

# Diamond

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## VanSoelen leaving Dordt

by Galen Sinkey

Marion Van Soelen, Dordt's current Dean of Students, will be leaving the college next year to become the Superintendent of the Christian School Association in Ontario, California. Van Soelen will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Christian School system, and will report directly to the system's Board of Trustees.

Van Soelen's new position will give him a broader level of administrative responsibilities. Part of his job will involve promoting Christian education throughout the Ontario community. Van Soelen will oversee the administration of the system's two campuses, a K-8 elementary/junior high, and a 9-12 high school.

Van Soelen says he is ready to hand over his current position to a younger person. After entering his fifties, Van Soelen feels like he must look to his future. "You don't see too many sixty-

year-old Deans of Students," he says, "but it wouldn't be uncommon to have a sixty-year-old in a superintendent's position." The reason for this difference is that the Dean of Students' role is one of "intense contact day to day" as opposed to the administrative responsibilities of a superintendent.

Van Soelen wasn't thinking of leaving Dordt before the Ontario opportunity came up. "I was requested to apply for the position," he says. "I didn't search for it." Van Soelen says he was motivated to take the position due to the need for more administrators in Christian school systems throughout North America.

Van Soelen came to Dordt twelve years ago as the Athletic Director, and three years later became the Dean of Students. Van Soelen also served as principal of Unity Christian High School for seven years before coming to Dordt.



Margrietha Schalkwijk and Karen Huizinga lead dance lessons.

Photo by Angela Eriksen

## Dancing at Dordt?

by Cheri Oostra

For an hour on Tuesday and Thursday, the racquetball court is not used exclusively for racquetball. There are no racquets or balls involved in the activity that takes place when Laura Domingo, Margrietha Schalkwijk, and Karen Huizinga get onto the court, just plenty of leg movement and creativity. The three girls are leading a creative dance class that is gaining interest from many people.

The class is rooted in the interest these three have in dance and gets its creativity from the different forms of dance used. Laura Domingo has a background in ballet movements and teaches these graceful moves during part of the hour while Margrietha and

Karen lead a jazz dance style during the remainder of the hour.

To get time in the gym, Laura, Margrietha, and Karen had to go through Mr. Van Soelen and get a sponsor to take the responsibility for them. The class does not count for P.E. credit, but it is a good way to get exercise, stay in shape, and just have fun.

The classes have sparked the interest of several people and Domingo says, "Many more people have expressed interest in attending. We are very creative, with no set movement. We make it up as we go along. This adds enjoyment, creativity, and an informal air to the class."

## Audience enjoys Ringerwole recital



Dr. Joan Ringerwole shares her music.

Photo by Angela Eriksen

by Shon Heersink

So, you think that organ recitals are boring, slow, and too deep for most of you laymen college students to understand. Well, the recital by Dr. Joan Ringerwole on February 22, definitely was not boring, and not really all that hard to understand either.

The recital began with a piece by a composer named Bonnet which sparked the audience's attention. It opens with a chord on full organ, and, considering the size of Dordt's organ, that is quite a noise. Most of the melodies within this piece were of an exciting nature, and a pedal cadenza at the end caught everyone's attention. Just how do you play chords on the pedal board with only two feet anyway? This piece was very exciting, and some sections at the end were awe inspiring.

In the next piece, a prelude and fugue, melodic motifs echoed from the high to the low registers of the organ. Dr. Ringerwole did an excellent job of expressing these motifs, and they were articulated with the utmost precision

and accuracy.

Then Dr. Ringerwole did a set of music on the harpsichord which was both entertaining, and educational. Most of this music was early dance music, the kind used in madrigals, and Renaissance dances. All of the harpsichord music played was by a Renaissance composer named Couperin. The last of these pieces had a very moving beautiful melody, and I am sure it brought a feeling of peace to all members of the audience.

The next three pieces, a set of chorale preludes by J.S. Bach (1685-1750), were hauntingly soft and breathtaking, to the point where you were afraid to breathe while this music was played. Dr. Ringerwole said of these pieces, "They are the most demanding of the pieces in my program." All three dealt with beautiful texts, and one even came from a Genevan Psalm.

The last of this set was written very near Bach's death. It is interesting to consider what Bach was expressing when he wrote this prelude.

Second to last, a piece called *Sortie*, was very entertaining, on a less serious note. I think it was reminiscent of Circus organ playing, but found it enjoyable anyway. I know I saw at least three people bouncing and swaying in their seats during this piece.

The last piece called *Cariollion*, by Du Pres, was very well played and possibly the hardest on the recital program. It was written to resemble the bells that often play in the cathedral towers around Europe, and often a bell-like melody could be heard bouncing from keyboard to pedal to keyboard again. This three note melodic motif was supported by an incredibly complex harmonic structure, involving parallel chords and clusters. It is a very dramatic piece, calling upon all the resources of the organ and putting them all together at the end. All in all, I found the recital to be very enjoyable and everyone who went chattered excitedly about it as they walked out.



