Coffee shop named: Bunsen Brew

Lauren Bird - Staff Writer

When the science building addition was built this summer, a little coffee shop was added, but remained unnamed for the first few months of the new school year. Now the coffee shop had been officially named the Bunsen Brew, and students have had time to get used to what it has to offer. Cody Kaemingk, the president of Dordt's business club, believes that the Brew has been a big hit so far.

"We feel like the Bunsen Brew has been received well. Sales are going well and we are making little changes along the way to better serve the student body. The fresh cinnamon rolls every morning have quickly become one of our best selling items. Being a completely student run business, we receive input on almost everything we do," said Kaemingk.

There seem to be mixed feelings on this new part of campus, though many students tend to have a positive view of the coffee shop. One of the factors that seems to have students most excited about the Bunsen Brew is the fact that it sells cinnamon rolls from Casey's Bakery in town. Stephanie Korthuis, a Dordt sophomore, has a general appreciation for the Brew.

"I like that there is a coffee shop on this side of campus now and I love that they have cinnamon rolls. I would love if they could add a more comfortable area to sit and hang out with friends or work on homework," said Korthuis.

There are a few tables and chairs around the coffee shop, as well as a large set of stairs that many students sit on. However, many

Reaction times and safety tested in crisis simulation

Eric Rowe - Staff Writer

As smoke filled the air, displaced dorm-dwellers, student observers, and Dordt staff members stood and waited for the fire department to arrive. The fire simulation in east hall on Oct. 21 may have been to help first responders prepare for a disaster, but it involved a large part of campus in its preparation and execution.

The large-scale fire drill required first responders from the city of Sioux Center to evacuate and clear all people from the building safely. Some students had the opportunity to be put in the building to force the firefighters to deal with real people. Smoke machines set the atmosphere of the fake blaze.

The firefighters had no knowledge of how many victims were caught in the fire. Two fire engines and one aerial truck surrounded the dorm and three ambulances moved into the parking lot next door. Police officers blocked traffic along the stretch of 7th St that runs by the fire lane.

Trevor Zonnefeld was the first volunteer victim to be pulled from the fake smoke.

"It was a little scary," Zonnefeld said. "I was down in the basement and you couldn't see a foot in front of you." Ben Kuiper and Jon Janssen were also planted throughout east hall. "I wasn't sure what was going on," Ben Kuiper said. "Which helped the simulation I guess."

"It was intense," Janssen said. "It was professionally done. They knew what they were doing."

The simulation drew a crowd outside the dorms.

"I think it's kind of pointless," East hall

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Schuttinga takes new position across the globe

Eric Rowe - Staff Writer

Dr. Bethany Schuttinga, Dordt’s vice president of administration, has accepted a position at the Universitas Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia.

“Where are you going?”, my husband, and I will be moving to a suburb outside of Jakarta called Lippo Karawaci. We will be working for a university called Universitas Pelita Harapan there. Andy will be serving as a faculty member of the psychology department and I will be working as a senior advisor to the president and with the corresponding foundation.

What has been your favorite thing about your job at Dordt?

The opportunity to get to know students. You have the opportunity to see students grow and mature and develop and in many ways, students become friends. It’s been a rewarding experience not only for me but for my family as well. Our children are seven and nine. When we moved here, they were a couple months old and two years old. For them, it was the first time of meeting college students and seeing all the different places they come from. They’ve really been enriched throughout that too.

How long have you been working in administration?

Fifteen years

When did you know that you wanted to work in higher education?

There’s a whole lot of activity and energy on a campus and there’s specific things we can do to shape and guide that energy. Once I figured out that this system had energy in it, that there was a lot of ways that we could shape and nurture and encourage and that we had a huge responsibility in how that process was organized for students in particular. I felt this burden and passion to be a part of that process.

For me it’s exciting to see the architecture, the programs and all of the things that are set up to create that experience for students. One thing that I really appreciate about higher education is the learning environment. There’s always new things, there’s always new ways to think about things, there’s always interesting conversations to be had. It’s a great window into the world to think about the world in different ways. I’ve really had my eyes opened to see what is happening in Iowa, but what’s happening globally.

