Ginter urges stewardship

by Lynn Verhoef

Gary Ginter, Staley Lecturer, announced upon taking the podium that he had decided to revamp his evening's lecture due to comments made to him by individuals of the Dordt community. He then proceeded to deliver a convicting and understandable speech that challenged Dordt students and faculty to examine their financial choices.

Committee Member Jim DeYoung said, "It was fascinating. He raised so many of exactly the same questions that we wrestle with."

Ginter, as founder of Chicago Research and Trading Group (CTR), as one of the future industry's 25 most influential figures in 1988 and as present Managing Director of Global Corporation, is well qualified to speak professionally about the present dynamics of the business world. As a committed Christian business executive who actively forges new trails in establishing companies such as Kingdom Companies, Missionary Corporations, and inner city service agencies, Ginter is also well equipped to lay out Christian guidelines for operating businesses and one's personal financial life that have made a remarkable difference in his life.

Ginter spoke Tuesday morning in chapel on "Money and Relationships: The Parable of the Rich Fool," and that afternoon on "Moravian Mission Modalities: Radical Alternatives for Kingdom Work by Today's Professionals," as well as the evening's lecture on lifestyle choices for today's Christian, in which he touched on subjects such as money's true worth, giving with integrity, downsizing, accountability, forgiveness and reconciliation. He also spoke at the FBE banquet Monday night.

Ginter and his wife decided at the beginning of their marriage to make a habit of giving more than what other people said was wise to give in order to stay on the cutting edge of faith.

Ginter makes a habit of giving more than what others think is wise.

He said that in making choices as to personal stewardship, "Let your budget be a function of your calling, not of your culture." He said that we should "give locally; think strategically." We should give where God has planted us, and give where we are giving of ourselves in order to maintain intimacy and integrity with our giving.

Ginter's challenge was one of personal example, not the establishment of specific norms to be followed by everyone. Audience reaction was very positive. "I think it's an important issue to address because it's easy to forget our responsibilities in our world setting within our own communities," said student Mark Huyer. "All too often we let materialism and related individualism creep into our lives. Making money becomes more important than issues such as poverty."

Jim DeYoung said, "It was a very successful year for the Staley Lecture series because of the challenge laid before us. It is not to adopt Ginter's choices, then to think carefully and critically about the choices we make about money, career and lifestyle."

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PLIA swings into action over break

Nashville group hits a variety of projects

by Val Vande Voort

For the sixteen people who traveled to Nashville, Tennessee during spring break, PLIA was an awesome experience. Under the leadership of Jack Soudma and George Vander Beek, they experienced a good week of work and fun with Salama Ministries.

Salama Ministries works with the children of the community, encouraging them to establish solid Christian homes as they grow up. While the group was there, they worked in the church office building—cleaning, painting, sanding, stripping off old wallpaper and putting up new wallpaper. Group members also painted an apartment and sorted clothes at a thrift store, and some of the group baby-sat and prepared activities for the younger children.

Getting to know Salama's staff members and their families was a joy as well. One particular highlight was a potluck meal with the staff on Thursday evening. Many close relationships were formed and the members will not soon forget the special people they met at Salama.

They also got to see downtown Nashville, including the Opryland Hotel where a lot of country music could be heard. The ride home had its share of problems including an accident near Kansas City, but the group members were brought closer together through it all and were thankful God kept them safe.

The volunteers' eyes were opened to things they could not experience. They also tear apart two cards or basketball with them.

The unity of the group made the trip special. Also, it was hard for them to leave because of the special bonds through Christ that they didn't want to leave behind.
Students get their hands dirty on the job.

A first-hand experience of Inez's poverty.

by Teresa Vander Stelt

"Welcome to Kentucky." That sign greeted the group crammed for twenty hours in a fifteen passenger van. Two hours later they were greeted to Inez, a town which had seen the riches of coal mining, and was now experiencing the slow and painful effects of the recession.

The group worked at Christian Appalachian Homes, a home for abused wives and women who cannot support themselves. Miss Jo, a 70 plus year old woman, runs the home basically by herself. Their jobs included digging a trench, chopping trees, building a shed, cleaning out a stream bed, and shoveling a lot of gravel. Once day they took a tour through the poverty-stricken homes in the surrounding area. As they saw the broken down shacks and met some of the people, they saw first hand the effects of poverty, struggling with the issues surrounding it.

PLIA was also a time for unforgettable friendships in the group. Through games, discussions, hikes, and even doing dishes, they learned to appreciate one another.

PLIA volunteers assist We Care Ministries

by Mike Vande Voort

This year was the second consecutive year of PLIA making a trip to historic Vicksburg, MS to work with We Care Ministries. Well Care is under the direction of Tommie Lee Williams, Sr. and consists of the We Care center and the We Care variety store. The center holds classes for literacy, and the variety store sells second hand clothes and other donated items. Another aspect of the ministry is food distribution to the poor.

