Kellogg paints Iowa

by Christine Van Belle

For a California teenager selling his paintings door-to-door, Ed Kellogg has come a long way as an artist. Currently, Kellogg's paintings of landscapes are on exhibit at the mezzanine level of the chapel. Kellogg is also teaching Art History and an introductory course for the visual arts at Dordt.

Professor Kellogg recalls his first grade teacher telling him to encourage his artistic abilities. His parents always supported his pursuit of art. During high school, Kellogg painted on his own and turned the shack behind his house into a bedroom and studio. At first, most of his paintings were of friends who wanted portraits of themselves surfing in the sun. But when his mother's friends saw Kellogg's work, they too wanted paintings. After high school, Kellogg went to Wheaton College for three years, then finished his schooling and received his master's degree at San Diego University.

For the past fifteen years, Kellogg has been a professor at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. His father always taught him that when he learned to do something well, he should pass it on. "This is not to say all artists should be teachers, but I find teaching very rewarding," says Kellogg.

Kellogg at work in mezzanine studio.

Photo by Angela Eischen

Kellogg has come to Dordt for a new experience and is excited about the semester job offer. He is also commissioned to do a work of art for Dordt College. His collection of landscapes will be hanging in the mezzanine until February 18. His paintings are beautiful and give delight even to the untrained eye.

Kellogg paints Iowa

by Karla Kamp

A campus pastor—that's what Dordt is lacking. But not for long. Administration has narrowed the applicants down to five, and all will have been on campus by February 20.

Rev. Donald Draayer and Dr. William Van Groningen will be on campus for interviews on February 17 and February 20, respectively. Already, Rev. Dan DeGroot, Rev. Wayne Kubes, and Dr. Carl Zylstra have had interviews on campus.

It has been eight years since Dordt has had its last campus pastor, Dr. J. B. Hulst. Dr. Hulst actually had three positions combined into one: half-time campus pastor, half-time professor of Theology, and Vice-President of Student Affairs (Dean of Students).

When Dr. Hulst became president, the position of campus pastor was not filled. "There was some feeling on campus," according to Dean of Students, Marion Van Soelen, "that perhaps a Christian college did not need a campus pastor if it was truly integrating faith into all aspects of the college."

Van Soelen remarks, however, that after a year or two, it was evident that a necessary ingredient was missing. But because the budget was tight and enrollment was down, a new campus pastor was not hired.

The college was not left without pastoral care, though. For one afternoon each week, a pastor from one of the local Christian Reformed churches came to fill the position. Van Soelen says, "They have served us well," but all realize that "the pastors don't get the milieu of the college situation unless they are here full time."

With the rise of enrollment, as Van Soelen indicates, it was a good time to start talking about hiring a campus pastor. After speaking with staff and committees, such as the Spiritual Activities Committee, Dr. Hulst brought the recommendation to hire a full time campus pastor to the Board of Trustees.

A large part of the campus pastor's position is counseling. Van Soelen says, "Even though we believe in the wholeness of the image bearer, there are aspects that we look for experts to develop." And the campus pastor is necessary for faith development. A campus pastor differs from a counselor since he meets spiritual needs, while a counselor provides a more general counseling, meeting second psychological needs.

Other important duties and responsibilities of the campus pastor include coordinating and supervising activities such as Chapel, Retreats, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, and missionary programs. Visiting students and staff in the hospital and providing help and care in emergency situations such as serious accidents or deaths are also services provided by the campus pastor.

Van Soelen believes a campus pastor should be, available and accessible. Furthermore, he says, "I feel the person should be approachable, have a personality students will be attracted to, helpful to students, and give, not necessarily answers, but help in faith development."

Dr. Hulst will choose the successful applicant, upon approval of the Board, possibly by February 24. Van Soelen encourages students to meet with two of the candidates on February 17 and to give evaluations to himself or Dr. Hulst. "The evaluations mean a lot to us," says Van Soelen. "Many times an evaluation affirms or brings up an issue that we haven't thought of.

The candidates will also meet with the Spiritual Activities Committee which gives its recommendations to Van Soelen. In turn, recommendations are submitted by Van Soelen and Hulst to the Administrative Council, consisting of the President and Vice-Presidents. The decision then goes to the Board for approval.

