TUF reeks havoc

The scene was filled, the time was right and all seemed silent across campus. However, our very own Dordt Security Force (merry self-proclaimed “The Undercover Forces”) could not be fooled, as they’d finally sniffed out the party in the infamous hot spotted building. Head TUF, who has asked to remain anonymous due to a fear of discriminatory writing on his Facebook wall, described the scene that night. He explained that he’d been waiting for months to catch them in the act until that fateful night, which has been deemed a success.

“The whole mission was flawless,” said the TUF leader. “We went in at night unannounced and caught them in the act of throwing a party.”

As TUF leader, he described the typical behavior of the participants:

- They were loud and obnoxious.
- They did not follow the rules.
- They caused a mess.

After the TUF’s intervention, the party was cleared and the students were sent packing. The leader of the TUFs also distributed flyers around campus, warning students of the consequences of breaking the rules.

The leader concluded, “We want to make sure that everyone knows that we are watching and that we will not tolerate illegal activities on campus.”

As of last night, the TUFs had apprehended a total of 24 students for various violations of school rules. The leader emphasized the importance of maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone on campus.

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This is a real event that took place on campus. The TUFs are the security force responsible for maintaining campus safety. They are known for their proactive approach in preventing and addressing issues such as noise violations, fires, and other disturbances.

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The TUFs are always looking for ways to improve their effectiveness. They are currently working on developing new strategies to prevent such occurrences and ensure a safe and pleasant environment for all students.

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The TUFs are proud of their role in maintaining campus safety and are committed to continue their efforts to ensure a secure and enjoyable environment for everyone on campus.
Weird Recipes

Chocolate cake

1 box of pre-made cake mix
2 lbs sand
1 cup of pool milk
3 eggs (if you can’t find any eggs, I’ve heard you can get by with a lot of vegetable oil)

Well, but not thoroughly, because remember, we’re working to destroy your ability to taste and cleanse it. Save peas for baking time, either cook it enough so it look done but leave the center a little chewy, or turn the oven to broil for about 12 hours to achieve a nice hard baked shine. If they complain, tell them that you’ve got a whole list of these that you’re happy to use anytime.

Happy gagging!

Note: if you are so inclined, you can use a whole box of cake mix and make it more of a cake. You can then freeze it and save it for later use.

Goulash

(note: any and all measurements are variable, think of this like jazz, you know, improvising a bit)

3 chile peppers
2 lbs, of some type of pasta (variable with amount of meat)
2–3 cups of rice
Some form of sauce, could be alfredo, BBQ, tomato, or even ranch dressing, its all the same.

All right Chef, throw everything in whatever size bowl you need to get the 2 lbs meat out of it. Keep in mind that with the variables of ingredients, you may need to adjust the cooking time of your microwave, stove, and oven by deciding what to do with the meat. I personally shoot for about 3 hours at about 340 degrees, but you can change that as you desire. Naturally, one cow will take longer than one chicken, and a pig falls somewhere in the middle. Just make sure that you cook it long enough, because nobody wants a case of EColi in the middle of your system. Do it.

Anyway, put your PhDs in culinary arts to good use and go nuts.

Stewards of Styrofoam

Carrie Foods has recently implemented Styrofoam in place of the regular plates and cups. This is a move that is being applauded for being both environmentally friendly and product conscious.

From an environmental perspective, this move will save a lot of waste because disposal is necessary for Styrofoam. Also, Styrofoam is recyclable wherever facilities exist (and that these facilities happen to be far and few between is of no consequence).

Even from a monetary perspective, fewer workers are needed to operate the dishwasher, and since Styrofoam has not added benefits of not needing to be washed and therefore fewer workers need to be paid. Doehl and Carrie Foods are celebrating this move with a clean-up of the kitchen.

