Students get creative at Fall Fest

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Interim discussed at Dordt

Committee considers adding courses to current requirements

Interim at Dordt? The rumors are circulating. Last spring the Academic Senate appointed a committee to explore whether Dordt should consider an interim program. Hubert Krygsman, history professor and an Associate Provost, is the chair of this committee and says there is a lot of research yet to be done. There are many factors that must be considered when implementing an interim program. Since most interim takes place in January, Dordt would have to consider how the program would affect activities such as choir tour, athletics, and AMOR.

The committee also needs to discuss what kinds of courses would be available during the interim period. Some institutions offer creative classes that are more hobby-focused. This can benefit students by offering them a chance to study topics that they wouldn’t normally have the opportunity to study. If this was the case, credits would not count toward CORE requirements or toward a major. Other institutions offer courses that would fulfill academic requirements. It could, for example, be a chance for students to receive cross-cultural credit on a trip abroad. The biggest issue that surrounds interim is deciding what would be done with course loads. Traditionally, students take an average of five classes each semester. Questions arise about whether or not Dordt would encourage students to cut down to four classes per semester, plus interim credit. “Lighter semester loads could potentially allow students to learn more,” Krygsman said.

The committee is taking a look at other institutions to help weigh the pros and cons of the program. In the near future they plan to hold discussion times to get the opinions of students and faculty. “We want to give it serious consideration, but it is far too early to decide whether we would go for an interim or not,” explained Krygsman.

For some student opinions on interim, see the picture poll on page 4.

HIN1 on campus unconfirmed, still probable

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Editor

There haven’t been many confirmed cases of HIN1, but that doesn’t mean that the illness isn’t widespread on campus. According to Bethany Schuttinga, Associate Provost, high costs related to testing for HIN1 dictate that after three confirmed cases in an area, the CDC stops testing for it. As a result, no one is exactly sure how many students at Dordt have been affected.

One thing is sure, however. HIN1 and other spreading seasonal illnesses are taking a toll on extra-curricular activities. The theatre department cancelled its Wednesday showing of “Caucasian Chalk Circle” because actors were affected by the flu. On Thursday, Director Teresa Ter Haar took on the role of an actor who was too sick to perform. The full cast made it on stage for the start of Friday’s performance, but Ter Haar stepped in again after intermission to fill in for an actor who couldn’t continue. The athletic department has not escaped the epidemic’s effects either, with many teams facing “significant illness,” according to HPER employees. They’re not sure if all of the stricken athletes are fighting HIN1, but they did report that there has been one confirmed case on the men’s soccer team. The circling sickness concerns coaches who are preparing for a run at Nationals.

Campus Health Services was too swamped to comment on the situation, but that fact essentially speaks for itself. Classes have been missing a few students, but according to an informal poll of the Registrar’s office and business department, it is a small percentage. Does this mean that Dordt students are just that dedicated to their studies? Perhaps not.

Business professor Gary Vander Plaats reports a student or two missing from his 8:00 class. “But I think that has more to do with the time than the flu,” he said.
Students make splash for poverty

If watching sharks approach while floating in water isn’t your idea of a good time, 12 creative Dordt students are hoping to change your mind.

Jaws, the Steven Spielberg classic, will be shown tomorrow, Oct. 30, in the pool parking pass. Mark Volkers took most of the footage from the previous two trips for “Theory of Mind.” Travelogue with a Twist!

Volkers, professor of Digital Media, said, “I think it will be interesting to see the differences in two experiences,” Piper Kucera, a Digital Media Production major, said. The event starts at ten and ends at midnight. Bring as many people as possible - just watch for incoming fins.

Check out the team’s next fundraiser: Travelogue with a Twist! On November 14, in the B.J. Haan, Mark Volkers and the students will present slum footage from the previous two trips as well as a preview of where the team will be filming this winter.

For more information on the Slum Film Documentary, contact Mark Volkers or visit slumdoc.com.

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Movie in the All Seasons Center to raise funds for digital media trip to Kenya

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News.

Writing to save student grant

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Budget cuts made by the State of Iowa in November could cost in-state students their Iowa Tuition Grant. Dordt students joined a statewide letter-writing campaign to help ensure those cuts do not happen.

