Dordt College has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. government over claims that a mandate in the Affordable Care Act violates its religious views.

“The case, ‘Dordt v. Sebelius,’ was filed in federal court in Sioux City by the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

While various opinions have circulated on why Dordt is becoming involved in this lawsuit, Dordt president Erik Hoekstra said the reason is protection of religious freedom.

“This is about the government’s narrow definition of a religious entity,” Hoekstra said. “We have tried various nonlitigious means over the past months to have the government understand our position, but these have, sadly, been ignored. Thus, the lawsuit is the most appropriate manner, at this point, for us to assert our conviction that the government should respect our freedom to make health-care decisions ourselves, based on our religious convictions.”

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as ObamaCare, does not define Dordt as a religious institution. Churches, but not other religious-orientated institutions, are exempted from the act’s mandates that run counter to their religious views.

Dordt College claims this is wrong.

“We have to know that we can make certain decisions based on our religious beliefs,” Hoekstra said.

Specifically, the act mandates health insurance coverage of pills and procedures that some Christians consider abortifacients—Plan B, known as the morning after pill, and Ella, the week after pill.

Dordt College does cover most forms of birth control in its health insurance plan, but it does not want to include certain additional prescriptions, such as Plan B and Ella, that are required by the new health-care regulations.

According to a frequently asked questions document sent to faculty and students, ‘Dordt College’s argument focuses on religious freedom and in challenging the government’s narrow definition of a religious institution, and it does not take a position on birth control.”

Donald Roth, professor of criminal justice and business administration, agrees with Dordt’s decision to file the lawsuit. He said the purpose of the lawsuit is to object to the government not respecting Dordt’s “explicitly religious mission.”

“Basically this law is saying that Dordt is not a religious employer. That is where I have an objection,” Roth said.

Courtney Vrugdenhil, a sophomore nursing major at Dordt, said, “It’s good that they’re doing it, standing firm in what they believe in.”

Not everyone agrees with the lawsuit. Marcus Kroese, a 2011 graduate of Western Christian High School in Hull, had a different perspective.

“I don’t think a Christian school should sue,” Kroese said.

This lawsuit will not cost Dordt anything. The ADF is a pro bono organization that relies on donations for funding.

Dordt is not alone in their effort. Cornerstone University of Grand Rapids, Mich., is joining Dordt as a plaintiff in the case. Biola University, Geneva College, Grace, Wheaton College and the University of Notre Dame have filed similar lawsuits.

Other religious-oriented organizations have had rulings in their favor in similar lawsuits, but appeals are still pending in those cases.

Roth said 30 of the 35 cases pending have secured an injunction. The court order prevents enforcement of the health-care law mandate while the case proceeds in court.

In that context, Roth said Dordt also has a favorable chance of receiving an injunction.

However, the case is not likely to be over soon and a combination of lawsuits may go before the Supreme Court for consideration, according to ADF.

Library adds kinesthetic furniture and treadmill

Jon Janssen

Are you having trouble staying awake while studying? Do you need to be moving around in order to understand your history book? The new kinesthetic furniture in the library may be the solution to your problems.

Installed this semester, the equipment is open to anyone needing a boost of energy and motion to finish their studies.

The FitWork Walkstation Treadmill Desk by Details was installed two weeks ago. It is located on the southwest side of the upper level of the library. It has a vertically adjustable platform so students of any height can comfortably study or read while walking.

“We brought in the kinesthetic furniture because some people are kinesthetic learners, or even if someone needs to finish a chapter but they keep falling asleep, they can walk on the WalkCenter to stay awake,” she said.

The treadmill has a maximum speed limit setting so others in its vicinity are not distracted by the loud noise caused by a faster moving belt.

“The treadmill never goes faster than 2 miles per hour, so save your workouts for the gym,” the Hulst library blog said.

Senior Lisa Smith was complimentary of the Walkstation after trying it out for an hour.

“The first time I used the Walkstation, it was a joke; however, I discovered that I actually really liked it. I was very productive in the hour I spent on it and found myself less distracted. I will be using it again,” Lisa said, praising the table’s adjustable feature and large size.