Van Soelen notes that since Dordt was without its own campus pastor, students and staff have requested that the position be filled. By August, 1989, the need will be met.
Ban voted down

by Dori Kooistra

The Student Life Senate met Monday, February 6. One of the issues they discussed was the smoking ban. This ban was voted down at the meeting.

Last semester the Student Personnel Committee brought up the issue of revising the present smoking policy at Dordt. The present policy allows smoking in the dorm rooms, East Campus apartments, the game room, and the west side of the snack bar. The Student Personnel Committee looked into various options, voted, and passed an all college smoking ban.

Student Forum met last Monday, January 30 to decide what their position would be at the Student Life Senate. It was an open meeting meaning students could come and voice their opinions. Approximately ten students came, both opposing and supporting the ban. After hearing the students and having a long discussion, Forum decided to neither support nor oppose the ban. Instead, they decided on having the Student Personnel Committee look more extensively into other options beside an all school ban.

Left to right: Rus Engle, Dan Rooda, Gordon Vos, Carolyn Vos, Helen Heyboer, Jay Van Whye, Kate Zeltman, John DeHoog, Jay Kuipers, Doug Gesink, and Frank Schippers.

At the Student Life Senate, Mr. Van Soelen proposed to ban smoking everywhere except in the west snack bar. This was voted down along with the all school ban. In order to change the present smoking policy, the student body. A booth was set up in the SUB on Tuesday mornings at cookies before chapel, and the students were asked for their input and views on which book they preferred. Finally, in the spring of 1987, the new Psalter Hymnal was chosen for the chapel.

Many factors led to the decision supply the chapel with new hymnals. Dordt's previous song book, Jubilee, had been chosen because of its unique structure--new songs could be easily added. However, the committee decided it would be too costly and time consuming to find and purchase additional songs for the Jubilee and determined that a new book would save time and money.

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So Dordt students no longer have to struggle with an awkward number to turn to, or have to peer over shoulders to see the number being sung. The new Psalter is here, and the Spiritual Activities Committee awaits student and staff response.

Chapel stocked with new Psalters

by Karen Peters

Recent visits to the Dordt chapel have revealed that something new is in the air. Well, actually it's under the floor. The new Psalter Hymnal.

In the fall of 1986, the Spiritual Activities Committee of the college wrote a proposal to the board requesting that a search begin for a new chapel song book. After gaining approval, the committee began a lengthy selection process that included a detailed analysis of many books. After narrowing the selection to about 6-8 hymnals and songbooks, the committee brought the books before the student body. A booth was set up in the SUB on Tuesday mornings at cookies before chapel, and the students were asked for their input and views on which book they preferred. Finally, in the spring of 1987, the new Psalter Hymnal was chosen for the chapel.

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Colleges buttsmoking

According to the College Press Service, more colleges are taking big steps to butt smoking off campus, claiming that they have "practical, even moral reasons to restrict smoking." In 1976, Penn State University was one of the first U.S. campuses to ban smoking from its laboratories and classrooms. On April 1 of this year, Penn will forbid smoking everywhere except in certain dorm rooms. Many colleges are following this example, including Stanford University, which banned smoking even at outdoor events. Colleges' efforts to break students' smoking habits might be working, according to a report by the U.S. Public Health Service: although the percentage of incoming freshmen who smoke is up 1.2% from last year, the proportion of college graduates who smoked decreased from 28% in 1974 to 18% in 1985. For people without a college degree, the more modest decrease went from 36% in 1974 to 34% in 1985. Student smokers haven't been reported to resist or protest restrictions very strongly.

Trees trashed

While many of us had to help take down the Christmas tree over break, vandals were busy "taking down" evergreen trees on Dordt campus. These vandals rode over, and snapped off, fifteen evergreen trees on the east side of the athletic field, causing approximately $2,000 damage. "We haven't caught the culprit...yet," says Lou Kuiper. The trees will be replaced next summer.

The poplar trees in East campus are also being cut down. "They've outlived their life span," says Kuiper. The rotting trees were causing concern among those living in Sunrise Estates.

