Minus Director Warmink

Operas ready for performance
by Cheryl DeSort

"How many stairs do you need, Gerald?"
"Hey Jim, would I rather have this painted blue?"
"Paint main street in the window? Okay-Do's too!"
Kids scattered about the gym, painted, papered, and glued, readying the set for two operas to be performed February 14, 15, and 18, Jim Van Ry, student director of West Side Story; and Gerald Gerald, student director of Pirates of Penzance. Warmink wandered purposefully, calling directions above piped-in WOW music. They took time out, though, to discuss their roles, which have changed character since director Gary Warmink's operation. "I have never done any choreographing at all—never," he emphasized, in explaining some difficulties.

Gerald also has some difficulty seeing the scope of Pirates, particularly because he's had to step in to replace another person in the cast besides continuing his directorship. He's aided by having performed in Pirates as a high school student, "so this is more or less a remapping in my mind."

Both directors look to their cast for the second point of view, "the way it was." The audience "will get its money's worth," Gerald noted.

Jim agreed, "They're working really hard—they want to put the operas on to show themselves, Warmink, and everybody else that he can perform an opera.

"The audience will get its money's worth if they come," Gerald said, even though the $1.25 for adults, $1.00 for students, 75c for those 8 and under now pays for one opera in stead of two. Performance begins at 7:30 each evening; the directors speculate that each opera will last about two hours.

Dordt classmates and alumni received warm welcome
by Evelyn Laynese

Homecoming Week was wel-
coming by the temperatures and small, wind-driven snow-
flakes. Even with this un-
comfortable weather condi-
tions, many Dordt students re-
nounced the temptation to wear
their jeans and boots, and showed up Wednesday wearing three length gathered skirts, huge socks, and saddle shoes. Hairdos and ponytails, tied up with huge ribbons alternated with their counterpart, the boy's slicked-back hair treat-
ted with Greasy Kids Stuff.

The highlight of the day was the homecoming dance. The evening in the crowded SUB coffee shop, students and a few alumni drank free lemonade and ate cookies while listening to a music concert. The concert, under the direction of Randy Niewama, and John Kiel presented an oral reading and along with the skits by some of the alumni showed the audience "the way it was." Randy Niewama and John Kiel came out of the alumni "dark ages" to present a television special.

To present day Dordt stu-
dents, the alumni vs. intra-
"Europe" basketball game was a disappointment. Dordt's in-
tramural team lost.

The game was followed up by a pep rally. With skirts and jingles the cheerleaders tried to fire everyone up for the Varsity game against Central College of Pella.

The cheerleaders proved to be a hit. A game of "Hee Haw" tied up one of their more exciting games. Though the Junior Reserve team lost the game the Varsity team came through with a 70-65 win.
MEMO
from CAL TUNINGA

There are times when every person on campus gets mail. Half
filled sheets of paper about drinking, concerts, programs, and other
events rest in every box. They are quickly removed and are slipped
into a convenient wastebasket. Very few are read. Now to remedy the situation we could remove the wastebaskets so
that students would have to take the papers to their rooms. In this
way, the announcement would most likely be read. At least they
would have wider distribution!

Fine suggestion, but no solution. The problem is the paper, not the
garbage cans. Usually there are enough posters around to make
advertising unnecessary. And I could never figure out why dorm
intercom systems don’t get used for such important news items. To
print up so many sheets, some only half filled with print, is ridicu-
los, especially since they end up in the wastebasket. Very few are read.

Classrooms and offices also know how to make poor use of paper.
I, as well as others, have seen stacks of "scratch" paper in garbage
cans, and even stored in boxes. Occasionally there have been times
when copies of announcements were printed up and never handed out.

"What’s up Doc" BM Newsletters always seems to be in excess. Why
is such a ridiculous use of our resources made on campus? I
Don’t know, and maybe nobody does. We aren’t conscious enough of
what we are doing. So the first solution is to start thinking about it.