Approving as she was, Lisa had one concern with the Walkstation.

“The only criticism of the Walkstation that I have is its placement,” said Smith. “I understand that there is a lot of room in that area to accommodate the machine, but it is awkward to use in front of so many people.”

Along with the Walkstation, the library also added two bouncy red chairs—Zenergy Ball Chairs—and a white board table in the Teaching Resource Center.

Sheryl Taylor, director of library services, noted the connection between the chairs and the TRC.

“We put the chairs in the Teaching Resource Center because they went with the interactive learning aspect of the room,” Taylor said.

The ball chairs have a rubbery round seat with no back and are meant to keep a body active while sitting on them. The constant adjustment of posture is a perfect amount of movement for people who cannot be stationary while working on homework.
Dordt introduces pop culture major

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Staff Writer

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So why is the attendance up when the CRC population is down?

One factor is that attendance in the Christian Reformed Church as a whole is down over the past 20 years, which in turn means that the number of college-aged CRC students in attendance at Dordt will also decline. Another reason is that Dordt has learned over the years that if they want to expand and keep growing as an institution, they need to make sure that they are open to more than just CRC students, while still staying true to the college mission.

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Dordt’s goal is to remain committed to a reformed perspective in every aspect of the college, including the classroom, chapel, and athletics. So while the audience that Dordt seeks may have expanded, the core beliefs and values that the college stands by have not. Dordt is looking for students who want to uphold and implement those values and beliefs in every area of their lives.

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Debate team starts off first year well

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The Dordt debate team’s first year is in full swing. They have already competed in their first competition at South Dakota State University.

One team made it to the quarterfinal round at the Jackrabbit Jousts Debate Tournament the weekend of October 11 and 12. Dordt’s team debated against 19 other teams from a dozen other schools.

Dordt has three debate teams: James Rylaarsdam and Michael Jansen, Adam Vander Stoep and Lee Ver Burg, and Courtney De Wolde and Jordan Swanson.

Junior debate team member, Lee Ver Burg, explained that each individual team of two debated four times with four other schools. If a team did well enough during those debates, they advance to the quarterfinals.

The team consisting of juniors Adam Vander Stoep of Doon and Ver Burg of Rock Valley made it to the quarterfinal round. Vander Stoep was ranked the 10th best individual debater.

Coach, Donald Roth, assistant professor of criminal justice and business administration, said that the students who competed at the Jackrabbit Joust had a positive experience and are looking to recruit a few more students to join the team before the team’s next competition on November 1 and 2.

“With one of our teams finishing in the quarterfinals on our first outing in October, we’re off to a great start, and we’ll have to see how things go in November, but I am very proud of all the students, and it has been a lot of fun so far,” Roth said.

The process of forming a debate team began a couple years ago when English professor Mary Dengler approached Roth about creating a debate club aimed at Kuyper Scholar students. Roth began meeting with a small group of students to talk about the topics of debate and persuasion.

There are many styles of debate and events that school debate teams compete in, but after some initial research Dordt’s team chose to compete in parliamentary debate.

“This style of debate involves teams of two students who are assigned opposite sides of a resolution. One side (the government) must then develop an interpretation of the resolution and defend their plan against the other side (the opposition),” said Roth.

Teams are given their resolution fifteen minutes before the debate begins and usually do not have internet access or help from other sources while preparing their cases. Teams take turns debating and each debate lasts approximately four to eight minutes.

“We chose this style of debate because it encourages students to develop the ability to articulate and critique arguments quickly and clearly. Also, because teams are only aware of their arguments for 15 minutes, the time commitment is much lower than with other forms of debate,” said Roth.

The best way to prepare for this kind of debate is to be aware of what is happening in the world and Roth believes that is a good thing for every student to do.

The debate team practices every Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m. in room 1140 of the classroom building.

Time-oriented vs. time-relaxed cultures

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Among some American and international students, the phrases “American time” and “international time” play important roles when defining the importance of punctuality and time management. Sometimes, international students arrive to meetings or events a little late. Such things do not necessarily mean that they do not care, but it merely shows that they have a different perception of time.