## News shorts

by Teri Nikkel

### Art by Alberda

The Dordt College art gallery will feature photography and fiber designs by Professor Jo Alberda through March 18.

Alberda is assistant professor of art at Dordt College, having taught there since 1967. She is talented in several art forms, but specializes in the two on display. Her work has been exhibited on several occasions at the college, the most recent one titled "Expressions in Clay."

The fiber display will include nine quilted wall pieces and one sample of stitchery. The photography sector of the exhibit, in black-and-white prints, is two part. One series is titled "The Water's Edge." The other is "Budapest: The City and Its Art." The second reflects Alberda's four-week study term in the foreign city this past summer, as she took part in a course on Hungary's art and music through the University of Minnesota.

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### Percussionists at play

The Iowa Percussion Ensemble will perform under the direction of Professor Tom Davis in the Dordt College Chapel on Saturday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m. The concert will feature over fifty different percussion instruments, with an emphasis on keyboard instruments in the second half of the concert.

Davis, head of the Percussion and Jazz Studies at the University of Iowa, is founder and musical director of the Percussion Jazz Quintet in addition to directing the University's Percussion Ensemble. He has played with Denny Zeitlin's Jazz Quartet in Chicago and also Dick Shore's Percussion Pops Orchestra which was also located in Chicago. The Percussion Pops Orchestra recorded with RCA and Columbia, and has made tours across the Midwest. Davis was also percussion associate with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra before coming to the University of Iowa.

For further information call the Sioux County Arts Council office any morning from 8:30 to 12:30 at 722-0761.

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### Canadian Doctor at Dordt

Dr. Ganzevoort, a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation consultant on Dutch Canadian life, will be on campus Saturday, March 4. Ganzevoort will introduce the movie *The Assault* that evening at 6:00. He has written several books and specializes in post-war immigration to Canada. Ganzevoort is a "wacko, enthusiastic, sparkly lecturer," says Professor James Schaap.

# Winter brings crushing results

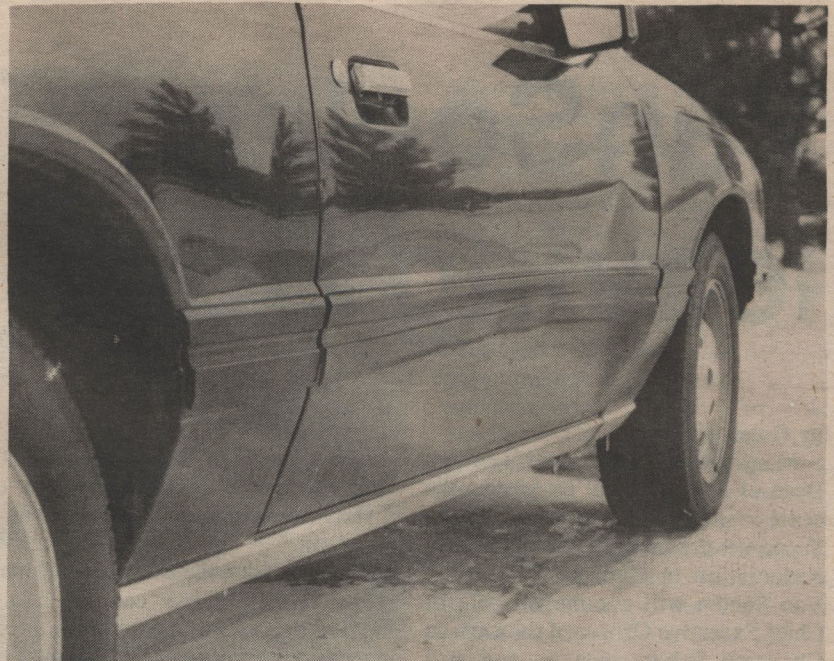
by Dan Mennega

Car insurance companies probably don't like this time of the year. After all, the accidents caused by winter weather often force them to pay out money, rather than collect it. (Of course, they are somewhat comforted by the increased rates the guilty party is forced to shell out, but it still hurts.) Students at Dordt aren't exactly innocent when it comes to "the winter driving syndrome." The arrival of inclement weather last fall marked the beginning of a number of minor automobile mishaps.

Vehicles at East Campus apartments have remained in relatively good shape, in spite of the trend toward less cautious driving. (Except for the vehicle of Phil Minderhoud, which became the victim of a "hit and run" attempt, at the expense of one entire door panel needing replacement).

The main instances of careless driving have been gentle bumper nudges. However, in the case of Jon De Mol, icy road conditions caused someone to rear-end his car, resulting in over \$500 damage.

Close calls are a part of everybody's travelling experiences. Probably every college student has had the privilege of narrowly avoiding a



**Evidence of winter driving--Phil Minderhoud's dented door.**  
Photo by Angela Eriksen

serious accident. There is nothing quite like the feeling of relief (after seeing your entire savings account flash before your eyes) as you regain control of your car on a slippery road, or avoid hitting a patch of ice at a busy intersection.