Refuse to make "important" announcements in mail boxes. Refrain
from making excessive amounts of everything that is handed out to
students. Recycle anything that is left over. Students should start
using the backs of handouts for scratch paper or for their rough drafts
of term papers. I know of some teachers who print tests on the back of
old tests. Excellent idea.

I have no concrete solutions. But we should start thinking about our
ways of wanting materials here on campus. Then we may come up with
solutions, and maybe we will be a little more consistent with what we
preach and teach.

Westmar jeers suit us

Dear Editor:

In past Diamond issues there have been articles concerning
Christian sportsmanship. Some people may have forgotten about what was said
in those articles. This was brought out in the basketball game against
Westmar, when their coach lost his temper because he thought the ref-
eree had made a bad call and was ejected from the game. As the coach
walked out of the gym he was jeered by the Dordt fans. By jeering this
couch we should be aware also jeer ourselves. Many times when we
as fans feel the referee made a bad call against one of Dordt’s players,
we also yell at the referee. We as fans showed very poor sportsman-
ship by jeering Westmar’s coach. We should remember to be witnesses
for Jesus Christ wherever we are, at all times.

Gordon Dyk

Westmar jeers suit us

Dear Editor:

I was rather disturbed this past week by the incident of the sense-
less destruction of the Canadian flag snow sculpture which was made.
Without trying to make too big an issue of it, let me just say that
such disregard for efforts of others showed very poor taste - in two
ways. For one, it takes very little talent to destroy in two minutes
what it took three girls an hour or so to make. Somehow that sort of
ability just fails to impress me, and apparently those involved weren’t
too impressed either, as they did it under the cover of night. Secondly
the incident bespoke of a rather narrow vision of the Kingdom. Haven’t
you heard that citizenship in the Family of God flat ignores such
superficial barriers as nationality and/or race? Didn’t you know that
when you offend one, you offend all?

In behalf of what I believe is most of the student body then, may I
please make an apology to these three girls, and ask that you not let
such incidents deter you from participating in similar events in the
future. Thank you.

Rich Tietjen

Ramblings...

Tom Vreeman asks answers to the practices of the Bookstore and the
Nebraska Book Company. Answers that we all deserve to have.

But let’s face it, most of us have here long enough to know that
questions seldom receive adequate answers. While I appreciate Tom’s questions about the past, I’m much more
concerned about the future.

Frankly I find it just a little ironic that although most of us have
wanted to get rid of Nebraska for some years, we’ve had to wait until
they wanted to get rid of us. That seems to sum up our relations with
them quite well. I guess what really bothers me about the whole thing
is the feeling that the lack of insight displayed in getting involved with
them in the first place will be duplicated when Dordt takes over the
bookstore itself. With that concern in mind, here are a few ideas and
questions which I feel we should take into account.

(1) The attitude towards profits and profit-making should be clearly
spelled out. Do we really need to make more than is needed to cover
our costs? If Dordt decides that it is right and desirable to run
the bookstore as a profit-making venture, will it be a 900% profit as
Nebraska made on Tom’s book, or less, or perhaps even a little more?

In order to cut costs why not employ students to check invoices,
unpack and shelve books and attend to the cash registers. This could
conceivably be done on work study, which would mean that Dordt
would have to pay only 20% of all salaries except of course for the bookstore
manager.

(3) I fail to see any service to the student being offered if prices on
paper goods, posters, candles, are higher that they are downtown.
Surely we can find someone with enough business acumen to
be able to acquire and sell these articles at a competitive level.

(4) Westmar jeers suit us

Dear Editor:

I would like to see the bookstore handle buy-back of books
not scheduled for use the following semester at wholesale used
book prices, I’d also like to see the book swap policy carried out.

The business club has more than adequately proved the effectiveness
of this program and it is also much more equitable to the student
at both ends of the deal. There is no reason why this program
couldn’t be run in conjunction with the bookstore itself once Dordt has
taken over.

(5) If the bookstore is really going to serve the Dordt community,
than there are obvious areas where expansion of present services offer-
ed is a must, not the least of these is the paperback selections and the
possibility of selling records and tapes.