On the time perception spectrum, there are students who are time-oriented on one end, and those who are time-relaxed on the other end. Whether students are time-oriented or time-relaxed depends heavily on their culture and how they were raised. In the United States, for example, society is time-oriented.

Junior Catharina De Hoop, administrative assistant and public relations coordinator, agrees that the United States’ society considers time very important. She says that coming late to a meeting or activity is viewed negatively because tardiness messes with other people’s schedules.

“People in the United States are very timely and schedule-oriented. Their lives revolve around time and checking the clock,” said De Hoop.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, other countries have a different perception of time. For Nigerian junior, Debrah Tyokighir, punctuality became the hardest thing for acculturation when she moved to the United States to study.

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Just like Nigeria, many Latin American countries have a flexible perception of time. Nicaraguan seniors, Marcelo Largaspadpa and Olivia Gonzalez Yun, recognize that it is normal to expect people not to be on time.

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International students enjoy a night at Pumpkinland

(“People) take their time and they do things at their pace even if it is in a business content.”)

Unlike the societies previously mentioned, other countries’ societies share qualities of both end of the time spectrum. South Korea provides an example in which society are neither time-oriented nor time-relaxed, but a combination of both.

South Korean senior David Kim explains that South Koreans are time-oriented.

“If you get late two or three times, you cannot get an A; that’s why the (Korean) exchange students who are late to class start running. The Koreans are the only ones that run (here at Dordt College),” Kim said as he laughed.

Although punctuality is an important element in the South Korean society, such is not the case for time management. If a meeting is expected to start at 8 a.m., people will be there on time; but if it is expected to finish at 9 a.m., it might end 15 minutes later than expected.

Kim believes that punctuality is a priority, but the duration of activities is not. “We have a starting point, but we don’t have a finishing time,” he said.

Culture shapes the way individuals perceive time. Possessing a different time perception than the majority is not necessarily a negative thing. It simply means that we are all different and have different values. For some international students, it has been easy to adapt to the time-oriented society of the United States. For others, it is still a difficult process of adaptation.
Change made to AGILE

Students and staff at Dordt College have been taking part in the AGILE project this fall. AGILE stands for Approaching Global Issues through Interdisciplinary Learning Experiences.

The main focus of this project is to get students to work in interdisciplinary ways. Each group is assigned to a non-governmental organization (NGO) and, using each of their disciplines, will brainstorm ways that the NGO can improve their missions.

Some of the NGO's that groups are working with are One Body; One Hope, which works with a church and orphanage in Liberia; Ethiopia Reads, which builds schools and libraries in Ethiopia; STEMM, which brings education and medical ministries to Tanzania; World Renew, which aids in disaster relief and community relief worldwide; and Children of the Promise, which works with orphans around the world.

Biology professor Robin Eppinga, who lead some of the groups, thinks that the interdisciplinary aspect of AGILE is most important.

"People come to Dordt for a uniquely Christian perspective on their discipline and how it interacts with other disciplines," said Eppinga. "We've been given these gifts and spend a lot of energy honing them; why not put them to use?"

The AGILE project is similar to the Water project that many students participated in last year. However, some aspects of the project have been changed. For example, students have the opportunity to visit the countries that the NGOs work in on AMOR trips.

The ways that the groups meet and do their work has also changed. Last year, Jeff Ploegstra, one of the professors who helped develop AGILE, believed that students will get more out of AGILE because of the way it’s set up. "We wanted people to be focused on the problem, not the grade," said Ploegstra. "Obviously we wanted to pick a big topic. You can’t get past the fact that it’s something we as Christians should care about."

Sanneke Kok, another professor leading a group, said that the AGILE project learned from the weaknesses of the Water project. The biggest differences are that there’s more structure, faculty participation, set times that students meet with their groups, and the professors are more available to answer any questions students might have," said Kok. "AGILE will teach students discipline and patience while working with others."

While some students may see AGILE as extra work that they don’t want to do, they should be willing to take part in this program, said Eppinga.