Our interest in Asia started with conversations here at Dordt. As I’ve gone to Asia and spent time in Indonesia, it’s been incredible to see how there is Reformatted theology being taught in a world away from us. It felt like home.

When preparation are you doing before you leave in December?

We are currently trying to sell everything we own, which has been an interesting and good process. We decided to try to get everything that we want to take in a suitcase. It’s funny, when we were kids we played this game: if you were stranded on an island, what was the one thing you would want to have there? Now our joke is, if we were going to an island and you could only take two suitcases, what would you choose to fill them with?

We have suitcases laid out in the basement and our kids are having a good time trying to figure out what fits in their suitcase. They are struck by the small amount of space that they have and they are having to get rid of many of their things. For me that’s been the same thing.

What experience do you hope you take with you?

I wish a student at Dordt and experienced the Dordt education, but to come back and be immersed in it, I am very grateful to have that second dose of what Reformatted theology means and how it pertains to how we live. I think my perspective on higher education has grown and been shaped in new ways and I am grateful for that.

What challenges do you expect will come with this transition?

Part of the eagerness and excitement for this position in Indonesia is that I have a deep appreciation for different cultures and how people might think about things differently so I view myself very much going into that position as a learner.

Lycia Marcus - Staff Writer

Literacy is important, but we often take it for granted.

By reading the previous sentence, you demonstrated your capacity for literacy. You likely did not have to think very hard about reading the sentence; you just did it.

Literacy can reduce poverty, increase civic engagement, and contribute to economic growth. Literacy also plays a key role in mission work and sharing the gospel. However, literacy is only possible when there is a written language to read. According to Professor Leonid van Beek, about 2,500 languages have no written form or script, some people are not literate in their mother tongue because it is physically impossible.

“Our college students learn languages through online and written materials, but Bible translators don’t have anything like that”, said van Beek. Bible translators typically translate a language that has no written script or alphabet yet. Bible translators must become acquainted with the culture and understand the language before they can begin the formation of an alphabet and Biblical text.

During the week of October 27, Dordt recognizes the importance of linguists, specifically Bible translators, in its 41st annual Hug-a-Linguist days. Dordt partners with Wycliffe Bible Translators, an organization dedicated to making “God’s word accessible to all people in the language of their hearts.”

“Dordt’s Hug-a-Linguist Days are unique in the sense that they emphasize the linguistic and cultural aspects of learning a new language from scratch, all of this in the wider perspective of meeting the stranger on their grounds and on their terms,” said van Beek.

Wycliffe representative Mike Cahill will be on campus throughout the week to answer questions and discuss the work of Wycliffe.

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students, like freshman Mark Jelsma, stop by to buy food on their way to class.

“I buy a cinnamon roll almost every day. I like how the shop serves food, but I wish it would open earlier so I can get food before my 8:00 class,” said Jelsma.

Kaemingk says that the main purpose of the Brew is for students to stop by for food on their way to class.

“We are already seeing that having the Bunsen Brew in the science building is helping us reach a whole new demographic in the morning hours. With the Bunsen Brew, we are able to better serve those customers on their way to class and while they are waiting on the next study steps. The Bunsen Brew is obviously limited in size, but we believe this gives us the opportunity to offer more grab and go type options,” said Kaemingk.

Since the Bunsen Brew is in the science building, some students who don’t have classes in the science building may not make purchases there. Calvin Wunderink, a sophomore, says he hasn’t bought anything from the Brew.

“I don’t have all that many classes in the science building at a time where I’m hungry. Furthermore, I just haven’t really gotten around to it yet, though I would like to use it at some point,” said Wunderink.

“I do want to buy something at some point and I like that it is there,” he said.

A few weeks ago, a survey was sent out to students so that a name could be picked for the coffee shop. Eventually, the name Bunsen Brew was selected and a fancy sign was made for the front of the shop.

“I wasn’t sure about the name at first, but it’s grown on me and I really like it. It’s clever,” said Korthuis.

Other students don’t feel the same about the name. Erica Hughes, a junior, likes the cinnamon rolls, but not the name of the shop.