As far as health is concerned, Doehl Health Services fully endorses Carrie Foods’ move to Styrofoam, as the toxins that leak into the food from the Styrofoam can only help to strengthen the immune system and weaken the reproductive system (thus helping to control the exponential growth of human population). Also, Styrofoam lessens the risk of spreading the Red Flu, since, as the Styrofoam breaks into fragments, it enters the birds’ digestive system, killing them.

Doehl teaches its students about our responsibility to care for the earth, as stated in the Cultural Mandate in Genesis 1. Carrie Foods exemplifies this mandate well through its use of Styrofoam. As well, Carrie Foods is teaching the students the moral of not stealing, creating upstanding Christian men and women.

A Diet plan for you!!!

By Campus Health

Here is a plan of my diet plan. I have not included any foods that I want and when I want it. I have tried to eat my mom’s kidney bean casserole. The fact is, I am skinny, so my diet must be working. You may filter through this week’s postings to copy what I have eaten for the day.

Rules:
1) If there’s nothing posted for that day or you do not have the ingredients, eat just toast or an ice cream.
2) You can drink as much tea as you want. It is a suppressant.

Day 1:
1/2 cup of ice cream
2 whole grain cheeseburgers
1/2 cup of chocolate milk

Day 2:
2 chicken salad sandwiches
2 cups of bacon
1 bag of chips

Day 3:
1 piece of Craig B.’s muffin
2 pieces of cheeseburger (2)
1 large strawberry milkshake
1 chocolate chip muffin
1 piece of gum
1 sausage
2 bacon
1 cup of pickles
1 bag of chips
1 bag of potato chips
1 bag of potato chips

Day 4:
1 sandwhich and a half
1 cup of bread and meat
1 cup of sausage
1 cup of cheese
1 bag of chips
1 bag of chips
1 bag of potato chips

Day 5:
1 chicken breast
1 cup of sauce
1 cup of chips
1 bag of chips
1 bag of potato chips

Day 6:
1 cup of ice cream
1 cup of chocolate milk

Day 7:
1 piece of ice cream
1 cup of chocolate milk

The diet plan is available in hardcover for 14 cents. Hurry while supplies last.

Here is what reviewers are saying:

“Great idea! I am going to start one next week. I am 6 feet tall and 190 pounds, so I think I can use a diet plan.”

- Kirk

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- Sarah
History department sues Zircon

By someone who wishes to remain anonymous

In a dramatic turn of events, the Dordt College History Department has announced its pending lawsuit against the Zircon newspaper, stating the department is responsible for false journalism. The parent’s staff is flabbergasted, to say the least. Committee to balanced reporting, Zircon editors have said that the move has only reinvigorated the newspaper’s resolve to provide Dordt students with “the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.”

The scandalous reporting, according to the History Department, began last summer when the paper printed articles of department chair Dr. K.C. Sewell asleep in class. In addition, a mere mention of how Sewell was caught in his laser pointer as a student’s fan. The student filed charges against Sewell and the incident is currently awaiting to be processed in court. According to Dr. Krygman, Sewell’s excessive gambling about “false reporting” disrupted the atmosphere in the History pod. “From a Christian perspective, [Sewell’s] constant criticism just could not be justified,” Krygman said.

By Big Brother

If any of you are like me, you are wondering: “Who is this Denis character?” “Who is this mystifying rum that seemingly helps me access my email, helps me with my schedule, tells me all I need to know about what is going on at Dordt. Well I am warning you, BEWARE DENIS! Denis knows too much.”

He terms at first glance like that little Precious Moments™ icon Dordt is trying to change, but do not be deceived, friends, Denis is watching you! When I first became suspicious of Denis, I thought it might be some kind of twisted conspiracy to invade the students ‘privacy. Suddenly my m-drive was full, my declining drive balance was low and I received an electronic library notice, all in the same day! ‘Denis is a menace!’ I thought to myself, but when I saw men in suits with sunglasses and hearing aids knocking on my bedroom door, I knew there was more at stake. Do not believe what Denis tells you today or ever in the future! It is only a matter of time before MyDenis becomes ‘InDenis’.