When the snow is melted and ice is

a part of the past, we'll look back on the winter as just another one of the beauties of Iowa. Californians will look back on icy roads and frosted windshields as a part of their life that only time (and maybe some therapy) can erase the memory of.

# Kwantes adds to curriculum

by Christine Van Belle

Next year there will be a temporary addition to the history department. Dr. Anne Kwantes will be teaching Far Eastern History and a course on Far Eastern Religions. She and her husband have been missionaries in the Far East for many years, their most recent place of residency being the Philippines. They have also worked in Japan.

Kwantes taught Traditional East

Asia and the History of Japan at Dordt a number of years ago. Since then she has received her Ph.D. and taught at a Christian seminary in the Philippines.

When the History Department learned that the Kwantes' were coming to the United States for awhile, a position was offered to Kwantes. She was very well received previously and is bound to generate the same response next year. The History

Department greatly encourages students to take one or more of her classes. The Far Eastern History course will fulfill a general requirement and the class on Far Eastern Religions has no prerequisite. This is a rare opportunity to learn from someone who has had first-hand experience in the Far East. Kwantes will be able to provide new insights and share a unique perspective.

# Calendar of Events

## Friday, February 24

Student Recital, Chapel, 3:00 p.m.  
Film *The Hiding Place*, C160, 6:00 & 9:00 p.m.

## Saturday, February 25

Men's varsity basketball plays AFSA team to promote anti-drug abuse, Home, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 1

Mens basketball vs. Clarke College, Home, 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, March 3

Ringerwale Organ Scholarship Auditions, Chapel, 3:00 p.m.

## Saturday, March 4

Film, *The Assault*, C160, 6:00 & 9:00 p.m.  
Sioux County Concert Series, *Iowa Percussion Ensemble*, Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 7

Senior organ recital, Martin Tel, Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 8

Annual Day of Prayer

## Thursday, March 9 through Saturday, March 11.

Play, *The Crucible*, TePaske Theater, 8:00 p.m.



# Dordt dumps Northwestern

by Eric Groen

Dordt's men's basketball team closed out its regular season on a high note with three consecutive wins. The victories lifted the Defender's record to 17-8 overall and 6-4 in the conference, then a third place finish in the conference, assuring them of at least one home playoff game.

On Saturday, February 11, the Defenders traveled to Sioux City for a big matchup with Briar Cliff. After a loss to Westmar, Dordt needed to win to hold on to third place in the District 15 playoff ratings. The Defenders came out firing and rushed to a 43-33 halftime lead. Briar Cliff battled back in the second half and led briefly, before the Defenders regrouped. Excellent free-throw shooting in the final minutes helped Dordt hold on for an 84-78 victory. Jay Schelhaas paced the Defenders with 21 points.

Clutch free-throw shooting once again carried the Defenders to victory the following Tuesday night as they hosted a very strong Wartburg team. The teams battled evenly throughout the first half and headed into the locker room tied at 37. Dordt opened the second half with 13 straight points to take a 50-37 lead, as the Knights went scoreless for over six minutes. Wartburg's excellent defense brought them back, however, and they took a 63-62 lead. Kevin Veenstra's six-footer put Dordt back up and the Defenders went on to a 70-67 win. Jerry Boer hit four free throws in the final 15 seconds, as the team was 8-8 from the line for the game. Kevin Veenstra led Dordt's scorers with 21 points and also grabbed six rebounds.

Dordt wrapped up its regular season last Saturday night with a home

contest against arch-rival Northwestern. The Defenders were looking to snap an eight-game losing streak to the Red Raiders. A capacity crowd was on hand for the entire JV game, and the gym was rocking with noise by tip-off of the varsity tilt. The game opened evenly, but the Defenders outscored Northwestern 23-8 in the final ten minutes of the first half to take a 51-40 advantage into the locker room. The second half started much the same as the first, with the Red Raiders cutting Dordt's lead to seven points at one time. The Defenders poured it on in the final nine minutes to notch an impressive 104-72 victory. Kevin Veenstra's 35 points and nine rebounds led a Dordt attack that saw all twelve Defenders crack the scoring column.

For his efforts in the Wartburg and

Northwestern games Kevin Veenstra was named the NAIA District 15 Player of the Week last week. He totalled 56 points and 15 rebounds in the two games. Veenstra is the first Defender to receive the Player of the Week honor this season.

The Defenders will play an exhibition game against Athletics Fighting Substance Abuse tomorrow night. The team is made up of former players from NCAA Division I and II schools and local NAIA colleges, and has played against some very good competition already this year. Dordt will also be preparing to host Clarke College of Dubuque in a first-round district playoff game on Wednesday, March 1.



The members of "Glad," left to right are Ed Nalle; brother Don Nalle on bass and vocals; Chris Davis, guitar and vocals; Tom Beard, keyboards and vocals; and John Gates, drums and vocals.

