Alumni Come Home

by Wayne A. Kroon

This year's Homecoming includes events scheduled all week long—not just one day. This is the first year that such a series of events has taken place. Headed by Marlan Van Soelen and Lyle Gritters, this year's Homecoming activities promise to be truly exciting.

With a theme of, "The Wise Man Built His House Upon A Rock," the underlying message is that Dordt is also built upon a firm foundation—Christianity. The idea is for students together with the alumni to stand strong in Christ.

Up-front at Dordt

Congratulations are in order to Professor James Schaap on his newly-earned Doctorate in English from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. For his dissertation Prof. Schaap wrote a novel titled Home Free.

Dordt's Student Personnel Staff is sponsoring seminars on "Love, Sexuality and Dating." The first features Rev. Hellinga tonight at 8 pm in C160. On February 13, Rev. Kamps will speak on sexuality in C160, with Adri Ruish speaking the final seminar in S4, at 6:30 on the 20th.

Dordt Defenders' center Greg Van Soelen has the distinction of being the first Dordt player to earn the NAIA National Player of the Week award. Van Soelen won the award by scoring 90 points and grabbing 44 rebounds the week of Jan. 19-25.

Congratulations to the Campbell's and the Goedharts on your newly received blessings from the Lord.

The 1986 Homecoming activities began with a Hymn Sing on Sunday night in the Chapel. On Monday, it was Fifties Day on campus with a display of the way life was then on Dordt's campus. Tuesday brought us a Sixties Day and an alumni-operated chapel as well as another old time display. Yesterday was Seventies Day. Today is the age of the Eighties, including a snow sculpturing contest, an alumni chapel and a display of the 80's as it has been so far.

On Friday and Saturday the main events take place. Friday starts the age of the future. Interestingly, there will be displays of the ages past, present, and the way Dordt will probably look to our descendants.

Sharon Reitsma gets into '60's day.

FREE continental breakfast in the SUB for all alumni. At 9:30 a.m., a departmental open house will be furnished for the alumni. At 10:30 a.m. a basketball game starring the Dordt "Senior" alumni vs. the student I.M. All Stars men's basketball team will be held. Again at 1:00 p.m. another basketball game pairing the Dordt team is going to take place.

At 2:30 p.m., the annual Homecoming game takes place starring our men's Varsity team going head-to-head with Mt. Marty. After the game, at 8:00 p.m., the Talent Extravaganza kicks-in at the Chapel. Finally, at 9:30 p.m. the week's activities end with an Ice Cream Social in the SUB for everyone.

Dordt Welcomes Dr. Goedhart

by Alicia Nugteren

Dordt College has welcomed a number of transfer students to its campus this semester, and it also is pleased to welcome Chris Goedhart will be filling a two-and-a-half year vacancy in the Agricultural Department while Henry De Vries is pursuing his doctorate at Cornell University.

Goedhart specializes in the plant sciences. Having attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, he earned his B.S. in biology. He returned to his native southern California to obtain his Master's degree in Weed Science at the University of California-Riverside. This summer he hopes to complete his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, VA.

Goedhart expressed some very definite goals which he hopes to accomplish during his tenure at Dordt. One specific aim is to convince people that, despite the current "farm crises," there is still a future in agriculture. However, he noted that ways to produce or market products are likely to change. He said he believes that agriculture is requiring more technical and scientific training as advances are made.

Although Goedhart says he feels that Dordt has a "strong" program in agriculture, especially regarding the on-farm experience, he indicated that he would also like to develop the awareness that many other ag-related opportunities exist off the farm. In addition, he said, "Christian inputs and perspectives" are needed in all facets of agriculture, particularly in an area like genetic engineering.

Goedhart said he also intends to discuss environmental aspects of farming, such as pesticide and herbicide use and groundwater pollution. Under Goedhart's instruction, students will be alerted to "what choices they'll face" in regard to these issues in light of Christian ecological standpoints.

Included in the courses Goedhart will be teaching at Dordt are Introduction to Plant Science, Plant Protection, which deals with weed science and pathology, Introduction to Soil Science, and Soil Fertility.

Photo by Chuck Muether

Goedhart's elated over the birth of their child Jennifer Elizabeth, born yesterday.

Photo by Chuck Muether
Editorial

Purposes

by Wayne Spronk

This issue of the Diamond, besides its usual features, contains some articles relating to political involvement at Dordt. Many of these were written by non-staff people, and we appreciate their contributions. The political science major at Dordt is a relatively recent addition to the curriculum, a fact that is due perhaps to a tendancy of Christians until recently to ignore the political scene.