"We need to develop habits of thinking about our lives out as Christ’s disciples," said Eppinga. "These problems, like child mortality, are so big, we won’t solve them in a day. But if we can affect even one individual, and they can affect one more and so on, that can create exponential growth."

Some students do see the good that AGILE can bring about. Jennifer Schmidt, a freshman involved in AGILE, looks forward to seeing the results of the project. "I appreciate that they are trying to get us to do a real-world, hands on project. I think it’s cool to be working with a specific organization where we might see our results," said Schmidt. "I think AGILE will help me think more in depth about bigger topics later on in life. It’s also a good eye-opening experience to see how much trouble there is in the world."

Nathan Tintel, another professor who played a part in developing AGILE, hopes students like Schmidt will appreciate this new approach to education.

"The AGILE project represents a new approach to education which breaks down disciplinary boundaries, increases interdisciplinary thinking and emphasizes critical thinking and knowledge which translates to global issues," said Tintel. "We are excited to work with students in this new learning endeavor."
Beauty of the beasts

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Light poured through the overhead window, landing perfectly upon her stone red lips. Green lentilots shot from her head. Her hair resembled a flowing blanket, amidst hidden royal blue pockets of color. She stood in her spot, to the right of the Dordt College art gallery. Her colors beautiful and her gleam eye-catching. She was “Angel Crown.”

There’s either a specific or suggested action or movement in these pieces…” Van Wyk said that “Angel Crown” is similar to Medusa, who turned men into stone with her snake-like head. She may be perceived as either de monic or angelic.

“Shee may say that she is too scary, but she is what she is - she dictated me what to do,” Van Wyk said.

Van Wyk finds the human body beautiful and something to be celebrated.

“There’s a movement of the human body,” he said. “There's mystery and power.”

There are five pieces included in the sculpture part of the gallery. Some relate to other pieces in the exhibit, and others stand on their own.

“Angel Crown” came from a drawing called “Sabatine.”

“Sabatine” hangs on the right wall of the gallery. The image it portrays was also replicated in another sculpture he had created, called “Green Sabatine.”

Van Wyk described art as something you’ve never seen before, something amazing. He shuffled through a book of his sketches and notes that he had taken while creating his art.

“This is a pretty good one,” he said, as he stopped on a ripped hymnal page he had taken notes on. “I thought of the idea for this sculpture while listening to a sermon in church about victory over death.”

The sculpture, “Resurrection: Victory Over Death,” is based on Revelation 12.

The piece portrays a beast and a woman in childbirth. The beast is dark red; its teeth are pointed sharp. The woman’s hair curls in loose spirals.

“If I had women more interesting to me,” he said, “With women, it’s all about the hair.”

Van Wyk said that the sculptures can be interpreted in various ways, physical or emotional.

“It’s all open to interpretation,” he said.

Exiting the gallery, a glimpse is caught yet again of the sculptures’ striking beauty, but the mind is haunted by either the angelic spirit or demonic presence.

Improv club: Never say no

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Dordt’s Improv Club meets every Monday night from 9-10pm in the New World Theatre located in the classroom buildings. The club will be performing several times this school year. They performed at the BJ Haan for parents weekend on Oct. 19 and will also be performing for Dordt’s High School One Act Festival coming up Oct. 31st.

“Improv is a way to extend your theatrical abilities,” Junior club leader Jessica McCarty said. “It’s free thinking on the spot.”

McCarty is a technical theatre major and has been involved with the club since she was a freshman, and been a leader for two and a half years. “You don’t have to think of things on your own,” she said.

“There are no preconceived notions,” Hageman said. “You just have to think of things on the spot, which is when the best moments happen.”

Constant laughter, an occasional scream, but always improvised.

Van Wyk’s exhibit will be open until November 17.

Photo by Kathryn Van Groningen

Mainly vocalists

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Saturday’s season finale will mark the end of an era in Dordt College women’s soccer.

Senior Katie Kortman — in her fourth year as the starting goalkeeper — will put on her College women’s soccer. Kortman’s four-year soccer career comes to an end.

When Kortman joined the Defenders, they were just on the rise. They finished 10-18 in her freshman year but won 20 games in her senior year. However, she didn’t have much experience as a freshman.

