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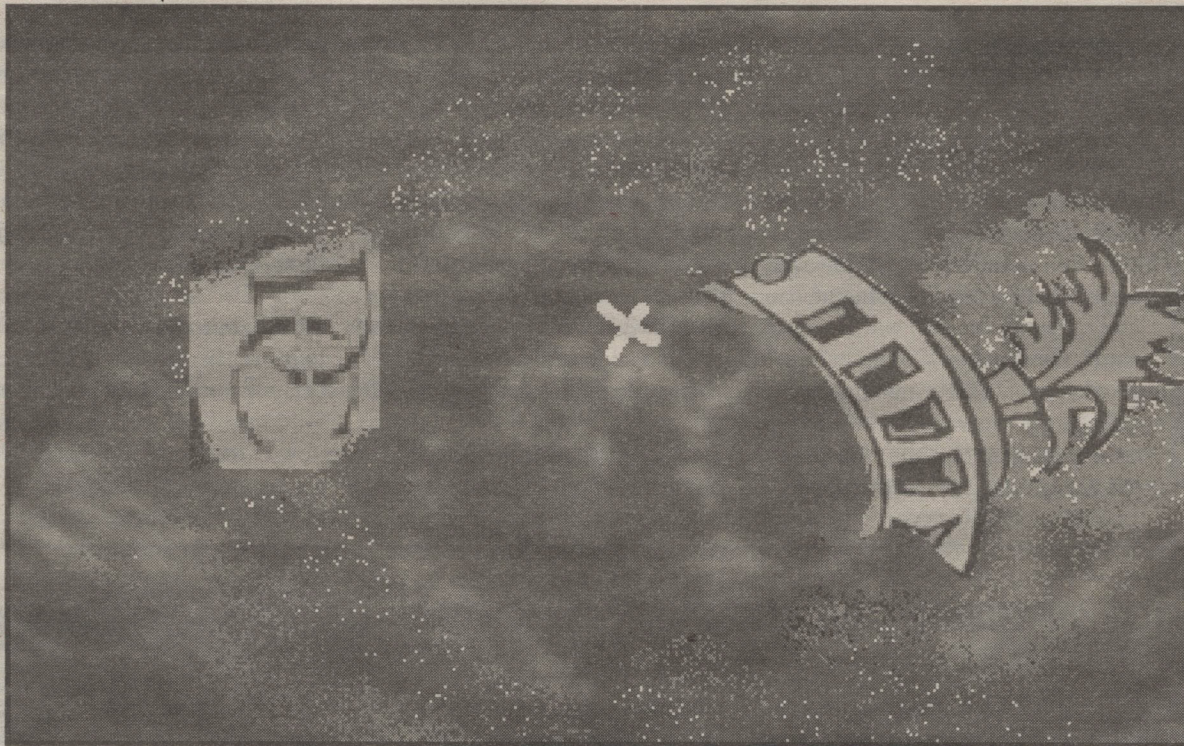
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An anonymous Dordt student found some pretty shocking images when she went in for her ultrasound.

Doctors do not believe the helm and feather will pose any difficulty in the birthing process. The baby's sword and shield will develop sometime after the birth, much to the mother's relief.

Said the mother-to-be: "When I first saw this, I laughed. But when I realized what would have to happen, I immediately looked into a C-section, or in this case, a D-section."

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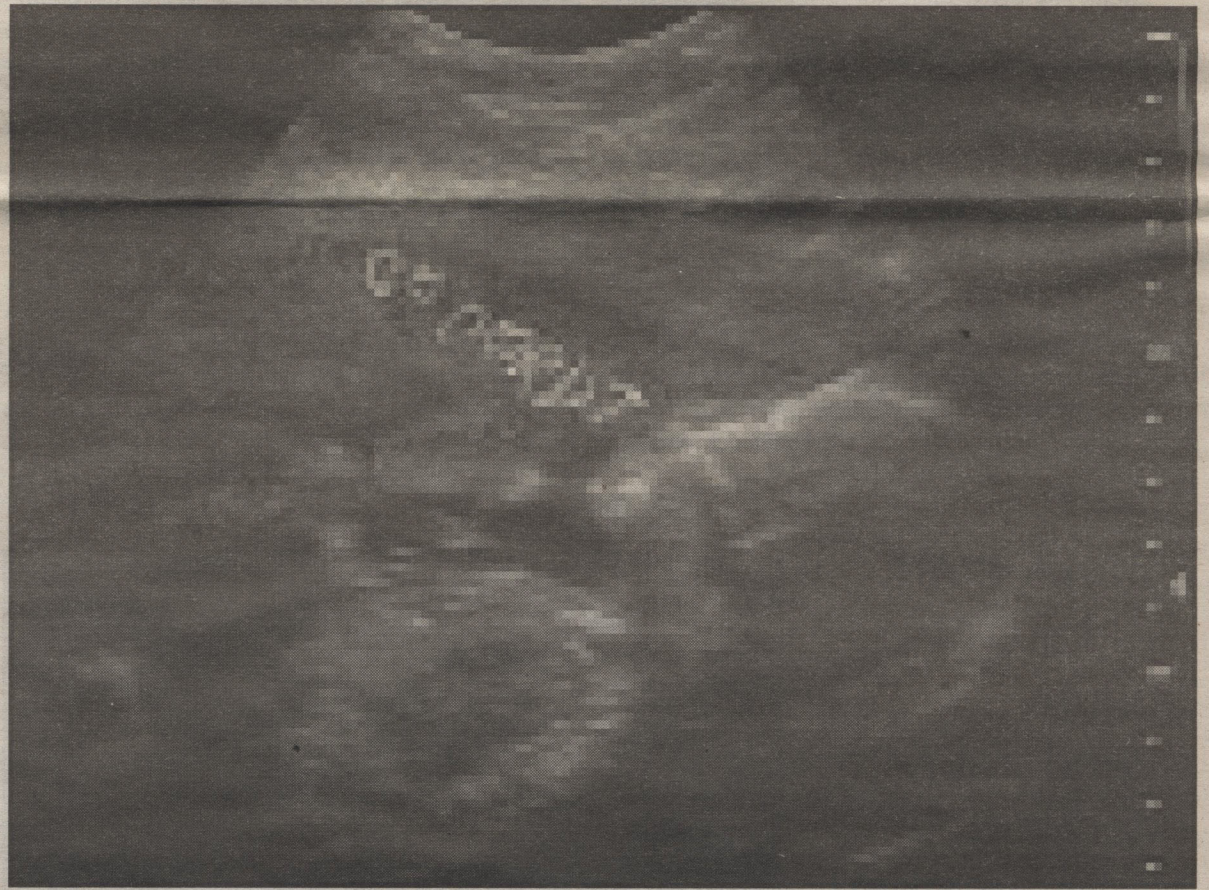
A proud but worried father-to-be

A relieved mother-to-be found her son was already a Dordt fan. The relieved father immediately applied for admission to the Defender Gold Club.

