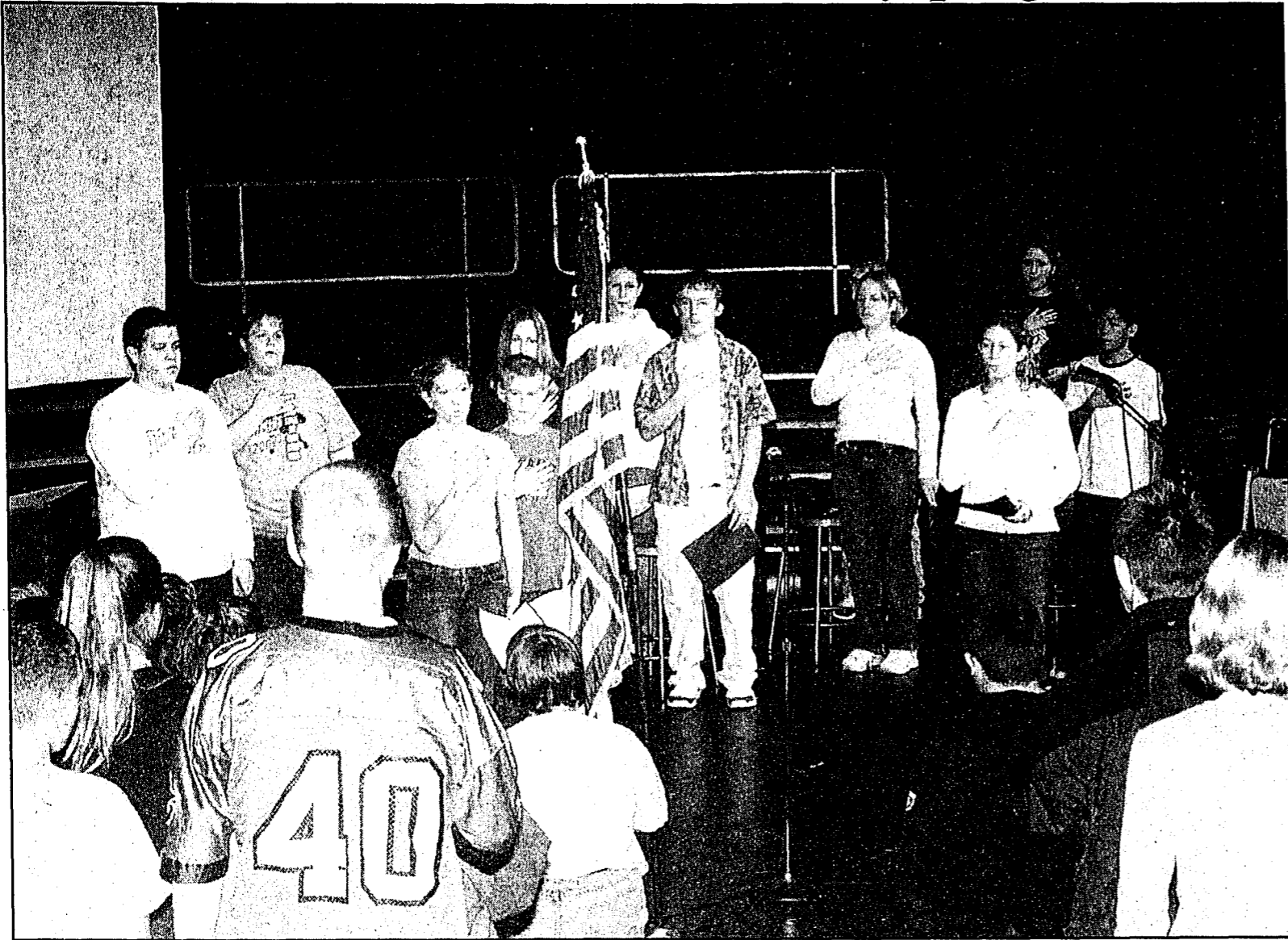


# News

## Middle school hosts Veterans' Day program



Eighth-grade students at the Sioux Center Middle School hosted a Veterans' Day program last Wednesday for other middle school students and for the community at Te Paske Theater. The program included essays about Veterans' Day, the history and usage directions of the United States flag, the history of the Pledge of Allegiance, the recognition of local veterans and

choral readings to go along with special musical numbers. Top photos: During a choral reading, members of the class led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bottom photo: Students showed how to fold the American flag. Among those taking part in that demonstration were: (from left) Nikki Van Skike, Laura Rosenboom, Diego Castelan and Pablo Garcia-Cordova.