The perfect Grandma

Jean Maatman, wife of Professor Russell Maatman, was the winner of a Grandmother." Design Studios, an advertising company located in Waterloo, Iowa, in conjunction with Brumwell Products, selected twelve people to be interviewed from the 400 that applied. As the winner, Maatman will appear in a commercial soon to be aired on Iowa's NBC stations.

Hugs make cents

SACS, Students in Active Service, is sponsoring the seventh annual hug-a-thon for Sioux Center's Domestic Violence Aid Center, Inc. Participants will try to find sponsors who will pledge at least ten cents per hug. Huggers will be going around on Valentine's Day to raise money and possibly win prizes. Last year, eleven people raised $645.44 with a total of 1,170 hugs. This year's goal is 51,500. If interested, you can still contact Elaine Gorter or Stephanie Walhof through February 10.

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Rob Van Kooten leads audience in "Itsy, Bitsy Spider."

Equipment to communicate

Approximately ten years ago, many of us were just realizing that there was more to television than I Dream of Jeanie and similar programming. But those in the Communication Department of Dordt College were dreaming of quality video cameras and high-tech monitoring equipment. Those in the department finally got that equipment they were hoping for.

Last year, Dr. Hulst and division dean Rocke McCarthy encouraged the department to resubmit a revised proposal for the equipment, after the initial proposal had been turned down. Once the proposal passed and two companies had placed their bids, equipment was ordered under the supervision of engineers at Iowa Public Television. The remodeling was done in conjunction with the psychology and sociology departments to create the three classroom lab situation. The equipment will be used to enhance current courses in mass communications, broadcast announcing, public speaking, small group discussion, and possibly a few existing classes in other departments as well. "It's a good start for us," says Dekkenga. "We're fascinated with what this equipment will do."
editor's corner

Making the grade

by Galen Sinkley

Most students wait for their grade reports with anxiety at the close of each semester. Unfortunately, many students become discouraged and frustrated when their grades arrive because their efforts paid off in a "near miss"—just missing that grade he or she worked for all semester but didn't quite make. On the other hand, a wave of relief rushes over students who "just made" the grade for a certain course. After seven semesters of receiving college grades in the mail, I am persuaded that the current method of grading on a 4.0 scale is not a wholly honest way of representing student effort.

One problem with the current scale is that it promotes the attitude of some students who change the minimum amount of work for a grade that will have the same effect on their GPA as if they do significantly more work. Students know that if they average around 80-81% on tests, they'll likely get the same grade as if they work harder and average 88-89% on tests. The point is that professors have to draw a line somewhere, and the students who just miss the grade are cheated because they aren't represented for their work any differently than the student who just made the grade. The student who "just makes" the grade neither earns, nor deserves, the same grade as the student who "just misses" the next grade up.

Professors could more honestly represent student effort if they were allowed to put a numerical percentage on report cards, rather than an A, B, C, D, or F. The student who averages 88-89% on tests (or term papers, etc) would see that percentage on his or her grade card and would not compare themselves with others on the basis of grades. These students could much more accurately pinpoint where they stand in comparison to their peers and the system would foster the reduction of human beings to numerical percentages. I hope to discuss this problem further in my next editorial, so stay tuned!

In light of the disadvantages, I stand behind my argument for more accurate representations of student effort. I feel that the benefits of greater honesty in representing students and the possibility of motivating students to do more than "just make" the grade outweigh the disadvantages.

letters to the editor

Where there's smoke there's fire

To the editor:

Arguments for and against on-campus smoking issue have been batted back and forth for years, but the issue has not been more divisive than it has this year. A proposal is being considered to ban all smoking on Dordt's campus. Non-smokers are celebrating the possibility of fresh air on campus, while smokers are decrying the proposal as an infringement of their rights.

There's no doubt smoking is a harmful practice. Studies show smoking causes illness that could be quit smoking, proving the addictiveness of smoking. Other studies also show an increased occurrence of heart disease, lung disease, and other life-threatening diseases among smokers.

