Bribery scandal brings Dordt to #2 in engagement

Honor Tanning Rod - Staff Writer

Bribery is the latest charge being processed against Dordt College after an extensive Zircon investigation which revealed that the Dordt administration bribed the Wall Street Journal to retain its #1 ranking in student engagement. The Zircon found information that indicates a wide-reaching effort by the Dordt College administration to alter the results of the annual ranking of student engagement at U.S. colleges.

President Erik Hoekstra, Dean of Students Robert Tayloe, Vice President Howard Wilson and Provost Eric Forseth all stand accused of believing bribery culture exists on our campus. However, only one chose to respond. Howard Wilson issued a statement, saying, “We don’t believe bribery culture exists on our campus. It’s just not who we are.”

Dordt College actually finished second in this year’s ranking of student engagement; the rightful first place finisher was Oklahoma Baptist University. OBU released a statement saying, “We are grateful that The Zircon has exposed this injustice. Oklahoma Baptist University would never bow to the level of cowardice that Dordt College has. We encourage every one of our students to transfer to Oklahoma Baptist University to show the administration at Dordt that this kind of immorality will not be tolerated by any student.”

Dordt students have taken the news of the bribery to heart. Some have already begun considering a transfer to Oklahoma Baptist.

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President Hoekstra announces Congress campaign

Grit Danger el Damaovas - Staff Writer

The esteemed President of Dordt College, Dr. Erik Hoekstra, assembled #DefenderNation in the De Vager Activity Center to announce his bid for the House of Representatives. President Hoekstra will be running in Iowa District 4 against long-term incumbent, the vile and hated Steve King.

“I don’t know a single Dordt student who wanted King to win this year,” Hoekstra said. “I'm doing this for #DCNation.”

Another considered campaign manager was Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, Howard Wilson. Wilson is known for his masterful mass emails that are as proportionally long as his title.

Although Wilson acknowledges how important mass emails can be in a political race, he felt that his skills were better put to use on campus. Regardless, he wished Hoekstra good fortune.

Students at the event were whipped into a frenzy. T-shirts were thrown out and balloons raised from the ceiling onto a crowd of shouting students. Unlike the Dordt University event, the balloons fell on the first try. “If I.D. can’t do it, I will,” proclaimed President Hoekstra.

Dordt pep band drummer sits for national anthem

Spitzer Stalo-Romis - Staff Writer

Nolan Naerperek, one of Dordt’s pep band drummers, was seen sitting down during the national anthem at a recent men’s basketball game. Few people noticed until a fellow student whipped out their phone to snap a picture. Word spread quickly around campus via social media. The photo went viral in just one night, sparking conversations around the nation.

“When Nolan was seen sitting for the national anthem, everyone was caught off guard,” said Jerimiah Jeremy, a fellow student. “It has created a huge amount of turmoil within the city of Sioux Center. Many of the red voters of the area had a lot to say about what happened at last week’s game.”

Nike recently contacted Nolan, asking if they could do an ad campaign with him about equal rights for drummer boys. Colin Naerperek reached out to Nolan persuading him to merge campaigns, but because Nolan is a student, he had to turn down the offer for legal issues.

Nolan’s statement of sitting during the national anthem also caused a huge amount of tension within the city of Sioux Center. Many of the red voters of the area had a lot to say about what happened at last week’s game.

Last Thursday, upset Sioux Centerians rallied outside Nolan’s house, throwing their leftovers Thanksgiving meals on his yard.

“We had no room in our fridge,” said local Emily Vander Haas. “It’s our civic duty to protest such insensitivity to our great nation.”

“I’ve never had so many leftovers to deal with,” said Cristi Naerperek, Nolan’s mother. “I didn’t know that this town had such an opinion on the national anthem matter.”

Dordt has had several meetings about Naerperek’s intentions when he sat during the national anthem. Nolan could not attend those meetings due to Thanksgiving break. Many political faces made appearances at these meetings, such as President Donald Trump. Trump spoke about the importance of our flag and how many have died fighting for it.

At one of the meetings held in the B.H. Haas Auditorium, Dordt president Erik Hoekstra joined President Trump in a duet, singing the national anthem. The event aired on television worldwide. A full recording of their performance can be found online.

Nolan reached out to press the other day with an unexpected message that shook the whole city. He didn’t sit down for equal rights or to make a statement about the flag.

“It is all a big misunderstanding,” said Nolan during a press conference. “I am the pep band drummer. I have to sit behind the trap set during the national anthem and all of our performances.”

The Dordt community, as well as the rest of the nation, was left in awe after hearing from the drummer for the first time since the game. A follow-up meeting will be held with Nolan next Wednesday.

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Dordt proclaims new dress code

B. Jones - Staff Writer

Dordt students need to start shopping in preparation for the new dress code coming into effect next semester.

“This change has been a long time coming,” said Dave Jones of student services. “We realized our previous policy was not clear enough and not up to date with today’s fashion. We received inspiration from Pensacola Christian College.”

The new dress code is not intended to insist those with different standards, but to align student attire with the spirit of the school, reflecting its values.

The previous dress code was simply, “Students should be guided by the principles of cleanliness, modesty and propriety as they consider proper dress. Clothing which does not support our Christian confession and promote a God-glorifying view of men, women and creation is not acceptable. Clothing which promotes the use of alcohol, controlled substances or symbols of the occult is unacceptable.”

This simple policy has been revised to include the phrase “it is considered unseemly to wear clothing that is revealing or tightfitting.” Examples of such to be banned clothing items are, leggings, skinny jeans, running shorts, dresses and skirts above the knee, tight tee shirts, tank tops, and crop tops.

Since the future policy was released this past Monday, students have expressed both concerns and approval. “I am reconsidering attending Dordt because of the new dress code. I think it’s outdated and unfounded. I am an adult capable of making my own decisions. I mean, what are they going to do next—make me eat vegetables?” exclaimed Maggie Olten, a freshman studying art.

“I think the new dress code is great!” said Michael Smith, a senior studying theology. “I think it will make focusing on school easier and our overall school appearance will look much more professional.” Michael regularly wears button down and dress pants to class, making him a popular choice for even professors feel underdressed. No one likes Michael.

