The Korean Youth Retreat was originally set up by the Korean Christian Reformed Church of Ames, for their college students. This year, however, students from the Korean Christian Reformed Church of Ames, Iowa and Dordt College were invited to join in as well.

The itinerary for the two-day weekend included social events as well as praise and worship. They played games such as Mafia, ate Korean food and consistently spoke the Korean language over the course of the weekend. There were also times when students were divided up into groups to talk about their visions for the future. Praise and worship with songs and prayer was an element of the weekend, too. The students took part in Korean-style prayer, where each person prays his own prayer out loud until the leader guides them into a closing prayer.

Doctor Jay Shim, assistant professor of theology at Dordt, was the keynote speaker at the retreat. On Friday evening, he talked about "The World and Salvation," addressing the ideas of old creation and new creation through the book of Genesis. His topic on Saturday relayed "Job Occupation and Calling Vocation." He discussed the differences between a job and a calling and explained how faith should be reflected through future occupations.

The Dordt students who participated enjoyed the retreat. "I loved the prayer times that we had," freshman Hani Yang said.

Another freshman, Angela Jeong, said, "It was fun to meet other Korean people and eat the Korean food."

"I really liked Professor Shim's speeches," stated Grace Jeong, a sophomore.

The students learned much from the event and look forward to taking part in it next year.

**Government responds to Korean nuclear testing**

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In early July 2006, President Bush was pleased to have achieved support from United Nations leaders including China, Japan, South Korea and Russia concerning diplomatic cooperation relating to the world's nuclear altercation with North Korea.

In a series of international press conferences, Bush proposed certain consequences to be sanctioned against North Korea's communist regime for the sake of reducing the subsequent threat against global security. Bush said, "the best way to solve this problem diplomatically is for all of us to be working in concert."

Though the President's propositions were greeted with wide acceptance, there was still a small percentage of opposition, as Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador was hesitant to adhere to particular sanctions that the resolution called for.

However, as of October 14, a unanimous decision was passed by the U.N. Security Council to enforce rather abrasive restrictions against Kim Jong of North Korea, after it was reported that his rogue regime had conducted an underground nuclear test just six days earlier.

President Bush agreed with the Security Council that North Korea had demonstrated "a clear threat to international peace and security." Bush concluded by saying that "the world is united in our opposition to [North Korea's] nuclear weapons plans."

The newly ratified directive, known as Resolution 1718, demands that North Korea abandon any use of nuclear weapons as well as its research programs of biological and chemical weapons, weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles. In addition, the U.N. has sanctioned an impediment of military product manufacturing including warships, missiles, and combat tanks and aircraft.

Finally, the resolution mandate calls for the thorough regulation and inspection of all trade vessels carrying imported or exported goods.

Although the U.N. consensus has further united the overall international community, the Bush administration fears that such pressure against North Korea may be perceived as a declaration of war. U.S. Ambassador John Bolton does not deny that these sanctions may only provoke further conflict. However, Bolton maintains that neither the United States, nor any other international superpower, will negotiate with North Korea or back down in any attempt to preserve the world's protection and wellbeing.

"This is not a dispute between the U.S. and North Korea," he said. "It's a dispute between North Korea and the rest of the world."
Cultural crossing

Becky Love
Staff Writer

A small girl with short black hair and pretty Asian eyes poked her head around her dorm-room door and smiled. “Come in!” she offered, clearly pleased to have the company.

Grace is a new international student who came to Dordt College this year, and the difference between this new, American culture and her familiar, South Korean culture are immense.

Leaving behind her home in Boryung, Choongnam, Grace has also left behind her culture and language. “In Korea, you have to speak the same language,” she said.

During her time in middle school, she started to learn the English language, but nearly 65 percent accept positions from the student employment programs on campus; but it is also one of the least understood.

Dordt's financial aid office says that benefits more than twice as many students than would otherwise be possible. “The college works hard to keep [a subsistence] number of jobs available and uses Dordt institutional money to pay for additional student employees,” Kingma says.

Students needing employment should speak to Nancy Kingma. And speaking up really does pay off here. Kingma stresses that she offers jobs first to the students who had been studying for years, she was shocked everyone by placing first in the organ contest.