In addition to seven critically acclaimed albums, this contemporary Christian music group has spent over 14 years touring and has performed more than 1100 concerts. "Glad" will perform in the Dordt College chapel March 15 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Student Services Office.

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## editor's corner

# Christians against Grade Point Materialism

by Galen Sinkey

Since the fall of man, human beings have yearned to compare themselves to others, or to attain social status. We see this in the New Testament where the disciples question Christ, asking, "Which one of us is the greatest?" Today we have a number of ways to give and receive status in social settings. Perhaps wealth is the biggest way. Due to the growing influences of secularism, the wealthy are looked up to and the poor are looked down on. However, in the college environment, we have a different technique of measuring wealth—the Grade Point Average.

I believe students should seek to change the problem of what I call "Grade Point Materialism." This is the problem of evaluating others, and self, with over-emphasis on the person's grades.

First of all, over-emphasis on grades creates additional problems on college campuses. Students on both ends of the GPA spectrum cannot realistically evaluate themselves (or their peers) solely on the basis of grades without causing damage to themselves and others.

Students who get low grades may believe they are worth less because of the grades they've earned and received from instructors. I believe this is a tragedy; these students undoubtedly have a wealth of talents and abilities in other subjects or areas. They also mistakenly tend to evaluate those who make better grades as somehow better than they are.

A high GPA often becomes a source of pride for students who achieve good grades. These students sometimes perceive themselves as better people than those who receive the low marks and look down on students with lower grades.

They may tend to hide behind their pride and deny their faults or weaknesses.

I do not intend to incriminate all those with high or low grades. Students who work hard throughout the semester and do well deserve to be recognized for their work with a good grade. Nor may my argument be used as a crutch by those who make poor grades because of a lack of effort and motivation. My question is, do you assign status to yourself and others because of your grades?

Another problem with Grade Point Materialism is that in the end it doesn't mean that much anyway. Through talking with a number of employers, I know as a fact that a GPA does not have a great influence on hiring entry level college graduates. As the person gains experience or expertise in his or her field, a college GPA will have little to no bearing on one's future.

The final and most significant problem with Grade Point Materialism is that it goes directly against the teachings of Christ. We should never forget how Christ answered the disciples' question, "Which of us is the

***My question is, do you assign status to yourself and others because of your grades?***

greatest?" Christ rebuked the disciples, saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be the very last, the servant of all." Then Christ took a child in His arms and said, "Unless you become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of God." Picture in your mind how little kids act around adults. Nearly all little three-year-old boys and girls look up to "grown-ups" with respect and awe. This is the kind of humility Christ wants all of us to have. The problems of pride and status can not be part of the Christian and his or her view of others. Rather, every Christian should look up to others as unique image bearers of Christ.

## opinion

# Dordt twists rivalry

by Steve Hoogland

People told me Dordt-Northwestern basketball games were the highlight of the school year, but until last Saturday night I didn't know whether I believed it. All I had seen was eight Northwestern victories over Dordt. Three years ago when I was a senior in high school, I started attending Dordt basketball games. I saw several games including a playoff game against Northwestern. Dordt lost a home game by two points on a last second shot. The losing streak began.

During my freshman year at Dordt, the men's basketball team lost two regular season games to the Raiders, but they met in the playoffs. Two missed free throws and a foul in the last five seconds cost Dordt a one-point playoff loss. Northwestern went to Kansas City. The losing streak had climbed to four.

Last year Dordt lost five games, one to Mankato State, one of the best schools in the NCAA Division II. They lost another game in the national quarterfinals. Three times the Defenders lost to the "arch-rival" Raiders. Fortunately, Dordt avoided Northwestern in the playoffs and won four consecutive playoff games including two in Kansas City. But Dordt's Northwestern losing-streak had climbed to seven.

On January 28, the team and many fans made the ten-minute trip to Orange City to see number eight.

Clearly the streak affected the players and fans. Several others and I had seen eight Dordt-Northwestern games, but we had not seen the Defenders beat the Raiders. The losing streak stood at eight.

Last Saturday night, lines began forming at four o'clock for the seven-thirty game. By five-thirty nearly all 2,500 who watched the game were seated. The JV squad played as the fans warmed their vocal cords and nerves.

In the first-half Dordt established a sixteen-point lead. But the lead was only eleven at the half. I had seen this before. Too many leads had disappeared in the second-half to the team wearing red.

But I was wrong. During the second-half, the Dordt-Northwestern game turned into the highlight of the school year. The Defenders played a near-perfect second-half. Great individual performances and fine team work sparked the scoreboard and delighted the fans. Spectators cheered in support of the team, and the noise from the spectators was the loudest I can remember, even louder than the district championship game of last year. Not a Defender left early, despite Dordt's thirty-two point victory. Even people who usually don't go to basketball games were buzzing about the highlight of the school year.

