Race for Dea

Robert Minto

Staff Writer

Equipping the saints takes on a new meaning in former Dordt student Dea Lieu’s ministry. Dea works on the Ivory Coast of West Africa to teach people both the gospel and also the skills they need to thrive in a world where they struggle to survive.

“Dea’s ministry model is better than anything I have ever heard of,” said Dordt student Justin Carruthers. He and two other students, Daniel Davis and Jay Holmes, are leading the Dordt community in a fundraiser to support Dea’s ministry.

Dea teaches poor farmers how to get better yields and improve their animal breeding. Once he has trained them, he provides them with livestock and a loan to begin their own farming operations.

“He sacrificed four years with his wife and children in order to obey the voice of God and come to the other side of the world so that he could become better trained to serve his people,” Daniel said. “If Dea’s willing...”

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Dordt attempts to increase student voting

Grace Venhuizen

Staff Writer

It’s all about convenience this election season on Dordt’s campus.

Recognizing the recent decline in voting by college students in past election years, the Sioux County Auditor’s office decided to make the process easier on busy schedules. Temporary polls will be open in the Defender Grille area for all voters to cast their ballots on Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“This is the first time this type of satellite voting will be conducted on Dordt’s campus,” said Bob Wiersma, interim director of career services and a volunteer.

Northwestern College will be conducting satellite voting on their campus the same week as Dordt, but not the Northwestern and Dordt students,” said Wiersma.

In order to vote conveniently, Iowa college students from outside Sioux Center need to present their Iowa driver’s license. Out of state students need the last four digits of their social security number.

“Iowa law allows students attending college in Iowa to vote as long as students use their college address,” said Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Election Administrator. One concern for students taking this approach is that by using a Dordt address, a student legally becomes a resident of Iowa, losing home-state residency.

Rowenhorst said the process of regaining home-state residency may be difficult depending on the individual state. Before using the satellite system, Rowenhorst said, “Bag lanterns will illuminate the track around the courts at the Recreational Center at midnight on Friday, Oct. 10. These lanterns will be dedicated to cancer patients during the Luminary Ceremony for Relay for Life, and will later be sold to raise money for the American Cancer Society.”

Amber Jelsma, senior at Dordt College, brought Relay for Life to Dordt’s campus for the first time last year. She was driven to action by her own cancer scare during her sophomore year when doctors thought she might have a brain tumor.

Though Jelsma came to find she did not have a cancerous tumor, her own experience, along with the struggles of “close friend and professor,” Cella Bosma, drove her desire to bring Relay for Life to the Dordt community.

This year, there are four teams planning Relay for Life.

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Student trio runs marathon for Dea Lieu

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to serve Christ with his life through sacrifice, the least I can do is support him by sacrificing.”

To that end, Daniel, Justin and Jay will run a 26.2 mile marathon on Oct. 18 in Sioux City.

“One of the reasons we decided to do a marathon is because we thought it was important for other students to see that we were sacrificing for our cause and not just blowing out a lot of hot air,” said Jay Holmes.

Dea’s sacrificial ministry has equipped some to farm and some to serve. Several area churches and many Dordt students have contributed through donations and a Pizza Ranch tip night. Justin said, “Please prayerfully consider sponsoring Dea or challenge yourself to spend 10 minutes every day for the next week to pray for Dea’s ministry.”

Jay explained the significance of this support: “Ultimately we are doing this for the people that Dea helps.”

Justin said, “Dea is giving people the tools they need for a stable and sustainable future. Not only that, Dea has the opportunity to minister to these people and share the gospel message of Christ to everyone he encounters. The Lord has called Dea to this ministry, and we can support him!”

Relay runners raise money for research

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to attend Relay for Life, which will begin at 7:00pm on Friday and end early Saturday morning. The idea behind having the relay overnight, Jelsma said, is that “cancer never sleeps, so we will not sleep.”