“I don’t like being told what is ok and what isn’t, but I do like that everyone has to cover up more,” said Sarah Masters, a sophomore studying social work. “I feel pretty self-conscious about the amount of skin I show at school because most people are so athletic and fit. It will make it easier for me not to compare body to others. I plan on no longer working out or stressing myself up this time in trying every dress in the commons.”

Though the mentality behind why students dress this way is not expected to change, Dordt students following the new dresscode will appear to be better Christians. Dordt is trying to abide within our performance as an organization and this is just another way to enforce our individual convictions and values with no biblical merit on others,” explained Macy Vanderwall, a very religious student at Dordt.

The final policy will be released on December 14th. Students will be allowed to share their input at that time. The school is open to making alterations. The new policy will be effective the start of spring semester 2019.

DCC is stealing your personal data: here’s how they do it

Lawyer Trainwreck - Staff Writer

Many Dordt students this semester have had issues with personal data getting stolen. Authorities have narrowed it down to Dordt’s internal website for students, Dordt College Central (DCC). DCC has teamed up with Eatable to steal your information. Here’s how they do it:

Using information like your driver’s license number, date of birth, credit card number, bank routing number (if you have an on-campus job), the picture used on your eatable account, social security number, date of birth, credit card number, bank account input at that time. The school is open to making alterations. The new policy will be effective the start of spring semester 2019.

Dordt to implement naptime in Core 100

Slam Canned Straw - Staff Writer

Last week, Dordt announced that a designated nap time will be introduced into Core 100, the two-credit course taken during the first semester of freshman year.

The move comes in accordance with the University of Miami installing nap pods across campus, and the University of Utah building cry closets in their library. As Dordt makes the transition from college to university next spring, President Hoekstra believes the introduction of naptime makes sense.

“If Dordt is to become a university, we should seek to embody everything a university is. Not just in academics, but in coddling our students,” Hoekstra said.

Dordt’s Core 100 title, “Kingdom, Identity, and Calling” is designed to acclimate students to the workload of college and educate them on how Dordt equips them to serve in God’s Kingdom. Professor Jeff Taylor, administrator of the Core 100 classes, justifies the nap time in this context by saying, “What better way to ease students into the college lifestyle than by offering them an opportunity to rest from the busyness of life?”

Core 100 students also support the move. Jen Zee, freshman at Dordt says that the naptime helps offset the stress she receives from trying to figure out her identity. “All they tell us is that every square inch is God’s. I just want every square inch of my body to be covered by a blanket while I sleep.” Zee said.

In the top 10 percent of possessing the capability to purg student’s homework-driven anxiety, students will also be able to catch up on lost sleep from all-nighters spent tirelessly working on homework as an entire 30 minutes of Core 100 class time will be devoted to nap time.

Additionally, the nap time will also help Dordt save money on electricity, as it will be conducted with the lights off. However, this economic benefit will not lower the overall cost of tuition for students, as first year students will be required to purchase a sleeping mat for Core 100. The mats are available in Dordt University gold and black and can also be purchased with stuffed animals at the bookstore.

Dordt purchases snow tunnels to maintain 63-year streak of no snow cancellations

Iona Saltycakes - Staff Writer

For 63 years, Dordt has maintained a perfect record: no one cancellation of classes for snow has been recorded in the institution’s history. With winter weather approaching, this year, Dordt has a new approach to maintaining its streak—snow tunnels.

“These tunnels will ensure that students keep up attendance during the blizzard months of January, February, March, and April,” said Robert Taylor.

The snow tunnels will be temporary structures constructed by Breadwin, Inc., a company that specializes in outdoor structures. Their tunnels have the capability of stopping 60 mile per hour winds, shielding walkers from 20 inches of snow, and preventing ice from forming on the sidewalks. Students will be able to use them on every sidewalk on campus, allowing them to move from dorm to classroom safely.

“We will no longer accept excuses of frostbite or frozen fingers,” said Taylor. “Everyone should use the tunnels, no exceptions.”

In addition to keeping the snow and wind out, the snow tunnels will be heated inside. Californian, Texas, and other warm-state students will be able to keep their sweatshirts and forgo long winter coats at Dordt, but not everyone is happy about the new tunnels.

“We can’t just can class today? Jimmy John, a senior, asked. “This is a waste of Dordt’s dollars for sure.”

Whether students like it or not, the snow tunnels will be installed over Christmas break. They were funded in part by a generous donation from an anonymous group which was definitively not the professors trying to keep their attendance up.
Dordt Deals becomes black market for stolen skateboards

Elle Inad - Staff Writer

Dordt Security caught the Skateboard Thief red-handed last Thursday when issuing him a parking ticket in an “employee only” zone, ending his well-earned, grand money-making scheme on Dordt Deals.

The thief, Dordt junior Bo Riley, was attempting to fit two skateboards into the back of his blue Ford car when Kara Waxy, a campus security member, approached him with a parking ticket that “wasn’t even totally valid,” according to Riley.

When Waxy noticed the skateboards and the awkwardly-carried Riley, he was trying to hide them with his body, she immediately pin-pointed him as the thief that had been selling students’ skateboards on the public Facebook page, Dordt Deals. He was apprehended and have not seen them on Dordt Deals yet, which is where the apprehended skateboards will be placed.

“Before class my skateboard was here,” said freshman May Chapman, pointing to a spot along the brick wall of the classroom building. “But when I came back, it was gone.”

Many other students shared the same confused experience. It turns out that Way had only discovered the first part of Riley’s elaborate scheme Thursday morning. In order to pay tuition, Riley had come up with a plan, which included stealing a couple of skateboards each day and then selling them back to students at an inflated rate on Dordt Deals using an encrypted Facebook profile.

“The about section on the Dordt Deals page says that you can put any personal items on the page,” Riley said in a final statement to Dordt officials. “I just found a bunch of abandoned skateboards and said, ‘finders keepers.’”

Dordt’s course of action against Riley remains to be seen. If students are missing skateboards and have not seen them on Dordt Deals yet, they are invited to check out the lost and found, where the apprehended skateboards will be placed.

Revisions made to the student handbook

Rachel Plate - Staff Writer

The student handbook is updated annually. This year’s updates are in three main sections: class attendance, dress code, and Sunday observance.

