Senior engineers design final projects

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L-R: Seniors Katie Boer, Kearsen Boman, Rachel Fikkert, and Jeannette Epley pose as Miss Jubilee Contestants in last weekend's Talent Extravaganza. For more photos turn to pages four and five of the Features section.

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Southview RA sponsor coin drive

Alumni return to honor retiring organ professor

Rachel Wielenga

After 38 years of teaching, Dr. Joan Ringerwolfe will be hanging up her organ shoes, but not before hearing the talents she has helped create.

This coming Friday, February 17 at 7:30, three of Ringerwolfe's previous students will be performing in a concert to commemorate her career and retirement. The three organists all studied organ performance under Ringerwolfe before going on to eventually get their doctorates in Organ Performance. All three currently teach in the music field.

A 1982 graduate and northwest Iowa native, Dr. Laura Vander Wind, settled in Oklahoma after receiving her doctorate in Organ Performance. She is currently the minister of All Soul's Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City, where she is organist and choir master.

Dr. Martin Tel graduated from Dordt in 1989 and continued his musical studies at the University of Notre Dame, Calvin Theological Seminary and the University of Kansas. He also spent a year studying in the Netherlands. He is currently the Director of Music and Assistant Professor of Church Music at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey.

Also performing is Dr. Christian Teeswien, a 1980 graduate who received his Master of Fine Arts and Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Iowa. He also studied for two years in the Netherlands and Germany before returning to his home province of Ontario, Canada, where he is currently the Associate Professor of Music at Redeemer College in Ancaster.

The three alumni have returned to Dordt's campus to honor Ringerwolfe on the organ they began their studies on. All three have chosen specific pieces to display their talents. Vander Witt has chosen a composition by Mendelssohn, while Teeswien has chosen pieces by Bach. Reger and his own arrangement of a Sweelink piece. Tel has chosen to play pieces by Dutch composers that are based on Genevan psalms so that the audience can sing along.

The outstanding talent of these organists is something that should not be missed. With the shapen of Dr. Ringerwolfe, they have become amazing musicians who, despite their busy schedules as organists, teachers and preachers, have come to bless the Dordt Community through the sound of music. Though their accomplishments, we can see the impact that Ringerwolfe had on her students, Dordt's community and the musical world.

Said Dr. Tel, "She is an encourager, but not to the fault of misleading any of us to think we were any better than we were. Such loving honesty and provocativeness to work hard were essential in our preparation for graduate work in organ."

Be sure to stop by the BJ. Haan Friday night at 7:30 to witness some of the astounding talents that have gone through Dordt, to hear some breath-taking music and to honor one of the people who has put so much time and effort into making our education exceptional...

Senior projects

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churches, conduct seminars and provide radio broadcasts and publications about the Reformed faith.

"If we could raise a significant amount of money, $200 or $300, then people on campus can say, 'I helped out. By the Grace of God, I was able to sacrifice five cents, a load of laundry, etc., to give someone else a second chance,' says RA Rachel Pontier.

Kara Bouma, a senior, currently has two cousins teaching ESL in Thailand. She says, "I think that the Tsunami Coin Drive is a great idea and people should get involved... I definitely hope to help out with this effort as much as I can."

Throughout the year, various fundraising efforts have been made available to students. This past fall, Student Forum organized a fundraiser for Warner College, located in Florida, which experienced extensive hurricane damage. T-shirts were sold to students and Warner College received this fundraiser's profits.

The four jugs that are set aside for donations to aid tsunami victims are located directly in front of the library's main desk.

Until the middle of March, the Tsunami Coin Drive will provide Dordt students with an opportunity to donate money towards the tsunami relief. The Southview RA decided to raise money by placing four Culligan water jugs in the library.

The RA's are hoping that the noise of dropping coins in a quiet setting will catch the attention of nearby students. These students may be willing to donate money as well. Each jug is labeled by class for competition purposes. The class that donates the most money will win a prize, which is currently under wraps.

"We did not want to go around and ask for money over the course of a week or so. We wanted people to be reminded of the event over a longer period of time," says CA Myron Kamper. "Having the coin drive in the library will give students a constant reminder of the many thousands displaced, injured or killed in the tsunami."

Funds from the coin drive will be given to the Middle Eastern Reformed Fellowship (MERF). This non-profit, non-political organization strives to plant other uses of the biomass burner include studies of thermo-dynamics. Also, the burner will be part of a demonstration to be held this coming summer to show that renewable energy sources will work.

Along the way, this duo has been awarded a $7000 grant from the state of Iowa to help fund this research. Ideally, a biomass burner like this one could be used by farmers all year long; to heat barn space or to dry out grains cheaply and efficiently.