“Cinnamon rolls are my favorite food, so I use the shop for that reason. But I don’t like two things about the coffee shop: the name because it’s lame, and the fact that they only sell sugar in them,” Hughes.

The business club does have some plans for the Brew’s future.

“We have started out with the Casey’s Bakery cinnamon rolls, and tried some almond patties for a couple weeks. We are still looking into some more lunch type options in cooperation with local businesses so keep an eye on that menu,” said Kaemingk.

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Gretchen Rops and the family she stayed with during her time in Mexico. Rops will be presenting on her trip Oct. 31.
Opinions from Students: Defining Freedom

Narayan Núñez Blandón - Staff Writer

This article was based on opinions of certain students. The statements of these students are not representative of the entire student body at Dordt College.

As the voting season approaches, mass media feeds Dordt College students with many political terms. One of such terms is the word freedom. Since the term "freedom" is constantly used by political leaders, it is important to obtain an idea of what some students at Dordt College think about the definition and usage of the term "freedom" in political issues.

"The United States is one the first things that comes to my mind when I hear the word 'freedom,'" said Freedom Esteban Gracia. "[The U.S.] is the only country to have freedom to think, to grow as a person, to grow in your career." Gracia believes that freedom is associated with opportunities for personal development in any area of interest.

"Freedom" is more like growing as a person rather than doing whatever you want," Gracia said. "Some people think freedom is having guns. I believe freedom is more about having opportunities."

Not far from the idea of freedom is opportunities for growth. Junior student from Canada Chris Soodsma believes that freedom is the opportunity to live without restraint or oppression. "Freedom is equality in the sense that you can be what you want regardless of what others say," Soodsma said. "There is an authority and it changes the things we can do, but I am submitted to God and His laws are above the government."

Although Soodsma stated that he does not speak for all the Canadian students at Dordt, he believes that a good number of Canadian students would agree with his statement about freedom.

Unlike Gracia or Soodsma who associate freedom to terms like opportunities to increase one's wellbeing, junior student Tommy Pomephahn connects the term with an unexpected feeling: fear.

"Although he is a U.S. citizen since birth, because of his Laotian heritage and his short experience living in Laos, Pomephahn understands the Laotians' style of living.

"I think when I hear freedom, I think it is being free from fear; not having to worry about anything, knowing that you are secure in all your basic needs," Pomephahn said. "A lot of people (here) when they hear the term freedom, they think of political freedom. I think that for the people of Laos it means more freedom of survival, and getting what they need in order to live our lives. I think that is a major contrast between the freedoms."

Many students at Dordt hold strong ideas regarding to what freedom stands for. When asked if they felt that the government threatens their freedoms, many recognized that there are certain suspicious activities that government do. Nonetheless, a big group of students said that their current freedom are not being touched.

Sport Management junior, Jeremy Goedeker believes that the United State is a land of freedom and opportunity. He recognizes the power government holds but he does not fear it. "I think that in some cases the government threaten certain freedoms, but personally I do not feel that my freedoms are threatened by it," he said.

Justin Pastoor - Sports Editor

When an athlete gets to college they have expectations of what their career is going to look like; healthy, expectations of winning, and some conference recognition if they're good enough. Ryan Couperus was no different. Since he was five, he had been driving a ball with his feet and making plays on the pitch with hopes of continuing that trend at a higher level.

"I get to a point where I was having eight practices a week and two games on the weekend. Growing up in Canada I was able to play year round where I lived," said Couperus. "It also opened me up to a lot of travelling and coaching experiences. I've played in 23 states and five countries and have had some of the best coaches I could have had for, including the Head Coach of the Men's Canadian National team."

"To be honest, I didn't have a great freshman year," said Schenk. "As a freshman, Couperus was able to come up in 13 games late in the season for the Defenders."

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"I was getting frustrated."

"He sent an email to Agrobotics, a company based out of Boulder, Colorado, and that was his golden ticket."

"They were flying over a lot of corn and they were looking to expand out into Iowa and Illinois. I'm their first field representative, so I'm going out there and showing what agrobotics has to offer. They gave me the UAV for research, but it's not mine. The system that I have costs about $8000. For me, that's not in my pocket change," said Miller.