Mandatory class attendance is expected of all Dordt students. However, until now, instructors had the freedom to determine the penalty for missed classes and labs. Now instructors are required to digitally report unexcused absences within 24 hours of the missed class or lab to the AEC. The AEC will reach out to the absent student and investigate the reason for their absence. After three unexcused absences in any one class, students’ grades will be dropped one letter grade. Six unexcused absences will result in automatic withdrawal from the course.

The dress code now includes a list of banned articles of clothing, including leggings, skinny jeans, and crop tops.

The worship opportunities and Sunday observance section of the student handbook has been a source of humor for many students in the past.

“IT’s just not a good rule or guideline because it isn’t able to be enforced,” stated Hannah Stronken, a junior studying elementary education. “It is a good idea for all students to attend church but it shouldn’t be in the student handbook.”

But Stronken might be proven wrong in saying attendance isn’t enforceable. The Dordt staff and faculty have created a plan. Students will be required to tell their RA or CDA their select place of worship within the first month of each semester. Students will then need to turn into their RA or CDA their bulleted stamp by the pastor on a weekly basis. Students who miss more than three Sundays will be visited by their RA or CDA and given one level.

“Church attendance is something that has always been in the handbook, so this is nothing new. We just added an accountability aspect,” said Joanna Holt, a Dordt faculty member. Holt is correct in saying that the core of the policy itself has not changed. The 2018 Dordt handbook stated: “Students are expected to worship regularly in a local church and, if confessing members, to receive the Lord’s Supper in that church.”

These changes are expected to stir up a mixed response, but Dordt administration thinks that the revisions are for the best and the new rules will result in better Christians. The 2019-20 handbook will be released at the end of summer. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, Dordt University will introduce a new mandatory class for all incoming freshmen.

The class will be taken in the spring of the student's freshman year as an extension of CORE 101.

The new class, entitled “CORE 101: Dordt University Logo History and Design” will give students an inside look to the new Dordt logo.

The course will be offered as a three-credit course that meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The first module of the class will be all about the history of Dordt college and the evolution its logo has experienced over the years.

Students will spend time learning about the original logo from the early years of the institution. Then, the class will pivot towards the most recent DC logo, which will come to be known as the final logo for Dordt College.

For the final portion of the class, students will look at the new Dordt University logo and the significance of its design. This will grow students’ appreciation for the new logo that represents Dordt’s expanding influence.

Students will also get the opportunity to design their own Dordt University logo as a way to express what Dordt University means to them.

Throughout the course, students will be expected to memorize the alma mater and other historical facts about Dordt.

“I think that this class will help students get a head start on their college experience,” current Dordt student Steven Stevenson said. “It will give students who are unfamiliar with Dordt a better understanding of its beginnings.”

With the new class in place, the administration hopes to bring greater awareness to the intricacies of the new logo such as the shape of the “U.”

“Hi hope is that students will gain a greater appreciation for the logo redesign,” said Dordt College President Erik Hoekestra. “We hope to empower our students and their God-given capabilities as we transition from Dordt College to Dordt University.”

This course addition is one of many changes and additions that Dordt’s name change has brought about. The administration is excited for the logo change as well as this new class that will indoctrinate students in the new logo of the institution.

Food poisoning strikes the Commons

Elle Inad - Staff Writer

After investigation, the Dordt Student Health and Counseling Center connected over 25 students with cases of food poisoning to the Commons last Friday.

Food poisoning, though not fatal in any way, usually results in uncomfortable symptoms such as stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Although it has no cure, numerous students have still flooded the Student Health and Counseling Center seeking help.

In an effort to staunch the flow of panicked students in the lower level of the Campus Center, the Student Health and Counseling Center staff has been working with the Commons’ staff to find the root of the problem.

“What is the chicken? The carrots? The lettuce? I mean, lettuce seems to be a common issue in the U.S. these days,” said Carter Figgis, a Commons staff worker.

While it is still unclear what food at the Commons has been contaminated, students are encouraged to still eat regular meals there.

“Keep a tight list of what you eat every day. And when something affects your stomach negatively, narrow the list down accordingly and tell us immediately,” said Dani Richards, a Student Health and Counseling staff worker.

Kay Oakley, a Dordt sophomore, described the whole situation as “yucky,” “intolerable,” and “a chance to skip class, at least.”

George Hays, a freshman, agreed. “It absolutely sucks, but at least you can stay in your bed and watch Netflix until it goes away.”

Because of the severe onslaught of food poisoning cases, Dordt officials have decided to make several upgrades to the Commons’ kitchens, which will assist in both efficient work and cleanliness.

Commons worker and freshman Haley Reynolds says the improvements won’t stop there. “I’ve heard rumors that they are going to add in a gourmet grilled cheese bar!” she said.

Maybe some talent skiing.

Whether the rumors are true or not, Dordt students should remember to track their meals when they visit the Commons and immediately report any unusual symptoms to the Student Health and Counseling Center staff.
Experimentation in organic chemistry lab

Eli Shahid

Covfefe University

Elijah Donnall - Staff Writer

On the morning of May 31st, America woke up to a tweet which read: “Despite the negative press covfefe”.

Many people speculated what it meant, and Trump replied saying that only he and the people who worked for him truly knew what he meant. And finally, on November 26th, he announced its true meaning: Covfefe University.

In August, as new students come to the freezing colds of Iowa, and as returning students hurriedly rush to the smell of mauve, many students coming back to learn about the Institutes of Calvin and what great thing Abraham Kuiper did not see the name Dordt University, as expected, but Covfefe University instead, because Dordt is buying Covfefe College in the hope of strengthening his republican base after Steve King came within less than 5% of losing the election. This was different from his norm.

So why the name Covfefe University?

“Covfefe means hope. We are working to create a new generation of Americans who are all likeminded and truly understand the benefit, the gloriousness of what it means, to live and breathe in a Trump America,” Sarah Mountain said.

“Hasn’t you always wanted to say something mean and come out unscathed and on top?” Mike Van Trump said. Mike was a sophomore at Dordt College last year, but next year he will be a junior at Covfefe University. He changed his last name to show support for the new direction the college is taking.

“Core 110 teaches you about being ethical. You know, you have to be careful of your words. Trump has proven you don’t need to be respectful. You need to say the truth, your truth, using the facts that best suit you,” Van Trump said.