The puzzled doctors still are not sure how the felt and wood pennant, which clearly reads "Go Dordt", found its way into the baby's hand, but there seem to be no ill effects.

Said the mother: "I sure am glad I decided to attend Dordt. I can't imagine the reception this news would have had if I had gone to Northwestern."

Donations for both babies are being accepted, as tuition is expected to be over \$100,000 per year in 18 years (\$55,000 per year Canadian).



SAC to offer interesting activities for students in lieu of too few this past semester

Joe ChickeneGreen Head News Falsifier

In the face of overwhelming criticism from the student body, SAC has turned its attention to starting and promoting activities that allow more students to get involved in campus life. These activities should provide something for students to do on non-busy week nights and weekends.

Campus Center Paintball League: Along with Praise and Worship Wednesday nights, paintball will consist of closing down the campus center except for the grill area and dividing it into three areas. League teams will play a round-robin regular season with playoffs during dead week. The library is one of the grounds for play, so anyone

needing to use the library Wednesday nights should wear protective equipment and keep their heads down.

Dordt College Ultimate Fighting: To prepare Dordt for the brutality and barbarity the upcoming football team may display, SAC is organizing a mixed martial arts tournament (not to be confused with the mixed marital arts tournaments upcoming as well). The tournament, open to faculty, staff, students and members of the community, will take place Saturday mornings in the Rec Center.

Dordt Survivor: Survivor is one of those shows that keeps returning to television, so SAC decided to keep copying it. Next semester, Dordt Survivor will feature two teams of ten students living together on

the third floor of West Hall. Housed in separate tents, much of the surviving will deal with braving the elements as well as getting down to eat and go to class.

Corn-Cob Chunking: Instead of flinging a twelve-pound pumpkin, Dordt students will be encouraged to fling a lone corn cob as far as they can. Whether using a catapult, a spring launching system, or pneumatic energy, students will compete to design and build a launching setup to fire the cob as far as possible. First prize: all the corn you can eat for a year.

Snipe Hunting Outings: A mixer activity for freshmen and transfer students, especially those from outside Iowa, snipe hunting outings will be hosted to get allow students to leave campus, have clean, legal

fun and get to know some other people. Any upperclassmen willing to help out with these outings are encouraged to get in contact with SAC.

Mixed Marital Arts Tournaments: In an effort to promote marriage at Dordt, SAC is hosting a tournament dedicated to skills needed for marriages to work. Events to sharpen nagging skills, cooking and cleaning skills and speed-diaper changing will be open to both men and women, while events like thank-you-note writing and important date-remembering are open to women only. Male-only events include daily shaving, creative punishments and losing 90% of paychecks to child support in the case of divorce (as opposed to losing 90% of paychecks to supporting the family).

Campus center chamber secrets

**Terri Samos
Staff Rabbit**

Mamma mia! Yes, the rumors you have been hearing are true! Mountain lions do exist in Iowa! Sunday evening during the Chorale service, a mountain lion ran rampant across campus. After the creature tore up the tests of Philosophy 201 students, the Student Wildlife Conservation Department finally cut it off behind the Campus Center and captured it around 11 pm.

Investigating officials say a student, opening the elevator behind the mailroom, discovered the animal. However, after checking all floors, investigators could not figure out where the creature had come from. Professor Mahaffy insisted on finding the location, and after questioning the King of Bling,

he found the answer. The elevator has back doors that only open at one location, if a key is used. Thankfully, because of the persistence of the professor, officials used the key to reach what appears to be a secret chamber.

Although members of the trusty maintenance staff keep the elevator in operating condition, they claim to have never noticed the secret chamber.

However, Dordt officials aren't backing off from grilling the maintenance men.

"Seriously, guys, I've never even cleaned this secret room before," Larry Van Gelder exclaimed, in effort to maintain his innocence. "But one thing's for sure—the Green Bay Packers rock!"

Because they have been spending all of their time towing the cars of campus visitors (who are trying to get a

glimpse of the secret chamber) officials believe the custodians are indeed innocent, despite Van Gelder's odd behavior.

Investigators concluded that the mountain lion has been living in this hollow for several years—probably placed there by the late BJ Haan himself. Although none of the Haan grandchildren attending the college were aware, investigators assume that Haan intended for one of his descendants to use the monster to attack non-CRC students.

*Apparently, several professors knew about the chamber, but did not want to jeopardize the college's reputation. Therefore, instead, they decided to help reform all incoming freshmen by implementing the Gen 100 class.

Thankfully, the cougar will be put down later this week. Rest assured that finals will be the only meaning behind the term "Dead Week."

Professor taken out of class, suspected lunacy

**Nate Kneecap
News Hyperbolator**

Late last week, Professor Tazelaar was forcibly removed while lecturing in his Phil 201 class due to reports that his behavior was a danger to the student body.

Students reported that Tazelaar's behavior had been growing increasingly erratic over the last months, noting that he was frequently late for classes, was very disorganized, and began to hold conversations with inanimate objects in the room. The most bizarre instance was when he began to hold a two-way conversation with his chimp sculpture. Tazelaar's behavior became so bizarre that students began secretly filming his classes for blackmail purposes. Eventually one of those tapes reached the psychology department.

Upon seeing the footage, Dr. Hitchcock decided

that intervention had to take place. "His behavior was having a very negative effect on the student body." Students reported that his lectures became increasingly difficult to follow and he would frequently change philosophic viewpoints with no recollection that he had done so.

It was decided early last week that Professor Tazelaar would need to be removed from his position. Because of the professor's erratic behavior, he was not informed of his removal until he was forcibly removed last week mid-class. In a statement to the press, Dordt said "Mr. Tazelaar was removed for the sake of the public health; he will be treated until such time as can be determined if he can continue his duties as professor of Philosophy."

No word has been given about who will fill the vacant position.

Stranded Art Students endure unendurably unendurable winter weather!

**Nate Kneecap
News Hyperbolator**

Despite bitter cold and howling winds, an intrepid group of Dordt Art students ventured out this past Tuesday to attend an art show in the far off city of Orange. However, on their return journey, their formerly reliable Dordt-issue van was overcome by the unseasonable cold. Finding themselves stranded in the wilderness without a farm in site, the students were forced to fend for themselves.