When Grace arrived here at Dordt, only a few days before orientation, she had already had some experience with the American culture. Her sister, who had wanted to study English as an exchange student, had been living in Pella, Iowa, with a Christian family, and introduced Grace to Dordt College. Grace visited the campus for herself while staying with her sister and was drawn to the music department. This, she thought, would be the perfect opportunity to expand her knowledge of the English language and her abilities in the area of church music.

During the summer, she even gave the drums a try, but her organ instructor noticed during their practice that there was “something different about [her] arms.” The drum lessons had strengthened her arms and she was hitting the keys much too forcefully.

As her skills on the organ grew, she was introduced to another teacher whom she studied with for 6 months before her first organ contest. Competing with students who had been studying for years, she was not expected to do well. Nonetheless, she shocked everyone by placing first and was rewarded with four scholarships.

Upon her teacher’s urging, she left her parents and two sisters behind and went to Europe for a year to study the organ further. Her travels took her to the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland and France. This was one of the most crucial times for her as she learned to adapt to different cultures.

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However, entering into an entirely different culture and language does not make college work an easy task.

"Homework is stressful to me," she admitted and said the "problem is too many words."

Here at Dordt, she has been forced to rapidly expand her vocabulary in order to understand the lectures. She said, "I know the words I learned from high school, but I have to use many more words."

"How does she deal with all this added pressure? "I have to pray," she said.

Language may be difficult to master at first, but she finds no problem in understanding her music. "In music, we all speak the same language," she said.

While Grace begins her studies at Dordt, her amazing musical talents can only grow. What does she plan to do with her future? She wants to go on to graduate school in Washington D.C. or New York. With the academically inclined ways of her home country still fresh in her mind, this bright young woman's future holds endless possibilities, most crucial times for her as she learned to adapt to different cultures.

employment program begins new year

Kristina De Graaf
Staff Writer

Dordt College's student employment program might be one of the largest programs in the country, but it is also one of the least understood.

Dordt College provides employment to an outstanding number of students. Dordt's student employment program currently boasts an enrollment of roughly 800 students. And the year has only barely begun.

Student Employment Coordinator Nancy Kingma says that the employment program offers jobs to 99 percent of students. Some students choose not to work, and some choose off-campus jobs. But nearly 65 percent accept positions from the student employment program.

The Federal Work-study program allows for approximately 320 work-study positions at Dordt — a bit less than 25 percent of the current enrollment. The college has set aside additional funds to create a student employment program that benefits more than twice as many students.

Dordt's financial aid office says that most students work from five to six hours per week, but students may work up to seven hours per week if they desire.

In limiting each student's weekly hours to seven, Dordt is able to employ more students than would otherwise be possible. "The college works hard to keep [a subsistence] number of jobs available and uses Dordt institutional money to pay for additional student employees," Kingma says.

Students needing employment should speak to Nancy Kingma. And speaking up really does pay off here. Kingma stresses that she offers jobs first to the persistent, as they are the ones that appear to need the jobs most. Those in need of some extra money should try to stop by the business office each week until securing a job.

Out & About

Jill Hiemstra
Staff Writer

Dog saves woman's life

After a disabled woman's cat started a house on fire, her specially trained dog rescued her by bringing a phone to call for help.

The woman received third-degree burns on her arm in the fire that killed both of her pets.

The fire started Sunday night when the woman's cat knocked a candle onto a chair. Her dog then brought her a phone, allowing her to call for help.

The woman, who lost a leg in a car accident, told the dispatcher she was disabled but would try to leave the house. Firefighters found her standing in the doorway as flames engulfed the home.

A bumper sticker and a ticket

A woman who was ticketed for having an obscene anti-President Bush bumper sticker filed a lawsuit in federal court Monday against DeKalb County and its officials.

Denise Grier, 47, of Athens, Ga., got a $100 ticket in March after a DeKalb County police officer spotted the bumper sticker, which read "I'm Tired Of All The BUSHTOF.

Although a DeKalb judge threw out the ticket in April because the state's lewd decal law that formed the basis for the ticket was ruled unconstitutional in 1990, Grier is seeking damages for "emotional distress" against the county, according to the lawsuit.

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A call for respect

Diane Feucht
Staff Writer

What comes to mind when you think about maintenance?

"Those guys who sweep the floor," answers a Dordt Senior.

Can you name anyone on maintenance?

"Not really" answered the same senior.

Perhaps the hardest working members of Dordt's staff are those we often take

for granted—especially our experienced

and enthusiastic maintenance team.