As Dordt will no longer be non-profit, many students have announced they will no longer be donating to Dordt.

“We don’t look up for this,” Mary Kuypers said. “I am positive the Founders of Dordt would not be happy about these changes.”

Students will now be required to pay for their tuition during their 4 years.

There will be no scholarships offered to students, but each will be required to take out loans from their parents. The school has promised the loans will not be put to waste.

“Trump built his empire by taking a $1 million loan from his father,” says John Trump. “Well, Trump has proven you don’t need to be respectful. You need to say the truth, your truth, using the facts that best suit you,” Van Trump said.

The sheep, which are not owned by the Dordt College farm, were allegedly kidnapped from a local farmer’s flock. The students discovered that once the ewes had lambed, the cutest lambs would be used for the creation of a 13 month “ewe-animals” calendar. This has caused quite a stir on campus, as the lambs have not given consent for their image to be spread publicly.

The sheep are outraged, as the funds raised from this calendar would be used to help pay for the theater building, a project which will not help the sheep.

Dolly Dorper is a local sheep who wants to have her voice heard. She had this to say at a recent protest in front of the commons: “This is wooly baa-ad for Dordt College. Stop the wool in sheep’s clothing!”

Mike Shoutin, the farm manager at Dordt, claims the sheep are on loan from a farmer as a learning opportunity for students. This provides the farmer a welcome rest from lambing duties.

“I just don’t understand what the fuss is about,” he said. “Anybody is welcome to come out here to see what’s going on.”

Some students theorize that this was the plan all along, as the sheep would have been hidden in plain sight.

Dordt student Matt Scull claims this was the perfect cover as the sheep were hidden “in plain sight” and that the Dordt Ag department really “pulled the wool over our eyes.”

Dane Bayma, a long-time faculty member Dordt, is shocked by the turn of events. “It just really gets my goat about the whole thing, ewe can’t trust anyone these days.”

The matter will most likely come up at a panel discussion at the next Doubt Night scheduled for Wednesday at 8 p.m. in SH160. No charges had been pressed at the time of printing.

Bottom Text
Campus security tows vehicles, revamps parking

Strider Van Arathoon - Staff Writer

Last Monday, students returned to campus to find the parking lots completely empty. Over the break, campus security removed and towed every vehicle on campus in preparation for the upcoming parking revisions. As of December 3, lots currently reserved for students will be reserved for faculty and staff only. Campus guest parking will now be for commuters only, and students will not be allowed to park in what is currently staff parking. Lot 18, better known as “Siberia,” will be the new campus guest parking.

“The goal of these revisions is to make campus parking as efficient and effective as possible,” said campus security director Steve Kreflig. “We hope the new regulations will inspire innovation on the part of the students in finding creative ways to park their vehicles.”

Students are already rising to the challenge. One sophomore suggested moving all the Volkswagen’s in a single parking space. One of the commuters even joked that he was planning to try parking in two spaces at once.

“We’ve got all this extra space,” he said. “Most of us don’t quite know what we’re going to do with it yet.”

The number of commuting students has risen steadily over the past two years. With the new parking changes, that number is now expected to almost double.

“I’m excited to see how students are fostering community both on and off campus,” said Dordt President Erik Hokstra. “I believe these changes really show what’s important to this institution.”

In addition to changing where students can park, Student Services has also increased the fines for parking in the wrong lots. The extra money will be used to offset the costs of the many constructions on campus.

“We understand that the new policy will take some getting used to,” said Kreflig. “On the bright side, students will be contributing to a good cause because of these changes.”

Dordt hires jobless grad

Mark Don - Staff Writer

On May 10, Dordt graduates will walk to the B.J. Haan Auditorium and receive their diplomas. On November 19, before Thanksgiving, a mass email was sent to Dordt seniors telling them that if they are unable to get jobs after graduation, positions will be made available in Student Services, the Advancement Office, and other Dordt departments.

The Advancement Office announced this new policy in order to maintain one of Dordt’s most highly valued statistics: its 99.7 percent career outcome rate of graduates.

“For the last five years, the number has remained constant. It is also the highest in the country – beating Ivy League schools like Harvard.”

As Dordt continues to advertise its 99.7 percent career outcome rate, questions remain regarding how many people are being employed in their fields. A few students question the integrity of the statistic.

“So, are we going to Dordt just to forever be at Dordt?” asked Mark Moon. Moon is a senior who is studying animal science. “Actually come to think of it, with all the core classes we have to do – it makes sense. We are being taught how to continually live at Dordt.”

As the Dordt Dictionary will be replacing all textbooks, the only books available for sale in the Dordt Bookstore will be the Dordt Dictionary and the Bible. The space that is no longer taken up by textbooks will be filled by Dordt University merchandise.

The Dordt Dictionary will be available for purchase on May 13, 2019 - the same day Dordt Bookstore will officially transition from college bookstore to university - and can be bought in either paperback or hardcover. Additionally, students will have the ability to purchase a special edition Abraham Kuyper version of the Dictionary, containing cover art of Abraham Kuyper, as well as quotes from Kuyper interspersed throughout the book. Academic Affairs lists Kuyper as one of their largest inspirations for the Dordt Dictionary.
It may come as a surprise to a few in the Dordt community, and confirmation for most, that Aaron Baart, Dean of Chapel, is a Russian spy.

Amazon announced that it will begin delivering personalized spouses to the doorsteps of desperate singles through its new service, MySpouse.

Amazon recently entered the fresh Christmas tree market, allowing families to gather around a laptop to choose a tree instead of bundling up to brave the elements. But just one month after announcing this new service, the e-commerce site has announced another feature which is only available to regions with high demand.

Some Dordt students are skeptical of MySpouse. Paul Delperrt, a soon-to-be owner and fellow reformed Dutchman,Patrick Van-Den-Berg, was looking for something more than the cuties they see on campus sidewalks and stalk on DCC.

Photo by Darude Sandystorm

Amazon's response? “Believe us, we know you better than you know yourself.”

Nick Vander Neep, a sophomore who claims to be “happily” single, is concerned that MySpouse allows students to play God by orchestrating their own relationships. Although a legitimate concern, deacon of chapel Aaron Baart reassures students that MySpouse is “a great way to fulfill the marriage-shaped void in students’ lives.”