“I was really excited,” said Kortman. “I didn’t know until pretty much that game that I’d for sure be starting.

Coach Dave Schenk’s decision to start Kortman paid off.

In her first season, Kortman finished with the second-best save percentage in the conference. She recorded 13 wins and seven shutouts, including a memorable double-overtime win against Van Vleet and his teammates. Soon after, she made the decision to attend.

But she definitely didn’t expect to be the starting goaltender as a freshman.

“I feel like the seniors know what it’s like, they return six seniors, and sophomore Robyn Blount will also see time in the goal,” said Kortman.

Van Vleet and Elise Maresh were seniors. Jessica Jelsema and Stiemsma said.

“Plus, they know what it’s like to be a freshman. They return six seniors, and even a handful of sophomore to myself and the rest of the varsity season, believes the Defenders will have to be true to their nickname and rely on their defense and especially on goalkeeping,” Stiemsma said.

“Goalkeeping can be a polarizing position. When shots find their way in the net, it can be frustrating. But when the biggest challenge is often refocusing mentally.”

This is not an issue Kortman has struggled with, even as the team finds itself going through a second consecutive losing season.

“I just know that if I get out of it, the rest of the team is going to get out of it,” said Kortman. “I yell a lot of encouragement, so when the game is close, that makes a difference.”

“She is unquestionably a very coachable person,” said Schenk. “Her character comes out in her consistency. The things that she does well, she does all the time.

One of those consistent traits has nothing to do with soccer. Kortman thoroughly enjoys singing — any place at any time.

“She loves to turn everything into a song, and it has been like that since day one,” said Schenk.

“You never know what she’s going to say, do or sing next,” said Heynen.

Kortman will finish her collegiate career with over 300 saves and the school the school’s single-season saves record.

It’s been quite a four-year ride for Kortman, who plans on pursuing education.

“I’ve loved playing Dordt College soccer,” said Kortman.

“I’m really blessed to play with the teammates that I have, and I’m thankful for it.”

Just about everybody got involved in Dordt’s season-opening win against York College. Ten different players scored, as the Defenders drubbed the Panthers 80-50.

Van Dyke, who scored 12 points in the game, believes her team has an uncommon chemistry.

“I don’t know of many other teams that have six girls who have been playing on the same team together for four years now,” said Van Dyke. Last year’s leading scorer with 12.8 points per game.

The experience that we have with this many seniors and even a handful of sophomores is huge, and I think it will pay off in games.”

Boone, entering her fourth varsity season, believes the program’s improvement stems from high-quality practices.

“It has been amazing to see the progress that we have made over the past couple seasons,” said Boone, whose 45 percent 3-point shooting was tops on last year’s team. “Each and every day we are improving our skills and becoming a better team than we were the day before.”

The Defenders will have to compete in the rigorous Great Plains Athletic Conference, which contained four teams from the last season’s top 12 NAIA teams: Morningside, Concordia, Northwestern and Briar Cliff.

Dordt knocked off both Concordia and Briar Cliff in 2012, which gives them confidence as they look to join their rivals in the upper half of the standings.

To make the jump, the Defenders will have to be true to their nickname and rely on a sound defensive mindset.

“We have to live and die with that defensive-mindedness. You don’t win unless you can play good defense. Defense and rebounding are the most critical elements of the game, in my opinion.”

Offensively, Dordt will seek to pick up right where they left off last season. In 2012, the Defenders set a season record with 198 3-pointers made.

That record may be in jeopardy this year’s gameplan. Dordt earned eight 3’s in the season-opener.

“We feel like [3-point shooting] will be one of our biggest weapons,” said Stiemsma. “We’ll shoot them in transition. We’ll shoot them out of sets. We’ll shoot a lot of them.”

Strategy aside, the squad’s big goal is to be the tight-knit senior class. Much like last season’s senior-laden men’s team, these six senior women simply enjoy playing with one another.

“Absolutely love playing with these girls,” said Van Dyke. “They work hard in and off the court and we’re proud for each other.”

