Southview Locks Up

Jessi Rieken
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One of the many changes on campus this fall affects the students who have been here the longest—the seniors. Over the summer, the maintenance staff installed new electronic locks for all the Southview apartments. The Diamond staff had the opportunity to sit down with Phil De Stigter and Stan Oordt to discuss the issue.

What was the idea behind the locks?

Convenience—doing things electronically is easier when it comes to lost keys. In the past we have had issues: when a roommate loses a key, the whole room would need new keys and the room would need a new lock. Now with the electronic system, maintenance can just delete the memory on the cards and install a new one. It is more convenient and stewardly. The doors were prepared for the system and so we took measures and installed them. For 28 doors with six people to a room, it made more sense to install it in Southview first.

Who came up with the idea for the locked doors?

Student Services and Maintenance have been working on electronic security at the college for about five years now.

How has this tightened security?

Security has always been the number one priority with the maintenance staff.

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Changing Student Life

Nathan Smith
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Introducing a football program to a college campus is no small feat. The success of such a large and high-maintenance program requires changes to several facets of campus life. Some changes are easy to spot—take for instance the large piece of metal poking out of the ground behind Southview. Other changes are less apparent, and include new common hours in the evening to accommodate football practices as well as housing changes for the football players while they train prior to the start of school.

The weekday common hours now run from 5:30-6:30 pm for most students, with football players served until 6:45 pm. Until this year, hours were 5:00-6:15 pm Monday-Thursday and 5:00-6:00 pm on Fridays.

Football practices frequently end after 6:00 pm—later than most athletic practices due to the extensive equipment and gear involved. The new hours allow the football players a little time between the end of practice and the close of the commons.

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Football

Changing Student Life

Head Football Coach John Heavner appreciates the new accommodation. He explained that it is very difficult to fit a football practice in before dinner, and that the adjustment is a great help in ensuring the players can get a good meal after practice.

Sophomore students familiar with the old commons schedule have responded with mixed reactions—some applaud the changes, some are opposed, and some are oblivious to the change. While many are in favor or indifferent, a considerable number have expressed frustration about the change: "I just feel that (the college) caters too much to sports teams," said an anonymous sophomore.

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Football program pleased with first game

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After a 57-year delay, the inaugural Dordt College football team stirred the field to face in-conference foe Morningside College’s JV team, with an electric atmosphere filling the stadium as thousands of people packed the stands to see the historic event.

The Dordt Alumni Association and KDCR Radio sponsored a tailgate party, greeting fans with burgers, brats and refreshments. They also held drawings for free T-shirts and put on a halftime field-goal-kicking contest.

The Defender defense looked solid early and was nearly impenetrable throughout the game, but Morningside scored first after recovering a fumbled punt return and running it 40 yards.

The first half was a battle for position, as the Defender defense repeatedly kept the Morningside offense out of the end zone. When halftime arrived, Dordt trailed 7-0.

Morningside took advantage of great field position in the fourth quarter, starting on the 12-yard line and punching it in for a seven-point lead. Dordt ran out of time to make a comeback, and the final score remained 15-8.

Still, Dordt’s fledgling team surprised many fans — before the game, many people thought that Dordt could lose by a few touchdowns.

Wide receiver Ryan Campbell said he understood the community’s low expectations. “We are new to the community,” he said. “But we feel as if we exceeded those expectations by the immense level of talent displayed by all our athletes.”

Senior Sarah Van Stämpvoort uses her ID card to enter her apartment. Photo by Jessica Assink

Safety Fred Leyendecker (7) runs back an interception while defensive end Seth Denton (55) looks for someone to block. Photo by Maggie Ehlert

Southview locks up

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Maintenance always tries to predict the worst-case scenario. In this case, the new system is very reliable. If a person was being chased, it is more ideal to swipe the card instead of inserting a key and to lock the door would take even more time than to have the doors relock automatically.

Plus, the swipe sensor takes a record of everyone who swipes or tries to swipe their card. It heightens the security for the students that are having issues with stalking.

What were the ideas behind community-building with the locked doors?

Community-building was something Maintenance did take into consideration. We know that as seniors it is a little harder to adjust to the new locks, but at the same time we feel we are preparing you for the real world — if you were to be living in an apartment complex, you would not leave your door locked.

Ideally, it wouldn’t work for you to walk into anyone’s house; it is always smart to knock first.