Despite history as a baseball player, Scholten is also dealing with losing his love of thing makes it difficult for me to truly trust someone.”

Joshua Snowdon - Staff Writer

One of the greatest mysteries surrounding the 2018 Iowa District 4 election was incumbent Steve King’s contender, J.D. Scholten. Scholten’s campaign raised big questions for voters: What does the J.D. stand for? Why is his head so shiny? Can baseball players really be the new politicians?

“I would’ve voted for J.D. if I knew what J.D. stood for,” said junior Mackenzie Van Eekelen. “Not being able to know that sort of thing makes it difficult for me to truly trust someone.”

Now that the dust of the election has settled and thanks to the superior not-fake news reporting at the Zonics, we have tracked down J.D. Scholten, only to find him to be a senior construction management major here at Dordt.

The J.D. stands for Joel David. Despite only being 22 years old and hailing from Byron Center, Michigan, Scholten was almost able to win the election.

“I would have done it, too, if people weren’t so close minded,” said Scholten. “They just vote Steve King because he’s a Republican.”

Shockingly, Scholten isn’t even bald. He said he wore a bald cap to make it look like he had cancer to try to drum up sympathy votes. When asked about how he was technically unable to run and yet still did, Scholten said, “Hey, you know, I got the big one, you know? I know people. Still don’t need corporate sponsors. Don’t @ me, Steve King.”

Kathy Smithsma, the leader of Dordt College Republicans described the situation as “typical Democrat trickery.”

“They [the Democrats] will do anything to win elections,” Smithsma said.

The Dordt College Republicans are currently staging a protest to have Scholten expelled from Dordt.

They also claim Scholten has anger issues, which he vehemently denied. On the other hand, the leader of the Dordt College Democrats, Willow Jasper, claimed that Steve King was still a more illegitimate candidate.

“I can guarantee you that the Russians hacked the election for Steve King,” Jasper said. “They’re really investing in small town politics.”

Despite history as a baseball player, Scholten does not play for Dordt. In fact, the only athleticism Scholten has is as the manager of the men’s soccer team.

“I’m too good for Dordt,” Scholten said. “I’m a professional baseball player. I’m just a metaphor for speaking softly and carrying a big stick.”

Most Dordt students seemed to be unphased by the developments.

“I voted for J.D. because a bunch of people in my CORE 399 told me too,” senior Veronica Bakersma said, “I think it’s cool J.D. is here at Dordt. If we can get Trump to go here, I think we can get anyone.”

When asked to clarify her claims, Bakersma said, she thought it’s great Dordt is getting representation in Washington. Bakersma said she’s glad J.D. won and wouldn’t clarify any further because she had to get to class.

Despite some campus support, life has still been hard for Scholten in dealing with his loss. “I can’t believe I lost,” he said. “I wanna get my twenty bucks back that I paid that kid in CORE 399 to talk big about me.”

Scholten is also dealing with losing his love interest to another guy. “I could have gotten her if I had won the election,” he said. “Why did you do this to me, King? Now I have to face senior scam.”

Additionally, Scholten is receiving criticisms from President Hooekstra, who announced his own Congressional run. Hooekstra said that unlike Scholten, he’ll be able to get the job done.

“Whatever, Hooekstra,” retorted Scholten, “just watch, I’ll run for president of Dordt and you won’t do anything either. Then I’ll cancel Dordt University out of spite.”

Scholten has yet to make a formal announcement regarding his candidacy.

Photo: Girith Von Dongselaar

Pity Showcase

J.D. Scholten discovered to be Russian spy

Danielle T. Cathy - Staff Writer

Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce recently announced that a local businessman will be opening his very own Chick-fil-A on Main Street in spring of 2019.

Dale Zevenbergen, a former businessman and current professor at Dordt College, noted, “Chick-fil-A is the perfect metropolitan area for a booming business like Chick-fil-A.”

Although Sioux Center has a population of only 2,000 (not including living farmers), Zevenbergen claims that the Sioux Center area acts more like a city of 10,000 or far reaching power goes. The tiny but mighty Dutch town of Orange City has been fighting for a booming business like Chick-fil-A for years, but ultimately, Sioux Center will be the location for the new business because of the community’s never ending support.

Sioux Center is the heart of reformed culture in the Midwest that our Christian business was looking for,” said soon-to-be owner and fellow reformed Dutchman, Patrick Van-Den-Dyke-Berg-Visser. The Grand Opening will be especially monumental as an almond-flavored Chick-fil-A sauce will be introduced in April and exclusively offered at the Sioux Center restaurant.

Mr. Van-Den-Dyke-Berg-Visser noted in his interview that he will be looking for student employees who show the character traits of “hard work and diligence” as well as individuals who are “Dutch, Reformed, blond and nearly perfect.” Chick-fil-A CEO, Dan T. Cathy will not want to comment on the status of Chick- fil-A’s an equal opportunity employer.

Here at Dordt College, we believe in hard work, the reformed tradition and good chicken sandwiches. We are so honored that Mr. Van- Den-Dyke-Berg-Visser has decided that...
Dordt prof recruits students, becomes most successful private investigator in Iowa

Bakery Memosma - Staff Writer

Panic ensued in the editing room Monday evening when Zircon Staff Advisor Lee Jonah Jameson began shouting most urgently at staff reporters, photographers, and editors. Witnesses say Jameson slammed his cigar-free hand loudly on his desk, right before putting forth his demands: "I want photos of Spider-Man!" he shouted.

Amidst his incoherent ramblings, bystanders were able to make out a few words about how Spider-Man was a "criminal" and "a vigilante" and "a public menace."

When Freshman journalism major Peter Parker offered Jameson a stack of 10 photographs of the masked hero in an attempt to appease him and calm his nerves, but Parker was dismissed after Jameson described the pictures as "crap" and "mega-crap.

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Hoekstra, to the cheering crowds (see Schönlen's response in page VI), Sophomore Sam Van Shapiro, a political science major who attended the event called it "dumbfounding" and claimed President Hoekstra would "destroy Steve King with facts and logic."

Another student, a senior finance major Logan Bellfott claimed the move was financially smart. He states Hoekstra's campaign announcement is uplifting enough for morale that Dordt will no longer have to spend money to convert the prayer room into a safe space.

