New club opens season

by Dan Mennega

Most students at Dordt are not eagerly anticipating the coming winter weather. To some, however, cold mornings, leafless trees, and snowed breath mean one thing: hunting time. It's that time of the year when students get their guns, put aside their books for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting stories for a day, and wander around the countryside, swapping hunting 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Students get involved

by Leanne Meadow

HANDS IN HANDS

Are there struggles at home that make being away from college a bit unbearable? Do you ever wish that there was somewhere you could share your fears and be understood? If any of these dilemmas have been a part of your life or you care about sharing others' concerns, then there is a group you should know about: group of students meets weekly to talk, sympathize, laugh, and even cry by sharing with one another placing "Hands in Hands."

The group was organized by Gina Vos and Kristin Soosdama. "We wanted to reach out to the needs of Dordt students," said Gina Vos.

PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION

PLIA is Putting Love Into Action again this coming spring break. This student-run volunteer group plans to help in visible ways in five areas this year. Working at three sites in Mississippi, one in Kentucky, and at an inner-city project in Chicago, the group will be using their hands and hearts in various ways from long carpentry work to Bible clubs.

PLIA members organize themselves, raise funds, and supply all materials needed to help in the various projects they do. If you would like to help out but can't seem to give up spring break, support PLIA members this month as they sell candy to raise necessary funds.

Outreach program assists community

by Amy Tiemersen

How would you like to dress up in a bear costume and travel to schools and preschools to give a skit about child abuse? The Happy Bear program at the Domestic Violence Aid Center explains to children about "good" touching and "bad" touching from adults. Volunteering as Happy Bear is only one volunteer possibility for members of Dordt College's Community Outreach program.

Dordt College's Community Outreach Program provides students with opportunities to volunteer at local agencies. This year the directors and coordinators wanted to expand the program by finding new agencies with different volunteer opportunities. Expanding into new areas allowed students new experiences, and also helped more students find volunteer positions that used their skills.

The Community Outreach Program provides volunteers to four new agencies. The Domestic Violence Aid Center, the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Center, Orange City Hospital, and to Mid-Sioux's office. New volunteer opportunities include working in a clothing distribution center, spending time at a crisis center for abused women, doing candy stripe work in the hospital, and helping run a group for children of alcoholic parents.

In addition to the new volunteer openings, the Community Outreach Program has volunteers visiting elderly people or young children, helping in special education classrooms and preschools. Between forty and fifty students volunteer this semester, but we have not filled all of our openings for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the areas mentioned above, or if you are interested in volunteering for any of the areas mentioned above, or if you are interested in volunteering but are not sure where, please contact Char Green or Amy Tiemersen.

Even if you're not sure you can handle it, go ahead and give it a try. You won't be sorry.

Bible studies strengthen members

by Teresa Van Gunst

Bible Study Groups meet weekly studying everything from Genesis to Revelation, having fun, and making new friends, but they aren't gathering just for social reasons. Bible studies offer a chance to learn from our friends and from a focused study of the Bible that is often neglected in the middle of a busy schedule.

But too many students at Dordt aren't involved. Some feel that they don't need it, and others just don't feel that it's worth the time.

We at Dordt don't realize the unique opportunity we have in a Bible Study to challenge and strengthen our Christian views. There aren't many times during our lives when we're surrounded by almost one thousand Christians. Ask any former Dordt student how he or she helped the elderly with the tedious job of fall yard work. Short-term assistance and help in the community like this is what the group is all about. As various opportunities in the community arise, SACS is there to help. A special way that they are planning to help this year is to raise funds and supply volunteers for a Sioux Opportunity, whose federal funding has been drastically reduced.

Keep your eye out for more SACS as they seek to provide needed help in our community.

Finance charge investigated

by Dori Koolstra

On October 31 Bernie De Wit and Darrel Rath from the Business Office of the Student Forum returned to clarify the financial statements issue.

Rath stressed that what the students received in the mail was a statement informing them of their regular amount due and not a bill. "We regret that this misunderstanding occurred. Our new policy is to benefit the student with a new finance charge-interest on top of interest. We meant it to be fair, not greedy. If the students look carefully they'll realize that they get charged the same amount, no matter if it's in two payments or one," he explained.

Student Forum President Jan Steiger asked the two men if students with questions could go to the office and ask them. "Most definitely," said Rath. We're not that bad to deal with. Actually, we were shocked at the confusion. I don't know what we could have done differently to make students aware. "If students have any questions on this issue they are welcome to go to the business office and speak with Mr. Rath or Mr. De Wit," he explained.