The main job of the PLIA group was to help with the variety store. This started Monday morning with unloading a 53 foot trailer full of clothes, shoes, food, hair spray and toilet paper. This had to be carried to the second floor to fill three rooms and then had to be sorted. The 20 people attacked the pile, and three days later, everything was sorted. They also sealed a roof, painted and repaired several porches, fixed a leaky roof, and created access to a fire escape at the Center.

They still managed to have fun. They spent their day away in the French Quarter in New Orleans and had a picnic at Vicksburg Military Park on Sunday.

PLIA members in Vicksburg

Students' eyes opened in Cary

by Cindy Tulinaga

A group of nineteen Dordt students traveled to Cary, MS on PLIA with the purpose of serving at Cary Christian Center in mind, but not knowing exactly what to expect.

The group was amazed at the poverty of many of the people. The blacks lived in run-down, deteriorated homes, while just across the road, whites lived in beautiful homes. The group found that seeing poverty and riches side by side was hard to stomach.

While the Dordt students were in Cary, they built porches, painted shutters, and washed trailers. The poor people were astonished that the students took off their Spring break - prime party time - to serve as volunteers. Their gratefulness made the work very rewarding.

The PLIA group found that interacting with the people in the community was quite an experience. For some it was very eye opening. The talk, language, and dress were so different from that of Northwest Iowa.

The church service there made the biggest impact on the group. The service was very energetic, and the preacher enthralled the congregation with his powerful words. The students left church on fire for the week of service that lay ahead.

The Dordt students went to Cary to serve, to give of their time, not expecting to get anything in return. But the reward of seeing the gratitude and appreciation of the people far outweighed what was given. The group worked well and became very close knit. Being able to witness to the Cary community was rewarding and strengthened the members' faith.

Group learns in Mendenhall

by Shelley Westerhof

After a long night on the road, the group finally arrive in Mendenhall, MS, population 8,000. The 18 people stayed at Mendenhall MI, on the black highway, across the tracks that divide the town.

After relaxing for a few days and enjoying the warm, southern weather, the group was excited to get back to work. Thursday the group toured Mendenhall, spending time at the courthouse, where they saw a man sentenced to twenty years for kidnapping, the county jail, where there was a controversial suicide recently. That afternoon they finished cupping the roof and cleaning out the garage. Some also worked in the grade school, Genesis One.

The group became very sensitive to the racism in the South. They had many discussions among themselves and with members of the community. Through their Bible study, they learned what it means to be a servant, studying the theme of PLIA this year, "Serving in humility." Through talking and laughing and sharing, they grew to understand and appreciate each other.

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**Dordt purchases sculpture**

by Paula Van Hill

A new wall sculpture done by former Sioux Center resident Ben Tamminga was installed and unveiled in the Commons entrance over spring break.

The sculpture represents pillars, trees, birds, vessels, and a usable bench which allows people to become part of the arrangement. The work is made of iron, wood, earnings, and laminations of various art works for the college’s permanent collection. Alberda said the committee had wanted to bring an upgrade to the Commons’ wall for several years.

The sculpture is a reference to the cultural mandate to care for and regulate for the earth. But Ben Meyer, junior art major, said the sculpture is not supposed to be “spoon-fed art.”

Tamminga said she does not want to tell a story or express a person.

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**Seniors hold art exhibit**

by Michele Felkema

An exhibit of works by Dordt College art majors Tammy Hoppe and Jodi Vanden Hoek opened with a reception and gallery talk Apr. 1 in the Dordt College art gallery.

Hoppe is a senior majoring in English and art. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Beth Lupkes of Rock Rapids. Acrylic paint, clay, ceramics and sculptures are her favorite art forms, while her favorite subjects consist of people, abstract and realistic, and nonobjective.

Hoppe considers her high school teacher, Roger Van Wyk, her mentor, along with Dordt art professors Joann Alberda and Jacob Van Wyk.

Past recognition of her art work includes a display in the Old Bank Gallery and a painting which was sold in Florida.

Vanden Hoek, daughter of Roger and Linda Vanden Hoek of Hull, is also a senior majoring in art. Her exhibit, “Pied Beauty,” is a combination of ceramics, photography, paintings and fibers.

Highlights of Vanden Hoek’s display are those with handmade paper. She prefers working with fibers and photography, with landscapes and abstracts as her subjects.

A key teacher for Vanden Hoek is Joann Alberda.

The exhibit will remain on display through April 16 in the gallery, which is located on the second floor of the Dordt chapel/music building.

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**Sioux County Orchestra to perform in Christ Chapel**

by Paula Van Hill

The Apr. 13 Sioux County Orchestra spring concert in the Northwestern College Christ Chapel in Orange City begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature 16-year-old violinist Elayna Duitman from Sioux Center.

Duitman has studied violin since she was four years old and is now a junior at Unity Christian High School in Orange City. She has received numerous prestigious awards throughout Iowa and the nation which have distinguished her as an outstanding musician. Her awards have also allowed her to perform as soloist with four other orchestras. Duitman will perform as soloist with the orchestra as it presents Wieniawski’s Violin Concerto No. 2 in D minor.