The APJ work on the national level by Adjunct Professor James Skillen, Professor King's nearly single-handed teaching of actual courses, and Professor McCarthy's research in the Studies Institute all demonstrate Christian movement and action. When I spoke with Dr. McCarthy, he noted that "If we teach the courses here the same as they do at the University of Iowa, then Dordt's statement of purpose is not relevant." We hope pages four and five show that Dordt's perspective is not the same as U of I's.

Later this semester, the staff hopes to look at other areas, such as the education department, and the place of aesthetics in life at Dordt. We hope to involve the entire campus in what should be a discussion and theory are necessary, especially at educational institutions, but sometimes words fail—we must act.

Letters To The Editor

Student Expresses Disappointment

To the editor(s):

I was very disappointed with the response to Jolette Moelker's letter to the editor in the Dec. 12 issue. Jolette wrote her letter sincerely, responding with some legitimate challenges to Phil's Nov. 21 editorial. I do not feel that Jolette deserved the sarcastic reply she received.

In his editorial, Phil states that the Diamond has obtained "overall professionalism." Was the response to Jolette's letter professional? I think not. I was under the impression that Phil wanted to turn off the "cute" and "meaty" dripping from his faucet. If Phil truly wrote his editorial "sincerely in Christian brotherly love," he might have extended this love "legitimately" by responding positively to this sister in the Lord.

Perhaps the editors would take the letters they receive more seriously, more students would respond.

Dordt has provided a safe and secure environment in which students and faculty can exchange differing beliefs and values. Let's use this opportunity to strengthen and encourage one another and love each other up." (I Thess. 5:11a)

Then we will truly be "God's own hands in a world that belongs to him.

Sincerely,

 Jacqiue Smit

ed. note: Thank you for sharing your concerns. While the Diamond is not a "professional" paper, it does try for quality, and it agrees that it should be a careful listener to others' ideas.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Honored

To the editor:

On January 20 you probably noticed that you did not receive any mail as we honored Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday as a national holiday for the first time. This is the first time a Black American has been given such recognition. A group of 20-25 people including both students and faculty showed up in the SUB that afternoon to remember and celebrate the witness of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. After initial disappointment over the small turnout, the program went on as planned. As we listened to students and faculty read excerpts from some of his famous speeches the small turnout faded from our mind as we remembered the work of Dr. King. The size of the crowd was forgotten as we heard the words which Dr. King spoke in his lifetime still calling us to be nonviolent and to love our fellow man.

If we fail to see that he was struggling for justice, we have missed a valuable lesson from history. Through the civil rights movement and the war in southeast Asia, the blacks in the U.S. have made much progress. But we must not be satisfied with this; we must continue to learn to live together with others in peace and promote world justice. Dr. King was killed in 1968, but the command to work for justice and peace still holds for us today. Dr. King's field of vision was not limited to just the field of equality for Blacks; he was equally concerned about poverty and the war in southeast Asia. We too must not be content with just one issue as abortion or apartheid but work for justice on every issue. This is not limited to just political science majors but it is God's command to all people.

In Christ's service,

John Mulder

Nicaragua: A House Divided

To the editor:

I recently wrote an essay representing my position on America's involvement in Nicaragua. My personal interest in Latin America is still growing. I attempt to stay informed on Nicaragua in particular by keeping up with the national news and supplement what I do know with outside historical accounts.

My concern stems from neither a distinctly liberal or conservative position (although others might care to dispute that). I sincerely wish to challenge our country's attitude and policy directed toward our "brown brothers" in the South.

I understand that the next issue of The Diamond is focusing on current political issues. I hope that you and the staff will consider this essay for publication in the next issue of the Diamond. If you have any questions or concerns about this essay, please feel free to contact me. The quotes have been double-checked.

Sincerely,

Calvin Struyk

ed. note: essay is on page 5
Dr. Ysseldyke Conducts Session

by Mae Van Vuren

Dr. Ysseldyke of the University of Minnesota conducted a seminar on Special Education, last Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, on Dordt's campus. The Friday afternoon session was for inservice teachers only, while the Saturday morning session was open to all Dordt students.

Dr. Ysseldyke is a well-known professor of Special Education, has written several books and articles on the topic, and is currently the editor of Exceptional Children, a leading journal in the field of Special Education.