L-R: Art students Ginelle Flower-Baker, Nate Nneecap, Stellar Painter, Matieu Koeknari, Amanda Newinthehouse, Architect Phil and Best(PLIA leader)Becka wait in the sub-zero temperatures for rescue.

Due to the lack of supplies and proper equipment the students had little to protect themselves.

Despite this, the artistically inclined group put forth all their creative abilities and rapidly constructed an igloo in a splendid art deco fashion.

However, chaos soon broke loose when it was discovered that the Pizza Ranch did not deliver to the remote location, and the situa-

tion grew tense. Threats were made, and the group nearly almost resorted to cannibalism. (No word on who would have been the unfortunate soul chosen for such an uncivilized action.)

Have no fear, gentle reader, for there is a happy ending to this wintry tale. When the sun broke out across the frozen wastes, a rescue team found brought them safely back to their beloved *Alma Mater*.

Wanted: new Dordt jobs of the century

J.D.

Underground Diamond Editor

Many students at Dordt receive financial aid. One form of that aid is Work-Study. Due to the ever-increasing work load on campus, many departments are calling for those who are willing to serve their school. Here's a few of the jobs available.

Administration: Presidential Shoe Shiner: Dr. Zylstra is looking for a person well versed in the sole arts to shine his shoes for special occasions. Experience is preferential, but he will accept applications from everyone eligible. Inquire in the Business office.

Admissions: Potential student scare: The admissions department is looking for a student to scare potential students to quake in their boots in order to separate the wheat from the chaff, oh, and to tell them of the wonders of Dordt College. Contact Sam Doty via e-mail to inquire.

Maintenance: Snowflake Classifier: Maintenance is looking for those in an ice crystal related field of study to classify snowflakes in order to find the best ways of removing them from the sidewalks and other concrete structures. Contact Andrew Friend for job specifications.

Doorknob polisher: Due to the increasing tarnish on Dordt handles, Maintenance has decided to designate this important responsibility to a specific position in the crew. Contact the department of motor vehicles for more information.

English: Slangologist: The English department, in order to keep up with rising vernacular usage, expresses need for a person who will devote their time to learning the vernacular of many cultures. Cultures include Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Mexico City, and even Canada! Must be willing to travel 456 days of the year and pick up own tabs. Contact Immigration for deportation.

Computer Services: Translator: Computer Services needs someone to translate computer static into English and tech language into slang. Please Contact the entire first floor of Covenant Hall to receive information on how to do the Hokey Pokey.

HPER: Shoe smeller: The HPER department is looking for someone with a glorious schnoz to see how many pairs of smelly sneakers they have. Please contact Juanna Man for more details.

KDCR: Play by Play: KDCR is expanding its horizons to bring Commons play by play. The play-by-play person will bring live action from the food lines and give live interviews. Please contact Josh Dykstra via telepathic message.

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HOROSCOPES

- **Sagittarius** (Latin - archer), 11/22 - 12/21: If you can convince people that your favorite color is clear, kudos to you.
- **Capricorn** (Latin - horned goat), 12/22 - 1/19: Your best friend has a great aunt with a daughter whose husband needs help with his co-worker's media presentation. Something you do today will give comfort to one of them.
- **Aquarius** (Latin - water bearer), 1/20 - 2/18: Chocolate. Your life will be blessed with it. And you won't be able to resist. Even if you are a guy.
- **Pisces** (Latin - fish), 2/19 - 3/20: Eat fish.
- **Aries** (Latin - ram), 3/21 - 4/19: If you run around outside wearing nothing but your underwear and a pot on your head, everyone who sees you will give you a dollar.
- **Taurus** (Latin - bull), 4/20 - 5/20: Red is a bad color. Stay away from it for the next week or they will find you.
- **Gemini** (Latin - twins), 5/21 - 6/21: Tabasco sauce is like money. Use it sparingly.
- **Cancer** (Latin - crab), 6/22 - 7/22: You will find joy in the simplest of items. Like chapstick.
- **Leo** (Latin - lion), 7/23 - 8/22: Do a good deed by saving someone from the embarrassment of slipping on the ice. Push them over before they reach the ice.
- **Virgo** (Latin - maiden), 8/23 - 9/22: That special someone will come into your life in the near future. After all, it is Dordt College.
- **Libra** (Latin - balance), 9/23 - 10/22: Computers are going to be major items in your life. Why? They just will be. Get used to the idea.
- **Scorpio** (Latin - scorpion), 10/23 - 11/21: Learn some new skill or hobby and you will be better off in life. People would adore you if you could play the accordion.



Pot comes to Dordt

Matieu Koeknari

Staff bean pod transformation artist

In an academic attempt to fix the dilemma of the increasing decline in enrollment, Dordt College has decided to commence with a new field of study, Pottology. Despite its addictive tendency, and the complex of moral justification, the Harry Potter major will take effect next Fall semester (2006).

The Administration believes this new field of study will greatly impact the college's Reformed perspective and bring the much overdue diversity to campus. Due to the magnitude of the popularity of the J.K. Rowling series, the Advancement Office believes that Dordt's declining enrollment will be a notion of the past. In fact, projected growth rates are expected to rise so drastically that it is highly probable that a tuition decrease will soon follow suit.

This new vision came to President Zylstra after recently viewing "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" with his grandchildren. "They were so ecstatic about seeing the movie that I figured this Rowling character must be onto something," commented the stunned President. "Perhaps we no longer need to

bribe people with a football program," he added.

After completing a \$249,000 study, the concept seemed to make sense. Harry Potter's popularity with local demographics is overwhelming. Almost all the local schools have the series in their libraries. The books are flying off the shelf at local WalMarts, Targets and Barnes and Nobles. "Harry Potter may be just the element this school needs to ensure our survival for the next fifty years," said Vice President of Academic Affairs, Roc McCarthy.

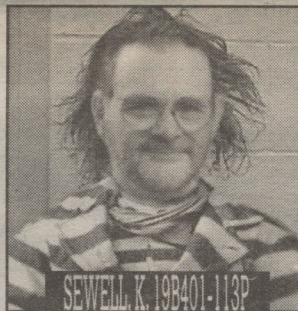
The English Department is thrilled because with the new faculty to be taken on with Pottology, they will have more time to focus on novels of substance. Magic and spell casting have the Chemistry department pining that student interest in chemistry will have a resurgence. The HPER department is looking forward to implanting flying and Quidditch as aerobic and team sports. And the Theology Department hopes topics of spiritual warfare and the supernatural will become commonplace here at Dordt.