“The reason this fund is so important is that money goes into research, and the goal is that some day future generations will not have to endure this painful and deadly disease,” Jelsma said.

“My greatest dream is that the event will raise awareness and money for those who are crying out for help, but need other peoples’ voices in order to be heard,” she explained.

Though there will be less teams at the relay, Jelsma has had additional help with leadership and organizing this year. Robin Seifert, a senior at Dordt, has done much of the organizing for this year’s event, Jelsma explained.

“I love to get involved in good causes. It makes me feel like I’m doing a small part to help,” Seifert said.

Seifert said she had wanted to help with Relay for Life last year, but she was off-campus.

“When I found out [Jelsma] was organizing it again this year, I jumped at the chance to get involved… I’m a strong believer in raising peoples’ awareness, and that’s one of the main reasons for having relays – to raise money, and to raise awareness,” Seifert said.

Numerous local businesses have also gotten involved by donating both money and resources for the event.

A silent auction will be held and prizes from local businesses will be given. Fareway has also donated a free dinner for the event. Local businesses have not been the only ones to get involved: the Minnesota Twins have donated a mystery prize for the event, as well. Jelsma said last year she was not sure she would be able to raise the funds it took just to get the event up and running. Raising money to rent the Rec Center, though she received a discount, seemed an insurmountable obstacle. Thankfully, Jelsma said, President Zylstra agreed to provide the funds to rent the Rec Center both days.

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Relay for Life has become a large event in which the community has gotten involved by donating both money and resources for the event.

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Many local businesses have contributed by donating both money and resources for the event. Jelsma explained.

Since she was not allowed to send a mass e-mail this year, Jelsma said, she has relied on word-of-mouth to recruit participants. Currently, the event does not have a successor to take over operations in subsequent years. Jelsma said she would be more than willing to train someone for the job.

For this year’s relay, however, both Jelsma and Seifert are optimistic to raise funds to help the American Cancer Society.

Seifert said she is also looking forward to the social aspect of the Relay.

“But more than that, I’m hoping that through this, somebody, somewhere, will be touched by it,” she said, “either as the result of the funds raised, or because they became aware of Relay for Life or the American Cancer Society.”
Kristina De Graaf  
Staff Writer

Dordt has revamped its student forum. Student Symposium, its new alias, is now comprised of three paid positions. Juniors Alvin Shim and David Christensen and senior Jessica Veenstra introduced themselves as Symposium leaders by way of an informal meeting at the Grille on Sept. 30.

The first discussion focused on student parking. Due to parking lot changes, student parking has dropped by nearly 50 spots, Christensen said.

“But parking is still great at Dordt,” said Christensen. “It’s free, and you only have to walk a third of a mile at the farthest.”

There are only 220 parking spots on the west end of campus, since much of the student parking is in the All Saints Center lot, and 819 students have registered their cars on campus this year.

One student living in East Hall expressed frustration about the lack of parking on the west end of campus. Associate Provost Bethany Schuttinga said that Dordt does not anticipate adding more parking there, due to the need for staff and commuter parking.

“Student parking is still an issue we need to take a look at,” Schuttinga said.

Construction was the other big topic Symposium discussed with the student body at the meeting. After showing a 3D digital blueprint of the classroom building plan, Veenstra explained that there will be much more natural lighting in the remodeled building. Plans also include new printmaking and sculpting rooms, as well as more centrally located classrooms and professor offices for the education and art departments.

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“Please do come talk to us if there’s anything on your minds,” said Christensen.

Top reasons people don’t vote

Other concerns arise from past elections when absentee voting had been abused. Wiersma assures that the satellite voting system to be used at Dordt will be very hard to abuse.

“There will be a full staff of election officials there [that day] so the chances of abuse decrease.” The event will still be closely monitored, even though it is not on Nov. 4, said Wiersma.

After students register to vote and fill out absentee requests and ballots at the satellite voting station, the sealed ballots collected will be immediately returned to the auditor’s office and counted on Election Day.