"Dordt spent $1,000 each for the benches in the skywalk, just saying," Bellfott added. The Zircon attempted to reach out to President Hoekstra to comment on the issue but has been unsuccessful, as he has recently revoked all Zircon press passes.

The Zircon also reached out to Representative Steve King for comment on these developments. When he returned a call, all he said was, "Who cares? I'll still win," and then immediately hung up.

"Roth just looked at all the facts of the case and started laughing like a manic," said John. "He said he knew exactly what to do because he just had to "think like Cartman."

Roth's success has made him a well-known member of the Sioux Center community, causing an extreme increase in cases for Hypothetical Investigations. However, many of the cases are unworkable because they are mostly jealous wives and nosy parents trying to have people removed. Hypothetical Investigations is extremely busy meaning that Roth is looking to hire three of his students to work for him part time. Roth refuses to identify the potential candidates but he admits that they are all members of The Back Row.

Roth's students are useful for information, but he says that the most important purpose of the Back Row is to buoy Roth's young children while he hunts down leads. The students are reportedly given extra credit for their babysitting, which is often necessary as Roth's classes are said to be "unusual and challenging."

An anonymous member of The Back Row, who will be referred to as "John," believes that Roth is a good detective because he automatically assumes that the strangest explanation is true, which is often the case in the private investigation business. The anonymous member also claims that Roth solved a case because he had seen something like it on an episode of South Park.
Lions, tigers, and bears on campus?

Allison Ermudet - Staff Writer

Dangerous and exotic animals will soon be used as therapy animals on Dordt’s campus.

"Dogs are commonly used for therapy, so we thought we could spice things up and bring in a little more excitement to their studies," said Ursa Wolfe, who is in charge of the new additions, and cows are for a good reason. "This is our chance for people to see how awesome some of these guys are as pets!"

Wolfe plans to bring in a pygmy goat, a young lion and a baby rhino on the first visit. If all goes well, she will continue bringing animals, and if too many people do not show up for the show, some of these animals are expected to appear on campus.

At the moment, only two personnel are required to be on campus with the animals, one to actually handle them, and another to clean up after them if there are any mishaps.

Carlton Kamp voiced his concerns about the dangers that may come with the animals.

"I just hope they’re trained enough not to bite or anything. I don’t want anyone to get hurt because someone wanted to get a little more excitement with their therapy. And what part of therapy is supposed to be exciting anyway?"

"Talking about what will happen if someone gets injured while with the animals has not yet taken place, as the project is still in its early stages. The plan is to have the two weekly visits with the animals take place in the Grille area, near the campus health center.

"Rina is glad of that decision. "At least if someone gets hurt, the clinic isn’t far away." And the hospital isn’t too far either, so it should be fine."

East Campus condemned due to poor conditions

Anneli Kanerva - Staff Writer

On Wednesday, the Sioux County Board of Health determined that Dordt College’s East Campus apartment building was unfit for habitation and officially condemned the building. The SCBH cited bad wiring, poor water quality, and low structural integrity as reasons for condemning the building.

According to the maintenance department, they receive three times as many complaints about the building’s condition than they do for any other building on campus. The Maintenance Department claims that the building is in worse conditions due to the high number students caught drinking, smoking, sexing, and engaging in other forbidden activities within the building.

"Many of Dordt’s residents, both past and present, are unsurprised at that the building was condemned," said Junior Ariana Van Thorp.

"I am not surprised," said Junior Van Thorp in the East Campus apartment building.

"The building is in bad condition and badly in need of repair. I have seen the damage firsthand and have no doubt that the building is condemned.

"I am glad that the building is now condemned, as it will be easier to get it fixed."
Prankster discovers student government is run by Communists

Silence Dogood - Staff Writer

A heavily marked-up copy of the Communist Manifesto and an eight-foot Soviet Flag were found on Wednesday morning in the Covenant Campus Center office during an attempted prank.

The foilered prankster, John VanDutch, says he used the office to make a students’ saran-wrap and toilet paper in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Upon finding the offending objects, he claims to have immediately notified Dordt administration.

“I thought it was just a meme page on Facebook,” VanDutch said in a phone interview from an undisclosed location, “but it goes so much deeper than that. The commies have warred themselves into the very foundations of Dordt!”

VanDutch has gone into hiding in order to protect himself from possible retaliation by Student Government.

The unassuming office in which the offending book and flag were found is located on the first floor of Campus Center underneath the library.

“Maintenance gets revenge, pranksters at the loss of air conditioning.”

It all started with a brief power surge in Covenant Hall on Wednesday, followed by a loss of air conditioning.

Then the hot water pipes in East Campus broke without warning early the next morning. At two o’clock that afternoon, the laundry machines in North Hall shut out. By the time students returned to campus last Monday, SH106 had been broken into, and the seats faced backward.

Residence Life began to investigate. By Monday afternoon, they found evidence that pointed to the maintenance staff.

Larry Van Gelder, who supervises the evening shift, couldn’t believe what he heard.

“Is it really true?” asked senior Eve Bezradni, who was in Saran wrap. Unfortunately, it turned out to be true.

Since the power surge in Covenant Hall, every building containing known pranksters has been switched with a neighbor’s. With the number of recent pranks growing in number and in creativity, maintenance finally retaliated.

“It’s basically a campus-wide prank war,” said Sherry W. “And with maintenance involved, it’s a losing battle.”

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Residents of North Hall are the favorite target for mischief, received several relocations in the span of two weeks. Some students even claimed that their room numbers had been switched with a neighbor’s. With the number of recent pranks growing in number and in creativity, maintenance finally retaliated.

“When the Prankster gets back from class on Monday, my roommate was in the middle of the second floor,” said one resident. “We found out that people were checking the maintenance building with sticky notes. Unfortunately, it turned out to be the van reserved for the mail center. By Tuesday afternoon, dean of chapel Aaron Baart announced that he would be addressing the prank war in next Wednesday’s chapel.

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Black Friday deals on loans and scholarships

Allison Erndtz - Staff Writer

A new policy brings excitement to the busiest shopping day of the year.

Dordt featured new scholarships and loans exclusively on Black Friday this year. Although the supply was limited, Dordt plans to offer more scholarships in the future, according to Felix Dollar, the head of the project.

“It ended up being kind of last minute, but we promise to let everyone know more about it in the coming years,” he said.