All in all, Pottology, although stupid sounding, will be fundamental for ensuring Dordt's distinctive Reformed vision. This is one square inch which Dordt can truly reform.

Sewell sued in classroom mishap

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Guest safe-campus committee member



Earlier this month, Dr. Keith Sewell was lecturing his class on the wonders of the Industrial Revolution. While lecturing, a student, who wished to remain anonymous, fell asleep. Dr. Sewell saw this and proceeded to wake the student up by shouting and shining his laser pointer in the student's face. The student was startled awake and when opening his eyes, received a beam of light which rendered him permanently blind. An eyewitness recounts that the student screamed

in pain as he covered his eyes with his hands. Emergency personnel were immediately dispatched and the student was life-flighted to Sioux Falls.

Dr. Sewell claims innocence as he only woke the student who was disrupting the learning experience of his fellow classmates. Dr. Sewell faces charges of assault with a deadly weapon and reckless endangerment. He continues to teach as he, according to Dr. Zylstra, is an invaluable member of the faculty. Dr. Sewell is confident that he can beat this outrageous accusation.

The unnamed student only wants retribution and payment for the lifetime of darkness which Dr. Sewell has bestowed on him. The student has filed a civil case in the Sioux county district court. He wants \$5.6 million for aides and surgery with hospital stay. He claims that this is a mediocre amount compared to losing his eyesight. The student is currently in the hospital, in the intensive care unit. He is currently on life support and can only vaguely write out his responses to my questions. According to the Doctor, the laser sent such a powerful shock that it fried his optic nerve, creating a chain reaction and sending an amplified shock wave into the mid-brain area causing temporary paralysis. Yet, he will never be able to fully feel everything the way he had before because of the brain sizzle that he sustained. Our prayers go out to him for a peaceful resolution.

Web-buddy policy to be enacted

Romeo's Juliet
Chief Advisor of the
Zircon Friendship Network

In accordance with the campus-wide email concerning the improper use of online social networks such as Facebook, Student Services has enacted a new policy. This policy will be effective immediately, which will serve to curb the number of unsafe situations* which have occurred, especially for female students, faculty, and staff, as a result of the improper use of such social networks.

This policy, known as the "web-buddy policy," will pair students who are responsible, devoted to the Christian mission of Dordt College and supportive of the football program,

with students deemed (by a general survey of Dordt authority figures) to be less responsible and prone to rebellion against the standards and ethos of our mission and vision. Each student will have a separate password, both of which are needed to access the latter student's internet account.

If a "buddied" student attempts to access his or her account without the presence of his or her buddy, an electric shock will be delivered into the student's right thigh through a device implanted in his or her chair; the cost of purchasing and installing these devices will appear on next year's tuition statement.

Student Services will know that the "buddied" student is attempting to access his or her account without the presence of his or her buddy from the video footage provided by the cameras mounted in all public and private places containing

computers. The cost of purchasing and installing the cameras will also appear on next year's tuition statement—reportedly no more than 2 million dollars.

Student Services feels that the "web-buddy" system will be highly effective in keeping objectionable material off Facebook and other social networks used by Dordt students. Thus, with future restriction of individual freedom, it will be possible to remove all objectionable material from the internet as a whole.**

*No unsafe situations have occurred as of yet as a result of improper use of social networks.

But we are confident they will.

**Any and all vagueness present in the above memo is intentional.



DIAMOND features (to come)

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Dordt Physics department completes secret time-travel machine! Inside sources reveal that Chris and Jason Wyenberg have participated in Dordt's very first test-run. What follows are some startling news stories they found from their travels to the year 2024.

Water polo and Cricket finally come to Dordt as the result of the latest sports program election. They will be offered as a part of the GEN-800 physical education program at the beginning of 2029.

This past January, Marlboro Co. launched a new promotion. To better stabilize the financial situation at the college, Dordt was compelled not to turn down the promotion to hand out cigarettes to incoming freshman as a part of the GEN-700 program.

Dordt's Higher Education Program. Beginning next year, advanced studies in Harry Potter will be offered. Students are encouraged to join this exciting new program with the new Harry Potter major and minors. Students can choose one of two emphasis: General Wizardry and Perspectives on Broomstick Philosophy. Broomsticks, wands, and spell books are required for the class and are provided at a special fee in the Dordt College Bookstore.

A new work study job has been offered at Dordt this year: official President shoe-shiner. Only two positions will be available for this full-time work study. Direct contact with President Zylstra may be made - but is not limited to - long distance calls to his private island in the Florida Keys.

After a recent faculty poll, the maintenance department began forging custom earrings, noserings, rings, necklaces, and anklets from the 24 karat gold stars located on the B/J Haan Organ. President Zylstra will be sporting the new custom bling bling at the 2025 Convocation ceremonies.

Another new work study project was launched this year at Dordt. The DRCS, the Dordt Red Carpet Society, will begin work this next fall. The new platinum-plated red carpet roller provided for President Zylstra requires two able bodied students for full operation. As a part of the work study, the workers have the pleasure of traveling with President Zylstra and showing honour to his name and Dordt College by providing him with the most valuable and plush red carpet--under his student-shined shoes--ever made in the United States. Since the carpet, as well as Zylstra's crimson hand-made velvet vest, glows brightly when exposed to UV light, a third work study student may be required to operate the black light during Zylstra's weekly discos. Last year the DRCS raised money by selling Heinz Ketchup at the national hot dog feast in Southern Alabama. Left over funds will be credited to the Dordt Cricket fundraising account.

Due to high complaints about the Commons/Covenant Hall walking distances, Student Services has finally agreed to install a cable zip-line system connecting the third floor of covenant hall to the large tree in front of the Commons. Insurance is required at a special fee and is only offered to students who have already completed the general education requirements in the Synchronized Swimming Course.

Dordt's Science Department recently developed a new breed of plant that grows particularly well in the North Hall bathrooms. Weeks after the planting, students have mysteriously been reported missing after visiting the North Hall bathrooms. Dr. Ken Boersma, Prime Minister of Faculty, was announced to investigate this situation sometime next fall.

With the Dordt College tuition sitting at \$37,000 per year, more subtle actions have been taken to reduce increasing tuition costs. The Defender Grille has lowered the meal plan so students are only allowed to eat two total items, which cannot be meat or anything made from grain, unless that student pays prior with a Dordt College student Defender Grille credit card. Students with invalid ID cards will be issued a small can of worms. Also, to lower tuition by avoiding maintenance costs, all of the sod and grass grown on Dordt College has been replaced with corn. An elective course in harvesting will be offered in the fall of 2025.