## Questionable sportsmanship

To the editor:

I found the actions of Dordt's crowd at the Northwestern basketball game Saturday evening, January 28, totally unacceptable. Swearing has no place in the cheers we chant. I do agree that a couple calls the referees made were very questionable; however, that's no excuse for swearing at them.

I don't feel it's necessary to taunt the students sweeping the floors during halftime either. Let them do their job --it's for the benefit of all the players on the court. Leave the football players alone. Don't stoop down to their level. If they want to try and act tough in front of our crowd--let them try. Yelling at them only aggravates things. This is evident by the fights in the parking lots which happened after

the ball game was over.

If two "Christian" colleges can't get together and play basketball in a Christian manner, then maybe it's time the crowd is not allowed to watch the game anymore. I felt the team did a good job playing in a sportsman-like way. Our crowd should take a lesson from them. It's ironic--nobody yelled at the refs in the game against Nebraska Wesleyan. But then Dordt received most of the breaks in that game. It makes me wonder what our goal is in sports at Dordt. Is it to win any way we can, or is it to play and cheer in a way pleasing to the Lord?

by Doug Gesink

## Students as role models

To the Editor:

The other night in the SUB I overheard someone telling her friends about a little boy she had seen at the Dordt basketball game. The rather heavy set boy was playing on one of the community teams during intermission. The Dordt student had yelled, "Go for it, Porky," then realized that a heavy set couple was sitting in front of her.

As the student and her friends in the snack bar laughed about the incident, an adult commented, "How can I teach my six-year-old to be nice to others when a Dordt College student can't

be?"

As a Dordt student, I was embarrassed. I realized that I've said nasty things about others without realizing how I could hurt them. I wish I could take those words back, but I can't. I can, however, begin to look at people as being made in the image of God.

If we can accept people as they are, rather than judge their outer appearance, we can show that God reigns in our hearts as well as in heaven.

Lynn Faber



## letters to the editor

# To smoke or not to smoke? This is not the question!

### To the Editor:

Regarding the debate about smoking on campus, I would like to say that those who have taken radical positions on both sides of the matter should remember that [on this particular problem] there is an intermediate position: moderation--the Christian way.

First, if we are to behave like Christians, we should be able to advise, and even admonish, in love those who have become addicted to smoking and are endangering and profaning the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Second, smoking is just one external appearance of our lives and

consequently one should not put too much weight on it, in terms of passing judgment on each other's quality of life. What about drinking coke or coffee, or eating too much? Or even worse, what about pride, indifference, racism?

One could argue that there are enough scientific evidences against smoking to ban it. That is a strong point which should be considered by people addicted to smoking.

Alternatively, how do you measure indifference, pride? Sometimes I wonder who causes more destruction in a long term (on a cosmic dimension), a moderate smoker or a

relatively indifferent Christian.

The apostle Paul says: "Let your moderation (freedom from excess) be known unto all men." (Phil. 4:5)\*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, let us not lose the big picture. Let us concentrate on what really matters. And to finish this rather unrefined subject/letter, I would like to leave you with a quotation of C.S. Lewis (from *Mere Christianity*, Book 3, chapter 2):

One of the marks of a certain type of bad man is that he cannot give up a thing himself without wanting every one else to give it up. That is not the Christian way. An individ-

ual Christian may see fit to give up all sorts of things for special reasons--marriage, or meat, or beer, or the cinema [or smoking]; but the moment he starts saying the things are bad in themselves, or looking down his nose at other people who do use them, he has taken the wrong turning.

Yours faithfully (*pistosfully*)  
(and hopefully a role model),

Paulo F. Ribeiro

(\*) King James Version



## Future farmers have fun

by Floyd Reitsma

Fun and fellowship was the agenda for the annual banquet held by the Ag Club last Tuesday. Skits and special speakers accompanied the meal. George Bierma, president of the local Christian Farmers Federation, spoke on morality and farming and a Christian's perspective on it.

Also speaking at the banquet were Ben and Sandy Dekker. They talked about their trip to the Dominican Republic. To illustrate the culture shock they experienced, they showed slides from their trip along with a few tools that were used for some applications.

On the lighter side of the evening, skits were performed by some members and professors associated with the Ag Club. Spoof awards were given to some of the professors such as the "frog in the pocket" award to Mr. Mahaffy, and the "can you repeat that again please" award to Dr. Mennenga.

The Ag Club involves more than just agriculture, it can also be a lot of fun. So watch for more Ag Club activities in the future.

## Varsity plays against drugs

The Dordt College men's varsity basketball team will host the Athletes Fighting Substance Abuse basketball team this Friday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Sioux Center Lions Club. Two of the players are "Lefty" Moore and Tom Schafer from Iowa State University.

AFSA plays college exhibition and benefit basketball games and conducts anti-drug seminars. According to its statement of purpose, players present facts and common-sense conversation

about the dangers of drug abuse.