Of the 25 students interviewed, every

one of them had to call maintenance for

some reason—anything from a broken

light bulb to a broken heater. Of those

25, only five of those people could

successfully name the maintenance

worker who came to their aide.

Let's do better than this, Dordt students!

You come in contact with these people
everyday. They are the ones that

clean up the campus buildings after we use

them on a daily basis.

They are the ones that Dordt's students and
cademy call on to do anything from

drawing a flooded building to unblocking

plugged toilets.

They are the ones that are cleaning

up after someone plays a prank, such as
taking all of the desks out of CL160, or

sticking chickens in the library or hanging

signs that say "Dordt College Swine

Farm" on East Hall.

They are also the ones on campus that

are not nearly as appreciated as they

should be.

Rachel Feucht, a Dordt Senior who

worked with maintenance this summer,

noticed the low appreciation of the

maintenance staff. "It seemed as though

a lot of the faculty took the maintenance

people for granted," she says.

Senior Shannon Huitsing, who worked

along with Rachel noticed that many

professors asked for "a lot of odd jobs

that we didn't think maintenance should

have to do."

The list of excess jobs included:

hanging up pictures in professor's

personal offices, cleaning halls that

weren't in charge of and even asked

by the grounds workers to help pick up

cigarette butts left by careless smokers.

This is all added on to the already long
to-do list that maintenance keeps.

Though maintenance might be

overworked and overserved, we couldn't

ask for a more humble and helpful staff.

Regardless of other's attitudes towards

them, maintenance takes on cheerful

servant-like mind-set.

While talking about having to do extra

jobs in an already busy schedule, Brian

Mellenga, maintenance worker for 18
years, says, "even though our title is

'maintenance', whoever needs stuff done

we are right there to help."

Brian Vander Steep, now in his 15th
year of maintenance, agrees; "We are just
giving each other a hand."

With this work ethic, a maintenance

worker's job is never done. They work year
round on our campus, doing whatever it

takes to keep Dordt in polished condition,

whether or not the work they are doing is

specifically in their job title.

During the year we witness the hard

working maintenance taking care of our

needs. What we don't see is the heavy

construction projects they take on during

the summer to make Dordt a better

place. The BJ Haan, Covenant Hall,

and the Classroom buildings have had

several renditions done to make Dordt a

better place to study. They also knocked

out a wall in the game room so that the

workers have more control over students

who use the place more as a demolition

arena than a bowling alley.

Every inch of this campus is dripping

with the attentive care of our maintenance

workers; so much pride goes into making

our college work as well as it does. Now

in his 24th year of maintenance, Phil De

Sligter even took part in helping construct

some of the buildings with his dad. "This

used to be my backyard when I was a kid," says Phil.

The least we can do as students and

faculty is appreciate these workers, know who they are and realize that our

careless acts only add another task to

maintenance's already endless to-do

list. With our truly altruistic maintenance

team, we can know that we are in good

hands.

Narrow focus

Etson Williams
Guest Writer

According to Professor Keith Sewell, Dordt's

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"Who cares about history with a broader perspective?"

He has received favorable feedback from others here

at Dordt, including the relatively few students who

responded to the question in an end-of-the-semester

evaluation: Should Dordt offer a course on The World

and the West instead of Western Civilization since the

Renaissance?

But there is no apparent sign of this change. Sewell

and those desiring it must still look to the future.

Picture Poll: "What did you think about the movie An Inconvenient Truth?"

Justin Van Zee
"I recommend but do not fully endorse Al

Gore's film because global warming is an

issue we can't just ignore with wishful

thinking."

Bethany Hask
"It's a very important issue, and it's good

that Christians are taking notice. But it's

still not a priority for Christians as much

as it should be."

Linda Van Wyk
"It (the movie) did a good job of using

scientific data about global warming and

it did a good job of presenting the necessity

doing something about it."

Susie Van Geest
"I think it is an important topic and an

important film, especially for a Christian
college."

Rachael Palmer
"Both sides are not present-

ing the whole picture. I do

know that there is some

problem, but I don't know

what to do about it."

Ron Vos
"Global warming is a fact and there are many differ-

ent causes of it. It is some-

thing to be concerned about

because things like that can
go to a point where you can't

put it aside. We have to be aware

that this is happening."