On a more positive note, the Grille is now offering Captain Crunch with Crunch Berries as well as whole-grain Wheaties. Students are apparently excited about the new program as they celebrated by throwing a "You and the Cap'n Can Make it Happen" disco party in the Dordt College campus center featuring Joel Ayee, world-famous singer and dancer, as the main attraction.

The Dordt College Health Department has recently launched their new electro-shock therapy program. Incoming freshman who don't have a GPA of 3.8 or higher and an ACT of 28 or higher are required to sign up as beta testers for this new shock therapy system.

A new requirement for first-year faculty members and college freshman was officially signed into the education system. New faculty members and freshman students are required to participate and complete 14 credit hours in the SSC-101, Introduction to Synchronized Swimming. The course is only being offered during the summer and requires an extra fee to compensate for the Dordt Water Polo team.

A new field of study has been presented this year as a part of

To avoid a negative government intervention on behalf of Dordt College, KDCR is now issuing Grade A indulgences to compensate for government demands. If Dordt doesn't reach the required fees by late September of 2028 the college may be required to increase the laundry costs from \$.75 to \$1.00 per load. Contact the Pre-pre-Student Advancement Department for more information on purchasing indulgences and applying for purgatory passports.

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features

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... and here is the latest from the Associated Press newswire 2024:

July 7, 2024

China continues to expand its borders past Middle Asia. After their 680 million troop army conquered most of Russia in the past year, the Chinese have now focused their attention on the Middle East. With the recent expansion of Iran and Syria becoming democratic as the result of Iraqi activity, the three nations may form an alliance to ensure national security of their borders. Currently, the Chinese outnumber the Middle East forces 552/1.

The third successful year of the New World Order, an alliance between Wal-Mart, Microsoft, Shell oil, 3M, Google, Cisco, and Carrie Foods, has kicked off with some new global ordinances. Section sckfj23@#\$23kdj paragraph 4, line 34, clause 2, of global bill 5655-7-GB-rdadlkj23kj-234okn B requires all organizations different than the NWO that launch satellites into orbit pay 20% of their total profits to the CEWA, the California Environmental Wackos Association. Failure to do so will result in increased global taxes and a decrease in local satellite TV channels.

Cindy Sheehan's latest march to Capitol Hill this week ended up in quite a fiasco. After dancing in a grass skirt with former US Senator, John Kerry, she tripped and fell off the stage fracturing her hip. The confused audience developed into a riot, as most thought Kerry

intentionally caused the accident. They eventually threw him into the nearby Potomac River after he failed to answer a question about the \$7 billion war bill of 2003. Afterwards, Kerry boldly responded to the situation by saying, "I served in Vietnam and won three purple hearts."

Breaking news on behalf of the west coast: President of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, retired after over two decades of serving as the "governator." He said in at the press release that he "terminated the taxes of California more than any other man alive." In closing he also said, "to all others who have attempted to do what I have done, I say to you, you are economic girlie men."

Results from the latest recount in Florida have arrived. To the misfortune of the Democratic Party, Bush is still ahead of Gore 51 to 49 percent.

Tom Daschle, President of the UCLA (United Communist Lawyers Union), retired last week after completing his 160th lawsuit against the pro-life movement.

The MICE (Montana Institution for Candy Experimentation) finally loses government funding after failing to accurately determine the number of licks it takes to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop. The five billion dollars per year will now go to the 3M Company for their work on a more environmentally-friendly Silly Putty that will not pick little hairs up off the carpet and gross out mothers.

Sanitation laws in public restrooms across the land have become even more rigid after a Texas lawyer gave himself a paper cut while using a "rough toilet tissue." Bodyguards will now be posted at each stall in all major cities and assist customers in cleaning up. Experts say this will save customers from needing to wash their hands, thus lowering economic spending on paper towels and hand soap.

The current Guinness world record for "Longest Time Spent in a Tree," held by an African tribal chief who spent eight years in a banana tree after being scared by a lion, was revoked earlier this week when the man fell. Doctors estimate that he had died of heat stroke and dehydration nearly seven years earlier. The tribe had simply not noticed.

Police finally cornered the elusive Carmen Sandiego when she actually tried to haul off the Statue of Liberty with a fishing barge last Monday. They would have apprehended her, but the barge broke in half from the strain and sank. Ms. Sandiego was reported to have been taunting the police with phrases like "This is not the end" and "I am invincible!" as the ship was lost in the Hudson Bay. The body was not recovered.

No progress report yet on the status of the flying cars. Popular opinion points to governmental laziness and cover-ups. The public was promised flying cars. It's the year 2024, and we still have no flying cars. Riots may well break out soon.

in other news:

Dordt's bulls-eye aims for Wal-Mart

Writer Name

Dordt students staged Sioux Center's first public protest last weekend, objecting to the presence of Wal-Mart in the town and campaigning for the addition of Target instead.

The president of Dordt's "Wal-Mart is for Weenies" Student Services-approved club, studdly,sweet, single senior Bob VanderVanderVan (affectionately known to close friends as "Triple V"), organized the protest, and was gleefully astonished at the turnout of over 100 students.

"I'm the most optimistic person out there, but this even surprised me!" Triple V said. "I guess Dordt students are getting sick and tired of having Wal-Mart invade their square inches and try to take all their money, and they would rather have Target instead."

As the students protested, they waved their picket signs and shouted a chant composed by the ever bold and talented VanderVanderVan: "One, two, three, four, Wal-Mart should go out the door! Five, six, seven, eight, Target gets you better dates!" The chant encouraged many more students to get engaged in the protest, especially those participating in the infamous "Senior Scramble."

The protest brought Dordt students together under one flag (instead of three)--the flag representing a desire for a better store atmosphere and higher quality products for all the residents of Sioux Center--but there was a bit of dissension.