Is this a trial or is it permanent for Southview?

It is permanent. Ideally in time the whole campus will be like this.

Campus security is really important and will be important for the future of the college.

Remember that we are here to serve you. If you are ever locked out, call Maintenance or your RA to let you in.

FOOTBALL Changing Student Life

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Director of Residence Life Sandi Altena said it well, though it can at times require a “real juggling act” with other students coming to live in those apartments. She said that Heavner was outstanding to work with and that the players were responsible for the cleanup of their rooms and has not received any feedback indicating “they weren’t as clean or cleaner than when they moved in.” Altena did say that it is a new system and has bugs that need to be worked out.

According to Altena, Student Services is committed to students and the success of programs at Dordt.

“Student Services will do what it needs to do for programs like football — or any other program, for that matter,” said Altena. She then added, “This type of arrangement means a lot of extra work [for Student Services] — but we’re willing to do it.”

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Picture Poll
Do you prefer the commons dinner hours to begin at 5:30 like it does this year or at 5:00 like it did last year?

"I liked it at 5:00 because it gave you more time after dinner. With the new hours you have to wait longer." - Dana Haak

"I like the Sunday 4:30 dinner because I just get hungry." - Hiro Yamada

"I like it at 5:30 because now I'm actually hungry." - Jake Kroeze

"I prefer it at 5:30 because with sports you don't have to rush as much." - Rachel Antvelink

"5:00 because I'm starving, and the line is endless!!" - Shannon Conn

"I got used to it being at 5:00, and now I have to wait longer for my supper and it makes me grouchy." - Piper Kucera

God Bless America?

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Lewis concludes that is acceptable for us to love our country because it is our home. However, Lewis also cautions his readers to avoid believing that their country is better than all the others. People of other nationalities feel patriotism too. I appreciate this warning. However, I do not think that Lewis goes far enough. His approach helps us see the relative nature of patriotic sentiment while helping us to avoid extreme nationalism. We like comparing ourselves to the Joneses. We enjoy it when we see that we aren't quite as extreme as they are—"Hey, we love our country a lot, but at least we aren't as extreme as Nazi Germany." Lewis takes a step in the right direction. But, it is only a step.

Christ doesn't ask us to be less idolatrous than the Joneses. He asks for our full allegiance. Christ's message allows for a limited amount of civic duty (give unto Caesar what is Caesar's); but this is lip service at most. His demand upon our lives is absolute. In Luke 14:26, Jesus says, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." Christ calls us to sacrifice everything for the sake of his kingdom. Our allegiance does not belong to a country or a flag or even our family. Rather, our allegiance belongs to no one other than the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. There is a proper place for affection for one's country. Citizens of America owe a great deal to their country both in terms of freedoms and in terms of material wealth. We ought to be thankful and appreciative.

But remember that it is impossible for Christians to serve two masters; we cannot serve both Christ and the government. We must love one and reject the other.

Ask Alvin

Question:
"Is maturity the kind of thing that you get by treating it as a goal in itself?"

Let me ask you, sir, why do you strive for maturity? Oh lonely pilgrim, saturated with hormones and lost amidst your first year at this brick red city on a hill that is Dordt College... I am, of course, assuming that you are a single, male freshman. That status is your motive for obtaining this maturity. Am I right? Of course I'm right. I'm Alvin from Advice From Alvin! Who's going to question those credentials? No one. That's who.

Test! Say the words: oily discharge to yourself out loud. Go ahead. I'll wait.

Exactly. You giggled. You giggled a lot and had to go a hold of yourself before you physically say it out loud. And then you laughed whilst saying it! It's okay. Lots of people do. Matt Kunnari giggled—he couldn't even say it! And look how mature he is! Oily discharge. Oh boy.

Maturity is a tricky thing to get a hold of. To be honest, I haven't given it a lot of thought since sophomore year of high school, but it has to do with responsibility and priorities. You're in college now. You've got a pretty general sense of freedom in what classes you take, and how and when you study, when and how much you sleep, and so forth. And it's a gift being here. 'Cause tuition is expensive. Even if you are paying your own tuition without Mom or Dad or the nice bankers, it's still a lot of money—that's ultimately God's—and it could be better spent donated to... anything. Instead, you are using up that fortune to become a person. Don't slack off.