The orchestra will also present the popular Symphony No. 9 in E minor from the New World Symphony by Dvorak to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Dvorak’s summer retreat at the Czech colony in Spillville, IA. The retreat remained a home in Czechoslovakia which he missed and inspired him to compose many of his works.

The 80 member orchestra is comprised of some of the finest musicians in Northwest Iowa and Southeast South Dakota. The orchestra’s membership includes adults of all ages and gifted music students ranging in age from junior high through college.

The Sioux County Orchestra is in its seventh season under the leadership of music director and conductor, Henry Duitman. Tickets purchased in advance from Karen Ryders will cost $4 for adults and $2 for students. Tickets at the door will be $5 for adults and $2 for students.

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**Band/orchestra perform concert**

by Val Ruter

On Apr. 4, the Dordt College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra performed the final instrumental concert of the year in the chapel. The performance capped off a twelve day tour which took the groups over 5,000 miles to the West Coast.

The musicians spent their spring break on tour in Montana, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, and British Columbia, performing in a total of eight concerts and seven high school assemblies. Conductor Henry Duitman praised the students for their representation of Dordt College while on the tour.

“Tamminga’s opinion in my work. I wish to ‘train young women to be powerful’ and allusive to encourage viewers to contemplate and bring in other connotations.

Tamminga, who now lives in Grand Rapids, MI, is a graduate of Calvin College. He received his masters degree in sculpture from Western Michigan University.

Tamminga has exhibited his work in the Midwest and on the Van toes, and which also a silver award winner among 18,000 other entries at an international competition in New York City.

According to Van Wyk, students have responded to the sculpture in different ways. “One student said ‘What is that crap on the wall,’ and another one said ‘Oh, I don’t know. I kind of like it.’

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**Chorale leaves on spring tour**

by Emily Kroose

The Dordt College Chorale, directed by Dale Grotenhuls, will be leaving today on their spring tour of Kansas and Nebraska. The Chorale has practiced many hours for this weekend’s tour, Grotenhuls praised the group highly and described it as the “finest Chorale group ever at Dordt College.”

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From the Editor

Someday when school is over

Approximately four weeks until May 7. I should have known better than to count them, but who hasn’t at least thought about that day with some anticipation. About this time of year, the journey gets tiring, the road long, and the travelers weary. We’ve had just enough of tests and papers, deadlines and assignments. Our minds are fixed on the end, on more important things, on what we hope will be a better tomorrow.

When we’re this close to the end, it’s so easy to get in the rut of wishing away time and so difficult to think of what we consider more important things. That is, if I am allowed to see tomorrow.

Someday when school is over, I won’t have to sit up until all hours of the night studying for an exam. I won’t have to research any more papers or worry about grades. But my memory has a tendency to hold on to the good times of the past, and someday I’ll probably look back at college and think, “Those were good days. I shouldn’t have wished them away.”

Someday when I’m older, when I’ve spent nearly my entire life gritting my teeth through insignificant processes, waiting for one tomorrow after another, maybe I’ll understand that God’s purpose is for right now, for this very minute. His requirement is that we are obedient today, not just for some distance tomorrow we assume God is leading us to.

I know - nobody needs a sermon right now, especially considering the time of the year and a good dose of weariness on almost every one’s part. Maybe what we need most right now is just a little encouragement to keep going — from God, from each other.

-PVH

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

by Jenn Dyke

If there ever were strong feelings expressed about a first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton sets a record. Subject to criticism in the media, and among Republicans and Democratic voters alike, she has provoked more controversy and has been more closely scrutinized than almost any other prominent female in America, even before her husband took office. Her attitudes and actions were swiftly judged by voters sooner than the public eye could focus in on her.

There seems to be no middle ground when it comes to attitudes toward the first lady; people either adore her or despise her. This is true of almost any woman who is successful, dominating, politically and socially outspoken; probably because there is no middle ground with her. Hillary knows what she believes in and stands by it, she knows what needs to be done and does it, and she knows what she wants and works for it. Her integrity and steadfastness are an example for men and women alike. This everyone has to admit, whether they agree with her ideals or not.

All knee-jerk bashing and praising aside, a closer look needs to be taken at her life and accomplishments before deciding whose place it is to judge her.

WHO SHE WAS THEN

Hillary Rodham grew up in Park Ridge, a Chicago suburb where her father owned a textile company. An over-achiever from the start, she was a fully decorated girl scout and president of her high school class. She graduated with so many honors that she practically embarrassed her parents at the ceremony. Even in high school she was politically active, organizing neighborhood fundraisers for local migrant workers. Among her peers, she was an inspiration to take action and work for the good of others, looking outside of their comfortable suburban lives.

She attended Wellesley, then Yale Law School, where she met Bill Clinton. As Hillary waited in line for registration, he introduced himself. He engaged in conversation with her until they reached the front of the line, and it was at this time that one of the registrar's pointed out that Bill had been in line before. The two dated until graduation.