Zylstra Fires Dordt Defender

Written by Gibbs Natorson

Tragedy struck the mascot world last Monday as the Dordt College Defender was fired following a heated exchange with Dr. Carl Zylstra. According to Zylstra, he had been planning to fire the current Defender for some time. Zylstra stated, "As our institution seeks to reform the square inch of football, we also seek to reform our square inch of crappier mascots." Vice President of Student Services Ken Boersma commented, "When people think Defender, they think of a mighty warrior. Basically, we just needed something a little more, well, man-like." The Defender, a self-appointed male, objected to that statement severely. "I am too big a boy. I’m just a last bloomer, that’s all!" Students also rallied for the dismissal of the Defender. Joey Joe-Joe later stated, "The Defender always gave me a creepy ‘precious moments’ vibe." Junior Shabadoo is not alone. Craig Priece, a hockey player named after "The Gift" statue, expressed his profound disdain for the former mascot. "What kind of Defender wears a helmet that is five sizes too big for him? He’s got a bad-aid on his head. That’s worse than a REALLY good defense... zincy." The history department also shared their concerns at the resemblance of the Dordt Defender to another diminutive warrior, Napoleon Bonaparte. Hubert Krygman said, "I just don’t think that’s the message that we want to send to prospective students." Other mascots stepped in to defend their little friend. The Calvin College Knight said, "He’s an okay guy, in small doses." While the UCLA Bruin asked, "What’s a Dordt?” Those喀nthe, The Whittier Bearcat states, "Well, he’s really good at... good at... The Zircon has yes to hear back from the Pirate, who was still thinking when the paper went to press.

The former Defender was quoted as saying that he will be taking a break before seeking further employment. "I just have a little growing up to do," quipped Zylstra. "The Defender will be stripped of his cape and his armor in a special convocation on April 24 in the BJ Ham Auditorium."
Emmanuel Ayee

Emmanuel Ayee - When the school week is done Dr. Ayee doesn’t go home and grade his communication papers. Oh no, Emmanuel transforms into a record-swatching Dj, of whom he calls himself, DJ Scratch ‘N Sniff. You can find him traveling around at various clubs throughout the US on any given weekend. His biggest feat of 2005 was not only DJ’ing the Diddy party on the fourth of July, but also the pre and after parties. DJ Scratch ‘N Sniff has also been spotted at several clubs in Europe. La Defense, du Monde in Paris, and Hakure Nights in London are regular stops.

James Schaap

James Schaap - James is most known for his writings and various books that pack the shelves of Barnes and Noble. What people don’t know is that he is an avid lumberjack. When Schaap is in need of a new book idea he often goes wood chopping to clear his mind. This picture was taken from a competition he entered in 2005, up in Alberta, CA. Schaap did not win the competition, but when asked about it he said, “The wood that we used in that competition was a lot harder than the wood I practice with back home. Schaap plans to train hard and enter in 2007.

Sherri Lantinga

Sherri Lantinga - Sherri needs her summer months on the water. In 1999 Lantinga was on the Bass Pro Circuit that was featured in the Outdoor magazine. Lantinga has been fishing bass since she was a child where her grandfather taught her the basics of fishing. Lantinga wants her children to be involved in fishing when they grow up. She goes to Devil’s Lake, North Dakota for weekends, she enjoys the water. In 2005 Sherri won the Largemouth Bass award, when she caught an 18lb-24 inch bass.

Dave Schelhaas

Dave Schelhaas - Dave has always loved entertainment, and entertaining others. We know that since he mastered theater arts professor Jeri. We also see his love for entertainment in his other job. Dave is a traveling clown. He does magic tricks, corn juggles, and has a passion for balloon animals. He has done numerous children’s birthday parties and around Sioux Center. Back in his college days he spent a summer with the Shrine Circus as a ticket taker, that’s when he learned all he knows about the business.

