switch of telephone companies when Dordt chose to go with ITT communications instead of AT&T. This change was made in late fall and the decision was made by the business office. When ITT made their offer, they assured Dordt that their rates were very competitive to AT&T's and would be reasonable. ITT also offered a 25% rebate on every call made which Dordt hoped would cancel the $12 charge for telephones. As the bills hit homes, many parents and students discovered that rates were considerably higher: some bills with similar amounts of calls were as much as tripled at the end of the month. Dordt has changed back to AT&T and also receives US West services but must make a choice of only one telephone company in the month of February. The business office will choose between the systems of Tele-Communications, MCI, US Sprint, or AT&T.

Suffering through Christmas breaks

by Teri Nikkel

Christmas break is a time for some to lay around and take it easy, but others don't have a choice. While the PLIA members that went to the Dominican Republic suffered from food poisoning and those on band tour may enjoy the convenience of calling at anytime as they are no longer limited to the 7 a.m. to midnight switchboard hours. another change that occurred was the complete switch of telephone companies when Dordt chose to go with ITT communications instead of AT&T. This change was made in late fall and the decision was made by the business office. When ITT made their offer, they assured Dordt that their rates were very competitive to AT&T's and would be reasonable. ITT also offered a 25% rebate on every call made which Dordt hoped would cancel the $12 charge for telephones. As the bills hit homes, many parents and students discovered that rates were considerably higher: some bills with similar amounts of calls were as much as tripled at the end of the month. Dordt has changed back to AT&T and also receives US West services but must make a choice of only one telephone company in the month of February. The business office will choose between the systems of Tele-Communications, MCI, US Sprint, or AT&T.

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Lecture series miss the students

by Galen Sinkey

Paging through this year's Dordt calendar, I counted six different lecture series that have been or will be held on campus this year. Dordt students have the opportunity to hear a lecture series nearly every month of school, but they rarely do so. This week's Staley series provided another example of the problem. This problem concerns many faculty members and administrators who are concerned about the issues addressed at the lectures, and who spend a lot of money getting the speakers here.

Many students perceive the speakers as boring and impersonal. This was exemplified by the lectures given by Dr. John Howard Yoder of Notre Dame University this past week. Not only was Yoder boring; he was rude, having the gall to say to one student, "That's a dumb question!" It was obvious that Yoder had not analyzed his audience in preparing for his speeches, and during his lectures ignored most of the other fundamentals of speaking, such as eye contact and gestures. More important, his speeches lacked clarity of purpose. It was interesting to watch the students seated around me try to take notes while Yoder spoke. Usually after about three or four lines of notes, they gave up in confusion. Several students seated in front of me got out a new piece of paper and started over, only this time they wrote "Dear Mom and Dad," and ignored the rest of the lecture.

Even faculty members were overheard grumbling about being unable to understand Yoder's speech.

I know that Yoder is not typical of all speakers who come to Dordt. But many students leave most lectures with similar feelings of frustration, asking themselves, "What was he trying to say," or "What was I supposed to get out of that?" Some insist that students do not use proper listening techniques or concentrate hard enough on the message. Although in many cases that is probably true, I don't think that improving listening skills alone will solve the problem.

There are two ways to reach students in a lecture series. One way is to focus the series on a topic that students are concerned about, or that directly affects their lives today. However, this may defeat the purpose because much of what today's students are concerned about wouldn't be worth having a lecture series on. The second way to reach students would be to present a topic the students need to become aware of, but in a way that brings it home to them. Speakers need to address the students on their level, using simpler vocabulary, vivid images, better examples, more humor, and clearer organization of the message. It would be helpful if outlines of the speech could be available ahead of time so everyone could follow along. Perhaps a faculty member could lead a discussion with the students after the lecture to help clarify its purpose and answer questions the students wouldn't have felt comfortable asking with the whole audience present.

I feel that this is a problem that should be addressed before future lecture series are planned. Few students will want to attend another lecture series like the one this week. And I also think Dr. Yoder from Notre Dame owes at least one Dordt student an apology.