There are academic and financial obligations, and there are obligations that you place in yourself in order to be the person that you want to be. Aside from being a hard working student or whatever, if you are striving for maturity, you have to think about who you are to your roommate(s) and to your friends. Honestly ask yourself who you are now and what you think is crucial to being a decent human being. Humility? Being genuine? Love? Think of such things.

If you set maturity as a goal, it will probably become one of those goals that you never really obtain, one of those goals that, by striving for it, becomes a lifestyle. Like when you make fitness a goal, that's a lifelong dedication. This is not a bad thing, mind you. Maturity is, I'm pretty sure, the knowledge that there is a time for everything. So laugh, cry, sing, meditate, study, sleep, hang out, and go to the Arcade Fire concert with us. September 30, St. Paul. About $50 ticket. Whoa!
During Peer Counselor training, Campus Pastor Rod Gorter told a story. A man had approached him at church this past spring and simply said, "You made a difference." This man was one of Pastor Gorter's freshman back in the fall of 1982 when the PC program first began. Peer Counselors and Peer Mentors have been a fixture of orientation week for over twenty years. They endure the same grueling schedule as the freshman: move-in, meetings, open houses, and the Olympics. The week is hectic; there is barely time to breathe in between events, and yet upperclassmen return every year to do the work they feel called to do.

The peer counseling program was started in 1982 by Quentin Van Essen. Although today the leaders are "available throughout orientation, Pastor Rod says that back when the program first began, the PCs were more to be "big brothers or big sisters" to the incoming students – there for advice but not necessarily the same orientation week interaction that Peer Counselors have now.

Megan Kok, a freshman this year, says she liked the idea of PC groups, but felt the week was a bit overwhelming. "My head was spinning, really... spinning," she laughs. But she quickly adds that it was "nice to get to know people, and see familiar faces in the crowds of new students." Sophomore Piper Kucera, remembers the same sort of feelings in her PC group of last year. "At the time," she says, "it felt summer campish" and "kinda cheesy." But looking back at the past year, Piper says "it was a good thing. It forced me to meet and make friends." The group experience also taught new students "how to meet people," Piper says.

The importance of a Peer Counselor to the community setting both Megan and Piper refer to cannot be understated. They "made it a comfortable setting," says Megan so that it was "easier to get to know people. She quickly adds, "I love my leaders!"

According to Piper, the "leaders [of a PC group] are really important." She feels that last year she was "really fortunate." in the leaders chosen for her group. As a freshman, Piper recalls that she felt she didn't really know anything about college life, but the PC leaders "set an example" for a healthy college life.

It was senior student Jessi Rieken's first year as a Peer Counselor. Other years she worked as a Resident Assistant, but did not apply because of second semester plans. She still wanted to stay involved on campus, and says, "I remember how awesome my PC group was as a freshman and I wanted to bring the same experience for my group this year."

Jessi agrees with Megan that the orientation week can be a bit overwhelming for freshman, but "overall I think it is very valuable for the freshman to come together with their [PC] group and ground themselves in the campus together."

Jessi says that she loved working with her partner, and her freshmen were "awesome," but one of her favorite things about being a PC was "trash talking other groups, and getting [her] group fired up about Dordt."

With their name tags and color coordinated shirts, Peer Counselors and Peer Mentors have become regular participants in orientation week. Maybe it is a little cheesy, but without them the comfortable social settings, familiar faces, and even quick move-ins of new students could not happen. They make a difference, even if that difference isn't realized for 25 years.

Week of Welcome 2007
Random Facts:
How many freshmen: 408
How many PCs/PM's: 54 PCs, 8 PMs
PC groups: 26
Who won the olympics: Panama
Who won the canon making contest:
Jessi Rieken and Joel Veldkamp's group
Theme: Discern This
Theme verse: Philippians 1:9-11
Students returning to Dordt this fall may have noticed a variety of changes in the community—a tidy brick path has replaced the worn grassy patch in front of the library, a Walmart Super Center stands nearly completed on the south end of town, and Dordt’s first football team in the college’s history now practices on the field behind Southview. Even in the midst of these changes, there are many constants. One such tradition is the annual All-Campus Retreat, which took place on Sept. 8 and 9 this year.

The All-Campus retreat is one of Dordt’s most enduring traditions, having started in September of 1969. Each year brings a new keynote speaker, a time for spiritual reflection, and a chance for camaraderie among Dordt students in the setting of beautiful Lake Okoboji.