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Community no longer restricted to campus

Jurgen Boerema
Staff Writer

Three Dordt upper-classmen are rebuilding a program originally designed to create opportunities for students to get involved in the surrounding community.

Julie Van Boom, Daniel Mahaffy and Brian Havinga are in charge of directing the activities of the Dordt Community Outreach Program (COP). “I have heard from people that they want to volunteer, but they think Sioux Center doesn’t need anything or they don’t know where to start,” said Van Boom. “That is what COP is for. We would like students to know that they can get involved, and that there is a huge need to help in the community.”

Volunteers within the program work at KIDZONE, a local after-school care program. Members do a variety of activities with the children ranging from baking to playing organized games.

“We have a community that supports Dordt, and it is time we started giving back.”

- Julie Van Boom

Members of the program also get involved with the local Big Brothers and Sisters program and tour Justice for All, a donation drop-off center for needy families. They also tour a transitional living center and work on rebuilding a home for a family of eleven people.

“I just hope that we as college students can recognize that we have a calling to be something other than a plot of land with red brick buildings,” said Van Boom.

“People interested in volunteering with the program can contact Van Boom or Mahaffy for information and opportunities. The group also has an office in Student Services and is working on additional methods of updating the public on its activities.

Call for Short “You Tube” Videos by College Students

College students should submit their videos of two minutes or less on energy conservation, alternative energy sources, or carbon footprinting. Students are encouraged to explore old ideas, unveil new ones, and tell about the human experience, theories, and concepts. Content, videography, editing and impact will be determining factors in the top three cash awards.

Cash prizes of $1,000, $750, and $500 will be awarded to the top three winners and $250 to up to three honorable mention videos.

To read more about the Wartburg “Tell Me!” Video Festival and the contest rules and guidelines go to www.wartburg.edu/vidfest/

Submissions are being accepted through December 19.

Picture Poll:
What did you do for Heartland Break?

“I went to Colorado Springs to see my family. It was fun, but a long car ride.”

- Michelle Kistler

“I made a pilgrimage to the Holy City [Grand Rapids].”

- Matt Postma

“I danced in Rush at Northwestern.”

- Natalie Feenstra

“I got engaged!”

- Amy Van Deraa
Horton Returns as artist-in-residence

Laura Heckmann
Guest Writer

After a controversi
dissal dismissal last year, world-renowned orga
nist Robert Horton is back…sort of.

Horton, formerly a full-time member of the Dordt College Music Department faculty, has resurfaced this fall as an “artist-in-residence.” This status was first publicly promoted several weekends ago for his first concert in the position.

The jump from faculty to fired to “artist-in-residence” has students somewhat befuddled. “Confusing…,” said junior and concert band member Amy Walker. “I didn’t know if we had him or not.”

As it turns out, this status is brand-new, somewhat similar to the various guest artists the music department faculty brings in every year. “But it is different, in that the same guest artist returns repeatedly within a given time span, such as an academic year,” said Karen De Mol, chair of the music department, adding that Horton is the first to officially carry this title.

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“Having him here as artist-in-residence also has the benefit of having a ‘piece’ of him even if we cannot have him here full-time,” De Mol said.

This benefit may not be enough for some, however. “I think it’s Dordt trying to appease us,” said a student, who asked to remain anonymous. “They never should’ve gotten rid of him in the first place.”

Horton’s status will be effective for the 2008-09 academic year, and like future residencies will include features such as public workshops and lectures.

Dr. Horton was unavailable for comment by press deadline.

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Dordt stats stump students

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Staff Writer

“What’s a Provost?”

That was one of the most common responses given by students on Dordt’s campus.

A random sample of thirty-one students were individually interviewed and asked a series of college-related trivia questions (see below).

General Observations

According to the students quizzed, the average year of Dordt’s founding is 1956. The average enrollment at Dordt is 1507 students. The average majors at Dordt is 47.