Eric Gritter and Dan Gudmunson worked in conjunction with Pella Window Corporation to deal with the specific problem of water condensation inside trailers in winter. Warm, moist air from the inside of the factory drifts into the trailers, where it condenses on the walls and ceilings, falls to the floor and freezes. "Eventually, it begins to rain inside the trailers," describes Gritter. To counteract this, Gritter and Gudmunson have devised a method of drying out the air in the trucks as well as heating the walls and ceilings of the trucks in order to eliminate condensation.

The five groups will present their projects, proposals and results during Idea Fest, April 28.
Lest we forget

Andrea Dykshoorn
Editor

It happened nearly two months ago—the Christmas Day tsunami that rocked Southeast Asia with an unimaginable force after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake. Entire villages were obliterated by the massive wave, and today the death toll has reached nearly 300,000. In the days and even weeks closely following the disaster, donations and other forms of aid flooded in from individuals, churches, companies, and governments, all designated for tsunami relief. The entire world rallied around the victims of the disaster, and it was encouraged to see countries laying aside their differences and working toward a common cause.

But in recent weeks, news of the tsunami has begun to fade, replaced by such 'noteworthy' stories as the Super Bowl, the Grammy Awards, and Michael Jackson's hospitalization. Granted, a few stories of emotional appeal have emerged, such as "Baby 81", swept away during the tsunami but finally reunited with his parents this past week. For the most part, however, the rest of the world has reverted back to everyday life.

Here in Northwest Iowa, Dordt College is about as far removed from the disaster as is geographically possible. With the halfway point of the semester rapidly approaching, students have settled into a routine of classes, procrastination, and sleep deprivation. In the meantime, four plastic water containers sit, pathetically empty and largely forgotten, at the entrance of the John and Louise Hulst Library.

Dordt prides itself on encouraging students to "Step into a larger world." To do this, however, we must recognize that a larger world does in fact exist outside the tiny bubble of Northwest Iowa. So selflessly toss a few dollars into the tsunami relief containers. Take a few minutes out of your day to stay up-to-date on current events. Think outside the box, and make an effort—because you can make a difference.

Opinion Poll: Do you think the Bachelor Auction should return to Dordt this spring?

Justin Van Niejenhuis, Junior

"It is a good charity, but it amounts to selling pseudosex. Sure it is harmless, but the potential is there. I don't plan on participating. I think that you would raise more money by just asking for money."

Rebecca McPherson, Freshman

"It's a good fundraiser but if you're an insecure guy you shouldn't participate. I don't plan on participating because I have no money and I'm not interested in any Dordt guys."

Myron Kamper, Senior

"I think it is good because it raises awareness about the issue of abortion. The people that participate understand the real meaning and aren't going to get caught up in buying people for the wrong reasons. I might be there to watch but I won't be in it."

Brian Hannink, Senior

"I disagree in principle but desperate times call for desperate measures. I think I'll be a bachelor."

Laura Ellerie, Junior

"I have been to it the past two years. The money is going to a good cause, so if the guys are willing to do it it is fine—a great way to meet new people. If they have it this year I will go."

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THE HUMBLE BEAN

Dear JJ Reed,

These past three weeks have been treacherous for me. For some reason, unknowingly to myself, I have been unable to sleep at night. This perplexes me, as I always make sure I’m in bed no later than 3:30am, and I get the required 4 hours of sleep every night. Can you prescribe me some medications?

-Collapsing in Covenant

Dear "Collapsing",

Unfortunately my diploma from Spam University won’t allow me to prescribe you medications. However, I have some suggestions that you may find useful.

1. Contrary to popular belief here at Dordt, you need 7 to 8 hours of sleep every night, not 4.
2. Is it loneliness that’s keeping Mr. Sandman at bay? Why not grab a teddy bear to keep you safe and warm?
3. Try to avoid caffeinated drinks after 5pm, they need time to get out of your system or else they’ll keep you awake.
4. Tape pictures of sheep to your ceiling. Start counting.
5. Try to figure out the square root of pi with your eyes closed.

Hope this helps!
Welcome to the 50th Annual Medallion Awards, Dordt’s Talent Show of 2005!

Performances Included The Fakers, Dueling Banjos, Blame Me, Miss Jubilee, The Earthtomes, Symphony in P flat Minor, Dream, Eine Grosse Nachtmusik, Judo Know I Don’t Have a Knife, Sparkle Motion, Flesh and Bone, Bringing the Banana Back and Juniper. Comedy League provided mid-show entertainment.

Top left: Cassie Lokker sings Dream, wowing the audience with her crystal clear voice, and walks away with first place.
Top right: The Nathan Pasma Experience: Marcus Roskamp and Dan Michaels sing about their roommate’s woes.