Student Forum representatives have been working on changing the commons hours and off-campus housing policy. The Forum's next meeting is Monday, November 14. They will be extensively discussing possible changes in the smoking policy.
Bloodbank counts on Dordt

by Karla Kamp

Students usually are not found flocking to a bank to make a deposit, but this past week Tuesday and Wednesday students were busy at one bank -- the Siouxland Blood Bank. No interest is gained on this deposit, but it is well worth the effort.

According to the Bloodbank's statistics, the 14 hospitals that are a part of the Siouxland Bloodbank use 250 to 350 pints of blood per week. In the past 2 days, Dordt has given 199 pints, not quite enough to supply the 14 hospitals' needs for a week, but it does go a long way. Last year, Dordt had its all time high -- an average of 103 pints of blood were taken per day over the three days which make up both the spring and fall Blood Drives. The Siouxland Bloodbank does count on Dordt students for support. The Student Forum, who coordinates the Blood Drive, would like to thank all those who took the time to give blood.

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What's back there anyway?

By Floyd Reitsma

It's mid-November, you open the door, and you are greeted by a warm, humid, almost tropical air. Everywhere you look, life abounds. Geraniums, various types of grass, and small trees spread out in front of you as the luminous light engulfs you. You haven't entered the Twilight Zone, but rather the greenhouse complex south of the science building.

The greenhouse, a place almost special in their own type and use. From the small scale rain forest to the couch sensitive plant to the tree that grows several feet in a short time, all are special in their own type and use. Along with those plants, most of the flowers that beautify Dordt's campus are started here and transplanted in springtime.

The greenhouse is also used for science experiment: that take different plants and see how they respond to different types of stimulus such as light and environment.

The greenhouse idea was first started by Mr. Boersma, a retired mar who helped plant almost all of the trees around the campus. He gave a brief history of the greenhouse. He said it all started when he planted some flowers around the signs welcoming people to Sioux Center.

He agreed and first worked out of a small 8'x10' greenhouse placed on the south end of the science building. Another small bay was added later for landscaping and potting plants for use around Dordt.

A few years after that, the current three-bay greenhouse was built. The rest is just as you see. It was stocked with plants and cared for by Mr. Boersma. But now the greenhouse is going to go through another change. As most people know, the science building is going to be expanded southward. One of the bays in the greenhouse is going to be taken out in order to make room for expansion, lessening the space in the greenhouse and taking out the two bays used for potting and landscaping. This would be an advantage for classroom and lab space, but would hinder the work done in the greenhouse.

Mr. Boersma has seen a lot happen around Dordt, but this past week Tuesday and Wednesday students were busy at one bank -- the Siouxland Blood Bank.

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The Bible also tells us that heaven is a place of perfection. When we will live in heaven, our bodies will be perfected like Christ's, completely cleansed from sin. We will never feel physical or emotional pain. We will never be sick—no colds, no flu, no cancer or AIDS. In Heaven, our loved ones will never die. We will never be sad or have fear. Although we will have work to do, we will never feel anxiety or frustration from our responsibilities. Heaven will be a place of ever increasing joy and happiness. We will get to see God and feel the power of his love purely removed from Satan and sin of this world.

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opinion

Election Reaction

To the editor:

Well I've just discovered I've been a pew potato for 9 1/2 years now. Since I moved to Sioux Center in the summer of '79, I've been attending "Convenient CRC." Only now do I realize that all my fellow worshippers and I make one collective pot of spaghetti.

Seriously, however, there is some problem with Dordt students who don't get involved in church activity. However, I beg to differ with Galen Sinkey's assertion that Dordt students are pew potatoes.

Before Rev. John Hellinga was called to be the minister at First CRC in Sioux Center, Covenant CRC drew more Dordt students than the other churches in the area. Although the sanctuary was not quite as crowded as it is now, Covenant was known as "the Dordt church" since so many Dordt students and faculty attended Covenant.

When Rev. Hellinga came to Sioux Center it was fair to say that one of the best ministers in the Christian Reformed Church was here in Sioux Center. He actively recruited Dordt students for Bible studies and prayer-conference classes. Canadian students were attracted by Rev. Hellinga's identification with Canada. Although the other ministers in Sioux Center had their own strengths, Hellinga did an excellent job of ministering to Dordt students. Students began walking a few extra blocks to attend services at First CRC.

Rev. Hellinga has moved on, and throughout last year the number of students attending Covenant has increased with an even greater boom after Rev. Harry Weidenaar was installed. This shift back to Covenant may appear to some as proof that Dordt students go where they are most entertained. I disagree. Dordt students go where they feel the most at home.