(6) This last point is the most important: since without it we cannot
achieve a good bookstore, even if points one through five are taken into
account. It seems to me that in the past the bookstore has not only
lacked equitable and just business dealings (due to Nebraska’s policies),
but has also suffered from the lack of any personnel who had any real
account.

It is one thing to have the ability as a business man to manage the book-
store, another thing to know books, and yet a third to find these
combined in one person. This fact must be kept in mind when we hire, or
appoint, a bookstore manager, and if we cannot find a person of com-
tained talents then we’d better hire two.

A reputable educational institute is called that because it man-
age to tell enough people that it is one. No, every area of life and
every activity at that institute plays some role in contributing to
the image and reputation. In light of this, two questions remained to be
asked and answered. First, what has our bookstore said about us so
far? And, second, what will it say about us next year and in the years
to come?

Tom’s Ramblings

by Nigel Weaver

Tien’s Ramblings

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Dear Dean

Thank you for allowing the S.B.I. to come to your campus Febr.
ary 4 and 5, 1975.

Your students have our complete admiration. Our staff has
enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere, student attitude, self-control, etc.
Usually, college first time drawing is difficult at best, but
Dordt proved this theory wrong. It gave us a new insight to
many things.

We hope to be asked to return in the future, 124 units of blood were collected and processed.

Sincerely,
Helen Erickson

Bank Blood appreciates donations

Nebraska book Company has
had the management of the
Campus Bookstore for several
years, before the end of the
semester, however, Dordt
College will take over this
management under the leader-
ship of Dr. Marvin De Young.

De Young stresses that the
prices of books will not
suddenly become lower. The
policy will be: No change in
prices during the rush textbook
buying period. If reordering
becomes necessary, the price
to students will not be altered
even if the reordering to the
Bookstore is higher than the
original order.

Some of the things pertaining
to management being con-
sidered, which will be intro-
duced as rapidly as possible,
are:
1. The paperback department
will be enlarged to include
more titles with greater depth
in most subject areas.
2. The College Supplier de-
partment will be enlarged.
3. Plans regarding a Campus
Post Office where students will
be able to mail packages, buy
tamps, etc., are also under
consideration.
4. There will also be a Book
Department which will be
operated primarily for
the interest of the students.

During the buy-back period,
textbooks which will be used
on Campus the following semes-
ter will be bought at 70% of
list price (Nearly all College-stores pay 50%). Used books
will then be sold at 50% of
list price.

Textbooks not scheduled for
Campus use the following semes-
ter will be bought back at the
wholesale used student book
prices. These prices are not very high
and are not set by the bookstores.

However these books will be
handled so students can, if they
wish, sell their unwanted books.
5. Plans are being made to
expand the College Specials
department.

Future programs, records, tapes, etc., will all

Becky Macdonald

Joyce Moore, also a `74 graduate, now teaching in Osceola, Wisconsin, said, "I hear good reports about Dordt from other
Dordt-students. I miss my friends and fellowship the most.

But what about when the class of `74 was in their freshman year? A "normal experience," as far as younger students
are concerned, is Glad Dunteman said, "One thing that's changed is
the dress, especially that of the girls. I remember when we'd
see shorts on girls. At Dordt today, a lot of them wear shorts.
"I really miss the spirit at Dordt," Truly con-
tinued, "I guess the Christian fellowship is almost idealistic-
ically. No like this in a regular community.

Sally Luiten, also a `74 grad, teaches at Western Chris-
tian High in Hull. When she looks back to Dordt years, she
sees a definite change as a growing Christian. "If Sally could
take any changes at Dordt, she would have liked more prac-
tical experience. As a teacher she wishes she'd been in the
classroom before she was a senior.

Was it really worth it, alumni?
by Becky Macdonald

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Future executives consider motivation
by Ellen Vlieg

"A person won't do a better job now than he's treated nicer... it's the job itself," says a management consultant.