The Iowa Tuition Grant is a $4000 grant given to Iowa students who choose a private college within the state.

John Baas, Vice President for College Advancement, gathered Dordt students who are residents of Iowa in the Grille on Oct. 19, where they wrote letters to their respective state senators and representatives.

The letters thanked the congressmen for their service, explained how important the grant was, and encouraged them to fight to keep the grant, despite tough economic times and a tight budget.

“That grant means $4000 of money I don’t have to make up somewhere else,” said Steph Goslinga, who decided to write letters after hearing about the possible cuts.

“Wealth the Iowa tuition grant, I don’t know if I’d be at Dordt,” said Britney Kajar. “Even though I’m a senior, I want to make sure it’s available to students in the future.”

And she wasn’t the only senior who felt this way. “The Iowa tuition grant is a great opportunity and should be supported in every way possible,” said Travis Van Holland. “I’d like to see the freshmen receive it.”

Baas collected 42 letters, and planned to contact four more students—each writing two letters—to bring the total up to 50. He mailed the letters last week to ensure they would get to the congressmen by Nov. 1, before the budget discussion begins.

Commons creates sense of home

Carrie Foods hopes to incorporate “family” recipes into current menus

Jenny Borger
Guest Writer

Imagine this: Mom’s homemade stringy casseroles, grandma’s delicious potato salad, and key lime pie for dessert.

Students may soon be seeing their favorite dishes from home on the menu in the Commons.

This year, Carrie Foods is allowing students to bring recipes to the dining hall, in an effort to make students feel more at home while at Dordt. Being away from home for a majority of the year does bring about some homesickness, especially when it comes to mom’s good of cooking.

“I really miss my mom’s cheesy potatoes with corn flakes on the top. I would love to see them on the menu here,” Jaclyn Droge said.

Students can call mom and dad for their favorite recipes and bring them to the Commons. The head and staff of Carrie Foods will then try to incorporate the recipes into their menu.

One idea that Carrie Foods manager Jim Calkhoven had was to have a “special” for the student whose recipe was used in the menu that day. For example, the sign by the serving line would say “(Insert your name here) noon special.”

“We think that this would be a new and fun way to help students feel more at home,” Calkhoven said.

Another change brought about in the Commons was made in hopes of making international students feel more at home. Symposium unanimously approved a funding request from the Sioux Falls Prison Ministries Club. The club requested $150 to pay for the gas it requires to transport roughly five to 15 students to Sioux Falls on Fridays, for a worship service with the inmates there.

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Any questions, comments, opinions or suggestions about the upcoming diversity forum are openly welcomed by the Symposium sub-committee. They may be e-mailed to any Symposium member, or brought to Alvin and Troy during open office hours.

Dordt freshmen overworked?

Compared to other colleges, freshmen have heavy workload

Adrian Hielema
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Freshmen overworked? According to the recently released statistics, they just might be.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is an annual student survey that “collects information from first-year and senior students about student behaviors and institutional features.”

Over 367,318 students participated in the 2009 study responding to questions about student workload, spiritual engagement, and community interaction, among many others.

Near the end of last year, Dordt freshmen and seniors were asked to complete the survey, and the results were then compared to other Christian colleges and universities across the nation.

Compared to their peers at other institutions:

- Dordt freshmen report a higher academic challenge. This reverses over four years, with Dordt seniors reporting less challenge compared to other institutions.
- Dordt freshmen are much less involved in community service than their peers at other colleges. This also reverses at the senior level.
- Dordt freshmen write far more short papers (of less than five pages).
- Dordt freshmen are given significantly more reading assignments.

“Freshmen report a higher academic challenge. This reverses over four years, with seniors reporting less challenge,” Dordt students, especially seniors, are more likely to attend arts events and participate in physical fitness activities.

“Dordt’s weakest areas, relative to other institutions, were Active and Collaborative Learning (which measures student engagement in thinking and learning both inside and outside the classroom) and Enriching Educational Experiences (hands-on learning experiences and opportunities to engage others from diverse backgrounds).”