Similar harmful activities are banned on campus—use of illegal drugs is not allowed, nor is consumption of alcoholic beverages. Why, then, isn't smoking banned? Smoking is a greater health hazard than alcohol because even a small amount of inhaled smoke can begin to do damage to the lungs of smokers and people near smokers. Small amounts of alcohol are not harmful (except for alcoholics), and small amounts of alcohol use will not harm people around the user. As Christians, we should be careful about the manner in which we drink.

However, the same should go for smoking. Since all Dordt students may legally smoke, there should be no rules against it; however, those who do smoke should exercise a great deal of care in the manner in which they smoke. Since many people, including myself, occasionally become sick when they smell cigarette smoke, smokers should reconsider smoking just outside entrances to buildings where smoking is prohibited. Often a cloud of smoke hangs near entrances to such buildings. Also, people (including a number of staff members) who smoke just inside what they think are little-used entrances should be punished according to the current rules. The SUB should still allow smoking in certain areas (the present configuration seems to work). Also, smoking in dorms and apartments should be limited to a specific area. Although doors are to be closed when people smoke, I know from experience that doesn't eliminate the problem. Perhaps a wing or two in each dorm could be set aside for smokers.

It should be realized that smoking is harmful, and Dordt should do all it can to help people kick the habit. Professors, since they are role models on campus, should be required to make an effort to stop smoking, and students should be encouraged to do the same. Dordt should be willing to pay for such programs. At the same time, we must treat smokers as fellow human beings with the same rights we have. They have a problem which we should help them overcome. Ridicule and torment will not help. As non-smokers we should be tolerant, helpful, and loving. At the same time, smokers should be considerate. The majority of smokers at Dordt are considerate—it is the problems caused by a small minority causing the divisions on campus. I roomed with a smoker for a while, and he was so considerate that I hardly noticed that he smoked. If every smoker at Dordt could be like him, the division between smokers and non-smokers would probably disappear.

Chuck Adams

Concerns about clapping

To the editor:

Throughout the course of last semester and again this semester, the echoing of clapping in chapel has been echoing in my head. In reflecting on when we clap and why, it seems to me something is wrong. When a speaker is introduced with a long list of his life accomplishments proceed his name. After this introduction everyone claps, not only to welcome him, but also for the person he is and what he has done. From my perspective there is nothing wrong with this. God has given the speaker some special gifts and the audience should be thankful for the insight he or she can bring. My question is, why can we not clap after someone else clubs us worship through music? Is it simply the risk of praising the person and not the gift? I don't see this as a problem at all. God has given the gifts and in acknowledging the person who uses them are we not also praising the Creator? As a member of the chapel audience, I feel my offering of thankfulness is often slyed by not being able to offer my applause.

Lynn Van Heyst
opinion

Soccer, C.S. Lewis, & rings that bind

To the editor:

Are you an Inner Ringer? After soccer, my next favorite hobby is reading C.S. Lewis. I do not know what you think about this combination, but I am convinced that the two are very much compatible, edifying, and reformed. From them I exercise all modal components (from one extreme of the scale to another) of the spectrum of human experience. About soccer I will not say much this about. About Lewis, the reason I appreciate so much what he says is that he tells us so clearly what we vaguely and naively perceive about all aspects of life.

To give an example I decided to share with you today some of Lewis' wise remarks about a very common institution: The Inner Ring, from which no association of people is immune. The Inner Ring exists in schools, churches, businesses, and other places. What's more, the desire to be inside an Inner Ring is pervasive. Lewis believed "that in all men's lives at certain periods, and in many men's lives at all periods, between infancy and extreme old age, one of the most dominant elements is the desire to be inside of the local Ring and the terror of being left outside." Lewis described the Inner Ring as basically a group or a clique. Here is how he described it:

[It being informal, its hierarchical relationship to other persons or groups] is not printed. . . . Nor is it even a formally organized secret society with officers and rules which you would be told after you had been admitted. You are never formally and explicitly admitted by anyone. You discover gradually, in almost inarticulate ways, that it exists, and that you are outside it; and then later, perhaps, that you are inside. There are what correspond to passwords, but they are spontaneous and informal. A particular slant, the use of particular nicknames, an allusive manner of conversation, are the marks. But it is not constant. It is not easy, even at a given moment, to say who is inside and who is outside. There are no formal admissions or expulsions. From inside it may be [simply] called "you and Tony and me. " When it is very secure and comparatively stable in membership it calls itself "we. " When it has to be suddenly expanded to meet a particular emergency it calls itself, "All the sensible people at this place. " From outside, if you have despairs of getting into it, you call it "That gang" or "They" or "So-and-so and his set. " Or "The Inner Ring. " If you are a candidate for admission you probably don't call it anything. To discuss it with the other outsiders would make you feel outside yourself.