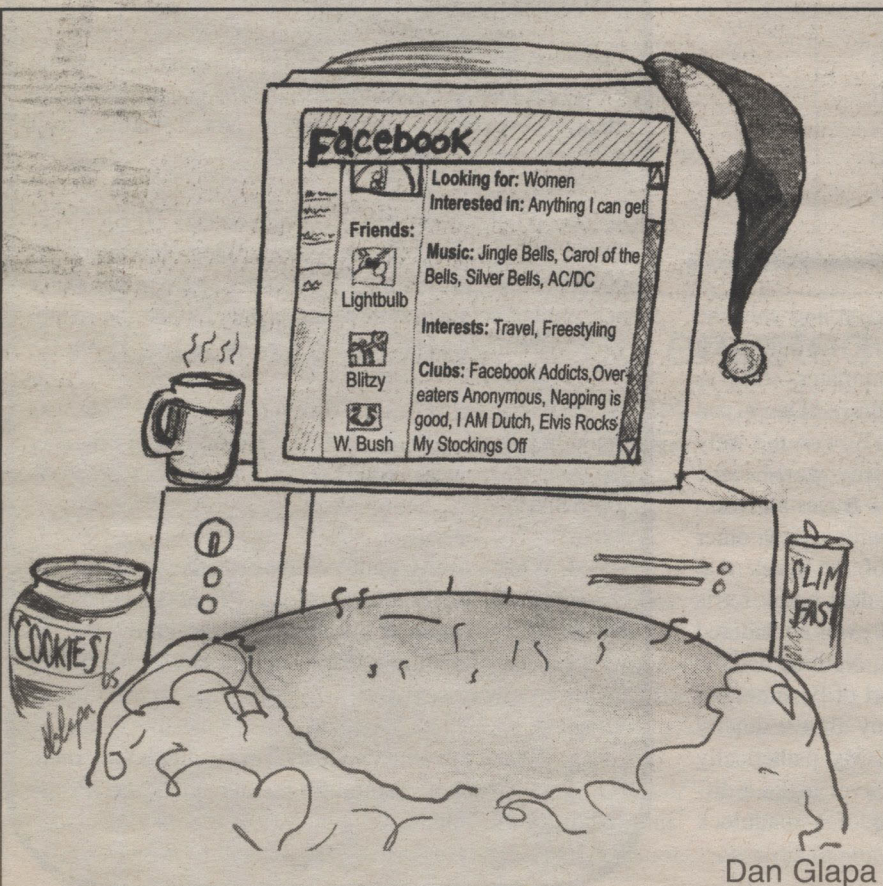
The Iowa students stood apart from everyone else in a tight circle, whispering among themselves and asking for the password ("pop") when anyone approached them.

One tree-hugging Canadian

student, wearing only shorts and a T-shirt that read "So what if I live in an igloo?", gave his reasons for protesting against Wal-Mart: "The lights in Wal-Mart make so much more noise than the ones in Target-it hurts me ears! Target is much nicer to our environment, eh? Save the trees!"

Another protester, a freshman fashion guru from Los Angeles, cited style purposes as a main reason for wanting Target in Sioux Center: "Well, like, I mean, red is so the new pink, and, like, on 'The O.C.' they wear red-on-khaki all the time! Duh, what other reason do you need?"

Her "BFF," dressed with similar panache, added another reason to promote Target: "Yellow smiley-faces are so totally '90's. The red bulls-eye is, like, the best ever--it's almost as good as 'Clueless.'"



Eminem comes to Dordt



Joel Ayee, Eminem and Usher pose for a photo shoot in preparation for their upcoming concert in the B.J. Haan that is sure to attract lots of obsessive women.

**Patricia Stephens
Hollywood Super Star**

Eminem is on a tight schedule for his world tour, yet he still found time to fit in a stop at small town U.S.A. with a benefit concert at Dordt College. In January Marshal Mathers, aka Eminem, will come and sing in the BJ Haan for the students of Dordt college and the residents in Sioux Center.

"It'll be a great time of reformation," theology major Justin Van Zee exclaimed with excitement. Joel Ayee, the talented and famous freshman here at Dordt, will open for the world renowned singer with his brother Usher, though not quite as popular, world-famous artist. When asked about the upcoming concert, Usher explained how excited he was to soon "see my little bro and where he goes to school, as well as help him with tuition."

The concert proceeds will go to a local charity, HWNL, Household Wives who Need Lives. The charity works hand in hand with engaged Dordt women, leading them to question and hopefully realize that they're not ready for marriage.

Eminem had this to say, "I am very excited to see how Christian kids are going to react to my newly reformed lyrics." So, come out and support HWNL charity. Hang on tight to your ladies, men, as this show is gonna be hot. Joel Ayee disclosed the fact that he is already preparing his dance moves—"for the ladies," he added with a grin.

News from the underground paper--their best work yet...

[Faded, illegible text from an underground paper, likely a student newspaper or magazine.]

Wheel of the Week Staff writer wanna-be

I was asked once by a wise person, who will remain nameless, why I only ever wrote about wheels that got people from point A to point B, such as vans, bikes and mopeds. "There's more to wheels", he argued quite adamantly, "what about the great wheel of life" I promptly corrected him to the his error of his thinking—it's the great CIRCLE of life. People don't watch the Lion King like they used to. Wheel of Life . . . honestly! That was a moot point, but it got me thinking. There are more than merely wheels as a part of a moving contraption.

And it came to me.

Wheel of Fortune. It's brilliant! I can write an article explaining the concept of this classic television game. I can interview Vanna White—how does she keep her great figure? How old is she? The show is watched mainly by the older generation, which is rapidly decreasing—does she feel like her career has been a success? The wheels in my head (ha! Wheels!) were turning, grinding and whatever wheels do. This could possibly be the big break that I have been working towards in my Diamond career. I was ready to throw the idea at Lorna Van Gilst—maybe the Diamond would sponsor a trip for me to be a contestant on the show. My idea was growing and expanding beyond the Diamond. I was ready to

meet Pat Sajak in person and spin the wheel myself. But first, I would pitch the idea to my roommates—they're always honest with me. "Don't you have to be American?" was the only thing I heard before my world came crashing down on me. It was all over.

I came up with a few other ideas for a wheels of the week that would impress the student body: ferris wheel, color wheel, I even considered the great wheel of life. Nothing had the same pizzazz as Wheel of Fortune. So there you have it—my almost quality Wheels of the Week. My pathetically sad article that won't ever make a difference—just because of a roadblock called citizenship.

What a Girl Wants

Ms. Ivilla Fixit

Though Dordt men aren't without their unique charms, there is still an unfortunate number on campus who remains handicapped in the area of romance. It is for you degenerates this article was written. If you find yourself single, these five simple questions are guaranteed to land you a wife in no time.

1. What's your citizenship? Women know that Canadian men are already resourceful providers, not to mention excellent hockey players. Not Canadian? Just grab a toque and pretend then, Eh?

2. What's your major? Philosophy? HPER? Ag? That joke may get a few laughs at a party, but every gal of the 21st Century knows the big bucks lie in computer or engineer science. A new major may be just the reboot your love life needs!

3. What's that you're driving? If your vehicle was made between 1980 and 2003, it's time for an upgrade. No money? No wife. You'd better get another workstudy job ASAP.