Jeri Schelhaas

Jeri Schelhaas - Jeri loves the big crowds whether she is acting, directing or in other areas dancing. Jeri has been involved in floor routine dance competition since she was 4. As a child she used all her allowance money to take dance lessons, and they paid off when she received a near full ride scholarship for her college education. Jeri tried out for the Olympic gymnastics team in 1972, but could not compete in the final stage due to a sprained lower back.
Carl Zylstra
Dr. Carl Zylstra - World peace rallies, picketing signs, and t-shirts are not joke for Zylstra. Back in the early 1970's Zylstra headed a group called, "The Peace Pirates." They would go to different lakes in their pontoon boat telling everyone about, and promoting, world peace. The two lakes is where he met his lovely wife Gloria, sunbathing on the deck of her boat. Recently he has been hosting concerts and other speaking, all for pushing of the heart felt message of world peace.

Rick Vander Berg
Rick Vander Berg - Vander Berg is the athletic director at Dordt College, but sports are not his only interest. Rick enjoys music, the art of rap is in his forte. He recently recorded an album with Snoop Dogg, and the Eastside. Rick, desiring to be part of the group, invested in a pair of gold teeth of his own! During the week Rick keeps his "ice" tucked away under his shirt, but when the weekend hits he lets his 5 carrots of diamonds and white gold sparkle in all his glory.

Over the past few decades Vander Berg has been in and out of jail even missing an entire year, spending that time in the state pen.

Ken Boersma
Ken Boersma - This is a typical smile that you will find on the face of David's one and only after a hard days work handed out level 3's. Known by students as the 'Facebook Nani,' Ken takes after his half brother. The Soup Nazi, who made it big on the sitcom Seinfeld. His brother has coined the phrase "no soup for you!' Ken has taken on a very similar version of that world renown phrase, he can often be heard belting out his order "no fun for you!"

Roger Henderson
Roger Henderson - Roger has been cliff diving for years. He enjoys the cliffs in Europe, he said in a recent interview. Henderson has a dream of doing a dive into Niagara Falls. This he says would be very dangerous, and he would most likely be injured or even die. Roger has a strong desire to earn a world diving record. The record he wants the most is the helicopter dive. This is basically a dive into the ocean from a helicopter. He plans on doing his record setting dive as early as the summer of 2006.

James Mahaffy
James Mahaffy - At the holiday season 2004 most professors are getting ready for a month off from work. This is not the case for Mahaffy. The Christmas season is James's favorite time of the year. "Being Santa Claus as well as trying to teach at the college level is hard to balance," says James. "It's nice we have a break so I can make Christmas full of smiles and laughter." Over the past two years Mahaffy has been trying to train a group of oxen to replace of his aging reindeer.
Kornelis requires choir to sing country song backwards

We are all aware that the story lines for country songs are often lacking. Cowboys are sad and wagging their tails, life, wife, dog, cat, house, hat or mind—you get the idea. It was this idea that inspired Ben Kornelis to create the next concert scheduled for the end of April.

"The idea came to me the morning after my Sheltie ran away," said Kornelis. "I was flapping through my radio and heard a song about the singer's dog running away and never returning. That's when it hit me—if I sing a country song forwards, I'm singing about my dog running away. So the reverse must also be true—if I sing the song backwards, I can sing about my dog coming back."

It was enough for him to sing this song on his own. His Sheltie, widely advertised as "smarter than your honor student," has developed an appreciation for fine music, so Kornelis had to involve Dotter's Concert Chair in the project as well.

Needless to say, Kornelis' choir did not share the same enthusiasm for this new idea. "He's treating a song the way that many people treat prayer," complained one senior theology major, appalled at the idea of singing in order to call Kornelis' dog home. Another veteran singer said, "We're so used to singing important music, like stuff about poets and bananas— I don't know what's gotten into him. I hate the thought of him bringing our level of repertoire down so far."