Lewis pointed out that the Inner Rings are not intrinsically bad, perhaps neutral in nature. What is clearly not neutral is the desire to be included in an Inner Ring. The desire is also a pervasive desire in that the satisfaction from having gained entrance into an Inner Ring is short lived and ultimately insatiable. Lewis wrote, "As soon as your new associates have been sailed to you by custom, you will be looking for another Ring."

Lewis also described different forms that passion can take within a group:

1. (We may all be engaged in standing together against the outer world--all those fools outside who write newspaper articles about us which reveal their ghastly ignorance of the real work, and propose schemes which look very fine on paper but which, as we well know, are impracticable.

2. We might equally spend the evening standing together against our own seniors; those people at the top-Lord knows how they got there while better men rot in provincial lectureships, or small ships, or starving parishes--who seem to have forgotten what the real work is like and who spoil all our best efforts with their meddling and are quite deceived about our relative merits.

3. "We might all be standing against our juniors. They haven't begun to realize what is expected of them. And heaven knows, things are made easy enough for them now! They haven't been through the sort of mill we were through."

If you would like to learn more about Lewis, perhaps we could develop a benign form of an Inner Ring--A C.S. Lewis Club.

To the editor:

However, you may have fill you in. In the story about the very minor error appeared in the I'll found the error rather humorous.

Mission Outreach. Originally, the group was identified as students who spent part of Christmas in the Dominican Republic, they'll point you to any of the students who went to the seemingly minor mistake? If you talk to any of the students who went to the Dominican Republic, they'll point you in the direction of Randy Ward, whose very animated (and somewhat confusing) explanation of the difference often resembles John Madden's description of a spectacular football play. If you want a more simple definition, think of it this way: we at Dordt College are receiving training to embark on our own specific missions, each of which falls within the category of the one mission—that of Jesus Christ's redemption of the fallen world. The missions project that Dordt students undertake is one "missions," as is the mission project of teaching in a Christian school, of designing a bridge, of starting a business, of developing government housing policies. What it all boils down to is that each one of us must really realize that our entire life as a Christian is a small part of the whole mission of God. As we go out into the "real world," as well as during the time we're here at Dordt College, we must be sure all we do conforms with the direction of God's will for His Kingdom. This is an idea we should all realize, but occasions such as the recent error in the Diamond are good times to reiterate our commitment as Christians to do all according to the will of God.

Chuck Adams

Mission vs. Missions

To the editor:

Last week, what seemed to be a very minor error appeared in the Diamond. However, you may have noticed that about fourteen people found the error rather humorous. I'll fill you in. In the story about the students who spent part of Christmas break in the Dominican Republic, the group was identified as Mission Outreach. Originally, the name read "A Missions Outreach," but an editor at the Diamond changed it to what he or she felt was more grammatically correct.

So why even talk about this seemingly minor mistake? If you talk to any of the students who went to the Dominican Republic, they'll point you in the direction of Randy Ward, whose very animated (and somewhat confusing) explanation of the difference often resembles John Madden's description of a spectacular football play. If you want a more simple definition, think of it this way: we at Dordt College are receiving training to embark on our own specific missions, each of which falls within the category of the one mission—that of Jesus Christ's redemption of the fallen world. The missions project that Dordt students undertake is one "missions," as is the mission project of teaching in a Christian school, of designing a bridge, of starting a business, of developing government housing policies. What it all boils down to is that each one of us must really realize that our entire life as a Christian is a small part of the whole mission of God. As we go out into the "real world," as well as during the time we're here at Dordt College, we must be sure all we do conforms with the direction of God's will for His Kingdom. This is an idea we should all realize, but occasions such as the recent error in the Diamond are good times to reiterate our commitment as Christians to do all according to the will of God.