The Red Raiders would fall short against NWC

Christian Zylstra
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The Defenders hung around early, but in the end, quarter-back Davis Bloemendaal and Northwestern proved to be too much for Dordt as the Defenders dropped a 52-48 loss to the Red Raiders.

Northwestern rolled to an early 14-0 lead after running only five plays. Running back Paul Hutson broke one for 51 yards all the way to the end zone within the game’s first three minutes. On the next Northwest possession, Bloemendaal took one up the middle from six yards out.

Dordt fought back and cut the lead to seven on the first play of the second quarter. Senior Lenard Manul darted into the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown, capping a 75-yard drive.

Barry Dykstra then put the score at 14-10 after running for a 20-yard field goal at the 7:35 mark of the second quarter.

After that, it was all Northwestern.

The Red Raiders would score two more times before the half, both on touchdown passes by Bloemendaal. The first was for 17 yards to a wide-open Brice Byker; the next, a 19-yarder to Jacey Hoegh. Northwestern led 28-10 at halftime.

Things did not go much smoother for Dordt in the second half. After a Dordt fumble, Northwestern’s Andy Beekman threw another touchdown pass, this one to Ben Green, for 15 yards. The extra point was no good, but the Red Raiders still led 34-10.

It was not long before Bloemendaal hooked up with Green again, this time for a 41-yard touchdown. An extra point put Northwestern up by 31.

The Red Raiders would score one more time before the game’s end, once again through the air. Bloemendaal connected with Byker, who took it 71 yards to the house for the game’s final score.

“We competed today. We’re not looking to fold. We came for a fight and got just that,” Youngblood said.

Bloomendaal led the passing attack for the Red Raiders, going 14-for-21 with 235 yards and five touchdowns. Byker led the Northwestern receiving corps with three receptions for 102 yards and two touchdowns. Green added three receptions for 64 yards and two touchdowns, while

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Opinion

Coincidence

Natalia Olum Columnist

After a long day, I found myself complaining to a friend about something pretty minor. My friend Mathieu sent me the following conversation between a man and God:

Man: Why did you let so much bad stuff happen to me today?

God: What do you mean?

Man: Well, I woke up late, my car took forever to start, then I spilled my lunch all over my shirt and so I had to wait. On the way home, my phone went dead, just as I picked up a call. And to top it all off, when I got home, I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager and relax, but it wouldn’t work! Nothing went right today. Why did you do that?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning, & I had to send one of my angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that. I didn’t let your car start, there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you hadn’t been on the road. The first person who made your sandwich today was sick & I didn’t want you to catch what they had. You know you couldn’t afford to miss work. Your phone went dead because the person who called was going to false witness about what you said on that call. I didn’t even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

After reading this text, I found myself reflecting on God’s role. I bumped my head against my table. Then, I let you sleep through that. I didn’t let your car start, there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you hadn’t been on the road. The first person who made your sandwich today was sick & I didn’t want you to catch what they had. You know you couldn’t afford to miss work. Your phone went dead because the person who called was going to false witness about what you said on that call. I didn’t even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

Well, it’s that time of year again. It feels like we just got here, but in one week, we will be signing up for next semester’s classes. I, for one, wish I could sign up for a class like NAPS 101, or a class that you show up to and someone else does your homework. But with my luck those will only be offered during a course required for my major.

Time flies. Before we know it, it will be Christmas, and then summer, and then fall again. It’s enough to make my head hurt just thinking about it. I’m too busy now, even without a class the next two and a half years!

If you are feeling the weight of your future and feel like it’s all going way too fast, don’t worry. You’re not alone. Also, if you don’t even have a plan...

We’re in L.A. Do You Care?

Jeremy Jabber - Ain’t Nobody Got Time fo’ That!

Hi, we’re Kyle and Darin, and we’re going to talk about Los Angeles and stuff.

Kyle: Hey everyone. We didn’t write a column for the last couple of weeks because we sucked.

Darin: Also, we were really busy. Tell them why we were busy, Kyle.

Kyle: I don’t want to... Darin: Kyle, we already missed one column...we need to get this one right. They really liked the last one.