Symposium update

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The new rice cooker will be placed in the West Commons serving line and will be available for noon and evening meals. It will hopefully help bridge the gap between here and home for many international students.

“A lot of our international students are accustomed to eating rice with every meal,” Calkhoven said. “So for every noon and evening meal we serve that doesn’t incorporate rice, there will be rice available to cook.”

The staff says service is their overall goal. “Ultimately we are here to serve you guys, and we are always interested in what you have to say,” Calkhoven said.

Students talk over lunch in the West Commons - which will soon be adding a new rice cooker for student use. Photo by Grace Venhuizen.
Dance fever sweeps across campus

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Caitlin Lenz is looking to spread some dance fever this flu season. The newly-created Dance Class began last week in an effort to bridge the gap between dancers and those who want to dance.

Lenz, a junior, said she got the idea when the dance club of her freshman year ended because of graduating seniors.

“I was really disappointed. There was a dance team, but nothing for those who wanted to learn,” she said. “A lot of people don’t like the idea of a dance class because they find it intimidating, but I want this to be open for anyone who hasn’t danced or wants to articulate what they do know.”

Erin Olson, professor of social work, is the faculty sponsor. According to her, dance teams are not the same as dance classes. “There are a lot of people who may be curious about dance but it takes a certain amount of bravery to come [to dance teams],” she said. “Hopefully, [dance class] won’t be like that.”

The class will be focused on combining fitness and dance, said Lenz. “The first half we’ll be warming up, and the second half I’ll teach dance steps.”

Most of the dance steps are planned to be jazz and hip-hop, although Lenz says she may do specialty classes to teach salsa or ballroom dancing if there is interest.

Professor Olson, who helped to start the dance team, said she’d give assistance, but that “clubs should be student-led; it’s theirs to run. I don’t want my opinion to get in the way.”

“I wanted to see how many people would be interested [before starting it],” said Lenz. “A lot said they had never danced before. I don’t want people to think that [should]

New cafe offers different taste

Dordt graduates open Fruited Plains Cafe on Sioux Center’s Main Street

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With the rumored demise of Butler’s, some residents of Sioux Center have begun to fear that no classy of Sioux Center have

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Caitlin Lenz leads the class in learning hip-hop and jazz dance steps last Thursday night. Photo by Naomi De Boer

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Lenz says that the class is open to male and female students, at any level of ability.

Classes are held from 8 to 9, Thursday nights, in the Aerobics Room of the Rec Center.

Dedicated professor recieves lounge

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At the request of Dordt’s education students, the new lounge area on the second floor of the classroom building has been named the “Bosma Lounge” in honor of a former professor.

Cella Bosma was an education professor for nine years. Her time was cut short when she died of cancer last spring. The education department held a dedication ceremony on Oct. 16 to bring closure to the family, friends, students and faculty who were close to Bosma. Dennis Vander Plaats, professor of education, said that the ceremony “honors her memory and her gifts to the college.”

Bosma’s life was full of love for those around her. “She would spend most of her time chatting with students and colleagues about education and more importantly, about life,” Becca Van Schepen said at the dedication ceremony.

“It’s really a good idea because she was such a wonderful person...she had a big impact on the students and the Ed. Department,” Tressa Brummel said as she studied in the lounge.

For many students, Bosma represented the face of the education program. She was committed to helping all of her students with their studies and how to live out what they believe – which is what she did to the fullest.

What are your thoughts about Dordt adding Interim?

“I would like it, because it would be easy.” – Phil Feikema

“I would be cool if opportunities were available to study abroad.” – Lee Radde

“I think it would be awesome! It would be nice to have a break from constant business and enhance my skills in one area.” – Danielle De Boer

“No...sounds boring! I would rather be taking a variety of classes.” – Jason Hengeveld

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Reality check: Obama vs. Fox News

President Obama’s decision to challenge the Fox News Channel head-on has reignited the debate over Fox’s alleged conservative bias. Obama’s advisors have labeled Fox “not really a news station.” Most liberals deride Fox. Most conservatives adore Fox as the lone “fair and balanced” voice in the wilderness of the liberal media. Is either reality?<br>