4. What's Louis Vuitton? If words like "Gucci" and "Christian Dior" leave you asking, "Is he Dutch?" you need to get yourself a little more in the know. But be warned: too much knowledge and the ladies may begin to question your sexuality.

5. What's a woman's ideal? Three little words men: Be. Like. Walhof. Nothing's sexier than the Prime Minister of Canada.

32nd of December

Cookie rationing release leads to stampede: Football team to solve all

Ms. Cook. E. Munster
Staff Head Over-Eater

It began as a way to reward faithful chapel attendee students—the removal of the “1 cookie at a time” rule. The chapel coordinators had been planning it since last year, pending the approval of Student Services for a larger cookie budget. They even went so far as to put an ad in the banner, begging area CRC churches to support their CFC (Cookies for Chapel) fund. Finally, they raised enough money to order 10,000 cookies for every chapel day for the next ten years.

“We really did this in anticipation of Dordt’s coming football team,” Tom Dykstra said, ironically wearing President Zylstra’s medallion around his neck at the time. (Reports have not yet been confirmed that the two are pairing up to bribe the entire campus into believing that a Dordt football team

would play a major role in keeping with Dordt’s vision).

This past Tuesday was the first trial run for the cookie plan, and chapel coordinators were hoping that perhaps more zest would be brought to the atmosphere in anticipation of the “all you can eat cookies” that would be served afterwards. However, they were not expecting the massive stampede of students that turned out for the event, causing chaos and crumbs to break out all across campus.

The riot pounded through the doors during chapel, stealing hundreds of trays of cookies from the faithful Carrie Foods lady whose defensive tactics had gotten her the position years ago. But this was even too much for her to handle. She was battered by the heartless stampede, looking like a participant of “Running with the Bulls.”

Through tears, she commented that the whole situation was “unbelievable! It’s unheard of—I am

appalled.” The riled-up crowd was reported to have been shouting, “C is for Cookie, that’s good enough for me.” But it was not good for the chapel regulars, who were bewildered and saddened by the whole turn of events.

“Quite frankly, I’m shocked and frightened,” one boy, strangely resembling Adam Van Gelder, said. “All we ever wanted was a cookie, but this...is too much.” He and his faithful north hall wing are believed to be currently coming up with a plan of combat.

One anonymous (and strangely, theology major) member of what has now been dubbed the Cookie Raiders Convention (CRC) had this to say: “We were really going for the whole mosaic theme—the pieces of cookies all over the BJ Haan reflected the inner chaos of our lives. We were merely acting out a real-life complexity so as to illustrate one of the harsh realities of life—it was an

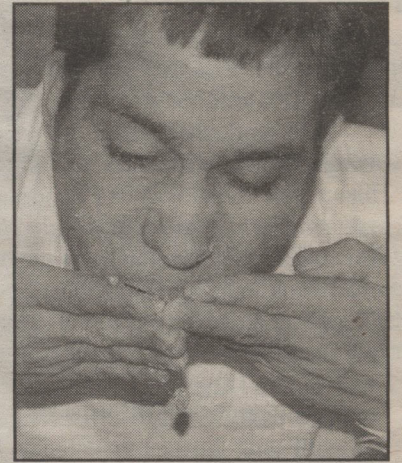
analogy—we were just playin’ with it, yo!”

Prof Wolthuis, local Theology Professor, famed for his “just play with it motif,” denies any involvement in the rebellion. “I can’t help the fact that they think my work is brilliant,” he commented.

Fortunately, President Zylstra is certain that this can all be worked out “once the football team comes.” Meanwhile, Dordt cannot cancel the ten-year cookie contract that was signed with Casey’s Bakery. Word has not yet been released of where the next shipload of cookies will appear on campus.

“The whole situation stems down to a lack of integrity,” Ken Boersma wrote, on his campus-wide message over facebook, “rioters beware.” His facebook profile now includes his picture—holding up a cookie with an angered face, along with a sign, saying, “We will not crumble.”

The CRC is currently being



Best photographer ever!

One of the CRC rebels inhales the last of the cookie crumbs just before his arrest.

charged with breaking and entering, theft and rebellion. Once all offending members are caught, daily 12-hour sessions of Calvin’s Institutes will be assimilated into their schedules.

The Mafia's fallen influence

Mat-U Coonari
Staff Anti-Enriched
White Pasta advocate

Sioux Falls, South Dakota—they say it was in the name of economic redevelopment, but the uncompromising Zip Feed tower in Sioux Falls seems more like a subversive plot by the Sioux Falls Italian Mafia to make Sioux Falls the “The Little Italy” of North America.

The grain tower was historically important because it was the tallest tower in South Dakota, standing at 202 feet at the outskirts of town. By “rigging” the demolition, Sioux Falls has suddenly become a worldwide news story. Reports have reached across the nation (Chicago Tribune,

Baltimore Sun) and around the globe (Sydney Morning Herald and Reuters UK News Service) of the failed attempt. People are dubbing it the “Leaning Tower of Sioux Falls.”

Sioux Falls already boasts a larger than life replication of the David statue by Michelangelo. The popular restaurant, Touch of Europe, along with the Olive Garden, Valentino’s, Johnny Carino’s, and 59 pizza restaurants located in town, are strong evidence of the Mafia’s influence.

Due to the historic use of violence and all the thousands of mafia movies that have made the general populous aware of the mafia’s tactics, it seems that they have switched their motives to food and America’s love of pasta.

By using enriched white floor pasta noodles, they hope to control the populous weight, making people sluggish and thus very yielding to their demands.

Pasta night has been an extremely popular night here at the Dordt Commons. When pressed about any possible connection to the Sioux Falls mafia, Jim Calkohven, manager of Carrie Foods here at Dordt College, refused to comment.

While LeMars can boast of being the “Ice Cream Capital of the World” and Sheldon is “A very nice place to live,” Sioux Falls will soon be known as “Little Italy,” due to the thousands worldwide who have fallen into the subversive plot of the Zip Feed Tower’s refusal to be torn down.



Cutlines are ridiculous. This picture goes with the article to the right. Read the article.

Walhof Wins Surprise Election

Totah Lee Chrew
Guest Writer

In a freak surprise election north of the border Saturday night, Dordt student Jesse Walhof was elected Prime Minister of Canada. This Le Mars native was rightfully shocked, stating that “I sent in my resume as a joke, but this is still

pretty cool.”

Close friends say it took him a while to decide if he would in fact accept this role. Cute roommate, Chad Nibbelink, gave the Zircon an exclusive interview and told us, “Well Canada definitely wasn’t his top choice, but Lithuania said it would be at least two years until they could consider him, so he just

kind of went with what he could get, I guess.”