Specific Observations

13 percent of the students quizzed knew the Provost’s name. 13 percent of all the students responded specifically with “what’s a Provost?” when asked question 5. 16 percent of all the students answered “John Calvin” to question #4. 12 percent of that 16 percent are freshman.

Keep in mind Calvin is French.

23 percent of all the students remembered Carl Zylstra’s middle initial.

17 percent of the sophomores said Dordt was named after the city of Dordt and another 17 percent after a “Dutch person.”

35 percent of all the students don’t know what Dordt is named after.

19 percent of students would have gone to Trinity Christian as their second option for college; 6 percent for Calvin College; and 13 percent for Northwestern.

Kooky Freshman Results

One student responded with “I have no Dutch…nothing” when asked what Dordt is named after.

Another said Dordt has 140 majors.

One student confidently said Dordt has 4,400 students.

“Gary Zylstra” was the President’s name for one freshman. Another claimed that Dordt was named after the “Dordt Catechism.”

Other Results

One Junior’s initial reaction was “Roger” when asked the President and Provost’s names. Another reaction was, “Oh shoot! That one lady’s husband!”

An underclass engineering major said Dordt’s Christian philosophy is built on John Piper.

When asked how many majors Dordt has, a junior responded with “crap…20 or like 75.”

Common responses

“I remember this…what’s a Provost?”

“I don’t know what the President’s name is, but I know what he looks like.”

“Oh dear.”

“Dordt’s named after something?”

“I don’t feel like it…no.”

Watch the Diamond for the next trivia contest. You may be a randomly-selected winner!

The Trivia

How well would you do? These are the questions asked of the student body. See answers below.

1. What year was Dordt founded?
2. What is the current total enrollment at Dordt?
3. How many majors does Dordt currently offer?
4. What is the name of the Dutch theologian whose philosophy is the same as Dordt’s Christian philosophy?
5. What are the full names (as much as you can remember) of Dordt’s President and Provost?
6. Where does Dordt get its name from?
7. What was your second choice for college?
In planning for my senior year, and in the interest of being more independent of my parents, I started looking into loans.

When I examined my financial aid, I saw that my academic ability scholarship is still based on my high school GPA.

While at Dordt, I have never received below a B. Though my GPA is above 3.5, I am receiving financial aid for a GPA below 3.5. It is very disappointing to be stuck with less funding simply because I have excelled in college but not high school and have no athletic or performing ability.

I was also disappointed to hear that when one of my friends wanted to quit the volleyball team, the coach encouraged her to try out again despite the fact that she said she would just quit again. He told her to try out to keep her scholarship.

Some athletes quit the team they are on, but receive only a scholarship for the entire year by taking tickets at events.

I had another friend who wanted to quit for volleyball her second year. She talked to the coach about being allowed to keep her scholarship if she agreed to take tickets on two occasions.

The scholarships dictate that the individual must contribute to the sports program. I would love to take field hockey and be considered as contributing to the sports program.

There are also cases of people receiving scholarships for more than one sport and yet when they quit one or more of those teams and only continue in one sport, they continue to receive more than one scholarship.

In the past, I have applied for scholarships from the education department. But when I saw a list of all the education majors and more than a hundred – compared to the small amount of available scholarships, students that Dordt gives to me for the here and now to build a team – not really for the future goals of individuals.

I tried to find out the amount of scholarships given for sports teams from the Admissions office, but they told me the athletics department was in charge of its own scholarships. When I contacted the football department, the coach gave me no direct answer. The sports programs seem to be a secret pocket where financial aid flows in and out, but what about the rest of the students who need financial aid, too?

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Veldkamp's amazing race through Agouza - part 3 of 3

Joel Veldkamp

Middleeast Correspondent

Saturday, we were dis-

vided into pairs, given a set of objectives and sent out into the neigh-

borhood to find our way around. My partner and I didn’t win the race, but I know Agouza a lot bet-

ter now.