As a law student, Hillary worked at the Yale-New Haven Hospital, observing cases of child abuse and neglect. This inspired her to become a children's rights advocate.

After graduation, the two went thier separate ways. Bill returned to Arkansas to teach and run for Congress, Hillary moved to Massachusetts to begin work with the Children's Defense Fund. In 1974 she moved to Arkansas and married Bill the following year.

Though residing in the South, she was not completely out of her element. In Arkansas, she worked to institute competency tests for...
teachers, improved hospital facilities, and established programs for parents of preschoolers. Friends say she's never failed at anything.

Her achievements thrived and her career continued to flourish. She served as a legal counsel for the House Judiciary Committee during Watergate, and also as the chairman for the Washington-based Children's Defense Fund. She was twice named as one of the top 100 lawyers in the U.S.

After she had married Bill, she'd kept her maiden name, which eventually caused her husband to lose his second campaign. Deciding it meant more to the people of Arkansas than to her, she took her husband's name.

WHO SHE IS NOW

Underneath the accusations made about her being anti-family, which were bred at the Republican National Convention last August, her commitment to promoting children's rights proved differently. She could demand justice for the abused and neglected, and not simply providing for any child who wants to sue their parents at the drop of a hat, as many would assume.

Another assumption is that she is a flaming left-wing radical, which is a label easily attached to women of her position and influence. In fact, she has served with companies in order to improve nationalism and establish better training programs.

Labels and assumptions such as these are a sign of a more deep-seated problem. That is that she is anything but the traditional model first lady. People are nervous about a woman carrying a resume' to the White House. She has forged a new path as first lady, having a successful career before entering the White House. But despite the initial apprehensive attitudes, there are sure to be many first ladies to follow her example.

It could be that this hesitancy to accept her stems from gender bias. If she were a man, her ambition, intelligence and strength would be unhesitatingly applauded. Instead, as a woman she is bombarded with cheap attacks, accused of being manipulative, undermining and ruthless. But those who know her will attest to the fact that she is a loyal friend, a nurturing mother and a supportive wife. In fact, she is her husband's toughest critic, never letting him become passive and encouraging him not to avoid tough questions.

With her husband in office, Hillary continues her voice for children's rights. Though she's been outspoken in campaigning and in her involvement in children's issues, she chooses to let her role in the White House evolve by its own right.

Another rule being broken by her is that of being unoffensive and giving lip-service to special projects. She will continue to thrive on her own accomplishments, and to stir up controversy, probably even after her husband's political career is over.

With her husband, Hillary is trying to give their daughter, Chelsea, a normal life, as normal as it can be in the White House. Hillary Rodham Clinton still fulfills the expected wife-mother-hostess role, as well as accomplishes her own goals.

Hillary Clinton with Mickey Cantor at an economic summit in Little Rock, Arizona

During Bill Clinton's campaign, Hillary gave four to five speeches every day, to audiences ranging in size from 10 to 20,000.
Today much like the last.
For the past four years, I have heard from this paper, certain students and professors the question: "Why aren't Dordt students involved?" I have even, on occasion, been heard to say it. But I now think that this is the wrong question.

Our education here at Dordt, and probably ever since we were in kindergarten, has been saturated and focused on being rational. We have been taught a system for doing this or that. But learning, analysis, constructions, rhetoric and writing are only partially complete without failure. Failures, which we have not been taught or have not been taught in full. Especially at the collegiate level. And now we have a tendency to lack of emotion in our studies.

It is rather efficient and easy to teach content in the classroom. It is definitely the easiest test to pass - the students either know it or they don't. Students have had their fill of content. They have become very good memorizers of information; that is, they have become the best short-term memorizers of information. It is almost an exaggeration and regurgitation. Any student or teacher can tell you this. It is nothing new. What will be left to do feel the content? For the most part, people only feel the content of their classes in a limited number of courses. It happens when the instructor has given them lower grades than they thought they deserved. Or when the instructor makes a major point and we don't get the big picture points that they cannot defend. Or when they feel guilty about not doing an assignment for a class. But what about feeling our philosophy, history, agriculture, art, literature, business or music in a way that has affected us so deeply that we have to do something about it, even if it is just to sit down and cry in frustration? It doesn't happen. That is, outside of the engineering department, where most engineering students are so abstracted that it is a wonder they haven't pulled out their hair.

Why not have us feel our way through the subject? I believe it is a slow process. And because it is dangerous. It is extremely dangerous. What if we get it wrong? What if Dordt College students go astray in their thinking? What if they, oh heaven forbid that I say it, if they DOUBT. There is a possibility we aren't making mistakes part of learning? Don't people learn from their mistakes? Aren't mistakes needed to facilitate learning? We should feel and believe the content honestly. We should learn non-rationally, in a non-linear fashion, and we should have time to do so. We should be dangerous. We should make mistakes because tomorrow we can get up and say I or you or we did that wrong. Let's change it. Let's do it this way. But maybe we won't even do that. Maybe we will go to our graves doing it wrong, but we tried. We tried to do things in their fattest of possession.

