**Perspective Confronts ROTC**

Monday night a panel discussion on the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) was held in the chapel-auditorium. Organized by Student Forum, the purpose of the discussion was to air concerns about ROTC being offered at Dordt, and to better understand the program.

Mr. Van Soelen moderated the panel discussion and subsequent audience question period. Members of the panel were: Roger Wallenburg, Fred Vreeman, Ron Otten, Mike Masterson, all students; Rev. B. J. Raan, president of Dordt College and Dr. Arnold Boere, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Each panel member was allowed a five minute opening statement and after all six had finished, a two minute further statement.

Roger Wallenburg, a member of ROTC, began the discussion by describing what ROTC is and what it involves. He pointed out that it is important for Christians to get involved in the military. "It may be hard to be a Christian in these places, (ROTC, Army) but that is a challenge we must accept." Wallenburg went on to say that it might be possible in the future that ROTC could be taught from our own perspective. Wallenburg raised this question: "Is ROTC even the main issue? there is no anti-ROTC...the real issue is a power struggle." According to Wallenburg ROTC is based on the Reformed faith...is a challenge we must accept."

Fred Vreeman pointed out that "maintaining Dordt's commitment to Reformed higher education based on the Reformed faith...is the most important issue that is being used as the issue in the question of student participation in decisions. "It hardly seems fair to point the finger at ROTC." Vreeman concluded these comments should be solicited from all, including students, in a decision like this.

Ron Otten then had the floor. "We are not anti-ROTC...the main question is the relationship of Dordt College to this program. The program came on to Dordt's campus too quickly, without enough communal discussion. It just sort of happened in a matter of three weeks."

Another important question was about perspective. If the program is extra-curricular, it continued on page 3.

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**Students Question Freedom of Expression at Dordt**

Student Forum was challenged this past week to investigate whether students at Dordt College have freedom of expression in situations which demand it. The question arose out of an incident that took place at the debate between Berkley Bedell and Clarence Cardona, which was held at the Dordt College Chapel on Friday, October 25.

Several students attempted a silent demonstration in the chapel, but were prevented and denied entrance to the chapel by Dordt College security personnel.

According to Bill Van Der Weide, one of the demonstrators, several students, in reaction to the Francis Schaeffer film series which was shown at Dordt College in September, decided to have a silent demonstration as a witness to the debaters and the debate audience.

The plan was to have five students dressed in black, carry around the interior of the chapel a coffin with a sign reading, "A memorial to 7 million ruthlessly murdered unborn babies."

The silent demonstration was set for the beginning of the debate so as not to interfere with the debate. Television personnel were contacted to make sure there would be no problems with them and to provide shots of the demonstration.

Said Van De Weide, "We thought this would be a very effective demonstration and serve as a witness to Siouxland T.V. viewers."

But when the demonstrators attempted to carry out their demonstration, they were prevented by Dordt College security personnel.

Diamond spoke to Len Van Roord, manager of the Chapel and director of Dordt College security, to get his response.

Van Roord said, "The demonstrators were stopped because the demonstration would not have made any point. The action taken by security personnel was correct because the demonstration, whether silent or verbal, would have upset the debate environment."

"To me the situation was guided by a selfish motivation more than anything else. Both candidates were against abortion, Dordt College is against abortion; thus the only thing that would be accomplished is that students would get on T.V. The students were trying to make a point for their own benefit."

"It is not free speech," Van Roord continued, "when people use other events for what they are in to. I'm not for abortions, but there is a time and place for everything and this was not the place. So the demonstrators were refused entrance, but, given the opportunity to demonstrate outside."

Van Der Weide, speaking for a number of students, asked Student Forum to investigate the incident and find out what Dordt College's policy is regarding freedom of speech.

Student Forum, after hearing Van Der Weide's comments, is investigating further and has asked Van Roord to appear at the November 11, meeting of Student Forum.