## Vander Esch appeal denied by state court

Pizza Ranch co-founder Lawrence Vander Esch's appeal of his four sex abuse convictions was denied by the Iowa Court of Appeals in a ruling last Friday.

On August 20, 2001, Vander Esch pleaded guilty to four counts of third-degree sexual abuse in Sioux County District Court.

The convictions held up charges against Vander Esch stating that Vander Esch convinced two Sioux County victims employed at his Hull Pizza Ranch to participate in a bogus scientific research project that required a semen sample. Vander Esch then witnessed and assisted in the semen collection process.

After Vander Esch was initially accused of sexual abuse, he asked District Court Judge James Scott to dismiss the case on the grounds that the victims had consented to the sexual acts. Vander Esch's request was denied by Judge Scott.

The Iowa Court of Appeals in Des Moines heard Vander Esch's appeal to Judge Scott's denial on September 12, and a

ruling was released last Friday. Last week's ruling by the appellate court effectively upheld Judge Scott's decision to deny Vander Esch's dismissal request on the grounds that consent was obtained through deception.

The appellate court reviewed other states' rulings regarding consent obtained through deception before determining that Vander Esch's victims did not consent to a sex act but to a medical experiment.

Vander Esch was directed to carry out his prior sentence of four concurrent terms not to exceed 10 years imprisonment for the conviction of the four third-degree sexual abuse charges. He is currently serving his sentence at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility.

Vander Esch's legal representation for the appeal was Sioux City attorney Francis Goodwin. The state was represented by Attorney General Tom Miller, Assistant Attorney General Sheryl Soich and Sioux County Attorney Mark Schouten.

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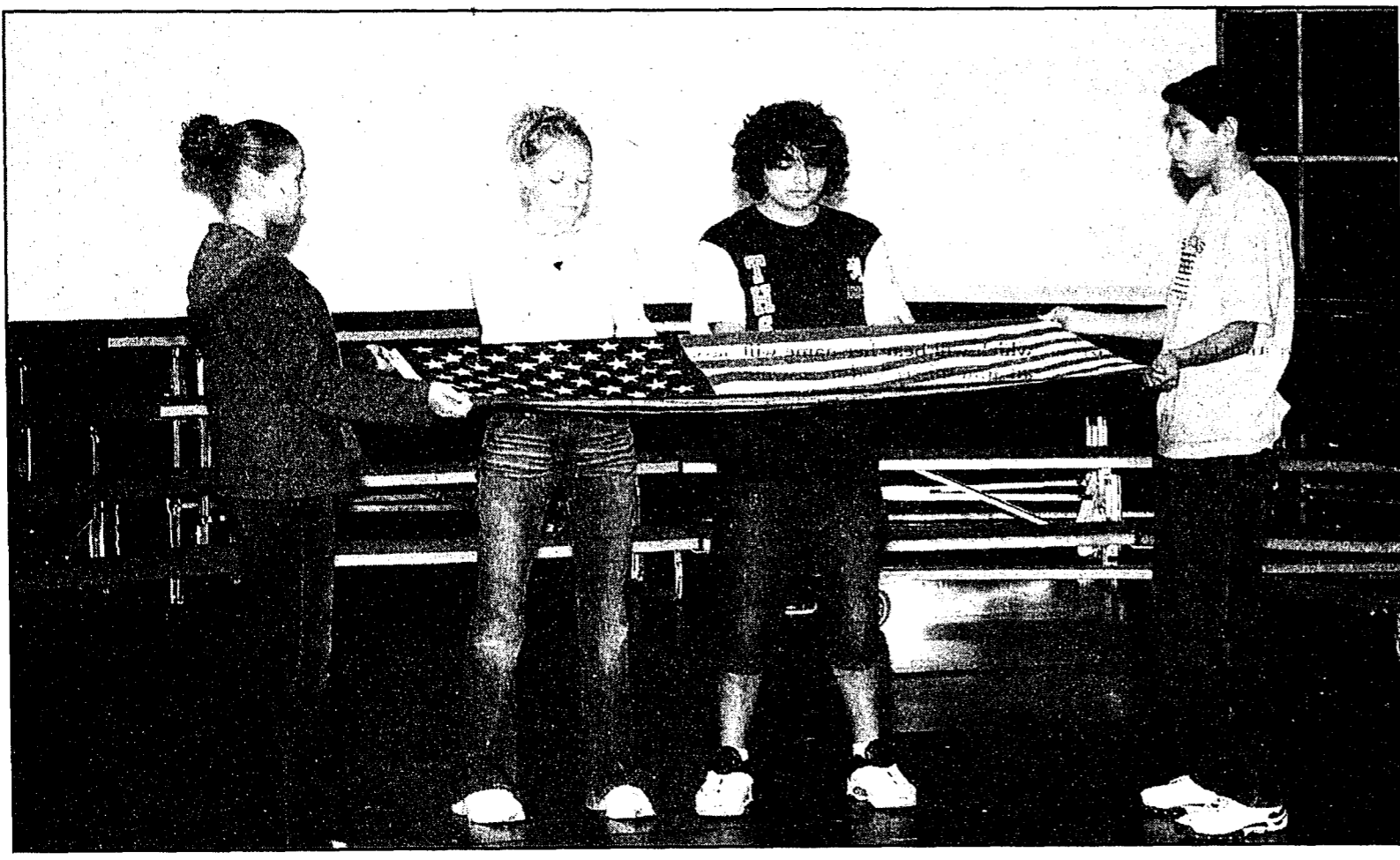
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## DORDT NEWS

