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SOLVING THE CUBE

Students who took Explorations of Modern Mathematics had a chance to play with Rubik’s Cubes. “The Cube is a deeply mathematical object,” says Mathematics Professor Dr. Mike Janssen, who teaches the class. “It’s extremely tactile and easy to play with, as opposed to a lot of math. This is the posture I want students to adopt in class, even when we’re exploring less tactile questions.” Janssen says the experience of students trying to explain their methods reveals the need for ways to clearly convey complex ideas.

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NOW THAT IT’S MID-SEMESTER, we’re beginning to see warmer temperatures in Sioux Center. It’s only a matter of time before Dordt students hit the Campus Green to play campus golf or to bask in the sun while sitting on blankets with friends. This is a contrast to what Dordt was like last spring, when students moved to online classes in late March due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Looking back at how quiet campus was a year ago, I am thankful that students get to spend the last couple months of the semester at Dordt, in person. Covid-19 has reminded us that we shouldn’t take our community for granted.

In this issue, you’ll hear from students and faculty who are making the most of their time on Dordt’s campus. Engineering majors are building robots, digital media majors are getting Avid certified, faculty and students are having crucial conversations around how to create more racially inclusive teaching and understanding at Dordt, and students who have quarantined are finding ways to make the most of that experience.

Even as the Covid-19 pandemic continues on, we are grateful for the ways God continues to bless Dordt. From in-person classes to plans for an in-person commencement ceremony in May, we are finding ways to make the most of a difficult situation.

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