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**Editorial**

Earlier this week, Richard Nixon predicted that Ronald Reagan would win by a landslide. When most everyone thought the election would be close, there was Dick Nixon, a guiding light, telling the nation that Reagan would whip Carter in the electoral college.

Now we have another Republican from California in the White House. For the next four years Reagan will lead the nation; he will be our guiding light. Ron will lead us as a shepherd, yes, even as a priest.

Possibly you have noticed the anti-Reagan mentality of the Diamond in the past. The editorial staff concedes that Reagan is our next President. All of us should now support him.

We will try to support him. Yes, maybe we do live in that "city on a hill." Maybe there truly is a secret way to cut taxes and raise defense spending. Yes! Now we can all see the beauty, the simplicity of the country from sea to shining sea. Oh yes! Hail to Ronald Reagan—our new guiding light.
Military needs Christians

Editor:

I have recently heard of the debates going on around Dordt because of the new ROTC. I would like to be given an opportunity to voice some opinions of my own about the military.

What is the purpose of the military in today’s world? The primary role of the military is one of strategic deterrence. The military forces of the U.S. are defending the “rights” we believe in and trying to force them on others.

Can you really function in the military and be a Christian? How? Why? To a great extent the military is just a job, performing tasks to reach a goal. Working with a wide variety of people, coming in contact with many different backgrounds and personalities is a test of one’s own Christlike-ness and ability to truly live it day to day. Not much different than many other professions.

What good does a few years in the service do? Don’t you have to learn a real job when you get out? Yes, of course. The training received by junior officers is just good management skill, with practical experience in leading men and taking the responsibility for the job. In fact, the ads don’t lie. Sooner or later you will have to go out and do the job on your own. You cannot fight the fact that military training is just good management skill, with practical experience in leading men and taking responsibility. You aren’t pulled along step by step, but have to go out and do the job on your own. You cannot fight the fact that military training is just good management skill, with practical experience in leading men and taking responsibility.

The military life is not for everyone. In fact, it is for very few. But don’t try and deny them the opportunities awaiting them. The military is a field for those especially talented people like those of J.C. Cornerstone, to write songs which challenge us to be Christians. Praise God in business, economics, politics, homemaking, farming, marriage, et al.

I thank God for the work which Christian musicians do, and I hope that they can continue praising God and inspiring Christians and non-Christians alike, to serve God in every area of life.

Harry J. Kitz

Keep Whetting the Blade

Editor:

If each subsequent issue of the Diamond surpasses its predecessor to the extent that your last number surpassed its, your staff may go on to reap journalistic awards by the end of this year. In both layout and editorial content, I and others I’ve talked to appreciated a general increase in journalistic quality, not to mention self-confidence. Keep whetting the blade.

Randy Vander Hey

A Few Things We Forget

by Deb Butler

Consider a typical Tuesday morning in the life of a Dordt College student: You are out of class or on campus somewhere when you see that it is close to 10 o’clock. You head for the nearest coffee or kool-aid jug, grab a drink and three or four cookies and meet some of your friends to talk before Chapel starts at 10:30.

When it gets close to 10:20, you and your friends merge onto the sidewalk along with other groups of students and professors toward the Chapel. As you enter the Chapel, music from the organ streams around you. You are laughing and talking to friends as you all start to take a seat before Chapel begins.

Chapel this year has been very good. Not only have there been many Chapel programs that students can relate to, especially those given by other students and faculty, but there has been variety within the Chapels themselves. We’ve had small group ensembles, solos and films.

Because of the coffee hour, there has been an increased friendly atmosphere about chapels, but there are a few things in our zeal that I think we are forgetting. While we have had more time chatting and laughing with our friends at coffee, or after it, this type of socializing is in direct contrast to what Chapel is about. Chapel is a time of worship and prayer.