Dollar promised more advertising attempts would be made if the Black Friday deals continued to attract students interested in loans.

“I feel like it was a last-minute scam thing to me, but business major Dori Gierig commented between courses. “I just feel like if it was a real thing, more people would have heard about it.”

Most students were grateful for the extra aid but commented that the timing was bad. Kabowski claimed that most registrations closed early in the morning on Friday. “I woke up and looked for the Black Friday scholarships, but most of them had already closed by 6 a.m.”

No student on break was willing to waste their day waiting in line. Gierig felt that the timing just made it even sketchier. “I sketched it out on the website and it only opened between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.”

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Student Government is a student-run body responsible for the oversight of campus clubs, including the Dordt自行车 club.

The various representatives in Student Government were elected by their respective majors and dorm buildings. The protesters are circulating a petition to call for a special election of all positions within Student Government in order to “drain the prairie.”

Dordt University Communists, a Facebook meme page run by anonymous students, claimed in a post to the group that “no inside knowledge of the matter, but we welcomed their “new brothers and sisters in Marx.”

The Communist Manifesto, written in 1848 by German philosophers Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, outlines the platform and goals of the Communist Party.

It is also expected reading for the Modern Western Civilization, a CORE history course required of Dordt students.

Dordt administration notified President Erik Hekkema at around 7am, nearly an hour after the office first became aware of the situation.

“Let us not forget the Christian tenants that Dordt was founded upon,” said Hekkema when stopped outside his office, “and pray on this matter as we move forward in planning our next step.”

As of the evening of Nov. 28 there has been no official administrative decision regarding the future of Student Government. Until there is, protesters have pleaded to continue chanting outside the Campus Center.

Wattage Wars

In a surprising twist of events last week, Residence Life has declared the Science Building as the winner of Wattage Wars. West Hall has been awarded second place, and Southview Apartments third.

“The results came completely out of left field,” said West Hall resident Rosie Coteen. “I had the idea the competition included all the buildings on campus.

Residence Life director Derek Butyen said that he spent most of Thanksgiving break going over statistics, such as water and electricity use, for every building on campus throughout the month.

“We wanted to make sure that the results accurately showed what took place over the course of the month,” he said.

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Students and professors alike seized the opportunity to create Wattage Wars in their classes. Computer science students hacked into the sensors that control the lights, effectively creating a building-wide blackout for the month.

Chemistry professors cancelled labs to save water while engineering professors granted extensions on all homework needing a computer.

“It was nice to have some time off from homework this month,” said junior engineering student Sam Gafferson. “I didn’t know exactly what to do with myself, so I went over to the Grille and ordered a bunch of pizzas. I spent over half my Defender Dollars and probably doubled the Campus Center’s wattage use while doing it.”

Gafferson wasn’t the only engineering student who used unusual methods to give their building an edge in the competition. A group of sophomore engineers adjusted the solar panels on top of the science building to make better use of the sun.

“We found out that people were checking the wattage meters to measure how much kilowatts we were using,” said Lee Christoph, one of the students who helped realign the solar panels.

“We figured if we produced our own electricity, we could hobble along without anyone noticing until the competition was over. Most of us ended up using the extra electricity to charge our phones and computers.”

Other students took the opportunity to cause some mischief. Residents of North Hall are rumored to have turned off the hot-water supply in East Hall. East Hall residents supposedly retaliated by raiding North Hall, turning on all the first-floor faucets, and leaving them running all night.

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Sioux Center will be the final resting place for his business,” Dordt’s President Hekkema said. Northwestern students in Orange City are planning a school walkout On December 7th to protest the introduction of Chick-fil-A to the northwestern campus. Joe Widhalm, president of the Northwestern College Democrats Club said, “We can’t stand restaurants like this…” Chick-fil-A doesn’t support equal rights… all progress we have made towards equality will be lost. We must also support our local pork and beef farmers. Chick-fil-A is hurting the Iowa economy. Mr. Veldheissen even said there are rumors of an Occupy Main Street event to protest the coming of Chick-fil-A.

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No more music: NCDC turns to “DUNC” contest

Irma Saltycakes - Staff Writer

It’s a year of change at Dordt, and NCDC isn’t exempt. With the university switch, NCDC faced a decision: where do you put the new “U”? After several minutes of discussion and lobbying by both Dordt and Northwestern’s basketball teams, an agreement was made, and a new competition was born—DUNC.

DUNC ditches the old musical performance focus of NCDC in favor of a “DUNC” contest featuring basketball players from both school’s teams.

“We thought it was about time to change it up,” said Borkenson, assistant to the manager of the basketball team. “I mean, who cares about people singing covers of Christian worship songs? Granted, that one rap was pretty cool, but DUNC will be way more epic.”

Students can expect to see all manner of epic dunks at DUNC 2019, as well as a prize of $1000 for the student-athlete with the best dunk. The contest will be limited to a one-hour time slot. The judge for the contest will be Cliff Warner, former Dordt basketball star and mountain-dew addict.

However, for musically-minded students, DUNC represents a change for the worse. “I can’t believe they’re getting rid of our competition,” said Penny Singalong, music major.

Without NCDC, students like Singalong will lose their main opportunity to hold the spotlight for more than two hours. Singalong was shocked that Student Services approved the change.

“I really thought they’d say no, but here we are,” Singalong said. “Frankly, I think this is ridiculous, but whatever. In retaliation, the music department will be creating a new competition, so if you have any name ideas, let me know.”

For Borkenson, DUNC is a fresh new take on entertainment worth the ruffled feathers in the music department.

“We’re encouraging student-athletes to really go crazy with their dunks. If someone wanted to use rocket-powered shoes to get a sick dunk, I’d be down,” Borkenson said. “Trust me, it’ll be an awesome event.”

DUNC 2019 will be held in the De Witt Gymnasium at a date to be determined in Fall 2019 semester.

Toy Story 4 - script leaked!

G. Pairs - Staff Writer

The trailer of “Toy Story 4” is out in both theatres and on YouTube. Fans are excited about the new characters, including Forky, Bunny, and Ducky.

On their website, IMDb summarized the movie: “When a new toy called ‘Forky’ joins Woody and the gang, a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy.”