Among the topics of discussion were the assessment of pupils, the current practices in our schools, and the implications of these practices. Dr. Ysseldyke included many of the results of a major study he and several other educators conducted. This information was used to evaluate today's processes of assessment, the methods of teaching, and the factors involved in providing Special Education.

Enrollment Prospects Given

by Ellen DeGroot

"The best recruiters are students who have a good experience at Dordt and tell their family and friends about it when they go back home," said Pete Hamstra, Associate Director of Admissions. Hamstra, whose main job is to talk to prospective students about Dordt College, said that he sees a lot of enthusiasm for Dordt in high schools where Dordt students have spoken positively about the college.

Another way Dordt students have helped in the job of recruiting, said Hamstra appreciatively, is by giving him the names and addresses of friends who might be interested in Dordt. Hamstra said he would then send off the appropriate information to these people.

Although this year's freshman class is relatively small (272 plus 2 part-time students), Hamstra is very optimistic about next year's enrollment. He said he has been seeing a lot of enthusiasm on his recruiting rounds and is aiming for a new freshman class of about 300. Hamstra indicated that the official projection for next year's freshman class by Howard Hall, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, is 295.

Student retention from semester to semester is also of interest to college planners. According to Quentin VanEssen, retention this semester from the last has been about average: 69 students did not return this semester, 11 of these because they graduated, and 58 for other reasons. And Dordt gained 36 new students this semester, 9 first-time college students and 27 transfer students.

Of course, not all of Dordt's students are on the campus this semester. There are 6 students on the Chicago Metro Program, 10 students on the Netherlands Program, and 2 students studying in Germany.

In Chicago are:
Leila Alberda
Sandra Faber
Mark Geertama
Koivin Haan
Lisa Kamade
Marion Tilstra

In the Netherlands are:
Tony Bosch
Richard De Lange
Ken De Vries
Beth Eiten
Phyllis Meijers
Teresa Meyer
Marietta Oskam
Eve-Lynn Spykman
Dave Vander Stelt
Laura Vander Molen

Studying on the Germany Program are:
Kathleen Nawyn
Angela Struyk

Jubilee Encourages Discipleship

by Nate Vander Stelt

On February 21, 22, and 23, The Coalition for Christian Outreach will be hosting its annual JUBILEE conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. According to the conference brochure, "JUBILEE 1986 is a conference to examine the meaning of the Lordship of Christ and the Kingdom of God in our lives as Christians."

Prof. Rockne McCarthy has attended JUBILEE at least six times and he encourages the students at Dordt to attend. "JUBILEE is an excellent opportunity for Dordt students to become actively involved with other students from a wide range of Evangelical schools. JUBILEE helps in understanding the Lordship of Jesus Christ...especially in their particular field of study."

The featured speaker this year is Dr. Anthony Campolo, a well-known lecturer and dynamic speaker from Eastern College. Singer, composer, songwriter, and producer Mark Heard will be the featured performer for the Saturday evening entertainment and over forty-seven speakers are scheduled to address challenging questions which students face in their various fields of study.

If you are interested in attending JUBILEE 1986, you are encouraged to sign up for registration forms in Student Services as well as transportation by next Monday (Feb. 10).

Student Forum

by Mark De Boer

Student Forum is quickly getting back into the swing of things this semester. Student Forum organized and managed the Book Swap at the beginning of the semester in which approximately $2000 worth of books were sold. Many students were happy with the Book Swap since they could set their own prices and didn't have to sit around in their rooms waiting for a buyer to call. Forum did not make money through the Swap, it was a service to students. Student Forum encourages students to sell their books through the Book Swap next year.

The Computer Dating Service was well-received. Five hundred forty six students signed up. The money earned will be donated to the Put Love In Action (PLIA) project.

The computer program used to process the questionnaires ran for 2 hours and 10 minutes. Then the lists of prospects had to be printed.

The Management Information Systems Chapter of the Future Business Executives Club deserve special recognition for the hours spent laboring at the computer.

GRADUATES

Now is the time to place your order for graduation announcements. Orders must be placed with the Dordt Print Shop by Friday, February 14, or by calling ext. 6050.
Students Protest Abortion

by Galen Sinkey

On January 22, the thirteenth anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion, thousands of Americans publicly protested this killing of unborn humans. Over 700 of these protestors gathered at St. Luke’s Hospital in Sioux City to protest abortions and the fact that the hospital degrades itself to the point of performing them.

This protest march was organized by the Christian Action Council. Divisions of the council from many of the surrounding communities attended the event. Many different churches supported the event as well, representing a wide variety of denominations.