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Here's a bright idea?

By Gina Yos

"Wow, I don't mean to sound like a women's libber, because basically, I'm a traditional, conservative person. But there are a lot of things I wonder about."

OK, for example, picture the computer room. This girl is sitting in there typing her paper and it seems like she really knows how to handle the word processor—she's had a lot of experience with it and she knows what she's doing.

Next to her is a guy. Maybe he normally uses a different word processing system. Maybe he's used to Magic Window, and now he's forced to learn Apple Works in Com Sci 101.

Now you've got the scene. The guy is having a few problems. He asks the girl. She knows. She helps him. He says, "Thanks." She says, "No problem." About six minutes later, he has another question. He asks her. She answers. He says, "Thanks." She says, "Sure."

A few more minutes later it's obvious that he's having a little more trouble. You can tell by the way he's experimenting with different keys and sighing rather loudly. But this time he doesn't ask. He's embarrassed to ask her.

Here's the question: Is he embarrassed because this is a female?

Or, is it because he's just that type of person? Maybe he would have acted the same way if he was sitting next to another guy. Maybe he just doesn't like to ask for help from anyone. I'm not sure; I could go either way. Here's another example. This one has to do with adjectives. I've heard people use the phrases, "Oh, Judy? She's such a bright girl." Or, "She's such a sharp girl." And of course, these phrases are compliments.

They're nice. And maybe I hear only what I want to hear. But how often have you heard anyone saying, "Frank is such a bright guy"? It just seems like "bright" usually describes females. And I'm wondering if "bright" describes a light bulb better than it does a person.

Also, when people say, "He's so sharp." They usually don't use "sharp" to describe a guy's intelligence. He's usually a sharp dresser, or he has a sharp mind. But it usually isn't just, "He is sharp."

Of course these two examples don't mean anything. And part of it is an exaggeration. So much of what we do is out of habit that some things just happen because that's the way things go. Most of the time, small stuff like this doesn't matter anyway. But, yet ... I guess I was just wondering.

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Joining hands and hearts

by Sharon Pruim

Stumbling through words of songs from other languages, laughing at friends and classmates in the skits, and joining hands and hearts in singing “We Are One In the Spirit,” this is what International Day is all about. Students from Spanish, Dutch, French, German, and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes met in C160 on Monday to get a little taste of culture. Of course, the experience can not compare to study abroad programs or visiting other countries, but it is a fun way for students to show what they have learned. International Day is also a great time to realize that despite differing languages and cultures, all people can be united through Christ.

Some Dordt students have had opportunities to travel or study in different countries, and other students come to this college from other countries. During the festivities, those who have experienced other cultures have a chance to tell and encourage others. The skits give students from all the different conversation classes a chance to demonstrate their efficiency, or lack of it, in a language. A time of laughter and seriousness, International Day is fun for all! And, don’t forget the food!

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Its too late for the baby, decides the skit’s director, played by John Wagveld.

“Adonde vas?” asks Chuck Adams, the taxi driver, in the Spanish class skit, “Mas Rapido.”

The grand prize in the Spanish version of The Wheel of Fortune is a chance for Bob Pollema to break the pinata. Vanna (Paul Dolen) holds the pinata steady as Pat (Kim Kool) enjoys the fun.

Photos by Angela Eriksen

Margriethe Schelwik, a waitress, takes Al Brummel’s order in the Dutch class skit “Surprising Amsterdam.”
Pew potatoes revisited

By Chuck Adams

After a twenty month campaign, the American election is finally over and Vice President George Bush has been elected President. Bush's campaign, however, didn't stretch far—Democrats extended their control over the House and Senate.

Now that all the statistics have been repeated for the hundredth time and all the hoopla is wearing down, what does this mean for America's future? Are we headed for times of greatness or are we doomed to years of recession? Although I'll be the first to admit that Bush's victory at the polls didn't make me jump up and down, I think some good may come from a Bush administration. For example, a greater emphasis will be placed on education and on the environment than under Reagan. Bush may not be as skilled at manipulating the populace as Reagan, but I have no doubt that, as a president, Bush won't be any worse.

If things remain on an even course for the next four years, I foresee two possible scenarios. In 1992. In the first, Bush pursues the Reagan agenda and runs on the same conservative course as Reagan. If this is the case, I believe America will realize the destructiveness of Reagan's policies and Bush won't survive the 1992 elections, especially if the Democrats can nominate a candidate with national appeal, broad experience, and strong ideas.