The planning for this year’s retreat started shortly after last year’s ended, when the retreat committee gathered to discuss, reflect and look ahead. The 2007 Retreat Committee began to meet in earnest last spring, and again during the first week of this semester. Dean of Chapel and retreat committee advisor Rod Gorter spoke highly of the committee, saying, “I could truly function as an advisor, offering encouragement and input. Its wonderful to work with such a talented and energetic group.” This year, Bridge of Hope pastor Aaron Baart spoke on the theme, “Amazing grace.” Setting his three-part speech against the story of John Newton, who wrote the words to the familiar hymn, Baart called students to allow their lives—even their darkest worries, struggles and fears—to be affected by God’s grace, and to make God the subject of their verbs. Robert Bushnell, senior and a four-year attendee of the all-campus retreat, said, “I liked the theme because he gave a whole new twist on grace, a twist I’d never paid attention to before.” These sessions were opened with a time of praise and worship, led by sophomores Jander Talen and Troy Elms, and followed by a brief time of reflection and prayer in small groups.

Senior David Vos, president of the 2007 Retreat Committee commented, “The integration of the theme went well. I am pleased with how the committee worked to that end.” Even the mixer activities hearkened back to the theme of “Amazing grace.” The mixer on Saturday morning saw small groups racing through a series of games and obstacles (or, “roadblocks” and “detours”). Students could be seen running around with bananas, clothing dusted in flour and faces caked in shaving cream and Cheerios. To the Okoboji tourist, it must have been a bizarre sight. If a group was unable to complete a given task, they could use one of two “graces”, and the task would be made easier. Questionable Biblical implications aside, this feature did effectively exemplify the notion that one cannot win the amazing race on his or her power alone, that one is in absolute need of God’s amazing grace.

Overall, the retreat provided a relaxing and entertaining weekend for the students who attended. Freshmen Lora Vermeer and Becky Trigero cited “hanging out, swimming, fun games and good mixers” as some of the highlights of the retreat. At the same time, however, there is always room for improvement. Trigero suggested, “The retreat should be longer, and there should be more water activities.”

We expressed concern regarding the low number of seniors at the retreat. With 75 freshmen, 18 sophomores, 15 juniors and 9 seniors in attendance, Vos stated, “We need to push for an improvement in the number of upperclassmen.”

Gorter listed the goals for the weekend as “a time for students to reflect on their relationship with the Lord and to grow in it, to see students develop new relationships and deepen old ones, and to have fun, reenergizing them in their studies.” Gorter concluded, “I think we accomplished all three in a great way. This was God’s grace as well.”

All-Campus Retreat themed as “Amazing grace”

Nate Gibson
Staff writer

Students play the fast and challenging cup game after dessert on Friday night. Note Gibson

Professor Allen shows Emily Sajdak, an astronomy student, the surface of the sun through a new solar filter acquired to supplement the equipment in the new observatory.

Emily Sajdak
Staff Writer

Dordt’s observatory was relocated from the Kuhl Farm to the roof of the Science Building this summer. Dr. Douglas Allen, astronomy professor, said that the new location is easier to access and makes the science programs more visible around campus. "The new location is easier to access and makes the science programs more visible around campus." One telescope is permanently mounted in the observatory, but there are also several portable telescopes that can be used outside of the dome during viewing sessions. A disadvantage to the observatory’s new location is interference from the streetlights around campus and the stadium lights at football games. Dr. Allen and others are thinking of ways to block some of the light during observing sessions. One idea is to hang dark curtains supported by safety railings.

The Kuhl farm, south of campus, may still be used for occasional viewing. Dordt has an excellent large telescope that is portable and could be taken to the farm to view a dim planet or star. However, Dr. Allen anticipates that much of the observing this year will be done from the roof.

A public open house of the new observatory is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19, during Parents’ Weekend.
Shakespearian Experience takes over Dordt’s Stage

Director April Hubbard give suggestions to Melissa Schans for her performance in Dordt’s production of The Winter’s Tale.

Becky Love
Staff Writer

Dordt’s Theatre Department started off the year with a bang as students and faculty joined forces to begin work on the first fall production. Shakespeare’s The Winter’s Tale will be performed at the end of October. At the helm is returning professor April Hubbard. Professor Hubbard has spent the last two years at the University of South Dakota, and the production this fall will be Hubbard’s culminating project for her Masters of Fine Arts.