"I think I'll do IDeasfest again just to wrap it up. Hopefully the same people come, maybe even more. I just want to show everything that has happened this past year with the whole industry," said Miller. "It's insane on how much has happened."

"Right now drone operators call themselves "the 3%," because there are so few people doing it. It's not legal to do it commercially, so Miller can't make a profit of it."

"Unless that happens, I'm not sure if I'll have a job strictly with drones. I feel like I have enough research done as soon as it goes commercial. I'm starting to get more well known." The future looks bright for Miller.

"It's predicted in the next decade that the drone industry, not just Ag but overall, will project 821 million dollars in the marketplace. It's going to be expanding rapidly. At this rate, there will be some good opportunities waiting for Miller and other operators."

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Crisis Simulation: a first-hand experience

Lilo Venhuizen - Guest Writer

Smoke marks and charring paired with open fire wounds and blisters stretching from the top of my hand up to my elbow, as well as the side of my neck up to my jaw. This would be a painful image that would make even the manliest man cry. Except it was completely fake.

Being apart of the First Responders Simulation was a blast. From applying my own fire wound makeup to being dragged out of East Hall acting like I was an unconscious victim was an overall great experience.

After we were briefed about what will happen and who will be where during the simulation all the fire victims went to the makeup room by the Theatre Pod. As we all crammed into the limited space, we started applying various burns, blisters and smoke marks either to our face or arms. Some theatre students helped apply and choose were to put the wounds.

I quick laid liquid latex on my arm and neck. After it dried, I started putting various shades of red, blue and yellow on the latex. Then I added stage blood just for the gross factor.

Finally, we left the toasty warm room and headed to East Hall where we would go to various spots in the building and be unconscious or wondering around panicking. I was chosen to be unconscious on the first floor.

As we walked into East Hall I felt like I was walking into a haunted house. All the lights were out except the few flashing lights indicating a fire, and there was smoke filling up the hallway closing out the creepy factor perfectly.

I walked into the room I was assigned and found a spot on the ground to lay down and be unconscious. I was grotesquely injured, unconscious in a smoking room with the fire alarm blasting. I felt the excitement, the anticipation and the nervousness rising. This was also the most boring part of the entire simulation.

I laid on the ground for about fifteen minutes until the simulation started. The only reason that I realized it started was because I saw a firefighter walk by my room. At this time I thought to myself, “I’m going to get left behind. I’m going to die in this fire.” Then I remembered it was a simulation, and waited another fifteen minutes until they found me.

I am sprawled out on the ground with my head under a couch. I see lights going back and forth and muffled voices saying, “I found another,” and “Looks like another unconscious.”

The firefighters picked me up from the legs and under the arms. I was in the moment now. I was dead weight to them. They carried me out of the room, only hitting my arm on the doorframe once, which is impressive considering my arms were hanging out from my sides.

I knew when we made it outside by how cold the air felt. I was then put down on some sort of stretcher and carried to the North side of East Hall. While I was being transported I felt like I was going to fall, so I had a small twinge of panic, but I arrived safely.

There was checked over for injuries and whether I was breathing or not. Then was told I was going to the Orange City hospital and that I was done with the simulation. I walked over to the other victims that were finished and watched the rest of the simulation from the sidelines.

Crisis Simulation (cont.)

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sweller Nick Holty said. “I would want to be a volunteer. It makes it more exciting rather than waiting around.”

Ryan Porthell came from the Commons and heard the pre alarm to get everyone out. He thought he would grab some things from his room, but the side doors were locked so he stuck around and watched the event.

“I wonder how many people in North have their headphones in and don’t know what’s going on,” said senior Eli Anderson.

The event started at 6:30 p.m. After the feigned fire in east hall, the action moved to the science building which was locked down for a mock-shooter scenario.

The volunteers who helped facilitate these scenarios included theatre, social work and criminal justice students.

Most of the students who played victims were made up with burns or gunshot wounds using theater make up. Moulage is the art of creating fake injuries, and is quite common in crisis simulations.

“It’s an opportunity to use theater skills in ways that we don’t think of,” said theater professor Teresa Ter Haar.