Dordt College became involved in the affair through the efforts of juniors Crystal Holtrop and Ann DeBlay.

"I read about the march in my church bulletin over Christmas break," Holtrop says. "I wanted to think of a service project for our Bible study to do, and this seemed like a good activity." After giving it some more thought, Crystal and Ann came up with the idea of getting the whole campus involved. "This way we could get more people involved, and take advantage of Dordt’s transportation to and from Sioux City."

Twenty-nine Dordt students signed up with Crystal and Ann to attend the event. About a half dozen other students showed up at the hospital on their own. Several of the students involved gathered ahead of time and made posters for all the Dordt people involved to carry.

The march itself went without difficulty. No pro-choice hecklers and very few media attended the event. Aside from a few people watching curiously from hospital windows, the public as a whole was oblivious to the peaceful marchers. Most of those involved walked around the hospital in silence, or sang hymns such as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "God Bless America", "Kum by Yah", and "This Little Light of Mine." Many of those marching chose to carry lighted candles, and nearly all of the rest carried banners or posters.

Many parents chose to make the march a family affair as seen by the large number of children and young people present. The march lasted about an hour and a half, and ended at about 8:30 p.m. after all had gathered in front of the hospital for prayer.

Yet the fight for life will go on; Dordt students can continue to be involved in the struggle against abortion in a variety of ways. A peaceful protest will be held at St. Luke’s hospital on the 22nd every month from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Here on campus a pro-life group is being organized by freshmen Gwen Burggraaf and Shelley Brouwer. Also, coming to Dordt sometime this spring is Ms. Nancy-Jo Mann, a speaker in support of the pro-life movement.

Remembering M. L. K. Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the greatest Americans to have lived in the twentieth century. He dedicated his life to the struggle for justice and in particular to gain full citizenship and the basic human rights that the blacks had been denied for so long.

In April of 1963, Dr. King went to Birmingham, Alabama to protest segregation throughout the city and the south. Defying a court injunction, King and his followers marched through the streets. King was arrested and from his jail cell he wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail". This letter and the violence used by white city officials against the peaceful marchers woke the conscience of America. In May the segregation laws were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Later in August during the march on Washington, Dr. King told America about a dream that he had. This "I have a Dream Speech" is the most famous speech in American history. From the Lincoln Memorial King told America that he dreamed of the day when America would live out its creeds of equality and when people would judge people not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

His continued work for peace and justice brought him to Memphis Tennessee in 1968. In the face of growing hostility and talk of violence he wanted to demonstrate that nonviolent direct action would still work. The garbage haulers had gone on strike in Memphis because of unfair practices. Dr. King came to help them in their fight for justice. Dr. King was deeply shot and killed by James Earl Ray who shot from across the street. As the nation and world mourned, blacks in the inner city reacted with violence as over 100 cities across the country were hit with race riots. The riots were exactly what Dr. King had feared if America would not listen to the blacks as they called out against the injustice of racism. The leader for peace, equality and justice had fallen and the nation and world had lost a great moral leader.

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U.S. Intervention In Nicaragua: Right or Wrong?

by Cal Struyk

The young Sandinista government of Nicaragua is at present attacked by guerrilla forces called the contras, a military force supported by the U.S. government at the prodging of the Reagan administration. But Nicaragua is not a country simply divided between forces of evil monolithic communism and democratic Righteousness. Its civil war is beyond our jurisdiction and consequently we as a nation have no right promoting it.

History is clear on Nicaragua before the Sandinista revolution of July 1979. The forty-six year rule of the Somoza family, begun in 1933 and backed by the U.S. government, proved to be a mockery of human rights. Torture, political favoritism, economic exploitation, and outright tyranny were the order of the day as long as a Somoza had Nicaragua under his thumb. Fulbright lecturer and Central American scholar John A. Booth notes the following statistics in his book, The End and the Beginning. The Nicaraguan revolution: the 70s reveal an illiteracy rate of 51 percent, average life expectancy of 53 years, and 30 percent of all national income going to 5 percent of all income earners.

The Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) was the guerrilla revolutionary force that directed the overthrow of the Somoza family in 1979. The FSLN mitigated its Marxist-Leninist stance due to a widening national support base for its subversive activities. The program of the FSLN, as described by Booth, called for restoring of human rights, improving agricultural methods, nationalizing of natural resources, reforming the educational system, fair wages, etc., and freeing themselves of foreign powers.