The students who work for the music department agree that this is the worse thing that has ever happened in the history of music at Dotter. "This is not something the B.J. Haan would have approved of," says one disgruntled junior. "No longer are we practice rooms filled with the sweet chimes of the old hymns. Now all that can be heard is Kornelis strumming guitar when wandering the music building during prime practice hours in the rubble of us trying to achieve the country twang that we so often heard over the radio."

But not all students are opposed to the new sound. "It's great to see Kornelis catering to a different audience. I definitely plan to go to this concert," said an artsy psychology major. Students from the other choirs are also excited for the concert. Said one sophomore girl, "Um...I...oh...well...I think that it's like, totally, like, great and all."

"Kornelis is, like, so in love with his dog. Like, we should all totally, like, get into it, you know. About one animal, like, ya, I think it's like, awesome!"

Even President Zylstra had something to say, "What you all don't know is that I'm a huge fan of Kornelis and I frequent many fine arts clubs. We think that it's great for Kornelis to be doing this, not only for himself but also for the appreciation of country music lovers at Dotter."

People who are still suffering from the losses of their life are planning to attend this concert in the hopes of reversing their situation with this new music. Some have even decided to bring new songs in hopes that their intelligent, charismatic, musical-loving Sheltie will return to them.
Horoscopes

aries (March 21-April 19) Today you will find what you're looking for. If you look for it, it could be in the most unlikely place, like under a rock or stuck under a couch cushion.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You will have a big project or trip within the next few weeks. You will be stressed but you will have fun about it. Go and do it, you're due.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) I foresee warm weather in your future, along with some hot dates. Keep your cool and enjoy the weather. This may be a sign of the apocalypse or the end of your love life.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Your heart may be traveling in far-off places. Make sure to wear your sunscreen, whether driving, 2nding, baking, cancering, kayaking, parasailing, matoppling... well, you get the idea.

Leo (July 23-August 22): It's going to be a few weeks ago when you were complaining about the lack of things to do. Feeling a little bored? In your future, I see a few weeks of nothing to keep you busy. This is a good time to get started. Virgo (August 23-September 22) Feel like the romance in your life is anything but exciting? You're probably right. Aren't they sure what to do about it? Probably not. Nothing will work out.

Libra (September 23-October 22) You don't appreciate yourself. You need to find a way to boost your self-esteem and catch the eye of a significant other. You've had your eye on him for the past 3 years, but he's not aware of it.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) If you're feeling tension with your roommate, it might not be as bad as you thought it might actually work toward your benefit. You might not know now how long you will be together, but if you look hard enough, you will find something better.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Feeling stressed with the prospect of everything to do? Relationship not going well? Remember to keep your emotions in check. Don't let people know what is going on. Put on a smile and pretend that everything is alright.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Think about the prospect of a relationship. Throw caution to the wind. Go against all instinct. If they're playing hard to get or avoiding you, it probably means they are thinking about you too. If their friends tell you there is nothing there, don't listen to them.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Take some time off, get away, relax and recharge. Now is the time to refresh your major. Don't want to end the school year with regrets about your program.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) You will take some time off for yourself to relax and recharge. Now is the time to refresh your major. Don't want to end the school year with regrets about your program.
Lacrosse duel

By Michael Jordan

David confronted Golbain in an extreme match-up between the newly-formed women's lacrosse team and the men's club, the Sowers. Under lineEc 5h, this competitive mix-verse-contest was highlighted by a collision of styles, a combination of physical play and team strategy and, after 40 hand-played minutes, the crowning of Gender Champion.

A minor pre-game delay due to different equipment sparked a verbal barb between male and female play-

ers. Heated words soon turned to raised sticks, but, with the help of President Zybera, a fight was avoid-
ed. After much deliberation, an intense game of back-paper-scoops determined the equipment and style to be used, the girls' team being victorious.