This is the first reason why the apathetic question (in the first paragraph) is wrong - it's not dangerous. I have had my share of a rational manner. And according to what we have been taught, we live. Our rationale is complete. We are done. Should we do the test now?

The second reason that the apathetic question is wrong is what good has it done? Somewhat pragmatic, I realize, yet I think it is a good way of looking at the question. (But only if it is accompanied by other reasons.) So the instructor and students have asked the question: what? Has it done anything to ask the question? Are students there becoming involved? Have we accomplished or changed anything, anyone? It seems that this question is commenting on the what. Not to downplay the significance of our history, we must know how to live, but don't focus on it. Focus on being. Plan for tomorrow. Maybe we should try, instead of criticize. Maybe we should be asking "and now what are you prepared to do?"

The third reason is the nature of being students where we are. We are students: it is our job (calling - get those buzz words in) to study and memorize the content of our classes. We are here to learn (one could get into the nature of learning, I won't do that here) to look at what it means to be a student, a serious student, you see that there is not a lot of time for other pursuits. If people are actively engaged in learning about their discipline, they are doing their job.

However, there is some time not used for academic pursuits or for relaxation from academic pursuits. And what students do with that time is ultimately their decision. There is an obedient and a disobedient use of that time, which the students may have a point of view. And this leads us back to the question: what are you prepared to do now?

There it is—four years of wondering if we are apathetic. A false question. Yet in saying this I'm in danger of making the reader feel uncomfortable. He could sit back, but that is not the way it should be. We should always be checking our pockets. We should always be self-diagnostic. We should always be feeling ourselves and letting ourselves feel. These things we cannot stop because we can never stop doing things once we start (likeMath, you grow). We may have a point of view. So ask yourself: what am I prepared to do now?

On the fence

by Julie DeBoer

Inflating our egos

Julie DeBoer

At first I thought it was a joke. I was flipping through my April edition of the Free Press and came upon the paragraph styling the random beauty and style blips when I saw it—a small write-up on inflatable bikini bra tops ($45). Unbelievable, right? I was chuckling to myself, thinking—next month they’ll print “Ariel Foots” and have pulled one over on half of their readership.

Then I flipped on the television and saw it—the same bikini top, on sale in the mall. Finally, the credibility of it all hit me.

Swimsuit manufacturer Cole of California has manufactured a bikini with a top which can be inflated, and is selling it this summer to all kinds of teenagers with insecurities so great and a self-confidence so low that they will buy a product to buff up their chests and to make them feel better looking on the beach.

I sincerely hope that this product bombs. I hope that teens to whom this product is made available will look at it and laugh, realizing the stupidity and what a poor idea it was. (Worth it on the beach.) However, the mere fact that this product exists prompts me to think about the superficiality of our society. I realize that superficiality can be defined in many ways. What I want to talk about here, and actually apply to Dordt College, is not the superficiality of a physical appearance (manifest in such things as beauty products, glamour magazines, and the like), but the activity of being superficial. By this I mean portraying ourselves as something that we are not. Or, by "talking big" so that we appear to be greater in the eyes of someone else.

I think Christians may fall into this habit, and it is a good example of this at Dordt College is our obsession with our name. The battle cry when I was looking at Dordt College while still in high school was: "DORDT?? What a weird name. Why would you ever go there?" Ever since that time we have been defending our name, or where we go, when people find out I'm attending college. I must answer the inevitable question: "What's a Dordt?? Where do you go to school?"

On several occasions I have had the opportunity to name a state college, and would know the difference? The individual asking the question really wouldn't be affected by my answer, and it would save me a lot of breath and explaining.

World in Review

by Dan Blom

Mogadishu, Somalia - - As if the United States Armed Forces didn't have enough to problems already, they now have to deal with a charge of misconduct in Operation Restore Hope.

U.S. Marine, PFC Larry T. Thomas was court-martialed on a charge of theft and assault. It seems Thomas didn't have enough to problems already, they now have to deal with a charge of misconduct in Operation Restore Hope.

U.S. Marine, PFC Larry T. Thomas was court-martialed on a charge of theft and assault. It seems that Thomas was court-martialed for cheating the food. He was caught in a false report of a theft.

Miami, Florida - - Due to the apparent tolerance of such domestic violence, Thomas was beaten to death by robbers after getting lost while driving to her job.

If three deaths in four months outrage the Germans to this degree, what does our country care? Is our society a brand of such exponential domestic violence tell us about our society?

New York City, New York - - In an interview with "The New York Times", Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak says the World Trade Center bombing could have been averted if U.S. officials had heeded Egypt's warnings about the network of fundamentalists Muslims living in America.

Mubarak stated, "If | World Trade Center bombing| could have been prevented if you (U.S.) had listened to our advice."

From now on, you can bet the policemen of the world, the U.S. will take tips from lesser-known enforcement agencies a bit more seriously.