At this point in time the Sandinista-dominated government led by Daniel Ortega is on shaky footing with the U.S. government and especially the Reagan administration. The U.S. accuses Nicaragua of exporting revolution to its neighbors, most notably El Salvador, and suppressing human rights within Nicaragua as well. The first accusation is open to debate, but with the Sandinista government preoccupied with fighting off its own insurgents—the contras—it has little time to foment revolution elsewhere. The second accusation is valid as evidenced by a clamp down on civil liberties in late October, as reported in Time, October 28, 1985, by Edward Desmond. "Ortega decreed the suspension of nearly all civil liberties in Nicaragua, including the right to strike and the rights of free expression, public assembly, freedom of movement, habeus corpus, and protection from arbitrary arrest, search and seizure."

After the Carter administration, relations with Nicaragua steadily declined. At present the U.S. funds the contra rebels who are anti-Sandinista forces battling for control of the government. Despite the present moratorium on civil liberties, the Sandinistas have genuinely attempted to improve life for many people in Nicaragua. According to Rolando Telles, professor of languages at University of Central America in the May 30, 1985, issue of the Winnipeg Free Press, "It's a people before profits philosophy." Implemented, this means educational opportunities for more at lower costs, a literacy reform crusade carried into the countryside for peasants, penal reform, and development of the poverty-plagued Miskito coast of the East.

Despite the many troubles at home for Nicaragua the international debate surrounding it isn't any less complex. The U.S. accuses the Sandinistas of collaboration with the Soviet Union and Cuba. However, in the early years of the Reagan administration an active hostile policy was implemented against the Nicaraguan government. The administration's attitude resulted in loans denied for Nicaragua, suspension of wheat con't. on p.6
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shipments, trade embargos, and termination of development aid. The Sandinista government turned for aid to both a willing Western Europe and the Soviet bloc. The administration further aggravates relations by supporting the contras, guerrillas determined to overthrow the Sandinista government. Mr. Reagan said, as recorded by Julia Malone of the Christian Science Monitor June 14, 1985, that, "We do not seek the military overthrow of the Sandinista government or put in its place a government based on supporters of the old Somoza regime."

The Reagan administration implements an outdated policy similar to the Monroe Doctrine of the mid 1800s. Central America may be geographically in our backyard but Nicaragua is not our swing-set. At present the U.S. aids the contra rebels with $27 million dollars in "humanitarian" aid. Mr. Reagan does not support the overthrow of the Sandinista government but he doesn't mind funding those who do. It must be understood that Nicaragua is not Afghanistan; the Sandinistas come from within Nicaragua unlike the Soviets who must battle native Afghan rebels. As put by Daniel Ortega, in an interview with National Geographic senior writer Mike Edwards for the December 1985 issue, "The most comfortable policy for the U.S. is to have countries that we are called friends but that are really no more than submissive." The contras are American-backed military forces who seek to overthrow the Sandinista government.

There are no easy answers to the question of who is good and who is evil in Nicaragua. But one thing is certain; the Sandinistas are not clear bearers of evil and the contras are certainly not made up of pure angels. The Sandinistas admit their socialists and Marxist leanings, but people are free to worship as they please and atheism is not the propounded worldview in a country reportedly 80 percent Catholic. Neither is the National Assembly completely dominated by the Sandinista Party. 35 of the 96 seats belong to parties other than the FMLN. The U.S. ignores the international body of law that it has promised to uphold, Lloyd N. Cutler, former counsel to the President, in an article entitled "The Right to Intervene," published by Foreign Affairs in the fall of 1985, cites two legislative acts of international law of which the U.S. is an affirming power. The Charter of the Organization of American States, in Article 18 states: No State or group of States has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other State. The foregoing principle prohibits not only armed force but also any form of interference or attempted threat against the personality of the State or against its political, economic, and cultural elements.

In addition to this the U.S. ignores The Declaration of Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation Among States, adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1970. It states: No State shall organize, assist, foment, finance, incite or tolerate subversive, terrorist or armed activities directed toward the violent overthrow of the regime of another State, or interfere in civil strife in another State. 

Our intervention in Nicaragua comes down to mockery of the law. We as a nation are not God's divine instrument of interference or justice in Nicaragua, so we must question activities that undermine another sovereign nation.

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**Reviews**

**Band Tour A Success**

by Jill Brue

The tour left band members with many delightful memories of homes in which they stayed, new people they met, and good times and crazy antics on the bus. The band also enjoyed their free time during which they visited the Omni Theater, a zoo, Estes Park in CO, and a museum.