However, last week the script of “Toy Story 4” was accidentally leaked. Fans found out that the movie will be based on these new characters, Forky, Bunny, and Ducky, instead of Woody and his gang. This was the reason for giving them a longer screen time on the trailers instead of the “older” main characters. The reason for the main toys being shown when Forky was being introduced was to avoid the risk of losing Toy Story fans.

Many fans are divided after figuring out these hidden messages.

“I wasn’t expecting and still can’t think of watching ‘Toy Story 4’ without having Woody and Buzz Lightyear as the main,” stated Joe Sablan, a sophomore studying digital media. “It will be a risk because there will be people who would want to watch Woody and his gang instead of a new character. They are also ‘tricking’ the people, which is not ethical.”

Sandy Warner, also a sophomore, said that she did not like it when she found out that the movie was going to be replaced with new characters. “They shouldn’t have named it ‘Toy Story 4’ if they are going to show new characters. Pixar is famous for putting in Easter eggs and they could have put in the gang as one of those with a new movie, instead of trying to fit in the new characters and say it is ‘Toy Story.’”

“I am actually excited to see new characters,” said Brain Falder, a senior studying mechanical engineering. “It was surprising to hear that there will be different ‘main characters’ in this next ‘Toy Story’ movie but I am interested to see how the story line will be with introducing the new characters. I am also interested to see how they are going to fit in the old characters.”

Early this week, a report came out that “Toy Story 4” is being rewritten and edited so that fans and audiences can expect a whole different story when it is released in June 2019.

Christian contemporary rockers’ self-titled album still holds up

Zircon Staff current year-next year

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New Hallmark movie is totally original

Christopher Pringle - Staff Writer

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The end.

Carol, a young career woman who works at Dordt College is known for having a 99.7% employment rate for students after graduation. However, a recent Zircon investigation has revealed that students majoring in art have not been calculated into this percentage.

“Art majors just don’t get jobs,” Juene Cash from Dordt’s Marketing Department explained. “They would make the percentage go way down, and it would ruin our marketing campaign.”

This comes as devastating news to art majors. Some, like senior Des Line, are determined to prove the marketing department wrong.

“Just because I don’t use my brain as much as all those engineering students, doesn’t mean I’m not going to get employed,” Line said. “I’m in going to do whatever it takes to get a job. It may be a job as a cashier at Walmart where I won’t even use my degree . . . but it will still be a job.”

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The Back Page

Students accepting engagement applications

Hingle McCringleberry - Staff Writer

For three straight years, Dordt College has been honored as one of the top colleges in Student Engagement by the Wall Street Journal. Have you heard about these engagements among students continue to rise especially with the national spotlight on the college.

According to Student Services, singles will have an opportunity to put themselves one step closer to being engaged with the all new "Student Engagement Application"

The application has several important components. It begins with the basics such as name, grade, phone number, and place of residency on campus.

The student can get more specific if he or she wishes. The form has an option to explain their specific hobbies, favorite places to eat, favorite movies, and best first date ideas.

For athletes, there is an optional section that specifies if you would like to be matched with another athlete. If so, you can select which sport that you would prefer to be matched to play.

This option will also be applied to students in the arts, choir and orchestra. Students in these electives will be able to specify which instrument their match plays.

"I am really looking forward to this new application," said Dordt sophomore Albert Alberto. "I think that this could really help me develop a quality relationship."

This is the Back Page

Macaroni Beamon - Staff Writer

When sophomore Eleanor Vanshelderstrop woke up on Tuesday morning, it was just that: another Tuesday. But on this particular Tuesday, she knew something was wrong. In fact, she had always known it. She just couldn’t quite place her finger on it until today.

"Things have been weird ever since I arrived at Dordt over a year ago. I always knew there was something different about this place, but I always chalked it up to the friendly community, small class size, great student teacher ratio, and strong spiritual culture." Indeed, things had been almost too perfect for Eleanor in her short time here at Dordt.

"When I first arrived freshman year, everyone was just fine. People were so welcoming, I moved into the perfect dorm, met my soul mate, and got my ring by spring just a few months later."

But Eleanor couldn’t shake the feeling that she wasn’t supposed to be at Dordt. "I just didn’t feel like I belonged."

Vanshelderstrop brought her concerns to her advisor, Michael De Monersma, whom she said repeatedly reassured her she was in “a good place.”

It wasn’t until a few days ago that a revelation finally occurred to Eleanor. "It was so obvious I was baffled I didn’t see it before: THIS is the bad place!"

Eleanor confided her secret with her roommate, and the whole campus was aware within minutes.

At first nobody believed her, but after pointing out that Dordt held classes on Good Friday and the fact that calculus is one of the classes offered here, Eleanor was able to convince the student body that her hypothesis was correct. "I was always bad off… I noticed it in my metrics class. It was just so boring and didn’t make any sense. That’s what the light bulb went off!"

Administration quickly discovered the revelation and confirmed that Eleanor’s suspicions were, in fact correct. Dordt College is actually the afterlife. And it’s not the good one.

De Monersma informed the board of trustees that he would resolve the situation as quickly as possible by wiping the memories of all students.

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The peaceful protesters is a clear picture of America’s income inequality. While the top 1% get to board the highly valued Dordt University merchandise, the rest are left out to dry like so many in this economy.

"I think Student Trustee took part in the media frenzy, tweeting at 3:31 a.m., "So Sad to see mob harrass the town of Sioux Center. VERY SAD" Obviously blamed by Hillary Clinton to hart the good people of Iowa, a fact ignored by the FAKE NEWS media! Tremendous work by the Dordt Guard and myself in handling the situation."

By Saturday morning, the 200,000 rioters had finally dispersed and the president and chancellor were in their home in their wake. Though the revenue of the sale exceeded Dordt’s predictions tenfold, the additional profits will be used for repairs to the estimated $10 million of damages caused by the shopping-mob.

President Hoekstra read a statement written by the board concerning the catastrophe saying, "We pride ourselves in our Student Engagement, and we are not as well-equipped as Customer Engagement, as evident from the events on Black Friday. We are working with Student Health and the American Red Cross to compensate any of our workers psychologically scarred from the shopping disaster. The board is reviewing participating in a Black Friday sale for next year, specifically if it strengthens or weakens the Shalom we strive for here on campus. A decision will be announced in the coming month."

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