Students react to lecture series

To the editor:

In regard to the Staley Lecture Series, a question comes to mind. Are these lecture series for the benefit of all the students or for the benefit of the "philosophical minded?" We write this in response to a number of frustrations we have felt and also for the purpose of seeking an answer. Our main concerns are the following.

What is obviously understood by all is that these lecture series shouldn't be just free time where a speaker can say his piece and leave without any reaction from students. Students, who do make up the large majority of Dordt also make up the majority at the lectures. However, could many students, after the Staley Lecture series honestly say they were not at all intimidated by the wonderfully gifted, but yet incredibly deep Dr. Yoder? Perhaps the same could be asked concerning Van Til's "Theistic Evolution" approach.

As one of the afternoon lectures this past week, the only student question was, in our opinion, rudely shot down. We apologize for such a blunt reaction if the speaker shunned the question for specific and unknown reasons. However, from what we observed, this was not the case. The question was ignored. Ironically, students were asked a number of times to contribute to the lecture. Our final, and in some ways, most important point deals with the attendance. These lecture series are for the college, for the good of students attempting to and working at fulfilling a mandate. These lecture series do address serious, legitimate, and important issues. However, we feel that these lectures could and should be addressed more to the students.

By a speakers conscientious effort to keep us in mind, we might be the ones irritated, challenged, or at least interested. A greater interest would result in great accomplishment. We do appreciate all the speakers who put in time for these lectures. All we are asking is for the college to bring in lecturers who speak at our level. The Lord willing, by the year 2000, we'll be the ones dealing with the inter-Church struggle of the Reformed and Anabaptist. For now, it's only January of 1989.

Dirk Schouten  
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letters to the editor

Business office responds

To the editor:
Where does all the money that you pay for housing at Dordt College go? Against popular belief, it does not go towards bonuses to faculty or staff.
Below, I have averaged the budgets of the previous 3 years so that you can get an idea of how your housing costs are spent. In my calculation, I have used all Dormitory and Eight-Plex Apartments.
The process of how housing rates are set is as follows: the administration works up a budget according to what wage rates, utilities, repairs and other expenses estimate to be. This information is then used to determine a per student cost which is then brought to the Dordt College Board of Trustees for discussion and approval of a housing rate for the next academic year.
I hope this answers most of the questions you have about housing costs.
Darrel Raih, Comptroller

Encouraging friendships

To the editor:
I am responding to the last page of the December 15th Diamond. When I read “What are we really like?” I felt a rumbling inside -- I am frustrated with the situation. The article imposes a feeling of negativity. Questions raised about the social life at Dordt are good; however, the feelings expressed in that article are by no means positive. Specific feelings contributed by a freshman and sophomore were: “They’re not as friendly as I thought.” “No one really says ‘Hi’ anymore.” or “It's different this year. It’s boring and everyone’s got their heads down now.”
Perhaps when you first visited you were intrigued by a certain friendliness, as was I when I came to visit Dordt’s campus. Now that we are a part of this campus the initial curiosity of the friendliness wears off; but we must continue to challenge ourselves and others to create friendships from the beginning.
Friendliness. We must learn to share honest feelings. This is one step many have taken when they allow themselves to be interviewed by the Diamond. Great; however genuine friendliness does not stop there. Sometimes it is only a simple “Hi” and a smile that is needed, but more often a probe is essential to find out why the other person did not smile or say “Hi” back.
One year ago I transferred to Dordt. I roomed in West Hall and I found it to be wonderful! Friendships are possible without the community bathrooms, thank goodness! I found the commons a very good excuse to meet people. Now living in East Campus, I once again feel the challenge to meet new people. Well they -- we -- are a body of believers; therefore, we have that important foundation for real friendships. So hold your heads up, not too high, and I’ll talk to you later.
John Vander Kruk

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Putting AMOR into action

by Chuck Adams

When fourteen Dordt students returned to Sioux Center from the Dominican Republic last week, they were surprised to learn a number of rumors had preceded them and were making the rounds of the community. Included among the rumors were stories that half the group had been quarantined and wouldn’t be able to return to the U.S. for several weeks, and that some of the students had come down with meningitis. None of the rumors were true, however, and the students are all attending classes as normal.