We have shown our appreciation for Chapels and coffee-hour by Deb Butler, Joan Vanderbeck, Anya Searward

The Diamond is published by the students at Dordt College. This year’s students are part of a wider Christian community which helps us as the truth. We are striving to develop journalism which proclaims the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Individual opinions may vary, but we hope that the communication of these ideas will stimulate growth in the Christian community.

Ringerwolfe Recital

Dr. Joan Ringerwolfe will give an organ recital on Sunday, November 23, at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel.

She will play baroque, romantic and contemporary works including four psalm settings and four sonatas.

Emily Brink is one of the composers. She is a Calvin College graduate, has taught at Trinity College, and is presently at the University of Illinois.

Ringerwolfe will accompany a prerecorded organ in tape-and-organ work composed by Richard Stewart, “I hope the students appreciate the organ music of Ringerwolfe. It’s a beautiful instrument and they should feel it’s their instrument.”

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Friday Curfew To Go

by Harvey Voogd

A proposal to eliminate Friday night curfew and give all students unlimited late leaves was presented to Student Forum by the Student Life Senate.

According to Student Life Advisors and Dormitory Directors, the present curfew policy is not working, and it has become a constant headache for all involved.

Objections were raised to modifying curfew policy because of the policy, Dorm College becomes aware of many of the problems on campus. If curfew policy was changed, many of these problems may not be seen soon enough.

The Student Life Senate proposal, if adopted, would be implemented over a four-semester period. The change affects only Friday night curfew and late leaves. Curfew will remain at midnight Saturday through Thursday.

The need for rooms for personal devotion was brought to the attention of Student Forum. At present, students have nowhere to go for quiet time and prayer.

Dordt College's present housing structure requires most students to live in either the dorms or the East Campus Apartments. But neither the dorms nor the East Campus Apartments are known for their quiet, reflective atmosphere.

Therefore, Student Forum has been asked to see if there is a need for rooms where students can reflect, meditate and be alone. If a need exists, Student Forum will look for space and set up devotional rooms.

"Christians should be involved in all areas of life... We hope we can supply Christian direction. If we can qualify men someday perhaps we can have our own men teaching here at Dordt College."

Mike Masterson then spoke to the sparse crowd. "I have no complaints about the military surplus. I came to Dordt College because it was the one institution I could find that was consciously attempting to implement its Christian world and life view in all its courses."

Masterson continued, "The problem of ROTC accreditation must be seen in the context of national and international problems like nuclear weapons. We as students...are going to live in this world, and we need perspective and confessional direction."

Masterson believes the problem is not only one of perspective, but a hierarchical decision making structure.

Rev. Haan began his statement by calling the problem an "innocent issue." Haan related how ROTC was approved at Dordt last semester. Because of "favorable response" and since "the Dordt College program would be exactly the same" Haan said, "I assumed it wasn't any big deal." According to Haan, the question before the curriculum program is whether we can give credit to the course.

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Bix and 'Sarah' Play Love Songs

by Lisa Mellema

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Anti side says amendment might promote homosexuality
Panel Debates Equal Rights Amendment  

"Men and women should receive the same treatment under the law. This does not mean men and women are the same," said the PRO-ERA Rights Amendment panel Wednesday, October 29, during the debate sponsored by KDGR.


The Equal Rights Amendment reads: All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. Neither the state nor any of its political subdivision shall, on the basis of gender, deny or abridge the equal rights of citizenship under the law.

The ANTI-ERA panel holds that the amendment treats sex the same as race and that its objective is "to remove all sexist language from the constitution." This they said could result in a change of wording in marriage laws, stating that a person and person, rather than male and female, could be issued a marriage license.

Cheerleaders with Unshaven Legs

At Dordt College men's basketball games this year, half of the varsity cheerleaders will come to the games with unshaven legs.

This is not a protest to the attention that the cheerleaders usually draw from the male portion of the crowd, but rather, this is the first year Dordt will be sporting male cheerleaders.