Kyle: Only four people told us that! And they were our parents.

Darin: Well, let’s redeem it then.

Kyle: Fine.

Darin: So Kyle and I have been really busy making student films here in L.A.

Kyle: Right. I was a producer on one film, and Darin was a director on another.

Darin: The film I directed is about this girl who has telekinetic powers, and she’s trying to understand if her powers are just a blessing or a curse.

Kyle: I had a totally awesome team and a really great cast. We had a lot of fun, but it’s nice to be done with production, which we just wrapped up.

Kyle: And I produced a film about a superhero that grows tired of fighting his arch-nemesis, but is forced back into his role when the villain kidnaps his little brother.

My team put in a lot of hard work, and I think it shows up on screen. Our cast was a pleasure to work with, as well.

Darin: So I guess we both sort of had two different takes on making a film. Our job involved a lot of work in pre-production. We were responsible for budgeting the film, and making sure that each department has what they need to do their job. We got to find locations and work at making them available for shooting. That involved getting permits. It was a lot of paperwork, but it’s very rewarding. I had never produced anything before, so it was a little scary, but I found it to be a satisfying experience.

Darin: And you had fun right?

Kyle: It was so cool. If you have the means, I highly recommend trying it out.

Darin: Cool. Are there any other quick tidbits we can share with our lovely readers?

Kyle: We’ve just been so busy with these films that I haven’t really had time to soak up as much of L.A. as I would have liked.

Darin: I don’t think most people realize how much time and effort goes into making a good film.

Kyle: Right. We shot the films in four days, but it took over a month of planning to get this far. We are planning to get it done.

Darin: And it was all worth it. It’s all peaches and gravy now.

Kyle: Gross.

Darin: So there you go folks. That’s it. Nothing else to see.

Kyle: I hope you enjoyed the time you spent reading this. Because you’ll never get it back.

Darin: It’s ours now.

Jerey Vreeken Columnist

that's okay though, many people that come in are a little upset about changing it anyway. I know when I started, I felt like the only one who didn’t know what I was doing.

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Try to fit in a class that you will enjoy, a class purely as an elective, not because it’s required. It may just open your eyes to a minor, or even a major you could squeeze in that you never even considered. Try signing up for a semester abroad, or classes on campus: they can be great ways to broaden your horizons and still get college credit.

Whatever you decide to sign up for, make sure you take full advantage of the opportunities that class presents. Participate well, be engaged and get all you can from class.

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Adventures in Nicaragua

Hannah DeVries Columnist

I’m sitting on my bed at my house in Nicaragua, on the bocas blaring and me blowing on me at full blast and still sweating, thinking about how I currently live here, and apparently snowing there. This is my life almost every day, except when I’m off watching the sun rise over a chain of volcanoes, kayaking on a river inside an island, or swimming with freshwater sharks. I’m also planning on climbing a live volcano to see lava and taking a trip to Costa Rica in two weeks.

Exactly 43 days from this publication, I will be stepping off of a plane at the Sioux Falls airport. Every time I think about winter, Christmas and all the people I miss right now, it’s easy to get excited about coming home. But then I think about the amazing family I have spent the last two months living with— all the adventures I’ve had and the memories I’ve made, the fact that I’m living in Nicaragua, and the excitement dies down a little bit.

The other day I got back from class around noon, and my host siblings were just sitting down to lunch before they left for school at one. I popped into the kitchen to say hi to my host mom, and after asking her about the food, she asked me if I wanted to have lunch with her. I knuckled eagerly joined my siblings at the table. Then, over our plates of cemexs and yucca, I named our oldest host brother Albert (16) about his “girlfriend.” It felt like a month since having my own house, except I was conversing in Spanish with an entirely different perspective.

I realized that I am beginning to count down the days that I have left instead of counting up the days I have already been here, and this has changed my perspective.

How can you allow yourself to love something, and actively attach yourself to it, only to have it taken away when the time comes to let go. I think this is a question we are faced with more often than just when traveling to a foreign country. We learn so much about something that we get attached, never wanting to leave it. But it also means that, when we realize we can’t hold on to this something forever, we have to make the best of what time we do have, even though it means running away when the time comes to leave.