The fourteen students were the first in what may become an annual excursion to work in the Dominican Republic, a nation on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. Tentatively organized as a winter portion of the PLIA (Putting Love Into Action) organization, the group forged its own identity while in the Caribbean. The group is now unofficially known as AMOR, Amor, which stands for A Mission Outreach, is the Spanish word for love.

While in the Dominican Republic, the group lived in the small interior town of Sabana Grande de Boya. In Sabana Grande, the group painted a school and a house, and helped do clean-up work around the missions school and a house, and helped do clean-up work around the missions school and a house, and helped do clean-up work around the missions school and a house. Afterwards, the group lived in the small interior center where they stayed. The group worked on a chicken farm just outside of town, building an outhouse and finishing preparations for an egg-laying operation. Three members of the group also set up a week-long Bible school in the nearby Haitian refugee camp of Carmona. Carmona was also the site of an attempted latrine construction project; however, the Dominican government didn’t cooperate with the Dordt group, and no progress was made. One morning, three Dordt workers waited over an hour for the government contractor to come to work. When they finally did see him, he was in the back of a dump truck, riding to another town, smiling widely, and waving. After some consultation with Dr. Neal Hegeman, the Christian Reformed missionary through whom the work projects were arranged, the project was scrapped, and the group moved on to other work.

While in the Dominican Republic, the group enjoyed spending a great deal of time together, despite Ben Dekstra’s warning early in the trip that he would soon grow sick of living with thirteen other people. Although there were occasional problems, the group generally got along well, and group members agreed that they enjoyed the experience so much, they’d like to go again. Members of the group will probably never forget little experiences each had while in the Dominican Republic—experiences like trying to use one’s limited Spanish to talk to someone, like playing basketball with Dr. Hegeman and some of the young people in the area, like teaching the Ten Commandments to over 120 screaming children, many of whom were breast-fed by their mothers, like trying to drive on roads with three-foot deep potholes. Chuck Adams and Amy Tiemersma will remember listening to Dr. Hegeman present his rather conservative view on headship, Al Bandstra will remember being the target of a great portion of the group’s jokes, Ben and Sandy Dekker will remember their arrival to Santo Domingo hours after the rest of the group arrived because poor weather in the U.S. caused them to miss their plane. The whole group will remember the contrast between the luxurious service on the airplane and the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of refuge camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of the stark poverty in the Haitian refugee camps; they will also remember seeing a great deal of

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Helping hands in the Dominican Republic

On January 3, fourteen Dordt students flew to the Dominican Republic to spend the remaining two weeks of their semester break working with Haitian refugees. The Diamond interviewed two of the members of the group, Steve and Angela Zwarts, to find out more about the trip.

DIAMOND: What were your goals for the trip?

ZWARTS: Our goals were similar to the goals of PLIA, to witness by helping out people in need. Our goals were kind of vague because we weren't sure what we were going to have to do. Dr. Neal and Sandy Hegeman, the missionaries we worked with, had goals for us. They wanted to share with us how much work has to be done there, to show us the conditions of the people, and to show God's love working in their lives.

DIAMOND: What day to day activities did you do?

ZWARTS: We were organized into three work crews. The first crew worked on a chicken farm, doing maintenance work - repairs and painting. The second crew went to a Haitian batey (ba-ray), a refugee camp for Haitians, and taught a backyard Bible School. We had 75-80 kids every day, and one day we had 100 kids! The third group had planned to build latrines, but that didn't work out. The government was supposed to supply tools and materials but they did not cooperate. Instead the group painted a house belonging to the students of schools, and painted the St. Luke's Evangelical School. Both structures had been bare concrete blocks and were badly in need of paint. Also, two people stayed at the mission house each day and cleaned, filled the water tanks for showers, and helped prepare meals.

DIAMOND: What problems did you run into?