In my opinion as a conservative, Fox News is very, very biased. I would also submit that most Fox News devotees are aware of Fox’s bias – and watch it for that reason. It’s more comfortable to watch a network that shares your views, so conservatives naturally choose Fox over the left-leaning CNN and MSNBC.<br>

This doesn’t necessarily mean that Fox is trying to conquer the world in the name of Ronald Reagan. Like every other TV network, Fox News’ chief goal is to make money. In the television world, money equals ratings. Fox has a powerful economic incentive to provide a right-wing perspective. Fox has found its niche market: conservative TV viewers who are sick of the liberal slant they see on other networks.<br>

Now that Obama is in office, Fox also didn’t give an accurate account of what guys are really thinking. I heard one coach, sugar-coated answer after another and walked away feeling like I should be a hopeless romantic, longing after the manufactured man—an ideal chivalrous gentleman, an upstanding citizen, and God-fearing Christian.<br>

The reality of the hookup culture was left under the covers, even though hanging out, hooking up and dating were psychic bypassed. In a dating scene this confusing, I’d like some honesty. So I tried to find some. I created a Chocolate Hour simulation, complete with my own “panel” of nine guy friends and asked them the girls’ questions. Turns out, they were just as tight-lipped as the guys who were put under the pressure of a roomful of girls.<br>

Why is this? These guys are known to speak their mind—no matter how crude the content may be. But suddenly, they thought twice about what they were saying, because we weren’t having a casual conversation. They were being interrogated. And I was writing it down.<br>

The power of a girl’s presence will make a guy less proud of his sexual escapades and more likely to try to fit into her fantasy. Get a guy with his buddies and he’ll freely say what’s on his mind. Give him a female audience, and he’ll become the manufactured man, telling girls what they want to hear. Get some sleep! Polly

Dear Polly,<br>

I’m over my head. I’m falling behind in most of my classes and might even be failing a few. I’m really bad at time management and find myself watching pointless TV shows or Facebooking until late into the night instead of doing my homework. I really don’t want this semester to be a waste and would rather get credit than fail out.<br>

Thanks,<br>
Tired

Dear Tired,<br>

First of all, you need sleep! Even if it means putting off an assignment even longer, a good night’s rest can guarantee a better next day. Sleep deprivation is probably your biggest problem, and once you get this back on track, your grades will likely reflect that fact. Also, when it comes to homework, try the library. Find a desk in a corner, turn off the wireless on your laptop, and get to work.<br>

Set time goals and rewards for meeting them (five pages of this paper done before nine = one episode of your favorite show). Avoid things like Facebook until your homework is completed because they make it easy to lose track of time. Making a list at the beginning of the day with all the things you need to do is also a good idea. Lastly, don’t be afraid of your professors. If you go to them and explain your struggles, they will probably help you out. If they know you are making an effort, they will be less likely to fail you. BUT, this means you need to go to class and maybe even get a tutor.<br>

Get some sleep! Polly

Roommate Problems? Relationship Issues? Failing out of class?<br>

Polly is here with advice for it all! Send your questions to diamond@dordt.edu, and your questions will be anonymous!
Basketball preview: Men’s team, new coach hoping for a stronger finish

Women prepared to battle for a spot in a tough GPAC

Know the name

A look at Dordt’s young talent in athletics

Volleyball

Currently, Dordt is ranked third in the GPAC and No. 24 in the national polls. To get to Sioux City for Nationals, they will have to win the conference tournament, or finish the season well enough to merit an at-large bid to the tournament. The Defenders return with last year’s key contributors. Michael Eekhoff and Logan Kingma were both named to the first-team all-conference at the middle blocker (Eekhoff) and opposite (Kingma) spots.

Men’s Soccer

The Defenders are sitting at the eighth spot in the conference standings, with key matchups ahead of them. The top eight teams in the conference advance to the tournament, where the winner will get an automatic berth to the nationals. As the bottom seed, they will face the top four teams in the conference first. Nationals for men’s soccer will take place this year in Fresno, Calif., from Nov. 30 through Dec. 5.