Cape Town, South Africa - - President F.W. de Klerk finally admitted that South Africa had six nuclear fission devices (also commonly called bombs) that were produced during the isolationistic 1970's.

de Klerk said that after he became president in 1989, he had all the "devices" destroyed and he added, "South Africa's hands are clean.

Would Back up a minute de Klerk. You may have destroyed the bombs, but clean hands? The rest of the world isn't so sure.
What is your opinion of the sculpture in the Commons?

by WILL ALSUM

Michelle Wynia
Fr., Arizona

"I never knew the Commons was so in touch culturally."

Amy Veldman
So., Vermont

"I like it—it's very unique and makes people stop and think."

Rodney Lamfers
So., Iowa

"I don't know what the purpose of it is. I hope they didn't pay too much for it."

Christy Mellema
So., Minnesota

"I think it looks like rusty things that you would find in a garage."

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Equal time

Peace and justice for all

by Jeremy Vo

In the fall of 1991, four police officers in Los Angeles were acquitted of crimes involving the use of excessive force against Rodney King. King was not merely a "motorist" as the news media dubbed him. He was a wanted criminal trying to outrun the law. The very word "motorist" makes King sound like any average citizen driving along the highway. The fact remains that King was fleeing from police in a stolen car.

The officer's alleged crime, captured on a little more than a minute of video tape, was plenty of evidence for the media and some citizens to convict the officers of gross injustice. Yet the jury found the officers innocent. Was the jury stacked? Were they paid off by the KKK? This could make another great Oliver Stone movie! No, the jury watched that video tape over and over. They heard expert testimony along with the tape. They heard both sides of the story. Yet they made the unanimous decision that the officers were innocent. Now the officers are on trial for violating the civil rights of Rodney King.

When the officers were acquitted in 1992, the hooligans and criminals of Los Angeles had an excuse to throw a huge party and grab a few free VCR's. Black leaders and news media said that it was social protest. They said that black people are oppressed and that all those years of sad hate had driven them to do what they did. Well, people of all skin color have been killing, stealing and destroying other people's property for years. Does Cain happen to ring a bell? It was nothing more than a city displaying most graphically what it would be like if there were no police officers.

As I filed my 1993 tax return, I remembered that I was helping to pay for the clean-up of that mess. The money I earned last year, working to better myself and my community was squandered by those irresponsible common thieves, arsonists and murderers. In 1992, 69 police officers were killed in the line of duty. Was there a public outcry from the streets of America, or the news media for that matter, to bring those murderers to justice? Where are our priorities? When sensitivity to the needs of common outlaws overshadows the need of the American people to be protected from such, then we need to re-evaluate our thinking. Rodney King did put up a fight, there is no excuse for that. King was insubordinate and did not want to face justice, he did struggle with the officers and he decided to make the confrontation a violent one. If the officers acted improperly, let them face the justice they deserve. But, if criminals in our society act irresponsibly with the freedom they've been given, let them experience swift, fair and heavy justice.

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Henry Bakker

Dordt has announced that several soccer recruits plan to join Dordt’s soccer program in the 1993 fall semester. Gerrit Brouwer has been a starting defender for the past three years on the varsity team at Calvin Christian High School in Escondido, CA. He is a brother of Doug Brouwer, Dordt’s all-District 15 mid-fielder for the past three years. Mark Memmelaar has been a starting sweeper for the varsity team at Calvin in Escondido for the past two years. Eric Vander Mey has been the starting sweeper for four straight years at Bellevue Christian High in Bellevue, Washington. As a team captain, he led his team to a 17-1 record as a junior and a 15-0-1 record as a senior. In both seasons, Bellevue Christian won the state championship in Class ‘A’. He was named the Defensive Player-of-the-Year in ’91 and ’92. He also has played on an all-select team for each of the past five years.

Phil Van Ze played mid-field and forward for each of the past two years at Williamston High in Williamston, MI. In his ’92 season, he scored one goal and had seven assists as his team finished with an 8-6-2 record. Jason Tinklinberg played mid-field for all four years of high school, starting for the past two years at Southwest Christian High in Edgerton, MN. He helped his team to an 8-4-1 in the fall of ’92.

Northrop and St. Olaf are both Division III teams, so Dordt has nothing to worry about from the competition.

Brian Felkema is a junior from Williamston, MI. Felkema had two singles. Jumped on them.”

Because of the wet weather, the baseball team continues to practice indoors. They opened their season in the Metrodome, and have compiled a 3-5 record for the season so far.

Baseball team opens in Metrodome

by Henry Bakker

The Defenders baseball team is 3-5 for their season so far. The team opened the season with six games in the Metrodome in Minneapolis. On March 25 the Defenders faced Luther College and were defeated 9-1. Dordt’s pitchers walked nine batters and scored two runs in the first inning. Tod Koelmann was 2-3 with a single and a triple. Dordt’s only run came in the seventh inning when pitcher Troy Vander Molen sacrificed on a long fly ball. Pitcher Jay Schutte was perfect.