Future Business Executives Club focused on "Moti-
vation through Job Enrich-
ment" at its meeting on Tues-
day, February 11. Discuss-
ning results of management re-
search, the film pointed to the
importance of motivators such
as achievement, recognition,
and interest in the task. Morale problems result from a
lack of motivators and can be
corrected by improving working conditions and the job itself.

Following short discussions,
club business and future plans
were looked into. Treasurer
Bill Brose reported that the club
had not purchased the book
swap of last month. The club
plans to use some of the pro-
cedures in offering a scholar-
ship or award to freshmen in
business majors.

An open meeting is planned
for the near future. Rev.
Taylor, professor of sociology
and economics, will discuss
"the economy and the Chris-
tian responsibility to it," with
all interested students.

Dordt Bookstore plans independent operation

by Ellen Vlieg
Balancing male-female relationships

by Rich Ten

Just by way of brief introduction, I might say that I'm writing this article because I think it's a subject that many people have on their minds here at Dordt, in varying degrees, and I thought it might be a good time to express some views I have on the subject. Please note that these are my comments, and not 'norms' per se: I don't consider myself to be an expert in this field.

With that in mind then, as Christian young adults, I think that there are two extremes which need to be avoided. On the one hand, there are those who advocate for us to be open, so friendly, so uninhibited with all of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, that little space is left for that side of our socialness which leads us to want to share more intimate feelings and affections with someone of the opposite sex, in more special ways—ways that we would not want to have in common with all of our acquaintances. In fact, sometimes among such people, 'special relationships' are somewhat frowned upon, as being in some way 'unsanctified,' or perhaps selfish and 'worldly'—having to do with the things that are so easy to pass over, now. No matter what form male/female relationships are to take in the new heavens and new earth, I think that I'm safe in saying that we have to work within the context of what we know to be true now, or otherwise risk the loss of our identity as human beings.

On the other hand, there is the tendency to be so hung up on the fact that we are males and females, that we tend to ignore the fact that we are a body of brothers and sisters in the Lord, and that as such we have needs, talents, strengths, weaknesses, joys, sorrows, ups and downs, and like the need that we be borned and/or shared together. We're always on the lookout to see who's 'going with' who, forgetting that many other factors might also be involved. This second extreme also needs to be avoided.

So where's the balance then? Where is that happy medium that needs to be struck if we are ever to grow into mature Christians—adults as members of Christ's body, with healthy attitudes?

Well, firstly, I think that we all need to be aware that we have tendencies within us that do not naturally lead to this furthering of God's kingdom in this particular area of life. In fact, this need for acceptance, love, encouragement and security is such a touchy spot in our persons that it's probably one of the areas most in need of the Spirit's guidance as we seek to live lives that work towards the mutual as well as individual enrichment and satisfaction of our needs and desires, in accordance with the Lord's timing.

Then, too, we need to remember that life is complex, life is varied, and life is rich especially in this area of interpersonal relationships. It's a multi-faceted, many-colored area of life, and we need to be appreciative of that fact. That means that we've got to stop thinking too narrowly when it comes to how, why, when, and how long the Lord is going to bring people together. We can't judge situations too hastily, because God brings people together to be boyfriends and girlfriends, husbands and wives—but that's not the only reason. We should treat it as a standing rule here at Dordt that we never assume anything; you can only go by what we know to be true, and that very carefully, or, no matter how many times we see the same two people together, I think that if we do in the air will be generally less tense, and a lot more conducive to true biblical interaction.