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Stepping out of Dordt: Bright lights, Big Cities

by Dan Mennega

No, freshmen. they're not transfers from Calvin. Seven of those new faces on campus this semester aren't new at all. They're back! After a heavy dose of what they termed the "real world," Tim Maat, Leann Bouwman, Gwen Burggraaf, Jim Hummel, Todd Van Bruggen, Darrin Hoekstra, and Kim Veenstra are back at the old beat of classes, studying in a more homogenous community. All were taking part in off-campus studies during the fall semester; Maat in Washington, D.C., the others with the Chicago Metro program.

Their reasons for stepping out of the structure and comfort of college? "I wanted a big city experience," said Hummel. The programs gave them a chance to test their interest in their potential careers, as well as a forerose of what may lie ahead after college.

They went either because they were inspired by friends who had been on the programs before, or as an opportunity to find out how their college courses applied to the business or political world. All of them were very excited about the big city life. "Thumbs up," says Todd Van Bruggen about his experience in Chicago. "The city is full of everything," says Maat about Washington, D.C.

Maat's interest in politics found him involved in crucial social and political issues at the nation's capital. Along with an internship with a congressman, he spent many hours a week on various projects, interrelated with classes and group discussions. Many interviews, lectures, and meetings kept Maat's nearly four month stay incredibly worthwhile and busy as he tackled U.S. drug policies, South African apartheid, the Bush/Quayle campaign, and the turmoil in Northern Ireland. He found the experience very practical because rather than merely learning about the problem and recognizing the cause, much thought and action was put into what could be done about it.

Leann Bouwman worked in Chicago with a community development agency. She has an interest in public relations, and this was an ideal chance for her to find out what career opportunities are available to her. Four meetings a week meant lots of typing, answering phones, and recording minutes. Bouwman was also active in a community census for the operation.

Hummel and Van Bruggen, both interested in business, ended up at the same corporation. Hummel was at first amazed by all the people, and expressed his feelings of anonymity. He and Van Bruggen were involved with a huge commercial corporation which financed truck trailers and communication and construction equipment. Data reports had to be made and filed as both guys worked in the various departments of their huge office building. Practical business learning and mixing with different people, were good experiences, according to Hummel. Van Bruggen felt that the chance to apply what he had learned in college was valuable in his new work. He also found that being a lone person in a vast city was a refreshing change, and quite different than being in his hometown of Sioux Center.

Kim Veenstra's internship made her much more aware of Chicago's diverse beliefs, cultures, religions, and races. "As an accountant intern, she did all the work of a regular staff person, and valued the hands-on experience she gained. 'I can see it and read it in my textbooks,' she says, 'but actually doing it was a whole different story.'"

Along with her desire to have real public relations experience, Gwen Burggraaf's interest in communications landed her a position at a money distributing company. The company was Christian and distributed money mainly to mission agencies, "poorest of poor" countries, and nations where missions are banned, such as Turkey and China. Burggraaf found it interesting to live in Chicago, with "people all over, and all races inter-mixed." Her duties involved public speaking, formulating brochures, fund-raising, and doing computer layouts. She says, "It really develops a person socially to deal with society's problems."

Darrin Hoekstra reflects upon the Chicago Metro as the "best college experience ever." The company that Hoekstra worked for was one which marketed various products to college campuses. Marketing credit cards, placing ads in college newspapers, and spending a lot of time on the phone were just a few of his day-to-day duties. One of the things Hoekstra enjoyed most was just being with his fellow employees, working hard and having a good time.

Upon their return to college, these individuals have mixed feelings. Maat, a junior, says, "It has given me a new perspective on classes here. I see what is being taught here on a more practical level." For some of the seniors, however, it's not as easy to be back in the classroom. Van Bruggen takes mostly electives his final semester, which makes him even more anxious for graduation. The group feels the desire to get back into the work force.

Along with the valuable learning experience came a lot of good times. Everyone agreed that the Moscow Ballet Company was a unique opportunity, and free thirty-eight dollar box seats to the Chicago Bulls were not exactly a downer either. Bouwman recalls shaking Paul Harvey's hand. "Maat had fun exploring different ethnic areas, buying an Irish pub, and playing football on Capitol Lawn."