Student Feature: Jessica Lilo

Haley Mulder - Staff Writer

Junior Jessica Lilo strongly believes in the concept of “dress well, test well.”

“I wear my batman shirt complete with the cape every day that I have a test to take.”

Lilo wishes she could wear capes everyday but she can’t because “what I love the most about being a transfer student from a community college in Omaha, Nebraska. She came to Dordt as a first-year student from a community college in her hometown, and she couldn’t be happier now. If only it was socially acceptable.

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Lilo is an easygoing, talented junior who owns a fairly large collection of her favorite film, “The Lord of the Rings.”

In her own words, it’s “dress like batman, test like batman.”

“I love adventure and fantasy. You can tell her eccentric personality.

Lilo attained her love of adventure through her favorite film, “The Lord of the Rings.”

“I love movies, learning about history reading, and just being creative in general,” said Lilo. “What I love the most about being creative and wearing costumes is that it gives me the ability to step into a different character and persona.”

Lilo is a digital media major, originally from Omaha, Nebraska. She came to Dordt as a transfer student from a community college in her hometown, and she couldn’t be happier with where she decided to go to school.

She spends most of her free time working at the Dordt costume shop, watching her favorite television series, hanging out with friends or sketching and drawing.

Lilo isn’t quite sure what she wants to do after she graduates, but she knows it will involve her passion for film, adventure and her ability to express creativity without worrying about what others think.

Lilo dawns bright red hair and a smile that displays her eccentric personality.

“I do what I want for myself, not for anyone else. I don’t care what anyone else thinks of me-I never have.”

Lilo is an easygoing, talented junior who brings a whole new level of creative originality to campus. And she’s also been told she’s a great listener.

In her room on the left side underneath a huge “Lord of the Rings” poster sits a comely couch with a title above it reading, “The Therapy Couch.”

“We use it for everything,” she said. “Weather that’s for a small chat, venting, or just hanging out.”
Dear freshman internationals,

In America you will hear a lot of opinions about other country’s politics and culture, especially about third world countries’ ineffectives governments. You will hear comments in the news, in the classrooms and when your friends return from a mission trip. After hearing so many comments about other countries you will believe you are also free to openly make comments among your peers about politics in America. However, you might want to avoid this for a little bit. Watch for me to say the wrong things, wait until they have done internships in different states, spent their summers in communities in risk, have read more controversial books, or have travelled for more than two weeks in a foreign country.

Meanwhile, don’t express your political preferences too openly, especially if you are at Dordt during election times. Most American do not like foreign people commenting on “their own business.” They might even agree with you but your opinion still does not count—to them “you do not know how things work here.”

Even though you’ve followed American and worldwide politics all of your life and have good arguments to support your view, do not express it, the discussion won’t go anywhere and as soon as you present a val- id and smart argument they will return to the comment “you do not know how things work here.” People here are ready to make radical political comments, but honest most students do not care about politics. I learnt this during Obama and Romney’s debate in the presidential election of 2012, where comments criticizing the liberal side could be heard everywhere. However, during the debates I walked across the wings of my building, looked at the rooms and noticed that 95% of the kids were indifferent to what was being transmitted on national television. It was bizarre that all of the internationals of North Hall were watching the debate in the room of one African student.

This last point leads to another major point about how society empathizes with the minority liberal president of the United States? What if you followed his political career before he became a president? What if you even read his autobiography before moving to the United States? Don’t say it. If you want to avoid further conflict, be smart. Obama is the devil in a place like Sioux Center. You will realize this fact as you overhear some students walking behind you in the campus center while they hypothesize about Obama being the antichrist. You de- finitely don’t want to be known as the guy who sympathizes with the antichrist (by the way, stay quiet if the antichrist ends up winning the elections. Lock yourself in your dorm and avoid showing any sign of contentment with the results).

But maybe you are braver than I. Maybe you believe you are the one who has to express your friends to different ways of seeing the world. Maybe you are also less scared.
In sports, there is always teamwork. Unity that comes from hours and hours of practice and hard work. An unbreakable bond forms when teammates are working together. The Dordt Blades have this bond and developed it more and more throughout their road trip to Colorado from October 22 - 26.