Even a little more practically, as I've already hinted at need to live lives that are prayerful and Spirit led. We need to be genuine Christians who are letting the Lord run our line and not ourselves alone, remembering that we are steward of the privilege of taking all our needs and concerns to the Lord, and that you find yourself very lonely, have you been waiting forever to get to know a certain person? Here? and things can't always run the way we want them to. If a certain turn of events seems to ready yet get us down, don't forget that we are to take burdens and problems to the Lord too, even if it means taking them until they're no longer a burden. Last but not least, as a word of caution, let's be careful not to use our free time for a 'cloak of maliciousness,' which is often easy to slip into.
Direction on the court

by Dan Steenstra

Many coaches build up a hate or revenge routine of psyching their players. One football player was recently quoted as saying, 'Well I tackle a man if I don't hear bones crack I feel I'm not doing my job.' Bob Cousy, a well-known basketball player said that he'd sit in his room on the day of a game staring at the mirror yelling the word 'hate' to psych himself into really heating his opponent. But doesn't the Bible say we should love all men, and doesn't this include that opponent that plays his best, latest? Colossians says to the best for all men? We shouldn't be wishing against our opponent but wishing we both play our best.

Dordt College, is it fair at the games to see aesthetic beauty and to see God glorified, or is it your only concern the big victory? Do you love it when Dordt beating the tar out of another team or when there is a fight? When the last time you clapped when the opposing team did something that really displayed talent? Have you ever checked out the opposing team or relentlessly yelled at the ref who has the same feelings you do and who is just as capable of crying and feeling hurt. Could you do your summer job as well if you had hundreds of people continually yelling at you? Do Christian yell at the opposing team member who might be agreeing that the Christian thing would be to let the other guy win, and why couldn't you? Then it's wrong if you were to do the same thing.

Do you want to win? Is that really Dordt's goal? Should it be?--The attitude is "I want to score or steal the ball- to make myself look good." Then it's wrong because that's not loving your neighbor as yourself.

Many times in a situation where you knock the ball out of bounds and the ref doesn't see it. A good tactic that is really not illegal is to go to the corner and stand by that spot out of bounds with your hands up, as if to say to the confused ref, 'the other team hit it out so it's my ball.' This tactic may be legal, but is it ethical? Isn't it just out and out lying? Wouldn't the Christian thing to do be quickly telling the ref you knocked it out?

When I was younger we'd play basketball all day long and it was a rare day that there wouldn't be a fight, either verbal or physical, just over keeping the score. Playing basketball isn't pagan but the attitude it's played in can be ethical even though 'they are not illegal. This separates the non-Christian and the Christian athlete. A Christian athlete will feel it's an ideal which Christian athlete should strive for. I am well aware that I've said enough; that's not loving your neighbor as yourself.

Enrollment decline considered normal

by Ellen Villeg

Since the beginning of first semester, Dordt's on-campus enrollment has decreased from 977 to 939 students. Compared to previous years, this decrease is considered to be normal.

Included in the total figure are 38 new, transfer, or continuing students. Graduating class statistics are not compiled for this year.

Reasons given by departing students varied but generally the desire to leave was reported from factors other than a negative perception of Dordt College.

In speaking with departing students, both Mr. Howard Hall, director of admissions, and Rev. John Hulst, dean of students, found that only two students cited the regulations and policies led to their withdrawal.

"Many spoke appreciatively and emphasized that they were not watered down in comparison to those like Dordt," said Hulst.

Several students who decided to seek vocational or technical training elsewhere. Some left because they felt Dordt was doing well academically or school wasn't "for them."

Financial difficulties led some to drop out and work for a semester.

"Some people like to get lost in the crowd," said Mr. Gerald Hendrickx, registrar, in commenting on those who transferred or dropped out. Courses or programs better suited to individual needs may have caused students to transfer.

"The situation usually comes when students leave," said Hulst, "but I recognize that there are legitimate reasons for doing so."

Poetry and fiction sought

This spring the consortium of colleges to which Dordt belongs will again publish its annual review of creative writing. The CMA Review. All students are urged to submit poems, short stories, and essays to Mr. Hugh Cook or Wally Vanek Kling. "Please do not hesitate to submit," says Mr. Cook. "The committee should not be bashful."

Having said that, I hope to be bashful. Students are reminded to check the handbills for details. Entries should be typed neatly. Deadline is February 25.

Crafts Week presents variety in the arts

by Joyce Hambley

During the week of Feb. 3-7, Dordt College included a week whose students had the chance to do a few things they always wanted to do but never had the chance. Every night there were workshops ranging from water painting to breadmaking.