Six Dordt males will be on the floor at home games as full-fledged cheerleaders participating in routines with the regular squad of six females.

The six guys that you will see are Don Lamers, Russ Terpstra, Dave Hennaberg, Terry Van Roekel, Mark Van BEEK, and Mark Van Wyk.

The fellows will be sporting white painter pants and polo shirts.

Practices are very intense as the squad is gearing up for the first home game which will be in about three weeks. The squad meets usually three times a week. Some of the fellows said that they will have to put a lot of work into getting their moves smoothed out before their premiere performance.

Enthusiasm is building among the guys involved and they said that they are looking forward to some hard work and a lot of fun representing Dordt.

We're talking about economic not sexual discrimination. The Supreme Court speaks on this issue not the Equal Rights Amendment.

Laurie Van den Heuvel (ANTI) says the Amendment is "broad and ambiguous and subject to misinterpretation." Victoria Herring (PRO) points out "judges and courts will conscientiously apply the law. They are not removed from the pressures of people. We are not afraid of their interpretation." ANTI-ERA rebutts saying, "Judges rule by law not on public opinion or pressure." PRO concludes, "If judges aren't dependable in ERA, they aren't dependable in anything."

The final issue, discussed at some length, was sex-related sports problems in schools. The ANTI-side says it does not want to lose the tradition of separate teams and is afraid boys might take over in girls' sports. The rebuttal of the PRO-side is, "Boys and girls should have equal opportunities. They can be separate but equal. Never yet have boys or girls taken over each others' teams."

The ANTI-ERA panel believes, "America was founded on godly, Christian principles, and that is the way it should remain." They contended that we should legislate morality. Jorgenson says, "If we don't legislate morals, what do we legislate?" The PRO-ERA side says, "We cannot legislate morality; we must teach it."

The ERA was voted down in Iowa and the Sioux Center precinct results were: No-1437 and Yes-259.

Students Volunteer Themselves

Christian service work is the objective of 161 students enrolled in the Social Service Club's volunteer program. A volunteer's activities may include befriending someone in a hospital or home, helping refugee families find a new way of life, or working with teen-agers in the Big Brother or Big Sister program.

One volunteer, Beth Van Meekeren, befriended Ceci Mayr. Ceci is a 61-year-old deaf man who lives at the County Home in Orange City. "At first he was shy," said Beth. "He couldn't understand why a young person like me would want to talk to him. Now he really enjoys my visits."
Work-study students work less

by James Bonna

Students Receive Raise

Work study students have been given a raise as of October 1st. However, some payday students will not receive any money in most cases.

The raise, to $3.10 per hour first semester and $3.35 per hour second semester, was granted by the United States Congress which passed the Reauthorization of Educational Amendments bill late last September. This bill states that no school may pay sub-minimum wages to student employees.

The reason most students will not get the extra money in their paycheck is because the school is attempting to cut down on the hours worked by each student. Howard Hall, director of Financial Aid at Dordt College, said the students will still get their work-study money but won’t have to work as much. Hall said he was glad for the students and "I never felt right about sub-minimum wages."

Hall pointed out that if the students got the raise at 50 cents per hour, and kept the same hours, the average student would make approximately $75 per month. With some 400 work study students, that’s $4,800 per month that Dordt would have to pay the students, which money it does not presently have.

Dordt would have to borrow the money and then raise tuition sharply, Hall said. In addition, the government puts limits on the amount of money a student may make, so the student still could not get more money in the long run, just shorter hours. Hall said it was "a good deal for the students" and he hopes they understand why the policy to cut back hours is being taken.

The only complaints he has received so far, Hall said, have come from the employers around campus, who say they either need more students to fill the gaps left by the shorter hours or they must cut back wherever they can.

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Dordt College Bleeds for Others

The Siouxland Blood Bank, a member of the American Association of Blood Banks, received donations at Dordt College on October 28 and 29 in the West Commons. The Blood Bank was sponsored by the Student Forum.