One objective in-

tolved taking a taxi to a well-known restaurant in Agouza. Another objec-
tive was finding a nearby Metro Supermarket. Af-

fter searching for a while, we were really lost, so my partner and I decided to kill two birds with one stone and ask a cab driv-
er to take us to the Metro

Supermarket.

He did – but he crossed the Nile and took us up a mile from Agou-

za. We waited for us at the supermarket, then took us back. I asked him, “Bikem?” – “How much?” – “40 pounds,” he said.

The objectives sheet we had said the ride should be no more than five pounds. Since he took us an extra distance, I could consider 10, or maybe even 15, but not 40 (one dollar equals $176,000 from Dordt’s website), when a significant portion of the team does not remain at Dordt, tells me that students that Dordt gives money for the here and now to build a team – not really for the future goals of individuals.

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Alvin Shim

Staff Writer

This past Sunday, I rode home from Tri-

state and played a terrifyingly haunt-
game called, “Would you rather?” Sky-

dive into the void or get blasted off into space? Eat moldy lettuce or a moldy pork-chop?

Listen to one song for the rest of your life, or no music at all?

I was taking this nine-hour drive with three ladies. And I threw this one out there – you’d rather be on campus with only girls or only guys?

Instantly, as soon as I asked my question, they all answered. All three of them would rather be the only girl on campus. “I’d rather have guys fight for me,” and “Girls don’t really like other girls that much…”

My mind is still spinning. How do you answer such a ridiculous question so quickly? Consider, just for a second, how unreasonable both situations would be. I still can’t decide. If I were the only guy on campus, I think I could last the first day. I would need to muzzle someone with facial hair. On the other hand, going my day-to-day without any girls would be more of a slow immersion into insanity; there’s a pretty strict limit to how long I can pretend to care about sports teams. And I just filled my yearly quota with my brothers (Take that, you stupidest one)!

I’ve sympathized with so many guys at the terror of both situations. One guy of fourteen chose being the only guy. Two girls thought it through for a few seconds and decided that they didn’t need or like attention from guys all that much; they’d prefer having their girlfriends around.

I tested the patience of my female studies instructor. “Alvin, how many times have I told you? Girls almost always prefer the company of a guy.”

“Girls are catty.”

“Fighting with girls…” ugh.

I’m still baffled. If you, reader, have any comments or insight, please feel free to let me know. Maybe we’ll still be discussing this in the next issue?
Tie slips away from Defenders in final seconds

Alii Moerman
Editor

The men’s soccer team suffered a last-second defeat in Saturday’s match against the Dana Vikings, who currently top the conference rankings.

After Dordt tied the game with 30 seconds left, the Vikings blasted up the field and sunk another goal, bringing the final score to 3-2 in favor of Dana.

The Defenders are now 1-6 in conference games. Despite a five-game losing streak, Dordt was able to end their three-game streak of scoreless games.

Dana was first to put one in the net 28 minutes into the game off a rebound from a corner kick. Dordt stood scoreless until five minutes into the second half when freshman Cody Glasshower scored unassisted and tied the game.

The Dordt goal was the first to break a scoreless streak that had extended 15 seconds left in the match with Dana.

“Dana took the lead again with seven minutes left in the match with a well-placed kick in the top right corner of the goal. The goal was not the game winner, however, in conference [play] and we are near the bottom with only one win, so when we scored to tie after being put behind with seven minutes left to play, we were absolutely ecstatic,” said senior midfielder Andrew Wubben.

“We battled back against the best team in [the] conference and then lost it all in under 10 seconds. It’s almost not fair to lose like that.”

- Andrew Wubben

Dordt came back with 30 seconds left in the match and senior Siam Grobler slipped the ball in past the keeper on the right side of the goal, assisted by freshmen Phil Nywening and Peter Mollema.

Unfortunately, 30 seconds was all the Vikings needed as they took the kick-off and went right up the middle of the field to score the game winner with 13 seconds left in the match.