Above: Sparkle Motion performers Brielle Houston, Rosie Grantham, Julie Perkins, Erika Hydeen and Katy Dekens recreate Donnie Darko’s Talent Show ’88. Right: Mrs. Zylstra arrives on stage to accept flowers and be crowned Miss Jubilee. Miss Jubilee performing contestants look on.
Mike Zwart, Micah Vogel and Travis Haveman perform a “Symphony in P Flat minor”.

Extravaganza

Kara “Bunny” Kuipery and Seth “no eyebrows” Shannon hosted the 50th Annual Medallion Awards. Bunny, may you rest in peace.

Joshua DeGroot proves the soft notes strike deepest.

Beth Knight receives the Best Female Actress in Obscure Documentary about Norwegian Mating Habits Award

Mike Elders returns with climactic banana finale.

Nathan Sakuma pins Adam Wilkerson in “Judo Know I Don’t Have a Knife”. Also performing was Jonathan Vander Vliet.

Eathan Koerner performs Flesh and Bone.

It’s a Blast from the past with Sparkle Motion! Performers show their true colours as they reenact ‘Talent Show 88’ from the movie Donnie Darko.
After an Ice Storm

Did you hear the wind
gasping in your numb ears
this morning, or see the trees
seated in rows and clapping their withered hands
as you passed?
Did you see the ice below,
black and invisible as a shadow
rolled out on the sidewalk,
and did you notice the way
it turned you all into tight-rope walkers,
your arms outstretched
as you made your way to class?

You throng of down-looking circus performers,
sleep walkers,
books bagged and hanging heavy
from hunched shoulders,
eyes still weighed down
with sleep,

I did,

And couldn’t help but wonder,
as the sun peeked over the horizon
as if through fingers,
why you made for those
squat, ugly buildings
and slipped inside without a backward look
to take a bow.

by Andrew De Young
Halo 2: Earth under attack!

Lynette Andree
Leisure Editor

On November 9, 2004, a Halo 2 craze swept the nation. People were reserving games and standing in line for over 6 hours just to guarantee that they would be one of the first to get a game. For fans of Halo 1, this was an exciting new sequel to a favourite game. No matter how much publicity Halo 2 has, there are still people who have no idea what the game is about. A lot of people assume that it is only a "killing game", which is an understandable assumption. It is a first person shooter game.

As a player, you control where you go, what you see, and what you shoot. You can find different guns and grenades. You do not want to get found and killed. "Halo 2 is so addicting that you get sucked in and you just can't stop," says Mallory Ooms. Not being an avid gamer myself, I decided to try out Halo 2 and see what it was all about. It wasn't too hard to find someone on campus that had the required Xbox and game. I sat down in front of the screen and was handed a controller with more buttons than I had fingers for. "There is no way that I am going to even slightly enjoy playing this game", I thought to myself.

After getting the basic instructions on what toggles did this, and what buttons did that, the game commenced. I played for about an hour, and, surprisingly enough, the time flew by. I am not by any means addicted to the game, but I still enjoy playing it. After playing Halo 1, the system link option wasn't available. If you wanted to play a 16 player game, you needed at least four televisions, four Xbox's, and 16 controllers. The Internet option makes it much easier to play 16 player games without the hassle.

Another reason why this game is so addicting is the feeling that you are always getting better every time you play. The more you play, the more you learn about the levels that you are on and the other people you are playing against. The longer that you are playing, the more strategies that you figure out and develop—which is crucial to the gameplay. Everyone who plays has their own set of rules that they play by. For most people, it is considered cheating if you look at someone else's screen to see where they are in relation to you. Other people have rules against "camping out", which is basically waiting in one place for another player to come along so that you can shoot them.

Halo 2 is a strategy game. It is more than a killing, bloodthirsty, ruthless game. The bottom line is: if you do not have a strategy then you will not survive.

Sophomores Kim Taylor and Lynette Andree (l-r) battle it out in an intense game of Halo 2.

Check This Out!

Jubilee: A Comedy in Five Acts: at the TePasse Theatre, February 24, 26, March 2, 3, and 5 at 7:30 and a matinee on February 26 at 2:00.

Dordt Vocal: Kantorei, Chorale, Concert Choir, and Woman's Chorus will be performing at the B.J Haan Auditorium on Friday, February 25.

Organ Recital: Three organists, Lauren Vander Windt, Martin Tel, and Christian Teerwesen (all Dordt Alumni) will be performing in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Friday, February 18, at 7:30 pm.

Josh Groban: Tyson Event Center, Sioux City. February 25, 8:00 pm.

Kenny Chesney: Quest Center Omaha, NE, Saturday, April 23, 7:30 pm. Support: Gretchen Wilson and Uncle Kracker.