Picture poll by Becky Love and Naomi De Boer
Dordt recycling calls for renewed dedication

Jacob Kroese  
Staff Writer

When I took up residence at Dordt and saw the beautiful blue container in my room, I decided to recycle. I read the directions, maintained a strict paper and cardboard diet for the container and even harbored on my roommate when he fed it gum. After two weeks, the blue beauty was full; I closed the bag, and lugged my recyclable treasure out into the hallway.

Unsure of where to deposit my recyclables, I stopped by my resident assistant’s room and asked where I could put it. To my chagrin, he did not know. I decided to explore the situation on my own. Alas, there was no larger blue container behind or beside North Hall, so I biked to the maintenance building with my bundle, but it was locked up. With a guilty conscience, I threw my recyclables into the dumpster.

Thankfully, Dordt has a basic recycling program, but I would like to ask the campus to think more broadly than merely collecting white paper, and throwing it into a blue bin.

The start, clearly, should be to educate the entire campus on why to recycle, what to recycle, and where to put it, but the responsibility we have to create that locally change our lives more deeply.

Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan has implemented a program for recycling that could be an excellent model and goal for Dordt College. According to their website, Kalamazoo College recycles furniture and office supplies through an in-college exchange program. They also fix bicycles to keep them on campus and out of the dumpster. You can explore their program at www.kzoo.edu/recycle.

I would like to encourage conversation at Dordt to decide how we can not only recycle, but also reduce our consumption and reuse products.

Each non-residence building at Dordt recycles, and a maintenance crew collects the recycling and puts it into a dumpster in the maintenance building.

Cindy Groeneweg works hard to implement the program, but struggles with educating and motivating students to recycle properly.

The problem is simple. If students will not separate trash from recycling and put the recycling into a blue dumpster, recycling cannot happen.

Dave Harrison, part owner of Dordt’s recycling service Bronner Trucking, says if there is too much garbage in a blue dumpster, they leave it and come back later to remove the trash with a garbage truck. Harrison also says that Northwood’s recycling is almost always clean.

Recycling at North Hall was impossible, but I discovered the solution. According to Maintenance, the blue dumpster for North and East is supposed to be at East Hall, but it was in for repairs and will be reinstalled for duty soon.

Every other residence has the opportunity to recycle. The eight-plex and halls have a blue dumpster close by.

Dordt needs to educate in order to be successful at recycling. Harrison suggests that we place vivid stickers on dumpsters saying, “Recycling Only. No Garbage.” There are stickers on most in-room bins informing students on what can and cannot be recycled.

Perhaps freshmen orientation should include a time for recycling education. Maybe a work-study position could be created to educate students and maintain the program.

After extensive research, the Environment Studies 162 class determined that 75% of garbage in Dordt’s dumpsters could be recycled.

Perhaps a larger organization or club can inspire Dordt students to change their attitude toward creation and, at the very least, to recycle.

Justice Matters: serving in humility

Bridget Smith  
Staff Writer

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” The Justice Matters club often finds inspiration in these words of instruction from Micah 6:8. The verse explains the motivation for the work they do and the beliefs they hold.

The Justice Matters club was formed just one year ago. The club now known as Justice Matters originally began as two separate clubs. One year ago Bread for the World and Shamar joined together to form a single club. The members of the groups realized they were all working towards one goal.

Elbert Bakker, a member of both original clubs, explains that justice and environmental issues cannot be separated.

Approximately 75 Dordt students are members of Justice Matters. The leadership committee is mainly formed by people who step forward to become more deeply involved in the club.

Professor Schelhaas and Professor Stutz are the current sponsors of the club. Schelhaas describes the members of Justice Matters as “students who take tasks gladly and do them eagerly.” He says his own involvement in the club is especially enjoyable because he does not feel like a teacher, just an active member.

Jeremy Westra, a member of Justice Matters, says the club is primarily focused on raising awareness about environmental issues and issues of injustice. “The club makes students think and provides them with facts about important issues,” Westra says.

Students need to be informed beyond the scope of their individual majors. “A real education should go past a student’s major and various classes,” Bakker says. He continued saying that education should include knowledge about the entire world, which Christians are called to respond to. In order to be equipped to respond, they have to know what is going on in the world. Christians are to be an example and a moving force in the world.

Westra says the club has impacted his life by causing him to realize both the positive and negative consequences of his actions. He has also come to more fully understand his responsibility to his brothers and sisters in Christ.