NATIONALS:

The fall sports seasons at Dordt are winding down, but teams are gearing up to start postseason play and to give the best for a shot at Nationals.

Women’s Soccer

At No. 2 in the GPAC, the Defender women’s soccer team is in a good position to make a run at Nationals. The Champions allow for 32 teams on the field: 25-26 automatic berths and 6-7 at-large bids. For these ladies to make it to the Championships in Decatur, Ala., they need to win the conference tournament. They have received some votes for the national rankings, but not enough to crack the top 25, which means that an at-large bid is a long shot.

Cross-country

The top two teams from the GPAC Championship meet on Nov. 7 will advance to the National Tournament, along with the top seven individual runners who are not on a qualifying team. From the women’s team, Michelle Steiger and Merissa Harkema hope to be among those top seven individuals; the men’s team is chasing conference rival Doane to qualify as a group for the Championships in Vancouver, Wash.

Ask an athlete

What made you join Dordt’s cross-country team? It was something I loved in high school, so when I was offered a scholarship, I didn’t hesitate to join.

Why do you still do it? I enjoy cross-country and its challenges, but the team is my main reason I love it. We have fun and encourage each other. Without them I don’t think I would participate.

What motivates you to keep going out and keep running? Our coaches are really encouraging. They always know how to keep us going.

What would you say to underclassmen interested in cross-country? It is a great experience. You get to be a part of an amazing team, but you also really learn a lot about yourself. You have to push yourself, but it really pays off in the end. It also gives you an appreciation for the abilities God has given you.

What are you plans for after graduation? After graduation I plan to enter a BA to BSN accelerated program. I want to be a home health care nurse.

Have you played any other sports? I’ve done track since junior high, and soccer my freshman year of high school. I also played rec. league softball when I was in grade school, but I was really awful, so they stuck me in the outfield and hoped the ball wouldn’t get hit that far.

What would it be like to ask Dordt athletes the tough questions...
Frightening Flicks

As October 31st approaches, many will be in the mood for scary movies. Here are the top-listed movies by Entertainment Weekly, MSN movies, and Associated Content.

*SPOILER ALERT: While none of the following reviews gives away the ending, some may provide more detail than you care to know before viewing the film.

1. The Shining: Based on the best-selling novel by Stephen King, this story takes place near a summer resort town called Amity Island, mid-70's, but there was a remake in 2006 as well. The original film is suspenseful; the remake includes more violent content.

2. The Exorcist: Based on a novel written by William Peter Blatty, this film is a little slow at the beginning but works its way to an intense level as Jack slips into insanity. The frightening aspect of the movie is the suspense.

3. The Omen: Another film dealing with spiritual forces, this story centers around a girl named Regan MacNeil. When Regan becomes unexplainably sick and all the state-of-the-art equipment fails, Chris turns to the disturbed mind of Stephen King for help in healing her daughter. The result is well-proportioned, and how they find out what the play needs to say,” Herm Van Niejenhuis, a local man visiting the gallery, said.

Each of the artists has their own way of teaching the wood and builds them to stand against time by not using skews or nails in his work. Vander Zee emphasizes the need for mastery of both the medium and the technique. Vander Zee uses his skills to create special pieces for family and friends.

“A successful artifact is a marriage of technique and an ability to use design skill and to apply it to create an object that is well-proportioned,” art professor Jake Van Wyk said. “It’s the effect of a series of decisions that the artist makes.”

The gallery is open from Oct. 16 through Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. An open house and artist reception will be held on Oct. 29, from 5-7 p.m.

Review: Caucasian Chalk Circle

Sarah Gronieck  Staff Writer

The first thing I heard about Bertolt Brecht’s “The Caucasian Chalk Circle” was that it was three hours long. So, my two friends and I armed ourselves with Wilhelmina peppermints and gum as we walked into the New World Theatre on Friday night. Get comfortable, we joked. Seemed like this could be a long night.

However, once the lights dimmed and the characters appeared onstage, we quickly found that “Caucasian Chalk Circle” had a captivating plot, a series of entertaining songs, some bawdy humor, and a lot of heart.