Walhof’s reluctance; however, does not mean he doesn’t have ideas for Canada. His first act as Prime Minister? “Well, I’m not exactly sure how the whole ‘instate a law’ thing works up there, but after I change my title to ‘King of North America,’ I’m going to

strongly push for the abolition of footwear! For one thing, footwear as a whole uses up a lot of the nation’s resources. And for another, it chafes my feet.”

Dordt Canadian students don’t seem to be warming up to the idea, the main reason being Canada’s thirteen months of bitter winter. The more popular Wyenberg twin

(you know—the hockey one) complained, “My feet will freeze! And how will I play hockey?” Walhof is not too concerned about these nit-picky details at the moment, as he closed his interview with a flippant, “If it’s good enough for me, it’s good enough for Canada.”

Strong words Walhof. Strong Words.

Volleyball team leaves the Artic to visit zoo

Ron Burgandy
Staff Zoologist

The volleyball team traveled to San Diego, California earlier this week, taking some time to enjoy many opportunities that are simply not available during the frigid Iowa winter. The team spent the majority of their time relaxing on the beach, while also engaging in college-level discussions with the large variety of animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. Senior, Tara De Boer said, "I really enjoyed discussing my paper on volleyball induced hypnagogic hallucinations with the chimpanzees. They really had some strong points!" The girls also spent a lot of time shopping, as girls often do. It was reported by junior, Lindsey Van Wyk, that "The freshmen girls were like deer in headlights the second the mall doors opened! It took a minute for them to get over the vastness of the place, but after that they scattered like a herd of antelope!" The girls also did play some volleyball, ending the tournament with a 2-2 record and ending the season with a record of 40-5.



The volleyball team takes a break from tanning to visit some animals at the zoo.

Photos by Mark Wikkerink

Muscle madness hits Dordt

By Jose Conseco
Staff Nutritionist

The Defenders haven't played a football game in the history of Dordt, and even before the first game has been played, the program is already in serious trouble. It was revealed by a source close to the program that steroids have been consumed by nearly the entire team.

To make the allegations even worse, reports say that Coach Victor Coonte has been openly encouraging the use of steroids and even set up a syringe and 'roids vending machine outside the training room. The Cream and Clear have quickly become the steroids of choice by many of the athletes.

Coonte claims that the players "must take steroids if we ever want to win a game because little Dutch boys can't bang with the big guys without some outside help." He told players that they would be benched if they didn't take steroids.

Red-shirt Sophomore, Tom Rozzenboom joined the team and immediately shot up numerous steroids in hopes of "getting big." NAIA random drug tests came around to Dordt College and Rozzenboom failed miserably.

He said, "I thought Coonte gave me better masking agents so I wouldn't get caught. I guess I learned the hard way to take poor quality masking agents. Next time I will make sure I don't get caught."

NAIA officials say that the Dordt football program will receive stiff punishment and probation is definitely expected.

As for Coonte, he has been fired and sent back to Balcko Labs, where he will resume his job as steroid producer. Dordt has looked into hiring Rick Neuhisael or George O'Leary as replacements.

Professors leave classroom, take to the pool

Patches O'Hoolihan
Staff Waterboy

Starting next semester, Dordt College will implement a new club in an effort to encourage physical fitness and team work among some of its faculty members. All professors are required to be synchronized swimmers and if the program is a success, next year, the maintenance staff, as well as all work study students, will be involved with the team in some way.

Inexperience will be a factor during this initial season. Lacking a coach, the team looks to improve through a subscription to the "Synchro Swimming USA Magazine."

Hopefully, the magazine will allow all professor-athletes to learn and perfect skills vital to the sport. This will also give them a chance to stay up-to-date with the latest news in the synchronized swimming world. Informative videos

will also be utilized such as TRI Synchro, a video which teaches the three components of synchronized swimming. For ordering information visit: <http://www.usasynchro.org/store/store.htm>.

The rules for the routines performed by the Dordt Synchro team will be the same as those followed by the United States Synchronized Swim Team. The solo time limit will be three minutes, the duet and trio limit will be three and a half minutes and the team limit will be four minutes. Other rules are explained in the 2005 Synchronized Swimming Rulebook.

The Dordt Synchro team will be competing against some of the same teams faced by the lacrosse and hockey clubs. Dordt is the last school in its league to begin a synchronized swimming program. The team will be officially sponsored by Speedo and all apparel ordered from <http://www.esynchro.com>.

Practice, as well as all home meets, will be held at the All Seasons Center. A mascot for all home meets is still needed. Qualifications include school spirit, an appreciation of synchronized swimming and the willingness to sport the "Dorky the Dordt Dolphin" costume. Applications are available in the Campus Center.

Also, anyone interested in becoming a cheerleader for the team is encouraged to contact one of the athletes. Note: The squad members will have to provide their own pom-poms and cheer costumes.

2006 Dordt College Synchronized Swimming looks to be a great way for professors to promote the college through competition and create a sense of team unity throughout the staff. So, get ready to support your favorite professor-athlete as the Synchro team aims for a successful first season.

Defender Four-Square team wins NAIA Championship

Cotton McKnight
Staff Boxer

Dordt College has a national champion team--the first in school history--after the Defender Four-Square team came back from Florida with the title. In only its second year of competition, the Defenders won a hard-fought battle against rival Northwestern, three games to one.

Dordt advanced to Nationals via an at-large bid as they were upset by Morningside in the Regional finals. Northwestern won the regular season GPAC crown, therefore receiv-

ing an automatic berth to the tournament.

The Defenders cruised into the title game without losing a single set. They appeared to be unbeatable as they faced hated Northwestern. Going balls deep, the foursquare team dominated, led by Berky's 25 kills. Berky, a former Defender basketball player said, "It's great to win, and to win by beating the Raiders is even better. I am on top of the world."

Foursquare is a relatively new sport for the Defenders. The idea started as many students would play four-square (aka Kings Corner) on Tuesday nights in the grille. It became so popular that neighboring schools like Northwestern, University of Sioux Falls and Briar Cliff would

travel up to take on the team from Dordt. In the beginning, Dordt struggled against the superior talent of the other schools, but soon the talent of Dordt reached the quality of the other schools. Eventually, local schools met and decided to make it an intercollegiate sport. Soon, the idea took off and it became as popular as basketball and volleyball.

The Defender foursquare team finished the season with a record of 34-3 and won their first ever NAIA II title. Berky received NAIA first team honors and Coach Peter Le' Fleur receive unanimous Coach of the Year honors. Dordt will be strong again next year as all starters return.