Members of the band are part of a group of people who have worked so hard together and were able to share with others God's gift of music. Although glad to be back at work preparing more music for upcoming performances, although Mahaffey spoke up in favor of this latter argument, saying, "We must be careful not to use the cultural mandate to destroy creation."

**'Never Cry Wolf' Leaves Questions Unanswered**

by Galen Sinkey

On the evening of January 17, Dordt College presented the movie Never Cry Wolf. The film is directed by Carroll Ballard, and stars Charles Martin Smith as biologist Farley Mowat. Mowat is sent to an Arctic wonderland to study the eating habits of the Arctic wolf and the consequential effect on the surrounding environment. As Mowat conducts his experiments, the viewer is taken through exotic landscapes and the hilarious adventures of the biologist as he attempts to live off the land.

A few of Mowat's experiments are worth noting. In an attempt to communicate with the wolves, Mowat marks off his claimed territory in much the same way the animal marks off his own territory. The wolf under Mowat's study shows his acceptance of the claimed area by marking the same places. Later the biologist discovers that the wolves seem to live entirely from devouring small mice and rodents, instead of keeping the game that had been expected. To test his hypothesis, Mowat limits his own diet solely to mice, without experiencing ill effects. The movie progresses chronologically over a year's period of time. The wolf is seen through its mating season and raising of the young, and is ultimately hunted by civilized man.

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Sports

Dordt Tops Northwestern

by Kim Van Soelen

The Dordt and Northwestern men's basketball teams battled it out for the second time this season. Saturday night's game was played in front of a fired-up crowd of 2,200 in Dordt's gym. Dordt's JV team was defeated 68-77, but to the delight of the home fans, the Defenders topped the Red Raiders 87-79.

Coach Rick Vander Berg said that the Dordt fans helped his team control the tempo of the game. "Dordt student body was great at the Northwestern game, not only in cheering, but as far as attitude."

The popular contest brought Dordt's record to 14-5. The victory was a win the team really wanted after a disappointing one-point loss to Briar Cliff last Wednesday, and after having lost to Northwestern 80-94 on January 18. Vander Berg pointed out that the shooting Saturday night was better than the game in Orange City. As a team, Dordt shot 55% compared to 44% from NW. Greg Van Soelen led the scoring with 34 points. Kevin Gesink and Steve Ver Meer also scored in double figures with 14 and 11 points.

Another recent highpoint for the team was that, for the first time in Dordt's history, a Defender was named NAIA National Player of the Week. Van Soelen was given this honor after having earlier been named District 15 Player of the Week or January 19-25 for scoring 94 points in the three games Dordt won that week. Van Soelen is currently second nationally in NAIA field goal percentage, and third in NAIA scoring.

Dordt goes on to play at Dakota State on Wednesday, then plays Mount Marty after their Homecoming Saturday afternoon.

Women Drop Close Contest

by Kim Van Soelen

It isn't easy to hang tough when your record is 3-13. The women's basketball team knows that. Yet they keep pushing for improvement and better games. Center Jacque VanLeeuwen said, "We feel unity. One gets down, and another pulls her up."

Last Saturday afternoon, Feb. 1, the Defenders played an exciting game against Trinity Christian College. Last year the Defenders defeated Trinity in Chicago, so it was Trinity's turn to be on the road. The crowd was the largest group assembled so far this season at a women's game. Fans enjoyed watching Dordt junior Julie Broekhuysen guard her sister Amy who was wearing a Trinity uniform.

Halftime score was 29-27 in favor of Dordt. The score stayed close, but the Defenders were behind by five with three minutes in regulation time. Dordt closed in on two of Trinity's starters fouled out in last two minutes. Dordt was down by two when Kristin Hommes hit a 15-footer with four seconds to the buzzer, bringing the game into overtime. In overtime, Dordt got into foul trouble, and Trinity escaped with a narrow victory, 67-63.

Dordt played Mount Marty Monday night, Feb. 3, and lost 62-78. But coach Len Rhoda was more pleased with that game. "Mount Marty is a good team, but everybody played well. Our guards did a good job getting us into our offense. People inside did a good job rebounding."

The Defenders still have a hard time getting the ball to sink. They shot 36% against Trinity; 43% against Mount Marty. VanLeeuwen was high scorer against Trinity, scoring 22 points. Faye Woudstra, the team's only senior, scored 25 against Mount Marty.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, the Defenders travel 12 miles to Orange City to play Northwestern. The time for that game is 5:30, not 2:00 as originally listed.

Thanks

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