In the other scenario, Bush is setting his own agenda, departing from the Reagan formula, and truly striving to make America a "kinder, gentler nation." In this case, the rabid conservatives may make an attempt to dethrone Bush. I can foresee Jesse Helms or Jack Kemp leading a charge of radical conservatives crusading to go back to the Reagan years. If such a movement within the Republican party gained any strength, it would spell a Bush defeat either during the primaries or during the general election.

If the conservatives do try to overthrow a moderate George Bush, I will be fighting for Bush all the way. Perhaps the most dangerous movement in America today is the right-wing element of the Republican Party—the man who, for example, criticized Reagan for signing the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty so quickly. These crusaders are distinguishing themselves as a patriotic group of evangelical Christians. We at Dordt College need to learn to recognize wolves in sheep's clothing.

Student examines Dordt's inconsistencies

By Wayne Dykstra

With the push comes to shove, do the Defenders of Dordt pass the test? As viewed by many of their own, Dordt College definitely needs improvement. Two recent events in Sioux City painfully reminded us of a serious problem plaguing our college. Three hundred fans came to the Sioux City Auditorium Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, to cheer on the Dordt Blades hockey team as they opened their season against the Sioux City All-Stars. Students, along with professors and their families, were treated to some solid hockey action, hopefully an indication of a promising season to come. However, the games were marred with a barrage of profanity and poor sportsmanship that belied both the fans and the hockey team of Dordt College.

Complaints came rolling in from all directions. Students, faculty, and fans from the other team expressed their disappointment to the hockey team through word of mouth, phone calls, and editorials. Naturally we, the hockey team, were disturbed to read and hear about people enjoying the game but saying they may not return due to the profanity. I believe the problem at hand cannot be relegated to the hockey arena, nor is handling the profanity the responsibility of eighteen hockey players. It is a problem that we must all deal with.

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Student examines Dordt's inconsistencies

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Dancing into the holiday season

by Teri Nikkel

It's Christmas in November! While some people are preparing for Thanksgiving, those attending the presentation of "The Nutcracker" will be celebrating Christmas early.

The Omaha Ballet will perform their version of "The Nutcracker" on November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Sioux Center's TePaske Theatre. The entertaining program is based on the novel by E.T.A. Hoffman. But unlike many productions of novels, this presentation avoids hidden meaning and deep motivations, according to ballet choreographer Robert Vickrey.

"The Nutcracker" is a classic Christmas tale—dreamy yet sprinkled with humor. The story begins when Clara is given a nutcracker for Christmas, which becomes her most cherished gift. During the night, the little nutcracker miraculously grows to life size and finds himself being attacked by an army of huge mice. Clara rescues the nutcracker, which allows him to transform into a handsome prince. The Nutcracker Prince thanks Clara by escorting her through a magical Land of Snow and Kingdom of Sweets.

This production of "The Nutcracker" is noted for its fabulous costumes and colorful sets. The large cast consists of twenty dancers and apprentices, and about one hundred children. This is an opportunity to join the Omaha Ballet in an evening of splendor.

Ticket prices are $6 for adults and $4 for children and may be purchased at the Sioux Center City Office or by calling 722-0761.

Five musicians prepare for recitals

by Steve Mulder

Imagine having to take a large oral exam. It is a cumulative exam that covers material you have been studying for two or three years. You know what questions you will be asked, and you have memorized answers that are eloquent, complete, and smooth.

You must stand alone on a stage with bright lights in your face as you take the exam, wearing formal clothes and tight shoes. You must present your answers to a group of people composed of teachers and students, people who are fluent in your area of expertise as well as friends and relatives who know very little. You must answer for 45 minutes to an hour without stopping to think or starting over. One more thing: there are no retakes.

Imagine the pressure involved in such a test. Then consider five individuals who are placed in a situation not unlike that described above. These five students will be giving student music recitals before the end of the semester.

Juniors Joan Van Holland and Darren Van't Hul will give a joint vocal recital on November 11 at 8 p.m. in the chapel. Senior Mari performers also appreciate the support of relatives who know very little. You performer must decide what to wear over, One more thing: there are no music. But, as Killeen is quick to add, "it is still a lot of work, and even though you enjoy it, you have to struggle to be fully prepared."

Killeen and Schuller gave a joint recital last year, and they remarked that the sense of accomplishment after a recital is extremely rewarding.

Teachers play an important role in the preparation of a student recital. Schuller comments, "Without teachers you just couldn't do a recital." The performers also appreciate the support of fellow students. Attendance at the performance, a compliment, a note, or a simple handshake after a good performance adds to the sweetness of the moment.