This is the choice we have to make. I chose to throw myself into my time in Nicaragua, time at Dordt and the rest of my life with all the energy I have. No matter who you are or where you live, anything less would be a cowardly use of the time and opportunity God has given us.

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**A Halloween special: Kind of, not really**

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So in honor of it being Halloween in all, I figured, hey! Let’s cash in on some B-rated horror. With the help of Netflix being the true skinmark that it is, I hit the awful jackpot. Remember last summer’s ‘Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter’? Well, I never finished the first one, but I did see ‘Abraham Lincoln vs. Zombies’. Regrettably.

‘Abraham Lincoln vs. Zombies’ was produced by The Asylum, a production company that creates low budget, low-minded DVD films. Other gems include ‘Mega Shark Versus Crocosaurus’, ‘Transmorphers’, ‘Snakes on a Train’, and the highly acclaimed ‘Sharknado’. Vampire Slayer was released in June 2012 and Zombies was released in June 2012. Unfortunately, I was fed up with Abraham Lincoln and Zombies could have used some upcoming. So I put aside the desire to research the film and just downloaded it.

Sam Verhulst grabbed four receptions five passes for 84 yards, and senior Youngblood said.

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Hutson led Northwestern’s ground game with 13 carries for 125 yards and a touchdown. Freshman Zach Barker did the passing for Dordt, going 10-for-18 with 148 yards and an interception.

For a true freshman in his first start, [Barker] did a lot of good things,” Youngblood said.

Senior Darryl Van Grouw caught five passes for 84 yards, and senior Sam Verhulst grabbed four receptions for 53 yards. Manuel had 12 rushes for 37 yards and a touchdown.

Zombie apocalypse overtakes Dordt

Rachel Mulder  
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Zombies took over campus and humanities tried to fend them off as students participated in a campus-wide game of humans vs. Zombies last week Tuesday through Friday.

Humans vs. Zombies is in its fourth year and has become a huge hit on Dordt’s campus. This year the area was around 400 people playing.

Originally, the game was a North and East hall event. The first year, they had hoped for around 100 people to participate, and ended up with twice that.

“It got off to a really good start, and as more people became interested in the game, it was made available to anyone on campus,” said Derek Buteyn, learning community area coordinator.

Dordt seeks to build community through many events, and even a game of Humans vs. Zombies can be a community-building experience.

Senior Lee Veldkamp believes this game brings a sense of community to campus.

“I talked with a freshman I never met for five minutes on zombie stories and life stuff. Then last night I was running around with other zombies. It’s sad that it’s going to be over; us zombies became a family.”

Veldkamp said.

“It is really cool to see how excited people get about this game. I think people want to play first of all, because it’s a ton of fun. So many people play this game, and in a weird way, it kind of brings people together,” Buteyn said.

Senior Sam Verhulst said his favorite part of the game was when he was headed to the Rec Center and got ambushed by zombies.

“I went Matrix on them and stunned all of them, while holding a jar of peanut butter. It definitely builds community when you are working with other humans to survive and get to places,” said Verhulst.

There aren’t many rules to follow when playing Humans vs. Zombies; just one basic rule for humans and one basic rule for zombies. The humans’ goal is to survive and the zombies’ goal is to infect humans by tagging them.

If a human is being chased by a zombie, the human can stun the zombie for 15 seconds by throwing a sock at it. Once you make it to a safe zone, you can’t be tagged. If you do happen to get tagged, you wait one hour, switch your armband to a headband and help spread the infection as a zombie.

There’s a lot of strategy involved in playing the game. Humans can take extra risks by participating in specific missions to get points.

The zombie winner was freshman Matt Dykstra and four human survivors claim bragging rights: Jacob Moats, Aaron Tudor, Josiah Eckels, and Sam Wensink. Their names will be put on a plaque that will remain in the winner’s residence hall and be passed down from year to year.

“The game is fun because it is never predictable, anything can happen at any time, it is really the survival of the fittest,” said sophomore Chris Soodsm.