This team is made up of Division I, II and some area college basketball players who have graduated. Alumni athletes from the following colleges volunteer their time to participate in AFSA: the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, Western Illinois University, Luther College, University of Northern Iowa, Gonzaga University, University of Wyoming, Dordt College, and Northwestern College at Orange City.

The AFSA basketball team has on

excellent record against major college teams, finishing its fall 1987 schedule with a 9 and 0 record. In the spring of 1988, AFSA competed in the Iowa AAU Championship and finished second.

Because this is an extra-scheduled game and because of the expense involved in bringing this team to play Dordt, there will be no season passes honored. Admission will be only \$2 for adults and free admission for all students.

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# Regulations in review

by Karla Kamp

Everyone on campus is affected by Dordt's policies and rules--from those who walk out of the Dean of Students' office to those who grab a cookie and coffee on Sunday evenings. But what is the rationale behind Dordt's policies? Is the system effective? How does Dean of Students, Marion Van Soelen, view enforcement? What are the students thinking? In order to understand Dordt's policies and the atmosphere on campus these questions must be dug into.

A good policy always has a rationale behind it; a policy has to have some criteria by which it can be judged. Van Soelen says that at Dordt "all policies are designed to enhance the educational experience of college. This includes the academic, but also the total growth of the person in every aspect." In other words, Dordt's policies are to develop a student's academic, social, emotional, and spiritual life. If policies do not meet this standard, they are of no use.

## Two of Dordt's "infamous" policies: Curfew and Alcohol

Policies at Dordt do change over the years--sometimes they are adjusted or thrown out. The curfew is a good example. There was a time when everyone on Dordt's campus had a curfew. As of this year, Sophomores are now enjoying more freedom since they are able to decide when to come in as long as they do not stay out all night. Walter Meyer, an RA of North Hall, says there really has been no problem with the new system, although students are still complaining. According to Meyer, "Students wonder why Dordt has to know where they are every minute."

Van Soelen says that there are pros and cons to the new system, but for the most part, it has encouraged growth. Van Soelen believes, however, that the established curfew for freshmen is not hurting, but helping. "It encourages them to get into a good routine," says Van Soelen,

"particularly in academics." Although Meyer says breaking curfew ranks the top of violations in North Hall, usually few problems result from the fines because "the students expect it."

Dordt's alcohol policy is another area that a lot of the campus' attention focuses on. Van Soelen says that there is proof that alcohol causes destruction on campus, both to people and to the institution. Dr. Van Groningen, chaplain at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, told Van Soelen that every three years the university budgets for a complete renovation of residence halls because of vandalism, mostly alcohol-related. Van Soelen says that the use of alcohol cannot be justified on a college campus. Not only is Dordt a Christian college, but most of Dordt's students are under 21, the legal drinking age. Dordt's regulations do state that a student of age may consume alcohol moderately if he or she is off campus (excluding off campus college related activities and college-approved housing), but may not attend any college function after consuming alcohol. Van Soelen says this prevents offending students, faculty, and the community.

## Enforcing policies

Now comes the question of enforcement. Although students may not agree with Dordt's existing rules, most will admit that a college must have rules. Nevertheless, many students feel that rules are being imposed on them. One student comments, "Dordt is like a babysitting agency." Meyer fears that Dordt may come across as patronizing to students.

Van Soelen, on the other hand, says, "A policy is a statement for the best interests of the whole institution. If a community is thinking the same way, the policies should be self-enforcing. Policies are only rules to those who violate them." Van Soelen does not see his role in enforcement as

a parent at all, although he hopes he has similar values. "We're not forcing ourselves on students, students enforce themselves on us when they violate policy," says Van Soelen.

Sometimes students feel that the whole area of enforcement belongs to Van Soelen--all is up to his judgment--he is the central authority. They admit that they can appeal to the Discipline Committee, but feel the Committee is biased. One student comments, "There's no way for students to appeal to what's fair in their eyes."

The campus rumour that Van Soelen sends spies to bars is not true. Van Soelen does, however, receive information "from concerned peers or students who aren't narking, but who are concerned about fellow students and the college." Van Soelen adds, "It's never done in a vindictive way."

Van Soelen explains that policy enforcement is "effective, but not perfect." He believes that sanctions (results from violating policies) make the student think twice. Many students agree, especially since loss of money hits them hard. However, there are students who won't let fines stop them. Rules actually act as challenge to beat the system, echoing the old saying, "Rules are made to be broken."

## Responsibility and honesty

This is where the problem lies. Students want more responsibility and many are capable of handling it. However, rules and sanctions exist for those who can't handle responsibility--who need to have restrictions. Meyer says, "Fewer regulations may teach more responsibility because the students act more for themselves rather than having the college doing it for them. Some kids need rules to curb them, but you can't impose responsibility, you must learn responsibility." Meyer thinks Student Services should "trust the students' maturity a bit more." But he admits

there are always those whom you just can't trust.