The perspective he has gained helps him bridge the gap between class and life. The topics discussed also help expand his awareness and concerns, getting a wider taste of what is happening in the world, his place, and his actions. “[Justice Matters] expands your view of who you are and God’s connection with you and the world.”

Both Bakker and Westra encourage Dordt students to get involved in the club. Nathan Smith, another member of Justice Matters, says “It’s not just for hippies.” Students who sign up for the club receive e-mails to keep them informed about local and international issues.

Club activities include raising awareness, letter drives, fasts, community prayers, speeches, and video showings. Speakers are invited to come to forums in order to provide a variety of perspectives. “There isn’t just one Christian perspective,” Bakker explains.

The club hopes to host another Justice Matters week in the spring. Schelhaas says last year’s Justice Matters week was very successful in raising awareness.

The club also plans to provide and serve at The Banquet, an organization serving the homeless in Sioux Falls. Bakker says one goal of Justice Matters is to have a long-lasting impact on Dordt. Students with questions or ideas may send an e-mail to justicematters@dordt.edu.
Ag department sees changes

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Many people who come to Dordt comment on the beautiful campus and the facilities that the school offers. But what they may not realize is that Dordt College is a living, breathing community that is always growing and changing. And when it comes to the Ag department, there have been many changes in recent years.

First, there was the creation of the Ag Stewardship Center. This center is located on the east side of the Dorm Life Impacting Visitors.

Grace Venhuizen
Staff Writer

"Hosts make a huge impression on their guests," says Mallory Ooms, host coordinator for the past two years. High school seniors and juniors who come to Dordt for a college visit often stay in a dorm room with current students. These students are looking to host and allow their guests to experience what Dordt is like and what it has to offer.

Ruth Hofland, Campus Visit Coordinator, says that each school year about 600 prospective students visit Dordt and half of these visitors stay in the dorms. There are about 70 rooms that have been designated as host rooms. Ooms says that, "They actually get to experience what the dorm rooms are like and to get a sense of what it's like to live in a college dorm room." Many high school students stay for one night, either on Thursday or Friday. On bigger trips, however, students may stay for up to three nights in one hosting room. At the end of the semester, the hosts are paid $4 per night per student hosted.

Prospective students can request to stay with a certain Dordt student, or they are placed in a room of the Campus Visit Day staff's choosing. The staff tries to give each host about five visitors per semester.

Any room can sign up to host prospective students. Before they are allowed to have students stay with them, however, the room members must sign a contract saying that they will try their best to make the stay as beneficial as possible to the prospective student and host in a way that reflects the Christian community of which Dordt College is a part.

Host rooms are not required to provide any special commodities for their guest. Ruth Hofland says that a couch or futon is "nice," but "not mandatory." One great provision hosts can give their guests is the chance to experience college life. After students have made their decision on whether or not to host prospective freshman? Ooms says, "They actually get to live the life of a college student, even if it is for just one night. This lets them experience what Dordt is like and what it is like to be a Dordt student." High school students often comment on wanting more student interaction. Ooms says, "Visitors are likely to base their college decision on whether or not they liked the college and if they thought they fit in." Why should Dordt students be willing to host prospective freshman? Ooms says that one reason is "because they want to make Dordt a better place to stay in the dorms and they would like to do this for other visitors." Sophomore host Dan Elletsma and his roommate agree that hosting is a "great way to get to know new people." Hosts "get to show kids what Dordt has to offer," Dan says. Dan does this by showing students the bowling alley and game room, taking them to Le Mars for ice cream, or simply letting them hang out in his friend group.

"Kids get to see campus life," he says. "If they just go to classes it's not near the same."

Despite new developments, enrollment in Dordt's agriculture program has decreased dramatically since its peak six years ago with 120 students. While the loss of the dairy farm is likely a contributing factor, Goedhart notes that declining enrollment is a national trend. However, many people are simply unaware of the range of jobs that are available in the industry—both in traditional agriculture and agri-business.

Dordt grads have excellent preparation for grad school. Last year, four Dordt students—Scott Boerman, Rachael Davelaar, Leah Fedders and Micah Schouten—were accepted into veterinary medicine programs. Another 2006 graduate—Raymond Mutava, was accepted into a Ph.D program in agronomy.