ZWARTS: The weather was probably the main problem. It rained nearly every day of the trip, and the ground was clay and very muddy. It was messy, but we worked through it. Another problem was the lack of cooperation from the Dominican government. They have promised to help meet the needs of the Haitian refugees and did not follow through - like the latrines. Some members of the group were bitten up by mosquitoes and chiggers which was very uncomfortable. We also had problems with the luggage. We had to wait a week for some of it to arrive, so people didn't have their clothes. We made the best of the situation and shared what we did have, and eventually everything showed up.

DIAMOND: What kind of food and shelter do the refugees receive?

ZWARTS: They live in crude shacks made of sticks, logs, leaves, and grass. Their main diet is mainly beans and rice, and some chicken. There is also an abundance of fresh fruit and sugar cane.

DIAMOND: What are the Haitians able to do to make a living?

ZWARTS: They all work in the sugar cane fields for a dollar a day. It is almost a situation of modern day slavery. The sugar cane industry is run by the government and if they think the harvest is getting behind, they send out the military to the refugee camps to get the Haitians to pick sugar cane.

DIAMOND: What are your lasting impressions of the trip?

ZWARTS: It is something everyone should have to do. It changes your view of life. We went down there to witness, and they were better witnesses than we were! The church there is very strong. The thing that really strikes us is the extreme poverty, and the everyday things we take for granted, like water, showers, and dry clothes. We visibly saw the hand of God working through various examples. We were worried that going through customs would be a big problem. The government officials don't always appreciate groups like ours, and we were afraid they would take away some of our tools or supplies. Amazingly, it turned out that the twelve of us got through in 15 minutes! Half of our suitcases they didn't even open! We were also able to participate in the Lord's Supper with the church there, and we saw several people be baptized in a river. We'll always have many memories of the trip. The Dominican Republic is a beautiful country.

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Peking, 1908. A 3-year-old boy is removed from his home and mother, carried into the Forbidden City, the heart of China. This young boy will serve China as the Last Emperor. "The Last Emperor" is showing at Dordt on Friday, January 27 at 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., and has won 9 academy awards, including Best Picture and Best Director.
Defenders down Briar Cliff

by Eric Groen

Dordt's men's basketball team has had a busy January, playing eight games in the last four weeks. The Defenders opened the new year with an appearance in the Trinity Tournament in Chicago, on the 6th and 7th of January. Dordt lost both games against Illinois Wesleyan and Grand View College, but lost to the Lady Defenders conference record to 3-0. Next week they play home games against Morningside and Mt. Many.

The Lady Defenders took third place in the Westmar. Excellent defense and the three conference wins as Kevin Veenstra and Jerry Boer joined Schelhaas on the honor squad. The Lady Defenders played against Grand View on Friday night and jumped off to an early 15 point lead. However, Grand View rallied and capped an excellent comeback with a 78-73 win. Jay Schelhaas led the Lady Defenders with 23 points, followed closely by Schelhaas' 17 points. Saturday night found Dordt on Iowa Wesleyan's home court for another hard-fought contest. The Lady Defenders slipped by Wesleyan 94-86 thanks to 26 points from Kevin Veenstra and 19 points apiece from Schelhaas and Boer.

As classes resumed for the second semester, Dordt travelled to LeMars to battle a tough Westmar team. The game was close throughout, but the Lady Defenders came up short and suffered a disappointing 82-76 loss. Kevin Veenstra had 20 points in the losing effort. Dordt won 54-49. Coach Vander Berg cited strong intensity level has been excellent and this increase in intensity has resulted in better all-around play and several big wins. The coach also cited the continuing development of Jay Schelhaas as the team leader from the point guard position as a factor in Dordt's recent victories.

Next up for Dordt was the annual Christmas break, the Lady Defenders students were returning from Christmas break, the Lady Defenders traveled to Orange City to play the Lady Red Raiders. Although neither team shot well, Bouwema once again sparked the Lady Defenders with 26 points and Dordt won 54-49. Coach Rhoda said, "It was an excellent defensive game and our defense gave us the win." Tuesday evening the women were 2-1 against Westmar. Led by Schelhaas' 25 points, they came away with another conference victory winning 69-60. The victory boosted the Lady Defenders conference record to 3-0. Next week they play home games against Morningside and Mt. Marty.