According to Marshall Greiman, vice-president of Student Forum, a sizable number of volunteers offered to donate blood, but many were rejected because of restrictions. A total of 123 donors, both students and faculty, participated.

People with colds, those taking antibiotics, or those with diseases such as hepatitis or heart disease were not allowed to give blood. The Siouxland Blood Bank accepts donors between 5 feet 6 inches and 6 feet, weighing 110 pounds or more, and in general good health.

A worker for the Blood Bank said Siouxland needs blood because doctors order it by specific types for patients, blood has a limited shelf life, and it must be available before an emergency arises.

She said the blood is taken to Sioux City and distributed to various hospitals in Northeast Iowa.

Woiiwode Enchants Audience

The overstuffed armchair comfortably swallowed Larry Woiiwode, contrasting the fragmented mosaic of the first piece of his reading.

Woiiwode, after a humorous introduction of the relationship between the Christian Reformed and Orthodox Presbyterian churches (the OP has always been North Dakota, and the CRC in the audience), recited his poem, "Horses in the Overstuffed Armchair." The poem set in North Dakota, told a poem written by Anya Seerveld.

Woiiwode has written two novels: "What I'm Going to Do Is Think and Behind the Bedroom Wall," available at the Dordt Bookstore, and a book of poetry, Even Tide. "Woiiwode thanked the Dordt community for inviting him. He said he found it stimulating and encouraging to share his writings with Christians. He encouraged the beginning writers to listen and learn from the more mature Christian writers at Dordt College.

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Zwart plays ‘Schitterend’

by Corina Meijer

The last mentioned selection, written by Jan Zwart, deals with the emotions and triumphs between the Protestants and Catholics. The Dutch National Anthem was written during that time as well, the time of William of Orange.

Zwart’s answer to our standing ovation was his own composition: Psalm 25, the second verse.

Despite the fact that the turnout was embarrassingly low, there was no lack of enthusiasm or respect in the crowd for such a talented individual.

Originally from Zaandam, the Netherlands, Zwart received organ lessons first from his father. After World War II, he studied at the Utrecht and Amsterdam Conservatory of Music. Some of his teachers were Simon C. Jansen, George Stam, Stoffel van Viegen, and Dr. Willem Mulde, all renowned organists.

Zwart is the organist in the “Bovenkerk” in Kampen and has been for the past 26 years. In 1979, he celebrated his 25th anniversary as the Chief Church Organist.

From Sioux Center, Zwart’s tour will take him to Canada for five more concerts, and then he will go back to the Netherlands. He has, on this tour, already given three concerts in Michigan.

His wife (nee Hofland) and son Jan Quintus accompanied him on this tour. His son is involved in recording and spent much time “checking out” the Sound Room in the Chapel.

Zwart claims the Dordt Chapel Organ to be “schitterend” (magnificent). He’s played many organs in the United States and Canada during his previous 13 trips to North America, but never found an organ superior to our Chapel Organ.

The opportunity to have had Willem Hendrik Zwart here at Dordt College was an honour which Dordt College would love to have happen again someday in the future.
Mathies and Magee Display Talents

by Cathy Ross

Dr. Noel Magee, professor of music and Norm Mathies, associate professor of art, displayed their talents in a recital and art exhibit on October 28.

Dr. Magee's recital contained literature from four major periods of music, but a large part of his recital centered on works of the Romantic period. Magee's recital began with a dramatic composition by Franz Liszt which was based on a sonnet by Petrarach. He continued, with a prelude and fugue by Bach and a piano sonata by Mozart.

The real highlights of the evening came in the second half. He began with a set of capriccios by Brahms. The first was a gorgeous, flowing piece in F# minor. The other capriccio was faster and lighter—a good complement to the first. The climax of the recital came in the third piece: "Tarantella," by Franz Liszt. It was a driving, intense piece that kept the audience on the edge of their seats from start to finish. The two 20th century pieces (by Milhaud and Donnelly) at the end added variety to the recital with different natures and dissonant harmonies.