Themes in the play include grace, hope and perseverance through adversity, said Hubbard. The characters like Camillo, Paulina, the old shepherd and others seem to be insignificant, but it is actually their actions of loyalty and their commitment to doing the right thing that makes everything turn out happy in the end. “Who doesn’t like a happy ending?” she added.

According to Hubbard, Shakespeare lets you own.

As students, actors, scene-shop workers and faculty busily ready themselves for the upcoming play, Professor Hubbard navigates her team through the rising pressure. Hubbard specifically chose The Winter’s Tale because of its content. “I wanted to do something challenging and content heavy,” she said. “Also, I was torn between Shakespeare’s tragedy and comedy. This play is fabulous because you get to do both.”

Sixty students auditioned for the play, a relief to Hubbard because she needed a large cast.

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The large cast presents a challenge as well. “In one of Shakespeare’s best scenes,” said Hubbard, “he has a sheep-shearing festival with lots of singing and dancing. Having to coordinate so many people on stage at once is difficult, especially when you want the audience to focus on one or two primary characters.”

“It’s a blessing to work with that many actors. All in all, I’m really content with the dedication put in by everyone,” Hubbard said.

The actors and crew are hard at work, learning their Shakespearean monologues, constructing a fly system, sewing the costumes and spending long hours to get the details just right. Hubbard leads and cheers the team. Performances are Oct. 18, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Elliot DeWit
Staff Writer

Last Call: Film Challenge

Last Call 48 hours to concept, create, cut and then collapse. The Prairie Grass Film Challenge is here yet again, from Thursday, Sept. 20 until Saturday, Sept. 22. The contest open to anyone register online at www.dordt.edu/filmc challenge until Sept. 19. It is your chance to show everyone what you can do. Each team is given a genre, a character, a prop, and a line of dialogue to use, and the teams compete to create the best movie that is 8 minutes or less. Thousands of dollars and the coveted Dordt award are up for grabs. Sign up now and get your art seen on the big screen. The films will be shown in a public screening on the big screen on Friday, Nov. 9, in the Campus Center.
One ticket for the 3:10 to Yuma

Mason Welsh
Staff Writer

Gladiator

I'm entirely convinced that college students are some of the most well armed individuals because they carry books. You don't believe me? Watch Jason Bourne beat the snot out of a well armed individuals that college students believe that I could be that strong.

It's an action movie with plot, an exasperated but intelligent outlaw, Ben Wade, who holds both reputation and the unquestioning loyalty of his cutthroat gang. In almost complete contrast, the central intelligence agency's executive level directors. However, the editors found a way to balance action with plot. Ultimatum is really a movie about Bourne seeking to understand the actions of others in a very1 less, since The Bourne Identity. Ultimatum took every element of the action trilogy to a new level. However, this time, the directors did not have to sacrifice any of the plot to do so (as Supremacy did).

Ultimatum is really a movie about Bourne seeking to understand and end the black-ops assassination agency that has stolen his identity, his love and part of his moral core. It isn’t a movie about revenge, but more about making the system answer for its unethical actions.

Ultimatum keeps the pace with the other Bourne movies by continuing its trademark action hero with an intelligent edge. This isn’t your Arnold or Stallone action movie that makes you say, “I wish I was that smart!” The first time I went to watch Matt Damon play the stoic one-man wrecking-crew super-spy in this third installment, one of my friends said, “They did everything perfect!” They could have gone a little farther with the fight scenes, the chase scenes, the girl and even with Bourne outsmarting the Central Intelligence Agency’s executive level directors. However, the editors found a way to balance action with plot. Ok, so maybe not with one of the fight scenes, but still, I have a much greater respect for those books weighing down my backpack.

The movie is the smartest action movie by numbers. You don’t believe me? Watch Jason Bourne and Christian Bale’s performances warrant the price of a ticket. I had high expectations for Walk the Line director James Mangold’s 3:10 to Yuma, and I was not disappointed. Still, I am not sure I could tell you the movie’s intent, which means it offers enough depth to make viewers think without being overwhelmed.