This leads to another factor in policy enforcement: honesty. Both Meyer and Van Soelen say that honesty is the key in the interaction of students and the staff of Student Services. This, however, is not always the case. Some students believe that if they tell the truth, they won't be able to have "a decent hearing." They don't think it's right if they tell the truth and get punished, while others who lie can get away with what they've done.

## Encouraging new ideas

Van Soelen is open to listening to new ideas. Meyer suggests, "Most students accept Dordt's rules, but some may have good reason not to. Then there must be dialogue. There needs to be a more positive input as to the way Dordt is run." Meyer further comments, "It takes maturity to accept policies, but if a student can't work within the policies, they must act positively to change it." Some students have suggested replacing some monetary fines with a sort of community work program to increase the students' responsibility. Others have suggested that after a first offense, the student should simply receive counseling, not a fine, because fines simply provoke students to rebel.

The whole issue of policy enforcement is not simple, but as Van Soelen says, "The buck has to stop somewhere; Dordt must stand behind its policies." Van Soelen recognizes that the college is not perfect, but it does have fewer discipline problems than most colleges. Dordt is known for enforcing its policies and for striving to be fair and consistent in discipline cases. Van Soelen says, "Although we have to deal with things that aren't pleasant, we do have the cream of the crop. We have an outstanding student body. Other colleges envy the quality of our students."

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# War movie hits campus

by Dan Van Dyke

World War II, the Nazi invasion, persecution of the Jews--sounds like a typical war movie, doesn't it? Probably some sort of wonderful hero saves the day time and time again and never gets caught, or if he does, he'll escape. If these are your thoughts, you're in for a pleasant but powerful surprise this weekend. *The Hiding Place* is about all of the above, but it's unusual for a number of reasons. First, this is a true story written by the main character. Also the main character isn't a "he," but a "she"--Corrie ten Boom. The name might sound familiar. Corrie ten Boom was a Christian in the Netherlands during World War II. Her father was a distant descendant of a Jew, but was not required to turn himself in with the rest of the Jews because he had so little Jewish blood. However, it was all Betsie and Corrie could do to stop him from turning himself in because

he felt it was his obligation. They did convince him, and as a result the family vowed that anyone running from the Nazis would not be turned from the ten Boom door. The movie follows this family's story of how they hid the Jews, how the Nazis found out about "the hiding place," how the entire family was captured, and tells about their trials in the German concentration camp.

To say this movie is powerful would barely scratch the surface. Every Christian should make it his or her responsibility to see this movie. The testimony left by this family, especially Betsie, is one you will never forget. In spite of all the terrible things the Germans do to them, you will see these people portraying Christ's love in a way seldom seen since Calvary. You will see the coldest women turned soft by these women's witness and day-to-day

display of love. The evidence of Christ living and working in their lives will move you to tears. You cannot be forced to go to this movie, but if you do, you will never forget these women and their all-encompassing love for Christ.

## the Hiding Place



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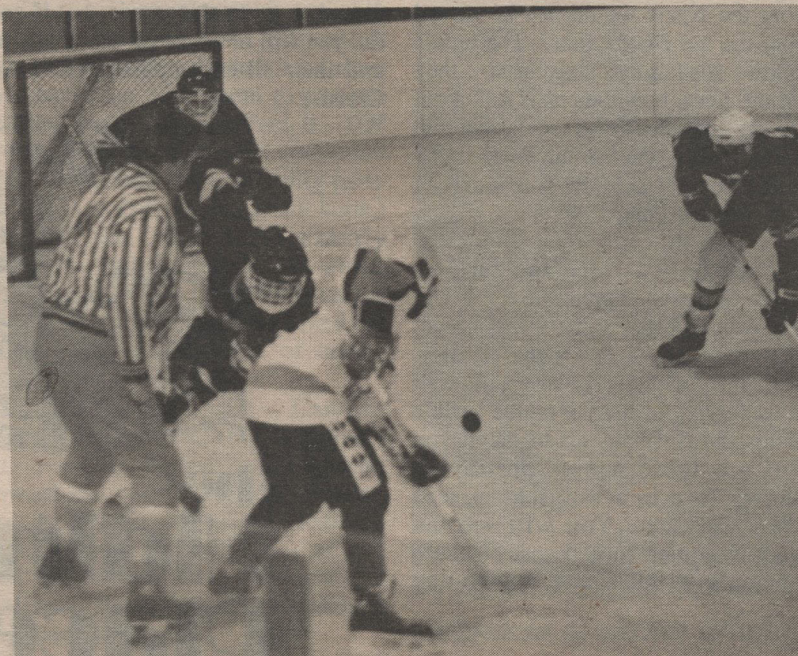
# Blades skate to victories

by Wayne Dykstra

The common saying, "When it rains, it pours," has taken on a whole new meaning for the Dordt Blades hockey team. In their past three outings, the Blades have outscored their opponents 28-6. (In contrast, the Blades, on their eight game Christmas tour, were outscored 40-35.)