Burggraaf highly recommends the experience. Van Bruggen said, "I'm surprised by the lack of interest at Dordt; it's such a valuable time." According to Bouwman, all you need is a sense of adventure and "to be willing to get out of a set community and make something out of life." Hoekstra agreed. "It's the type of thing you can do only one semester," he says, "because it's so new--how you live, where you live, and what you do... Your habits are different and your work load is different. It's not all academic learning. That's what's valuable about it."

It was mentioned several times that coming back each day to the home group was comforting and reassuring. This reveals a special bond that has developed between these young adults as they have together prepared for the real world, and their lives ahead of them.

TePaske Theatre welcomes Shakespeare

by Cheri Onstra

If you have taken General Psychology at Dordt, you may be familiar with Freud's "Oedipus Complex," but most of us have no idea where Freud got the idea for his theory.

In 450 B.C., Sophocles wrote Oedipus Rex, a tragedy that tells of a man who unknowingly killed his father and married his mother, resulting in Freud's "Oedipus Complex.”

On Monday, February 13, at 8:30, in the Te Paske Theater, this Greek tragedy will be brought to life by the National Shakespeare Company for the students at Dordt and the Sioux Center community.

The National Shakespeare Company is a New York based touring company that travels nationwide and specializes in classics for everyone. Their aim is to bring high quality, affordable, essential Shakespeare, according to Elaine Sulka, co-founder and artistic director.

Many people may be wary of Greek drama, they shouldn't be. Some things may be unfamiliar, like the Chorus in Oedipus Rex, but the language is done in a modern translation so it is easily understood.

Whether you are required to see Oedipus Rex for a class or if you would like a break in routine, this play should prove to be a production rich in drama and intrigue.

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A Soldier's Story: A tale of two races

by Susan Van Till

On the surface, A Soldier's Story is a who-dun-it movie about the murder of an unusual negro army sergeant in Louisiana during World War I. Gradually, the whole affair comes out, seen through the eyes of the negro army captain sent from the north to investigate the murder. The movie has many earmarks of a melodrama: suspense, misleading consequences, and a smart investigator who eventually sees through all the frauds and solves the murder. The movie is delightfully entertaining because of the wealth of wry humor that comes out when a high-ranking black man comes into an entirely white-dominated, southern army base which has never seen a black captain before.

But this melodramatic movie is different in that it has a point. By setting this movie in such a racist community, it sought to show how sticky things can get when people get caught between two races. Tension is created when people expect others to behave in certain ways. The investigator in this story never assumes anything. He waited until he knew the facts before he made a decision, without allowing race to affect his judgement. A Soldier's Story will be showing Friday February 10, in C160 at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m.

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These people are doing things you've never seen before. For instance, they're juggling things you can't even touch. They manipulate light, not just color changes, or juggling flashlights, they're taking high intensity beams of light which come directly over the heads of the audience and bouncing them all around the theatre with hand-held mirror panels. This is something you really have to see to believe!

A show you'll remember for a long time, with lots of highly polished talent, such as Juggling, Magic, Acrobatics, and Dance. "It's pure energy, and pure fun," said one recent show-goer.

The theme of the show ties the entire production together theatrically, as the performers take the audience with them on a trip through time from the beginning of time all the way into the future.

Lazer Vaudeville, sponsored by SACS, will perform at the chapel at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16. Admission at the door is $3 for non-students, $2 for college and high school students, and $1 for elementary students.

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Sioux Center
Westmar trips win streak
by Eric Groen

The Dordt College men's basketball team entered last night's contest with Westmar on the crest of a three game winning streak. The three wins lifted Dordt's season record to 14-7 and 4-3 in their conference. The Defenders are also tied for third place with Briar Cliff in the District 15 playoff ratings, behind St. Ambrose and Westmar.