Dordt evened the score in the second half of the doubleheader, winning 5-1. Pitcher Chris Fynaardt got the win. He went 5 innings, allowing 4 hits, 2 strikeouts and 2 walks. Shortstop Jeff Schoten hit a 3-run double in the first inning and a sac fly in the third to record 4 of the team’s 5 RBIs. Heath Oostenink came in to pitch the last two innings. He got the save and allowed 4 hits, no walks and recorded three strikeouts.

The next day the Defenders played the toughest team they have faced yet this season, St. Mary’s College. They lost the first game 4-3. Vander Molen had a single and a double that game and Chad Feikema had two singles. On Monday, March 29 the Defenders lost to North Hennepin Community College 9-2. Schoten got the loss and Tim Roetman pitched two scoreless innings in relief. Vander Molen went 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs.

In the second game on Monday Dordt put in a strong performance to win 7-5. Oostenink pitched the complete game, allowing 3 walks, 2 earned runs, 7 hits and 2 strikeouts. Schoten set a school record with 3 triples in the game and had 2 RBIs. Vander Molen also contributed 2 RBIs to the win.

Coach Visker was pleased with the team’s consistent hitting on the trip and the fact that the defense made only four errors in the six games. “I think some of the guys learned some things about pitching at the college level,” he said.

Last Saturday the Defenders split a doubleheader at Mt. Marty. They won the first game 1-0. Oostenink and Vander Molen got two hits each and Vander Molen pitched a complete game allowing no walks and recording six strikeouts. Dordt lost the second game 8-1. Chris Fynaardt took the loss. The Defenders scored their only run on Oostenink’s first inning solo home run.

Coach Visker commented that “Chris got a couple pitches up there and the other team jumped on them.”

The Defender’s home game versus Buena Vista last Tuesday had to be rescheduled to April 21 due to wet weather. Weather permitting, the team’s next game will be this Friday at home against Mt. Marty at 4:00.

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Strong start for softball team

by Henry Bakker

The Lady Defenders played well on their trip to Southern California. Dordt won five of its eight games on the trip and have already eclipsed last year's won-loss record of 4-18.

On Saturday, March 20 the softball team won both ends of a doubleheader against Biola University at La Mirada by scores of 11-3 and 17-2. Monday, March 22 saw the Lady Defenders split a two-game with Christ College in Irvine. Dordt lost 1-0 in the opener as the opposing pitcher hurled a perfect game, striking out 17 batters in the process.

In the second game, Dordt fought back to post a 6-4 win.

The next day, the Lady Defenders swept Pacific Christian College with scores of 2-1 and 11-2 to boost their record to 5-1, but the team lost their final two games against Point Loma Nazarene by scores of 2-0 and 5-2. Point Loma's hurler, Jacki Volkert, was an NCAA Division II transfer and was quite a challenge for Dordt's batters. She struck out 17 batters in the first game but Brenda Prins homered in the second inning of game two to drive in Dordt's only runs.

After arriving back in the Mid-West, the Lady Defenders faced Southwest State College in Marshall, MN last Monday. Although Dordt lost the first game 2-0, Coach De Stigter was pleased with the team's performance. There were no errors in the game even though several people were starting at infield positions for the first time.

"Everyone is getting equal playing time," she said. "Everyone's started once, this is a well-rounded team and it has good depth. It's easy for me to coach because I feel comfortable with anyone out there right now."

The second game was intense as neither pitcher had allowed a run through seven innings of play. In the eighth the international tie-breaker rule was used, which states that the last out of the previous inning is allowed to begin the next inning as a runner at second base. This put Terri Poppema on second base to begin the top of the eighth inning. Emily Kroese was the first batter and she bunted to advance Poppema to third. The other team, who until this point had not committed an error, then overthrew first base and Poppema scored as Kroese advanced to second. Sue Dykstra was up next. She bunted, and once again the opposing team overthrew first. Kroese scored and Dykstra went to second base. Steph Van Maanen then singled and stole second base and Jill Anema singled to drive in Dordt's third run.

The Lady Defenders went in to the bottom of the eighth with a 3-0 lead which soon dwindled to a 3-2 lead as Southwest State scored two runs. With none out and a runner on first, the Defender infield turned a classic 6-4-3 double play to bring the win within their grasp. Southwest State got a runner on second at the end of the game, spearing a line drive that would have scored the tying run.

Coach De Stigter was proud of her team's tough playing and competitive spirit.

"The team's been able to maintain a positive attitude the entire time," she said. "All our games have been close and we don't get down easy." A key to their success has been the consistent effort from pitcher Kristi Terpstra.

"Kristi's a very steady pitcher," De Stigter said. "She's not a flashy strikeout pitcher, but she doesn't give up a lot of walks, either doesn't hit batters, doesn't throw wild pitches."