Montgomery Gentry: Tyson Events Center, Sioux City. February 24, 7:30pm.
Hockey Team Skates On

Leslie Larson
Staff Writer

Warm weather is here and the ice is starting to melt. However, the Blades are confident—their ice is built on a solid foundation. As their sticks chip the ice, each practice takes the team one day closer to playoffs.

The Blades were recently ranked in the top 20 out of over 100 teams in the nation. With a 17-6 record, the team has been accelerating in every aspect of the game. Hopefully this will continue through the playoffs, which will be hosted at Dordt on March 3-4. The Blades have excellent senior leadership from captain and coach Jordan Heerema, as well as the two assistant captains, Russ Van Boom and Bryan Woudstra. Also, fulfilling the role as team manager is Woudstra.

On February 11 and 12, the Blades played rival South Dakota State University at home. Heerema says, "Each player skates his heart out for rivals like SDSU and it results in a high intensity game." Dordt lost 3-1 but won the next game 5-2. Saturday resulted in a win because Dordt was much more focused as a team. By playing really tough on defense, Dordt created opponent turnovers and a quick transition game producing points.

In early December, the Blades beat SDSU in Brookings, SD, 4-3 and 6-4. At the beginning of the season, each player accepted his defined role and is successfully carrying it out. When team alterations had to be made due to injuries and players not returning, the remaining players were willing to learn new positions and do extra skating. Two new faces, Chris Van Huis on offense and Steve Hickox on defense, joined the team. These differences enhanced the team’s versatility and made up for a short bench.

As a team, we are all a bunch of goofballs, as most people already know. The locker room can sound like a circus at times, but it can also be very focused and serious. Outside of the hockey rink, we are all good friends, for the most part, and we hang out and bug each other," said Heerema. "We are all one unit. The freshman really fit in well with the team, and hopefully, they can keep the camaraderie going for the next four years," said Woudstra.

The hockey team would like to thank all the student and community fans for their past and present support. On February 18 and 19, the Blades will go to the University of South Dakota to take on the Coyotes. On March 3rd and 4th, the Blades expect to achieve their ultimate goal: winning the league championship at home at the All Seasons Center.

Basketball seasons come to a close

Rachel Guthmiller
Sports Editor

The Defender basketball seasons are winding down with two games left in the regular season.

Coming off a loss to Doane, the Defender men took on their rival Northwestern in search of a victory. After trailing 48-47 at halftime, the men took a brief lead in the second half, but could not hold the Northwestern charge in a 103-90 loss. Bret Van Wyk had 21 points while Brandon Haan had 20 points and 14 rebounds.

The Defender men next took on Dana. After trailing by 15 in the first half and holding a brief lead in the second, the Defender men lost 90-84. Haan put up a career high 30 points and had 10 rebounds.

Looking to curbing their losing streak, the men traveled to Martin Luther College. Holding a two-point lead at the half, the Defenders pulled out the 95-72 victory. Luke Rutel led scorers with 26 points while Van Wyk put up 20 points, 18 of which came in the second half. The Defender look to expand the winning streak against Morningside, but after holding a seven-point lead halfway through the second half, the Defenders could not hold off the Mustangs in the last regular season home game and lost 73-69. Rutel had 18 points. The Defenders are currently 14-10 and tied with Dana and Briar Cliff for 8th place in the GPAC.

On the women’s side, the Lady Defenders also came up short in a 71-60 loss to Northwestern. Tara De Boer led the way with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Defenders next took on Dana and came up with a blazing 91-79 win. Dordt out-rebounded Dana 46-27. Jill Haan led the way with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The women continued their winning streak with a come from behind 71-62 win over Martin Luther. Freshman Amanda Eekhoff led the Defenders with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

The next challenge for the Defenders was facing #2 Morningside. Dordt came up short and lost 72-64. Eekhoff put up 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds while Lindsey Van Wyk chipped in 15 points. The Lady Defenders are currently 10-14 and are working on a 7th or 8th place in the GPAC.

Both teams will take on Dakota Wesleyan University and Briar Cliff before playoffs commence.

And it’s time to thank the seniors for the memories provided:

Thank you, Dan Hooeers, for your hard work and intensity game-in and game-out. Thank you, Bret Van Wyk, for your athleticism and being a steady performer. Thank you Katie Bleecker, for guiding the team on and off the court. Thank you, Angie Katsma, for working hard and giving your best effort when called upon. Thank you, Leslie Larson, for being dedicated to the team and keeping a positive attitude. Thank you seniors for being captains for the teams. Thank you, Daren Dielenman and Brandon Karlsgodt, for putting time in behind the scenes to keep the teams running smoothly.

Thank you all for the memories and good luck as you battle for playoffs as well.