### Dordt senior to present vocal recital

Dordt College senior Holly Miller will present her senior vocal recital Friday, November 22, at the B. J. Haan Auditorium. The free performance will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Miller is the daughter of Larry and Elaine Meyer, St. Louis, and a vocal student of Pamela De Haan. Lisa Duitman will accompany the soprano vocalist. Also performing will be Liz McPherson, a soprano from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Miller said she prefers performing 20th-century material because of the breadth and difficulty available and its generally theatrical nature. Highlights of her recital will include "Pie Jesu" from A. Lloyd Webber's Requiem; "The Laughing Song" from "Die Fledermous" by Johann Strauss and two pieces by Thomas Pasatieri, integrating text with music.

The public is invited to attend the recital.

### Photos, art show horrors of war

With the ominous threat of war on the horizon, a photo and art exhibition at the Dordt College Campus Center Art Gallery Wednesday, November 19, through Saturday, December 7, is a powerful reminder of the impact of violence upon humanity.

"Silent Witnesses" is the title of the photographic portion of the display, featuring illustrations of the effects of land mines. Thirteen



Dordt College senior Holly Miller will present recital.

internationally acclaimed photographers are represented in the local exhibition, drawn from a 1995 exhibit first displayed at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The exhibit has also been displayed in Vienna, Oslo, Canada and the UN headquarters in New York City.

In response to the effects of land mines, printmaker Bill Fick, New York, has created a set of three large relief prints, which accompany Dordt College's photo display. The prints were specifically created in response to the 1990s war in Bosnia; however, they address the horrors of any war. The purpose of the images is to point out the ugly, messy and destructive nature of explosives.

Jake Van Wyk and David Ver-

sluis, assistant professors of art at Dordt College, have coordinated the exhibition. In selecting the documentary photographs, Versluis commented that his initial concern was whether the show served more a humanitarian propaganda or successfully communicated the project purpose artistically.

"The photographs in this show are designed to suggest a response of compassion and sensitivity, as well as being imaginatively technical, and in that sense they become more than documentary," said Versluis.

In contrast, the extremely bold, graphic technique of the Fick prints conveys the greater loudness and horrorification and the evil of land mines.

The exhibit is now open to the public 7:30 a.m. through 10:30 p.m., concluding on Saturday, December 7. Those attending the exhibit are encouraged to express their thoughts in a guest book. Advanced students in graphic design and photography at Dordt College have pictorialized their responses, which will be on display in the corridor just outside the gallery.

In conjunction with the exhibit, on Tuesday, November 26, speaker Don King will discuss the current status of global land mines at the Campus Center art gallery, 3 p.m.

The exhibition has been made possible by the generosity of Rod Harris, Fallbrook, California, and Bill Fick, New York City, both of whom loaned their photographic collection and artwork respectively to Dordt College. The Center for International Health and Cooperation, New York, also granted permission for the reproduction of "Silent Witnesses" photographer's

biographies and images for student use.

### President recalls student years in book essay

Dordt College president Carl Zylstra is among Christian leaders who shared essays about their years as college students in a recently released book, "College Faith: 150 Christian Leaders and Educators Share Faith Stories from Their Student Days."

In his essay, Dr. Zylstra recalls his student days, when he received the type of message from the registrar's office no student ever wants to receive: "Unless your academic performance shows a marked improvement ... it is our recommendation that you reevaluate seriously your career goals and plans." As a college student in the mid-1960s, the message meant one of two courses of action: either improve his grades or join the army.

"At that point, I had to learn the difference between wanting to know the details of God's plans for me and just being willing to take the next step of faith," said Dr. Zylstra in his essay. He concludes his essay with the message, "No one really knows the next step in God's plan for us. But all of us can discover the next step of our faithfulness—simply doing diligently what's placed before us today. We can trust that God knows the ultimate plan, and

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