An average of 10 students showed up for each workshop, those who did go had a lot of fun. A great success, Participation was hindered however by weather, basketball and homecoming.

Tuesday some paintings were made and on Wednesday, oats were macarooned. Thursdays day's workshop on weaving held great interest for those who've attended. Breadmaking on Friday had the most participants.

Lists were posted so the students could sign their names to the workshops they wished to attend. Difficulties were overcome when students signed their names but didn't bother to show up. As extra material was purchased but not used. To avoid this Diane Heerdt, organizer of the week, says next year they will like to see more people go in advance so there is a commitment to participation.

De Jong discusses 'Occult' with Pre-sems

by Joan Kvida

About twenty-five or thirty students gathered for a discussion on "The Occult" sponsored by the pre-seminar club Thursday, January 30.

Prof. John Jong led the discussion. He has done extensive reading about the occult and has taught a course in the subject at Trinity.

Prof. Jong pointed out that the only thing one can try to see is just what occultism is and by trying to discern different categories of occult activity. Several short case studies were read to bring out some of the problems and questions faced in dealing with the occult.

The discussion was open and prof. Jong was led in many directions. Some of the questions discussed were: How much of the demonic activity supposedly going on today is real? How do we separate the real from the fake? What is pre-sems plan to visit seminary

A Calvin Seminary excursion for pre-seminar students is planned for March 1-4. All junior and senior pre-sems students interested in the seminary are invited.

Besides viewing Calvin's seminary campus, the visitors will attend classes and activities which will help them to see what the seminary is really like.

The seminary will be paying expenses for those attending the trip. Students planning to attend Calvin Seminary this fall are especially encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, so that a few registration fees can be taken care of.

Attendance is considered to be normal.

Many students may wonder what their attitude toward it should be.
Concerning peppermints, lettuce, and Covenant CRC

While some of us sneak peppermints during the Sunday sermon, Dr. Franklin Steen, Covenant CRC’s first minister said, “Filch a sermon about the Lord’s Supper, Dr. Steen demonstrated the ritual Old Testament priests performed during the Passover by eating this bitter herb.” He keeps the crowed Christian school gym atmosphere informal; on any Sunday you might hear him ask a member of the congregation to answer a question or even tell a story. “I’m able to be a little freer at Covenant than at any of my two previous churches (Armen and Detroit, Michigan),” he has done demonstrations before. “The atmosphere is a little less formal at Covenant... people laugh easier, they’re a little less uptight.”

Sneaking peppermints is not the only thing we do. As it turned out, the Creighton Bluejays were often over-crowded, This caused what might be called a traffic jam, and kept the score down as low as it was.

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Dordt students and Mr. Van Andel are now in the final stages of the Outing Club’s trip during spring break. Twenty-five, possibly thirty Dordt students and Van Noord will be taking a camping trip to either the Black hills in western South Dakota or to the Ozarks in southern Missouri. They will probably be taking Dordt’s bus and will be gone approximately one week. Where the Club decides to go will determine what they will be doing. A trip to the Black Hills would be commercialized more than a trip to the Ozarks. The weather will determine the extent of the camping. The opportunity for the Dordt students to go on this trip was opened on a first come, first serve basis. The members of the Outing Club will pay half of the price that the non-members will have to pay.

in the Light of the 12.2% increase in everything else, students have been looking for ways to cut costs. Tuition, like everything else, is going up. Next year, students will pay an extra $10 in tuition payments. The reason for the increase is primarily rising costs. In addition, several faculty members will be returning from leave of absence, and new faculty members are being recruited to expand the areas of Sociology, Psychology and Business; consequently next year’s payroll will be somewhat larger.

Another big factor in rising tuition costs, is that Dordt expects a decrease in enrollment next year. A considerably smaller freshman class is expected. Prices for room and board are going up as well. Students will have to pay for more meals in the Commons, and an increase of $30 for room payments is expected. The costs are not much higher or lower than those of other colleges in the CMA. “The cost increase is a common thing,” DeWitt averred. "The fact of life is it's going to stay high."