Crowe (Gladiator, A Beautiful Mind) plays a murderous but intelligent outlaw, Ben Wade, who holds both reputation and the unquestioning loyalty of his cutthroat gang. In almost complete contrast, Bale (Batman Begins, The Prestige) plays Dan Evans, a belittled but hardworking one-legged farmer trying to gain the respect of his family. Evans has to ensure that Wade is put on the 3:10 train and taken to a Yuma, Arizona prison.

During the endeavor, Evans begins to earn Wade’s respect, culminating with the two men laughing that, in the midst of a firefight seconds from the train’s arrival, Evans tells Wade, “I didn’t want you to think I was stubborn.”

If you are looking for a straightforward story for entertainment’s sake, get on that train! If you are expecting a true western, you might be somewhat disappointed by the lack of a classic western feel.

If you like 3:10 to Yuma, try some other thrillers such as Heat starring Al Pacino and Denzel Washington and directed by Ridley Scott.

One ticket for the 3:10 to Yuma

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Elgersma coaches both men’s and women’s soccer

Men’s team ranked as 7th in GPAC

Josh Dykstra
Staff Writer

This year the soccer season is marked by a change in leadership. Coach Dan Elgersma has been the women’s soccer coach for many years, but he is now pulling double duty, taking the helm of the men’s team for the first time since 1999.

Both soccer teams are looking to repeat excellent regular seasons and find a way to go deeper into the playoffs. Preseason rankings placed the men’s soccer team at 7th, putting Dordt behind rival Northwestern, Morningside, Hastings and Dana. Looking to surprise their critics, the men’s soccer team is back in the stride of winning, taking their first two games. In the Northwestern tourney, Dordt defeated a little known Jamestown team 1-0 in regulation and followed the victory with another one the next day against a physical Waldorf team 3-2 in double overtime. Dordt’s only loss so far came at the hands of a very good Bellevue team, by a score of 1-3. The Defenders played their first conference game this season on Sept. 12 against Brian Cliff. Their upcoming home games are Sept. 15 and 20 against conference opponents Concordia and non-conference Bethel.

The women’s soccer team is looking to continue its winning ways and to best its preseason ranking of 4th, topping Northwestern but still behind the powerhouse Morningside. The women are proving their strength with a 2-1 record, including an astonishing victory over NCAA Division 2 University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Their only loss came from a game at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, where the Lady Defenders lost 1-2 in a close battle. The women’s team hopes to rebound from their loss during their two-game homestand, which concludes with a match against Concordia on Sunday.

Dordt’s women’s soccer ranks at number four in the GPAC.

Photo courtesy of Denis Website

Morningside. The women are proving their strength with a 2-1 record, including an astonishing victory over NCAA Division 2 University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Alanna Dake
Staff Writer

Year
Freshman
Hometown
South Omaha, Nebraska
Position
Defensive End
Major
Business: Marketing

On Monday night you participated in the first football game in Dordt history with practically the entire population of Sioux Center present. What was that like?

Monday night was incredible; there was so much excitement in the air that it was hard not to get pumped. I have never been so nervous over one game in my life. I realize that I am a part of history in the making. It is my hope that players 55 years from now will speak of the great tradition of this program. Being on the ground level of that tradition is an honor and truly a blessing.

Bill Bauer has 21 years experience as a football coach from Taylor University. He is teaching HPER 36, 203, and Exercise Physiology at Dordt, and representing Jesus Christ and Dordt College in a very positive manner.

Along with football coaching, Coach Bauer works as the Strength and Conditioning coach for all sports. He teaches HPER 36, 203 and Exercise Physiology. He is also the main designer and coordinator of the “new” Rec Center weight room.

Simply, his goal at Dordt is to help. His love for people here inspires him to help build the football program, to help kids learn about physical fitness and to help athletes prevent injury and stay healthy.

The Bauer family includes his wife, Jeanette, and four children: Travis, Cole, Leah and Marshall.

Dordt Spordt Report: Seth Denton

Any funny memories from training camp?

Camp was pretty serious, but every day before practice started we would have a team song that we would sing. And for some reason we always knew all the words to the song.

Any NFL or college team loyalties?

A lot of our team is Green Bay Packer fans, including me. And I’m a huge Nebraska Huskers fan.

What can we expect from Defender football for the rest of the season? Any personal goals?

You can expect our team to go out every Monday and give our best and leave it all out on the field. I have completed the goals that I had coming into camp: I wanted to start and become a team captain. As a team captain, my goals have changed for the rest of the season. I want to go out every day and lead my team.