Terpstra only gave up 4 walks on the entire California trip and her ERA is currently at 1.79. Karl Vanden Hoek leads the team in batting with a .360 average. Jill Anema follows, batting .333 and Sue Dykstra is batting .303.

The Lady Defenders' next games, weather permitting, will be tonight versus Tukwya-Westmar in Sioux Center at 3:30 and 5:00.

Tennis team returns experienced players

by Derrick Vander Waal

Dordt's tennis team figures to be more competitive this spring with the return of an experienced core of five starting singles players from last year's team. "We have a nucleus of players back from last year," Coach Len Rhoda said. "It's a team that has a year of experience against college competition." so I believe we are going to be more competitive."

"We have a nucleus of players back from last year."

—Coach Rhoda

.Spring break.

"We have a nucleus of players back from last year."

Dordt defeated Dana, seven matches to two on April 2 and lost to Northwestern on Monday, 9-0. "We thought that we could catch a couple of matches against them (Northwestern)," Rhoda said. "To lose all of them (the matches) was a disappointment to us." The rest of the season should be competitive because the tennis team feels that they can beat any of the teams left on their schedule.

"Other than Northwestern, we are even with the rest of the competitions this year," Rhoda said. "So we will go into every one of our matches thinking that we can win the match."

Track team opens outdoor season

by Henry Bakker

The Dordt track team opened their outdoor season last Saturday with a meet at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, IA. The men's team placed fourth overall and the women's team placed fifth.

Dordt had two athletes take first place at the meet. Timon Rens won the javelin competition with a 167' 1" throw and Diane Schinkel took first place in the long jump with a distance of 15' 8.5".

Although runners' times tend to improve when moving from indoor to outdoor competition because the tracks are longer and involve less turns, don't expect the athletes to set new school records every week like they did at the indoor meets. At indoor meets there are a lot of events that are not run outdoors and there are fewer participants. Coach Allen said that the school's outdoor records are pretty strong but he still hopes the team will break one or two before the end of the season.

This Saturday Dordt will host its annual meet here in Sioux Center. The women are defending their championship and the men's team is hoping to improve on last year's second place finish. Field events begin at 11:00 and track events begin at 12:30.

"It'll be a good meet, competitive in both the men's and women's classes," said Coach Allen. "We think that all of our teams will meet at Northwestern out of St. Paul, MN, Sioux Falls, Wayne State out of Wayne, NE, Tukwya-Westmar and Dordt."

Andrew Patterson

Pitcher Kristi Terpstra has been one of the key components to the Lady Defenders' success this season.
## News Shorts

**Student Forum Elections**

Student Forum will be holding elections for the upcoming year on April 12 and 13, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the SUB, and from 5-6 p.m. in the commons. Each class may elect five students to represent them in the council.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the Forum should submit a paragraph to Mrs. Dekkenga in Student Services by noon on Friday, April 9. Those who have any questions may call Karl Meyer at x6933.

**Math/Science Day draws local high schools for programming contest, quiz bowl**

The Dordt Computer Club actively participated in the Math/Science day this past Mar. 29. The day involved several activities for local high schoolers. Area high schools were invited to send teams to a quiz bowl and a programming contest.

The Computer Club was responsible for running the programming contest and purchasing the trophies and medals for first, second, and third-place teams.

Several members of the Computer Club worked on the contest during Spring Break, designing the problems, determining the rules, and setting up for the events.

The day began at 8:45 with optional tours of the campus. The programming contest and quiz bowl both started at 9:30 and continued until noon.

Western Christian team 1 ran off with an easy first place victory in the programming contest, with 135 points. Hartley-Molvile-Sanborn came in second and Western Christian team 2 came in second and third with 31 and 30 points respectively.

**Planning is underway for the annual Spring Banquet in Sioux City**

This year's Spring Banquet will again be held at the Marina Inn in South Sioux City, Nebraska. The Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. Entertainment is provided by the Refreshment Committee.

Watch for tickets to go on sale soon. Tickets will be $15 per person.

**Dordt Defenders of Life hold rally, pancake feed**

by Dawn Bakker

The ninth annual Northwest Iowa Pro-life Rally took place on Saturday, Apr. 3 in the Dordt College chapel. The rally featured Jan Mickelson, a radio talk show host and TV commentator for WHO Radio and TV. Mickelson spoke about the pagan culture we live in. He stressed the need for repentance in America and for the salt and light of Christianity; for without changed hearts, such issues as Roe vs. Wade cannot be effectively stopped.

As a memorial to 30 million aborted babies, 20 people joined in a line to represent each of the 20 years since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision and to remember the millions of babies killed each year as a result of that decision. The line also served as a tribute to adoption, since all of the participants (each born in different years from 1973 to 1993) were adopted.

The prelude and offertory for the rally were performed by the Orange City Strings, a 45 member children's strings group consisting of violins and cellos.

The next activity planned by the Defenders of Life is a pancake supper planned for Friday, April 16, from 5:00 to 7:00. All are invited and encouraged to come. A freewill offering with a minimum donation of $1.00 will be taken.

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