Under the girls' rules, the girls quickly had to adjust to much more physical play and stick use. From the start, things looked rather bleak for the women's team, as they lost three players to injuries in the opening minutes of the first half.

Strong defense was key for the women's team—they held the Sowers to only one goal in the first 20 minutes of play. A motivating half-time speech and an injured Sowers goalie opened the doors for the women. In a miracle turnaround, the girls tied the game with three minutes remaining. With no goalie replacement, the men were forced to defend an open goal. The MVP of the co-ed face-off, Jessi Ricker, scored the winning goal with two seconds left on the clock.

"We came out to win. I just wanted to thank God and Duke College for this opportunity to beat the Sowers," Ricker said.

At right: Members of the girls lacrosse team embrace after a hard-fought win against the Dordt Sowers. The Dordt women surpassed the confident men's team in an upset that will go down in history, or at least somewhere in the Zircon archives.

Cricket replaces football

By ???????

Because of the mounting controversy over the approval of a football program, the Dordt Athletics Department held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, March 28, and decided to implement varsity cricket in place of football. The meeting was held during Assessment Day, as it was to be as discreet as possible.

We did not want anyone finding out about the meeting and our plans of possibly switching sports. Because we did not want any interruptions during the meeting such as protests, we also did not want any uninvited guests attempting to attend the meeting," said President Carl Zybera.

The faculty and staff invited to the meeting were all informed of the meeting's topic, and Zybera said that all members agreed that cricket was the best way to go about things.

"I'm very excited about their new initiative to foster cricket in our community," said President Carl Zybera.

The main reason Dordt's Athletic Department has accepted cricket is that it will encourage international involvement, and, therefore, a multi-cultural influence.

"We hope that having cricket will attract students from countries that play it such as England and Australia," said Zybera.

We are always in support of diversity, because it will encourage students to interact with people from other cultures and learn from them. A better appreciation of sports will grow from this relationship. The international students will learn from American students about their own country's sports and vice versa.

Cricket was chosen as an alternative to football in that it is easy to learn. In fact, it is very similar to baseball. "Of course we'll have to start at the bottom and work our way up," said Dordt's baseball coach, Jeff Herber. "But we hope that the international students will be helpful in working out our problems. We can have them to help us.

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Defenders spank the Twins in baseball action

By Woudntyou Liketoknow

The miracle on ice and the George Mason run in the 2006 NCAA basketball tournament do not compare the upset that happened last weekend. In a surprising move, the slumping Minnesota Twins challenged the Dordt Defenders to a game in Sioux Center. Not since "Major League" 3 in the Twins played the minor league "Buck". Have an even more likely to happen again.

The Defenders felt that this was a good chance to showcase their emerging talent against a major league team. Coach Schon said, "We liked our chances. We realized that the Twins are professional players, but we knew that they were the bottom feeders of baseball. We felt good going into the game."

On the warm, sunny Saturday afternoon, the Defenders took the field with the hopes of winning. Chris Liebhart on the mound, Liebhart gave up only three hits in six innings of work. The Defenders scored first in the second inning on a solo home run by Erin Van Maaren. They scored again in the second with back-to-back doubles by Jeff Zomer and Jeremy Hill. Then back-to-back passed balls by the "aging" Joe Maser allowed the Defenders to take a 3-0 lead. Three runs were all the Defenders needed against the lowly Twins, but Dordt wanted to run up the score. Up 3-0 in the sixth inning, Schon made an interesting strategic move. He went to the bench and put former manager Rob Roeben onto the field. Roeben struck out罢工, but ran to first on a wild pitch third strike. He scored later in the inning.

Fresh off the bat, Eric Miedema picked up the final three innings and Dordt won 14-0. Although the win does count officially for the Defenders' record, it helps to boost the 'confidence. Senior B.J. Haan said, "It's nice to beat up on the Twins. We were so close last year. It shows we can beat bad teams easily. Hopefully we can pull off some big wins later."