The three-game winning streak began February 11, in Sioux Falls, as the Blades tangled with the Windom Warriors. Several strong practices prior to the game and the addition of some talented newcomers propelled the Blades to a 13-3 victory. The team was lead in scoring by Wayne Dykstra and new-arrival Henry Kingma, both with three goal performances. Seven different players rounded off the scoring with single markers.

February 16, five days later, the venue was again Sioux Falls, and the opponents, the SDSU Jacks. This was the third meeting between the two clubs this season and the first game of a home-and-away series. The Blades came out against a fast-skating, hard-hitting SDSU squad looking for victory. Unfortunately for the Jacks, James Koetsier wasn't ready to let too many pucks get past him and neither were the Dordt defense. The defensive duos of John De Hoog and Jeff Burgsma, and Joel Kamp and Greg Vander Top gave Koetsier the protection and time needed to prepare for opposing shots and cover up



**Phil Minderhoud, Jeff Burgsma, and goalie James Koetsier set for face off against SDSU.**

Photo by Angela Eriksen

rebounds. The strong defensive play was matched with fine offensive play as well. Scoring for the Blades were Joel Kamp, Wayne Dykstra, Phil Minderhoud, and Ed Kronmeyer with a two-goal performance. The final score: Dordt 5, SDSU 2.

The following night the team travelled to Brookings, South Dakota, to face a fiery SDSU squad. The

usually-boisterous collegiate crowd was on hand to inspire their Jacks in avenging the loss the night before. The Blades faced many close calls in a somewhat sluggish first period. However, Koetsier kept the team in the game with some key saves. During the intermission, the Blades gave their heads a good shake, coming out flying in the second period. The

offense started to generate some pressure in the Jacks' zone, eventually resulting in some goals...lots of them. Tim Veenstra led the onslaught with 3 goals followed by Wayne Dykstra with 2. Singles were added by Dave Tilstra, Kevin Sandberg, Frank Schippers, Joel Kamp, and Ed Kronmeyer. The final two periods once again showcased fine defensive play, which was evident in the previous game. The 10-1 score was enough to frustrate some SDSU players to resort to instigating several altercations, in an already penalty-filled affair. It was one of the most hard-hitting wild games of the season.

With a three-game winning streak under their belts, the Blades are eagerly anticipating a final year-end tournament in Northfield, Minnesota, this weekend. Drake University, SDSU, and host Carlton College will provide the competition in this round-robin tournament. Assistant captain Dave Tilstra is optimistic about the tournament. "We will be coming up against some tough teams this weekend--teams we haven't played this season. I think if our offense clicks and defense stands up like they have been, we can do very well. I guess...time will tell." The Blades open tournament play Friday night, February 24, against Carlton College. Game time is 9 p.m.

## Lady Defenders close season

by Stephanie Vos

The Lady Defenders wrap up their season with a 10-13 record. The season proved to be a great experience for all the players. It was also a learning experience, especially for those freshmen who had to make the transition from the 6-person to the 5-person game. But with the transition down and almost an entire season of playing together, the Lady Defenders went into their last four games with a lot of enthusiasm.

Shooting an impressive 46% from the field, the Lady Defenders were able to shut down the Westmar Lady Eagles. Janet Zylstra led with 21 points, and Rhonda Gritters added 12

more of Dordt's points to make the final score 63-54.

On February 11, the Lady Red Raiders from Northwestern travelled to Dordt. Even though Northwestern beat Dordt 65-63, it was not without a fight. The Lady Red Raiders took the lead early in the game, leaving the Lady Defenders down by 14 at halftime. But in a comeback, led by Suzanne DeVries, Dordt was able to make it a close game. DeVries put away 10 points in less than 3 minutes. Dordt tried to trap Northwestern, but this only left a Lady Red Raider open and under the basket. Jill Bousema led Dordt in scoring with 22 points,

and DeVries added 19 more. A turnover with one minute left gave Northwestern the ball with a two-point lead. Dordt was unable to make a last second shot to tie up the game.

Friday night Dordt travelled to Morningside. The Lady Defenders were able to stay close to the Lady Chiefs as Dordt trailed by only one at halftime. But Morningside pulled ahead in the second half to win 73-41.

Monday night the Lady Defenders played their last game of the 1988-89 against the Lady Lancers of Mt. Marty. It was a repeat of their last confrontation. Mt. Marty trapped and used their quick offense to defeat

Dordt 80-53. Dordt's 27 turnovers compared to Mt. Marty's 19 also proved to be a major factor in Dordt's loss. Janet Zylstra and Jill Bousema led the scoring with 15 and 13 points respectively.

Coach Rhoda said that the season went well. The team's weakness was their inconsistent offense from game to game, but their defense strengthened their play. The highlight of the season was the win against Briar Cliff at the buzzer. The Lady Defenders now look forward to a complete returning roster next year.