“Dana was undefeated on Oct. 11 at Jamestown (S.D.) College. “Jamestown should be a victory based on the way we’ve been playing and the amount of effort we are putting into each and every game [as well as] their performances against other teams,” said Wubben.

“We have a lot of freshmen on the field that are learning their positions so we have been improving after every match, and we will be in good shape for Jamestown,” says senior midfielder Siam Grobler.

“We aren’t going to quit just because we’ve been eliminated from playoff contention,” said Wubben, commenting on the season overall. “We get the opportunity to be the season spoiler this year for other teams.”

Next game: Oct. 11 vs. Jamestown at 1 p.m. in Jamestown, S.D.

Dordt Sport Report: Kristin De Ronde

Ashlee Stallinga
Staff Writer

Position: Middle hitter/blocker

Who do you think is going to win the World Series?
Well, I wanted it to be the Cubs. Now, I hope the Rays win.

Can you dance the polka?
No.

Do you have any desire to learn the polka?
Yeah, actually. I think it would be fun to learn all kinds of dances, like on Dancing with the Stars.

What are your goals for the season?
Well, it’s obviously fun to go to Nationals, so we’d like to do that. We really want to work on getting better every day.

Do you have any pre-game traditions? The team always plays the games “ah-so-co” and “hippity hippity bop.” We play more if we have time, but always those two.

Why should people go to the volleyball games?
Because it’s more fun to play when we have an exciting crowd.

What is the best game to go to? The one against Northwestern, at the end of the season in early November.

What is your favorite memory from this season so far? Playing hotel games with the freshman before the Bellevue tournament, like “under the blanket” and “oooga booga wooo-ga.”

You’re the only senior on the team. Is that unusual? Well, there are not usually that many seniors, but there are usually more than one! But it’s okay, because the juniors are great. All the upperclassmen are really strong.

There are a couple rule changes this year. How do you feel about them? Oh, yeah…we only play to 25 now, not 30. The games seem to go a lot faster. Also, they aren’t as strict on double hits for setters this year. I like [the new rules]. Playing games to 25 makes it easier to have upsets, because it’s a faster game.

How long have you been playing volleyball? Since about 7th grade.

Do you plan on includ- ing volleyball in your life after graduation? I hope to. I’m looking for a teaching job, and I have my coaching endorsement. So hopefully I can find a team to coach. Otherwise, I could be on an “old people” team, an adult team.

Next Game: Oct. 10 vs. Hastings at 7:30 p.m. in Hastings, Neb.
The restroom. A reason to grinace. A reason to smile. A reason to produce a musical.

Dordt’s theater production Urinetown promises to be delightfully funny with a redeeming social value despite the odd title.

“At first, I thought it was a play on words - 'You're in Town. But no, it’s Urinetown,” said Michael Ten Haken, Dordt’s marketing and public relations coordinator.

The title is certainly odd and even offensive to some, but it’s not inappropriate. It simply gives an honest description of the play.

“There are plays with less redeeming value,” said April Hubbard, the play’s director.

In Urinetown, a city is plagued with 20 years of drought, so private restrooms are banned.

Restrooms are banned.

The play’s director.

The restroom. A reason to grinace. A reason to smile. A reason to produce a musical.

Maintenance supplied the toilet for part of Urinetown’s set.

Urinetown Show Times:
(All showings in the Te Paske Theatre)

- Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 18, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Urinetown carries an important message for students thinking and learning in Dordt’s community. “We don’t always realize our effect on other people,” Hoekstra said. “We just think about what’s best for me.”

It’s a play with a purpose - intended to challenge the audience to think about the decisions they make. Theater gives the opportunity to bring issues to our minds in a new way,” Hoekstra said. And Urinetown hopes to do just that.

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Photo by Becky Love.

Disclaimer: Production may not be suitable for children under age 10.

To reserve tickets call the Box Office at (712) 722-6430, or order through the Theatre Arts website at http://www.dordt.edu/arts/theatre/.