The Blades had a 12 hour bus ride that was spread over two days. The team played its first game in Wyoming against the University of Wyoming. Elevation played a major factor in the first game for the Blades as they struggled to catch their breath. The team went down early and never came back up as they ended the game in a 5-0 loss. This was after two of the Blades goals were called back after conversational calls by the referee.

"The team looked like they had been affected by the change of 7,200 feet above sea level and looked tired and still played hard though," said assistant coach Marlin Ten Napel about the game. After the lost the team traveled back to the hotel. All of these hours in the car teammates began to notice new things about each other. Learning new habits is what makes a group of players become a team.

Despite the loss, the team could feel themselves coming together and felt that, on their turf, they could have won the game. The next day the team was able to go and climb a mountain. The team worked together and had some fun helping to push each other over each rise. Every time the Blades were together they grew. Rookie to the team, Tony Kallevij said, "We had a lot of team bonding and a lot of team activities that brought us together like more than before the trip.

The second night did not go the Blades' way. The Blades dropped a 10-1 match to Metro State, a team in contention to do something major on a national level. The team was ranked in the top of the Pacific region. Micah Schwанke scored the lone goal. "I thought we played well and only a couple mental collapses during the game. Overall the trip was a lot of fun," said team captain Nick Emerson. The following day the team had one last game to play. Before the games, the Blades had one final day to hang out before heading home. The team went to a fancy restaurant downtown and hung out over a meal. "The trip was good bonding as a team and we grew into a family," said sophomore Alex Ten Napel.

The last game of the trip was against Colorado State. The Blades were beat down after a long trip and were tired but still came out strong. The got the first goal of the game as Schwanke put in the back of the net. A few minutes later, the Blades struck again with a goal coming from Aaron Ladzinski. Up 2-0 the Blades kept upping their game. Unfortunately, it was not enough for the Blades. After a few breakdowns the team was down 3-2 going into the last period. The Blades couldn't rebound after the goals and lost 6-2.

Although this trip was about hockey and winning games, others will tell that it was about bonding and growing together. Following the tournament, the Blades will travel to Iowa State to begin conference play.

"Through all of it I've realized I am not in control of my life. I need to stop trying to do things that I want and follow God's plan," said Ryan. "I am very thankful with my teammates, friends and family, as they have supported me through these events. Without them life would have been much more difficult.

"He's passionate about the game, he's a great teammate and there's a part of him that feels like he's missing out on the field," concluded Schenk. "He continues to be a great leader, even if he can't lead on the field."

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Art Exhibit by Harold Sikkema

Meagen De Graaf - Staff Writer

The Dordt College art department is at once again! Until November 30, there will be a new photography exhibit located in the Campus Center, in the art gallery across from the Eckhardt Lounge.

"The exhibit is entitled "I am curious: awe and oddity in the otherverse," and it's a show featuring mostly photographs and artistic creations by visual artist Harold Sikkema, an artist from Caledonia, Ontario.

Professor David Versluis, of the art department, calls this exhibition an "exceptional visual banquet celebrating the myriad of images from the digital curios of Harold Sikkema."

The exhibit is all about curiosity in the world and discovering what unique parts of creation there are that go unnoticed. Harold Sikkema tries to capture those moments that lay beneath the surface," said Sikkema.

Freshman Mary Van Wyk is one student who took the time to walk around the exhibit and look at all the interesting pictures on the walls. Each photograph is so different from the next that each requires its own time of attention.

She said that she is impressed with the kind of variety in art that Dordt College welcomes into their gallery.

"It's cool to take a second to look at abstract photography like this," said Van Wyk, studying one of the photographs. Each one has its own way of invoking thought.

Other students milled about the small room, glancing at the picture-covered walls and taking in the way the sunlight hit the panels in the center of the space. These panels, which are made out of a clear sheet of plastic-like material, feature designs that look like trees.

Every part of the show has a creative, artistic feel to it—even the artist's business cards are made of a film-like material, and have a similar look to the panels hanging in the exhibit.