Dr. Magee's recital contained good contrast and variety. The music came alive because it was interpreted so well. The delicacy, expressiveness and finesse of Dr. Magee's playing were a delight to everyone in the audience.

Following the recital was a display of Norm Mathies' artwork in the lounge of the SUB. Most of his work was done in acrylic, and depicted landscapes of Northwest Iowa. They were realistic and captured the tone of the state very well. His one very different painting was a large, dynamic piece entitled "Jacob". It showed the struggle between Jacob and the angel. The strong brush strokes reiterated the powerfulness of the painting.

With talents such as these two men display, it was disappointing to see so few students attend the recital and art show. It was something that shouldn't have been missed.

Dolphins Begin

4th Season

by Anya Seerveld

Which is the only sports team on campus that competes and practices co-ed? Which has to raise its own money (matched by Dordt) because it is not a recognized varsity sport—put out a club—

—the Dordt Dolphins!

The Dordt Dolphins began in the spring of 1978. Fifteen students were interested in swimming and eventually competing. They wrote up a constitution as a club, and had a swim-a-thon and raised $1200.

"We don't cut anyone—anyone crazy enough to stick it out with us is welcome," said swimmer Bonnie Miedema. "It's real team work."

Instrumental in organizing the Dolphins were Gene Reichert, a 1979 graduate, and presently Jay Van Groningen, head coach, who encourages from the sidelines, and Randy Poel who is president of the club.

Three "Charter Members" are still on the team. Arlyn Slagter, Bonnie Miedema, and Poel are all seniors who set up the Dolphins in their first year at Dordt.

The Dolphins practice Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 p.m. On Thursday they come to the pool from 4-7 p.m. and work out from a posted schedule. Tuesday and Thursday the swimmers are encouraged to use the pool exercise room; pull equipment that builds up muscle, not endurance. This pool time is donated by the city. In return, the city swim team may use the equipment the Dolphins have purchased.

Seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen make up the swim team with a fairly even split between men and women. "We really stick together," said Miedema; "if our only purpose was to win swim meets we'd have lasted only one season. We learned the hard way that winning isn't everything."
Eight lettermen returning to team

Basketball Team Optimistic on Season

by Tim Vos

Defender Basketball begins November 19 in the Dordt Gymnasium. The season begins with the return of a powerful frontcourt and a much more positive attitude as this season approaches. Coach Rick Vander Berg calls this squad the fundamentally soundest team he has had, due largely to their experience and great attitude.

Talent may have something to do with that as well—Dordt boasts MVP Kevin Wolterstorf, who led the team in scoring (18PPG) and rebounding (9), as well as being selected to the All-Conference and All-District 15 teams. Rounding out the front line are Denny Van Zanten (Co-Captain with Wolterstorf) and Dayton Vogel.

Defensively, Dordt gave up more points than they scored in 79-80, playing mostly man-to-man.

When basketball starts this fall, the teams will be playing on the original floor, and the court is finally showing its age. When the new addition was constructed, the boards and court were repaired, and the north side, if not the entire floor. A new court may cost upward of $40,000.

Syne Altena is back as JV coach for men's basketball after a year's absence. Last season Tom Visker filled the post.

This season Vander Berg stated the Defenders could use the zone defense, especially early in the year. Besides the Nov. 19 opener with Martin Luther, Dordt will compete in a holiday tournament in Pella, Iowa, along with Calvin, Hope, and host Central. The Defenders begin competition in the Tri-State conference Jan. 24 versus Westmar, and the season concludes at home against Briar Cliff. Dordt faces an extremely tough schedule playing NCAA II schools from the Iowa Conference and play seventh ranked Briar Cliff twice. However, Coach Vander Berg expects his squad will still qualify for the District 15 playoffs and should be the favorite in the Tri-State conference.