By Gina Vos

This Canon of Dordt isn't a weapon and it doesn't have much to do with the synod in the 1600's. But the 1988 Dordt Canon will have impact.

Formally, the Canon functions as an annual literary magazine. But that sounds kind-of stuffy; and that description no longer fits. This year the magazine will be new and bright and it doesn't have much to do with a certain type of person would pick up and read. But Keen is trying to change that image by doing two things: she's choosing a specific topic to cover (the Haan-theater thing) and she's publishing almost everything that's submitted.

This way the Canon is not just an English-major-type magazine. It contains something for everyone: drama in the theater controversy, comedy in cartoons, beauty in photographs, and yes, art in literary works.
Defenders upset in playoffs

By Todd Eriksen

The Dordt soccer team ended their 1987 season with a very impressive 14-3 record. On October 29, the Lady Defenders concluded their regular season schedule by slaughtering St. Paul Bible. It would up to be a Goals Gala as eight goals were poured in for the Defenders. Goals were scored by Ray Middel (2), Jim Colyn, Simon De Jong, Roger Ewald, Jim Dirkse, Kharnko Baccam and Jeff Weesies. The game was also the Lady Defenders last home game of the year and the win was extra special for seniors Middel, De Jong and Todd Eriksen along with junior Dan Vander Well who played their last game before a Dordt crowd.

Dordt then travelled to Des Moines for the District 15 playoffs. This trip was also a special occasion for those four players because they knew it was the last time they'd ever have to let Coach Van Essen drive them anywhere. Dordt's opening playoff game was against Grandview. Dordt lost 3-1 to the eventual District champions. Probably the game's highlight was the goal by De Jong. A Grandview player unintentionally fouled a Defender at about thirteen yards out from the goal. With Grandview's defensive wall and cocky goalie taunting De Jong with phrases like "no chance" and "it's cool time," Dordt's tempers began to rise. But Dordt must not hang their heads because of this one game. Their season was very impressive considering most felt it was a rebuilding year for the team. With the returning talent, next year's team should be a very dominating force.

The team would like to give a very sincere thank you to all who cheered on the support.

Dordt players awarded

by Steve Hoogland

Now that both the soccer and volleyball seasons are over, some players have received special recognition from the conference and districts for their efforts this season.

Patti Boer, a sophomore from Sioux Center, earned first-team All-District honors. She helped the Lady Defenders to a 14-16 record on the season. Audra De Ruyter, a senior from Rock Valley, was named second team all-conference. Although the Lady Defenders didn't make the playoffs, they have a young team which should be competitive for the conference title and district crown next year.

The soccer team finished with an impressive 14-3 record, and three players were named NAIA first-team All-District. Sophomore Jeff Brouwer, from Ramona, Ca., Jim Colyn, a junior from Monroe, Wa., and Simon De Jong, a senior from San Marcos, Ca., all were named to the All-District team by the district coaches. Despite the fact that this was seen as a rebuilding year, the Defenders put together a solid performance by finishing the regular season in second place. Even a first round loss couldn't spoil the success of the season. They will lose only four players and the rest can look forward to more success next year.

Intramurals attract many

by Jean Zondervan

Who needs black and gold uniforms or the roar of a wild, adoring crowd? Each day unacclaimed jocks exercise incredible style, form, and athletic feats in intramural sports. But these noble stars don't perform these amazing spectacles for the glory or for the fame. They do it just for the sheer fun of it.

This year the Intramural Council has already sponsored flag football, co-ed soccer, a golf tournament, sand volleyball, and indoor volleyball. During the coming winter they will sponsor men's and women's basketball and bowling, then co-ed softball, floor hockey, and men's fastpitch softball in the spring.

In the '87-'88 season, approximately 218 teams participated in intramural sports.

On any given weekday during the past month, a walk through the gym would reveal numerous athletes exhibiting exceptional volleyball skills. They puff and perspire as they race across the court to bump the serve, or set the ball into the air for the inevitable smash.

Why all the sweat and fuss? What motivates these people to take time out of their busy schedules to play these games?

"I play to release tensions from homework. It gives me something else to think about...plus, it's enjoyable," says Christine Boersma, a junior.

"I like to watch the guys," said another girl, who preferred to remain anonymous. "I play to prove my team is the best," says Dean Wagenaar, a four-year veteran of intramural sports.

"Intramurals are recreational," says recruiter Brian Kooi, a member of one of the undefeated faculty volleyball team. "It's a good way to socialize with the students, and it's fun."