The show will be running until November 30, so there is still time to take advantage of it. This is an opportunity for college students to take a look at professional photography without even leaving campus!

High school one-act festival takes place

Lauren Bird - Staff Writer

On November 6 and 7, students from six Christian high schools from the nearby area will travel to Dordt for a theatre festival. During their visit, the students will participate in theatre workshops and will perform one act plays in conjunction with Dordt's Theater festival.

This year will be the fifth year that the high school one-act festival has taken place at Dordt. This year, the high schools that will be attending are Cono Christian, Central Minnesota Christian, Lincoln Christian, Siouxland Christian, Maranatha Christian, and Southwest Minnesota Christian.

During their first day, students will be attending workshops for costuming, scenic painting, theatre makeup, and other components of theatre. Taylor Leach, a Dordt junior, will be leading a found-object puppetry workshop.

"Ever since I attended a puppetry workshop at a theatre festival last year, I've been really excited about it. Puppets are being used in a lot of theatre today. I'm planning for my workshop to be really hands-on. I want the students to just go for it," said Leach.

According to Teressa Ter Haar, one of Dordt's theatre professors, one of the main purposes of the festival is to serve the students who will be participating.

"Theatre is about more than just putting on plays. We can share the excitement of theatre, teach theatre, practice hospitality, and affirm students. Sometimes theatre students in high school feel left out because their program is not supported well.

At the festival, we can share our passion and they can be around people who love theatre as much as they do," said Ter Haar.

Each school will be performing one act play on the second day of the festival. After the performances, each school will receive feedback from a group of Dordt theatre students. Together, the workshops, performances, and overall trip will let the high school students see what college life and college theatre is like.

"I always enjoy bringing students to Dordt. It gives them a chance to look at what this school does. We also have the opportunity to talk and have interactions with them, and we can help them make decisions about where to go to college," said Leach.

While the general public is discouraged to attend any of the one acts due to limited space, Ter Haar and Leach hope that people will hear about the festival and see the ways in which theatre can be used to give back to the community.

"The festival helps us use theatre in a different way than usual. We often get inwardly focused on the shows that we do, and this expands our focus beyond what we do in this department. Theatre is a collaborative art, and these types of things are important to us," said Ter Haar.
Student Symposium update for October

Jeremy Vreeken - Staff Writer, Officer of The Press for Student Symposium

Student Symposium meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Terrace Room in the Campus Center. Students are encouraged to attend meetings, as all meetings are public and can provide insight into the way that Dordt College is run, and students can have a say in what happens on campus. The following is an update on what Symposium has been up to so far this semester.

August:
Symposium met on August 25th to discuss goals and vision for the 2014-2015 academic year. The agreed upon goals were:
- **INCREASE AWARENESS OF STUDENT SYMPOSIUM**
- **ACHIEVE STUDENT SATISFACTION**
- **BE A RESOURCE TO CLUB**
- **PROMOTE AND IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY ON CAMPUS**

Symposium also aided with WOW week festivities, helping freshmen move in, handing out sno-cones, and serving at the ice cream social and during the root beer floats.

September:
During September, Symposium discussed funding requests for various clubs including: The Defender Dance Club, The Beekeeping Club, and The Men’s Volleyball Club. Symposium also discussed Dordt Dining and received feedback from students, which was then discussed with Dordt Dining in a focused meeting. Symposium also heard a funding request from the Prison Ministries Club and further discussed issues of funding concerning the Men’s Volleyball Club.

Symposium is dedicated to representing students and their needs on campus. If you have a suggestion or a question for Symposium, please email symposium@dordt.edu, or talk to a representative.

Symposium consists of the following members: Thaddeus Van Essendelft, Steve Kelly, Megan Knapper, Jeremy Vreeken, Cody Kaemingk, Abigael Olson, Kyle Fosse, Kristyn Mensonides, Hanna Marra, Rachelle Marcus, Amanda Donnell, Hunter Weichert, Tetta Askeland, Eliana Weigel and Jon Jacob.

Feature Photos

Above: Hanna Wagenaar (left) and Chelsey Garcia (right)
Below: Mark Brauning (left) and Andrew De Haan (right)