Westmar and Northwestern, who tied for first place in 79-80, lose a total of six starters. Next spring, the 80-81 Defenders could give their coach his first winning season since coming to Dordt three years ago.

Soccer Championship Coming to Dordt

by Craig Boersema

The Dordt Defender soccer team finished their regular season last Thursday with a 5-0 victory over Augustana. The win gave the Defenders a 10 win and 6 loss record.

Saturday, Dordt will play for the NAIA District 15 championship against Marycrest College of Davenport. This is the first year Marycrest has had soccer as a varsity sport. One of their games included a 7-0 loss to Calvin College.

The winner will represent Iowa in the NAIA Area III Playoffs against the champions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

The playoff game Saturday will be held here at Dordt at 1:00 PM. Due to NAIA rules there will be a $2.00 admission fee because this is a championship game.

Cross Country Goes to Nationals

by Rich Gaffin

Dordt's cross country team has continued in its winning ways by taking the Tri-State Conference championship and winning the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 15 meet.

The team successfully defended their Tri-State Conference Championship Saturday October 25 by defeating Northwestern and Westmar. Jerrold Wynia had the individual win with a time of 25:57. Dordt had 5 runners in the top ten.

To top off their Tri-State Championship, the team hosted the NAIA District 15 meet at the Sandy Hollow Golf Course last Saturday. Their pre-season goal was to win this meet and go to the National. By a score of 36-42-43-100, Dordt defeated Northwestern, the defending champion.

Junior Jerrold Wynia had another individual win with a time of 25:17 over the 5 mile course. Other team members that completed were Greg Kuiper, Len Fakkema, Pete Steiger, Harv Vande Burgt, Dan Kroeze and Todd Obbink.

On November 15 the Dordt Cross Country team will represent the NAIA District 15 in the National meet. They will compete with 29 other teams, the best from each District. The team has had an excellent year under Coach Marvin Van Soelen, who was voted top coach in District 15. We wish them the best as they compete for the honor of National Champions.

Hockey Club Faces Difficulties

by Deb Butler

"Basically, I've taken on much of the advising, but we've split the other responsibilities between faculty members. We've had three or four professors who have said they'd go on a road trip with us if we needed an advisor," said Doornenbal.

"Financially, the team supports itself along with money that Dordt gives them in their budget. Last year, the club supported itself throughout events like Hockey Night, which was similar to Student Forum's D.O.R.T. Day. This year, the club put an ad in the Shopper to do work on various farms, such as picking corn, Doornenbal said.

"There are two problems that I would like people to be aware of," said Doornenbal. "The first is, we have difficulty getting the ice. The Sioux City Auditorium is really too small to handle Sioux City's programs, so we have to wait to rent the ice.

"We also have the difficulty of finding teams to play. The nearest hockey teams are like Drake, Graceland, and Iowa State, and they are all about 240 miles away. One of us has to travel, and it can be quite an expense.

"Ideally, someone should build a rink somewhere. I see our problems getting worse because minor hockey programs in Sioux City are growing," said Doornenbal.

"It's difficult to think that the hockey program will be forced out of Dordt College because of the inability to get facilities. I don't really think it's Dordt's responsibility, but I don't think we can alleviate the problems until there are more teams and rinks in the area."

The Hockey Club Team, despite financial and other internal difficulties, has scheduled several games so far, according to Coach Brian Doornenbal: "If we can make it financially we'll be playing Graceland College in Des Moines November 22," said Doornenbal. "I'm still trying to find a team to play us November 14 and 15."

One of the first difficulties that the club faced this year was finding an adviser. The team's adviser last year was Case Boot, who is currently furthering his studies in New York.

"That was a misunderstanding on my part," explained Doornenbal. "I thought the college appointed an adviser, but we had to find one for ourselves. Otherwise, we would have already looked for the best option."