The Defenders' only loss in the last two weeks came at the hands of rival Northwestern on Saturday, February 4th. Dordt was looking to snap a seven game losing streak against the Red Raiders, dating back to 1986, and came out firing. The Defenders jumped to an early lead, but quickly cooled off. Northwestern's three-point shooter took over, and the Red Raiders took a 44-41 lead to the locker room at the half. Dordt was unable to shut down Northwestern's long range shooters in the second half. The Red Raiders were 17-33 beyond the three-point line for the game, propelling them to a 96-82 victory. Jay Schelhaas paced the Defenders with 17 points and Joel Veenstra added 15.

On February 1, Dordt played host to Mount Marty in front of an unusually small crowd. The Lancers only win of the season had come at the Defenders' expense in the first game of the year, and Dordt was looking to avenge that loss. The Defenders enjoyed large leads throughout the game, but could not put the persistent Lancers away. Each time a blowout seemed inevitable, Mount Marty would cut into the lead and make things interesting. Dordt held on for a 76-68 win with Joel Veenstra's 23 points and Kevin Veenstra's 21 points.

Iowa Wesleyan entered the Dordt gym on Friday night in search of its first conference victory of the season, and Dordt needed the win to hold its place in the playoff ratings. The Defenders jumped out early and raced to a big half-time lead. The second half was more of the same as Dordt's lead was never seriously threatened, and they went on to a 96-77 victory. The Defenders placed four men in double figures, led by Kevin Veenstra's 22 points. Joel Veenstra and Chad Visser each chipped in with 20 points and Jay Schelhaas added 18. The win evened Dordt's conference record at 3-3.

Several hundred alumni were in the crowd for a Saturday afternoon homecoming game against Grandview. The Defenders started slow, allowing Grandview to stay even for much of the first half, before pulling away just before the halftime intermission. Several fans entertained the crowd at half-time with a slam dunk contest, won by Steve Vermoer, a key player on last year's national tournament squad. In the second half Dordt picked up where it left off and won easily, 89-60. Kevin Veenstra led the way with 14 points for the Defenders, followed by Jerry Boer's 12, Joel Veenstra's 11, and Fred Broersma's 10. Dordt once again placed four men in double figures.

Last night Westmar exploded in the opening minutes of the second half and built a untouchable lead before winning 92-83. Dordt now falls to 14-8 with the loss. Saturday the Defenders travel to Briar Cliff for an afternoon game.

Lady Defenders hit skids
by Stephanie Yon

The five game winning streak the Lady Defenders boasted of was put to a stop with recent losses to Buena Vista, Morningside, Mt. Marty, and Briar Cliff. Dordt's record now stands at 9-10.

Dordt travelled to Storm Lake, January 27, to take on Buena Vista. Assistant coach Todd Zylstra was in charge because Coach Rhoda suffered from the flu. The Lady Defenders put forth an impressive effort, but it was not enough against a determined Lady Beaver team. Buena Vista won 83-76, although Jill Bousema scored 28 points.

Once again without coach Rhoda, the Lady Defenders took on Morningside at home. Although Dordt played strong defense, they trailed at half-time 25 - 21. In the second half, the Lady Chiefs pulled away and defeated Dordt 62 - 55. Dordt was led in scoring by Jill Bousema with 22 and Janet Zylstra with 14. Morningside's balanced scoring proved to be the key. They had three players in double figures with Paula Hunter scoring 16.

Friday night Dordt took on a strong Mt. Marty team. Mt. Marty arrived late and took only 15 minutes to warm up, but they were still ready to go. Mt. Marty's speed and press helped them gain control. They used the double team and trap to take Dordt's offense out of the game. Coach Rhoda emphasized that Mt. Marty talent rather than Dordt errors were the key to the game. Diane Burkard led the Lady Chargers with 37 points. Jill Bousema led Dordt in scoring once again, with 24 points, while Janet Zylstra and Rhonda Gritters added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The first half was close with the Lady Lancers leading 43 - 37 at the half, but Bousema was able to score only 4 second half points. Rhoda says, "We didn't play as well as we could have, especially in the second half." The final score was 84 - 83. The Defenders led throughout the game, but Dordt needed a win to hold its place in the playoff ratings.

Tonight the Lady Defenders play Westmar at home. Saturday the lady Red Raiders travel to Dordt for a 2:00 game.