"Footprints in Stone" will be shown in Cl00 by the Biology Club on Tuesday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. The screening will be free. "Footprints in Stone" is an outstanding film about the history of man. It is one of the best films ever produced, and it depicts the story of the human race from its beginnings to the present day. The film does a wonderful job of telling the story of man's development as a species and as a culture. It is a fascinating and informative film that will be enjoyed by all those who watch it. The Biology Club is proud to present this film as a way to help you learn more about the history of man.

Dr. Steen says that Covenant is concerned with Dordt students. He said that challenge and responsibility. "For one thing, I just want to get acquainted with the students. I want to see how they are doing and I'd like to know what they are thinking. Covenant does not plan at present to build a church building. Does that hinder Steen's ministry? "No, not really, ... preaching in the gym is not the best setup—the floor is flat and the platform is not high enough to have direct eye contact—but that's really minor. The classrooms are a real asset. Very few churches have as good facilities."

Dr. Steen sees his greatest challenge as "involving Christianity, something that affects daily life so that church is the community where joys and sorrows are shared and we can help each other. I want people to be involved in the church and the church be involved with people, I don't like to see church as a spectator sport where the congregation isn't involved."
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The Dordt Defenders split last four games, winning their two home games and losing both of their away games. The Defenders now sit in a precarious situation as every game is a must game if they expect to have any chance of receiving an NAIA playoff berth.

Dakota State 83  Dordt 75

Friday, January 31, the Dordt Defenders suffered their sixth loss in their last seven games. Dakota State started off hot and led Dordt 18-14 after one quarter. They stretched it to as much as 10 points and went into the locker room up 36-25 lead. Most of Dordt's scoring was done by Mark Sybesma, who scored 18 points.

The Dakota State Trojans came out and put the game away early as they ran away with a 66-49 lead. Although Dordt did manage to cut the gap to seven points late in the game, they never threatened seriously.

It was a tough loss for the Defenders as they had defeated Dakota State earlier in the year in a home game. The loss evened Dordt's record at 6-6 while Dakota State moved to 9-3-1.

Dordt 96  Westmar 91

Last Tuesday night's game between Dordt and Westmar figured to be a close one all the way. Westmar started off the season with nine straight losses but since they had defeated both Sioux Falls and Northwestern (two teams that held victories over Dordt) and were sitting on top of the Tri State Conference. Dordt averaged 62 points a game, the second best offensive average among Iowa NAIA schools. They showed why in the first half as they scored 53 points.

Dordt started off hot as they raced to a 29-21 lead. Bob Vande Pol and Jerry Schnyders each scored 16 for Dordt.

Dordt 70  Central 65

Last Saturday was homecoming for the Dordt grade and the Defenders responded by treating the fans to a 70-65 victory over Central College of Pella.

Dordt started off the cold and fell behind 30-20. But Bob Vande Pol came off the bench to hit a couple of quick buckets and the Defenders were down by only six at halftime. The second half saw the teams trade buckets and the game finished 56-50. The game ended with 40 seconds left as Dordt scored a pair of free throws and Westmar's final attempt was blocked.

Dordt's offense was led by Paul Sneller who had 21 points, Craig Shannon had 16 and Jerry Schnyders each scored 10 points.

Blades return victorious from Ames

The Dordt Blades held winning margins of 7-4 and 14-11 over Iowa State's "B" squad hockey team in two games this past weekend, at Ames. The Blades boosted their season record to 9-1-2 after topping the "B" squad 9-4 on Friday night and 4-3 on Saturday night. The Blades outscored the "B" squad 13-7 over the weekend.

The Blades also scored a pair of goals in the second period. The first goal was scored by Matt DeLane, who deflected a shot from the right wing. The second goal was scored by Matt Van Denk, who deflected a shot from the left wing. Both goals were scored in the first period.

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