Says Ooms, "Hopefully word will get out there that we still have opportunities." Goedhart adds that those with an interest in agriculture, the department, or its facilities should drop in at the ASC, or visit with a member of the department, or get involved with the Ag Club to get a taste of what's available.

Dordt College is building up

Kyle Van Wyk
Staff Writer

Dordt College is starting football from the ground up in 2007, and strength training will be one of the most important factors in order for the Defenders to have success.

A college that starts a new program needs to make sure to have the proper equipment to enhance the possibility of success. The college recognizes they don't have the proper equipment or the quantity of machines, weights, and racks to fulfill the needs of a football team.

As a result, Dordt College is willing to erect a new weight room that corrects this problem.

The first question that is being addressed is, "Where the new weight room will be built?" The athletic department is debating whether to add a room onto the recreation center or move new equipment into the gymnasium room.

Many are wondering what is wrong with the weight room Dordt has now. The current weight room contains two squat racks, one bench press, one incline press, a less-than-average amount of free weights and some used auxiliary machines. When thirty five football players want to do the same lifts, it would take much longer than it should to complete their lifts for that day.

In the case that the new weight room will be built in large part for football players, the right equipment will have to be ordered.

Football is a sport that focuses on the core muscles of the body. The legs, chest, and torso are the main muscles that are worked during a typical football workout. The important lifts for building those muscles are the back squat, front squat, hang clean or power clean and the bench press.

The most important equipment will be squat racks, bench press racks, plenty of straight bars with bumper (rubber) plates to be used for performing hang or power cleans and free weights.

As of now, the athletic department is still deciding about the location of the weight room and which equipment to order. Coach Heavner is planning to hire an offensive or defensive coordinator that is a certified strength and conditioning coach. Whoever this may be, he will prove to be a very valuable asset to Dordt College athletics. Other NAIA schools rarely have their own certified strength and conditioning coach.

For now, athletes will have to use the weight room in the recreation center. When the time comes for the new weight room to be used, people will see how much of a difference it will make. And they will realize that strength training will take their game to the next level. If the college decides to construct a new building, they expect to have it built in spring of 2008.
Movie screening reels in huge crowd, points to bright future

Bree Wierenga
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The sound of applause (not screams) was heard in the De Yager Student Activities Center this past Friday the 13th. Dordt students, faculty, staff and even Sioux Center community members showed up to view the ten films created by participants of the recent 48-hour Prairie Grass Film Challenge. The prized "Dordt" trophy and the first and second place winners of the film challenge were also revealed at the end of the evening.

The screening had been moved from the science building because of the large crowd that was expected, and the event was huge. The audience spilled into the Grille area as the movies started. All films were received exceptionally well. "The audience was diverse and excited to be there," said Jesse Brauning, a member of the DC Watch team who created the first film shown, The Sinner, the Saint, and Sandy.

All the films fell into the genres of western, action and comedy. Each film also had specific character, dialogue and prop requirements it had to fulfill in order to be considered for a prize. For example, many of the films were required to have the line "Are you looking at me?" somewhere in the script.

The judges consisted of Renee Noteboom, who works for ATLAS of Orange City; Jamin and Kate Ver Velde, both Dordt graduates, and Jamin a graphic designer for Dordt; Chris Rehn, a business law professor at Dordt; and Mark Verbruggen, pastor of First CRC in Sioux Center. Professor Mark Volkers organized the entire Film Challenge and movie screening. However, he was not a judge despite his extensive film knowledge and experience. "I removed myself from the judging because I thought everyone should win," he said.

The judges had similar ideas; no film was disqualified from the challenge due to improper material or lack of adherence to the required elements. The judging criteria was based on story and production value, as well as adherence to genre. Judges also looked for "content worth consuming," elements of truth, fun, quality, genuineness and creativity.

At the end of the movies, the cut-glass Dordt award was revealed from under a black cloth, and then the winners of the 2nd place and Best of Show were announced. Team De Wit (consisting of Elliot De Wit and David De Wit) won 2nd place and the $250 award with their comedy The Grate Mistake. The Best of Show $500 prize and Dordt award went to A Sweet Surprise: An Action Film by Wesson Productions (consisting of Philip Van Maanen, Joelle Riezebos, Elizabeth Van Maanen, Dale Vande Griend, Garry Riezebos and Vern Eekhoff).

You have a chance to participate in the final step of the 2006 Prairie Grass Film Challenge! The $150 People's Choice Award has yet to be decided. Go online to www.dordt.edu/filmchallenge for more information, to view the eight remaining films and to place your vote (deadline is noon on Monday, October 23). Also, watch for the winning entries to be played in the near future on channel 12 of Premier Communications.
Hey, cowboy cheese... You look stunned—what happened?

Oh, yeah, I guess that's it. I always get the "too much coffee" face confused with the "bird at full speed into a window" face.

Bing!

Huh? Did you just say "bing"?

Uh...

It's OK. I understand—beep.

It's not you speaking... It's the coffee.

Huh? Did you just say "bing"?

Riddle:

In the 2006 Summerset High School yearbook, five seniors are honored by their classmates by being named the graduates "Most Likely to..." Each of the five, three girls—Hannah, Layla, and Kerrie—and two boys—Ian and Jason—is comically caricatured in the yearbook in the role he or she is "Most Likely to" achieve. From the following at the Senior Prom in May. "Most Likely to..." information about the five honorees, can you find each grad's full name and what he or she is "Most Likely to..."?

1. The honoree Jason and the Ash girl were crowned prom king and queen.
2. Neither the Clark boy nor the Dunn boy is the graduate "Most Likely to Appear on the Cover of Sports Illustrated."
3. Ian is this year's graduate "Most Likely to End Up Wearing a Number," which despite its seemingly bad connotation is actually the honor for most popular classmate.
4. The Ash girl isn't the one chosen "Most Likely to Win an Oscar."
5. Neither Kerrie nor the Dunn boy won the "Most Likely to Walk on Mars" accolade.
6. The senior named "Most Likely to Become President," who isn't Hannah, missed the Senior Prom to attend the National Youth Mock Congress in Washington.
7. Kerrie, who isn't the winner whose last name is Black, isn't in the yearbook as the grad "Most Likely to Appear on the Cover of Sports Illustrated."
8. At the prom, the Epps girl and her date were named best dancers.

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Girls gear up for LAX

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You might notice colorful sticks flying around this fall in the old soccer field behind Southview; it is the Women's Lacrosse Club. That's right—they are back this year with more confidence than ever. These ladies have triumphed over no funds and no coaches, and have started everything from scratch.

With determination, the ladies lacrosse club is joining the Central Plains Women's Lacrosse League and will be playing games this spring.

Coaches Kyla Jameson and Jackie Miedema are on top of the scene this year coaching and running drills. Jameson told the Diamond, "I love the game. It's been hard, but bringing women's lacrosse to Dordt has been something I haven't regretted."

When wrestling with a team name, the women were inspired by the men's team and called themselves the Lady Sowers. Taking their name from the book of Matthew, these girls want to be Sowers for Christ and players on the field. The Women's Lacrosse Club is hoping to dominate the field this year and bring something new and exciting to Dordt.

Although games in the league for this season won't happen until the spring, the women are playing a scrimmage on October 28 in Lincoln, Nebraska against three different schools including Creighton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Kansas State. Keep your eyes peeled this spring and in the years to come for more games from the Women's Lacrosse Club.

Volleyball emerges from slump

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As the volleyball season winds down, the Defender's find themselves in an unfamiliar position—fighting for position in the middle of the GPAC conference standings. The Dordt volleyball team, a perennial powerhouse, started rocky after losing many key players from the last few years, but has turned youth and inexperience into a talented team.

Dordt entered the season as the favorite in the conference, however in their second conference game Dordt fell to Morningside to snap a 55 game conference-winning streak. However, Dordt has recovered from their slow start to win 11 of their last 12 games, including a win over the 24th ranked Wayne State (NCAA DII). Coach Tom Van Den Bosch said, "We graduated one All-American and two All-conference players so the beginning of the season was very rocky at say the least. However, the learning curve of the new recruits has been phenomenal which has translated into winning the last 11 of 12 matches."

This season has been quite different for the Defender volleyball team as they are used to sitting atop the GPAC conference standings. Currently Dordt sits at 5th in the standings 1.5 games behind 4th place Briar Cliff and 4.5 games behind 1st place Northwestern.

Coach Van Den Bosch commented on the differences in coaching a team that isn't leading the conference, "It was hard for the team to see themselves as underdogs instead of the favorite because of traditional high expectations. However, as they have gained self-confidence and become more comfortable with their individual roles, it has become one of my favorite years in coaching."