The play is a story-within-a-story depicting the struggle of an Austrian, Grusha - played by Kaylee Engelsman - to rescue and claim a governor’s abandoned son during the Bolshevik Revolution. The first ten minutes of the play were a bit confusing, but when Jason Kornelius’ character appeared on stage and started to flex his storytelling muscles and show his excellent singing skills, I began to get a better sense of what the play would be about.

Engelsman portrayed Grusha superbly by depicting the character’s wide range of emotions as she went from vivacious handmaid to doting mother. I could really sense how much Grusha cared for Michael during the climactic chalk circle scene in Act 5. Another memorable character in the play was Matt Wiersma’s Azdak, whose Act 4 appearance brought bawdy humor that shocked the audience but kept them laughing.

I was impressed by the energy of the minor characters as well. From Danielle Roos’ no-non-sense mother character to Michael Groos’ drunken monk impersonation, all the roles kept me entranced with the overall plot of the play.

In the end, I thought that the play was as high in quality as it was long in length.

Notes of Inspiration

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me the path like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom’s cause
As I walk from earth into eternity
(Hosanna – Hillsong)

As I was preparing this week, I really began to listen to this song and think about the words in it.

I was struck as I listened; I loved the line “Break my heart for what breaks Yours.” How often are we truly broken-hearted by sin? By the things that break God’s heart?

As I considered it, the concept of opening my eyes to the “unseen things” really made me think. What a strange thought.

Are we allowing God to work in us and open our eyes to the injustices and sin around us?

Are we even allowing ourselves to see the beautiful things that God has put in our lives including friends, families, and His blessings?

This song has a lot of great things to encourage our hearts.

I encourage you to listen and use this song as a prayer. That God would truly heal us, clean us, open us, show us His love, break us, and work in us to be more like Him.

If you have a song that has affected you, I invite you to email me and offer your suggestions at mehlkst@dordt.edu.
Comic mishaps  by Nate Scheuers

Some of the best sights of the fall.

Above: Three of the many apples that have fallen from the tree in President Zylstra’s yard, which is a source of both entertainment and food for many Dordt students.

Right: Our photographer, Naomi De Boer, takes full advantage of her assignment: “This is some apple crisp that I made from two of Zylstra’s windfall apples. It was very yummy, by the way,” she said.

Over/Under
Your ultimate guide on how to think.

Fake sleeping helps you fall asleep. Fake eating does absolutely nothing.” ~Author Unknown

OVERRATED: Why is sleeping overrated? Please try to stay awake for this.
• You sleep for one-third of your life. So if you stopped sleeping altogether, you’d live three times as long. (I double checked the math; it’s right.)
• If you die in your dream, you’ll die in real life. Do you really want to take that risk every night?
• Snoring!
• You can’t eat while you’re sleeping. So if you slept all the time, you’d starve to death.
• Sleeping is the No. 1 cause of nightmares.

UNDERRATED: Why is sleeping underrated? Read these aloud.
• Without sleeping, waterbeds wouldn’t have been invented. (FYI: waterbeds are underrated, even though I rate them No. 1 out of everything in the world.)
• FACT! We can learn while we sleep. I actually learned that fact while sleeping through my psychology class.
• What would we call Sleeping Beauty? Lying-Very-Still-On-Her-Back Beauty?
• I have sleep to thank for my boyish good looks (see picture above for proof). Without beauty sleep, I would look rough (see: Angora Rabbit).
• CHALLENGE! If you think sleeping is overrated, then don’t go to sleep tonight and tell me how overrated it is in the morning.

I conclude that sleeping is … hmm … this is a tough one. Let me sleep on it.

Have a tattoo?
If you want to be a part of a unique art project discussing the topic of Christians with tattoos, and you wouldn’t mind showing off your ink, contact Becky Love at bckylv@dordt.edu. Be a part of an advanced digital photography series, display your tattoo in a personal portrait, and receive a copy of your photo.

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Want to go down in Dordt history? Here are the top ten pranks NOT to pull, because they have already been done:

1. Park a Volkswagen Beetle in the DeWitt Gymnasium.
2. Lay brick and mortar overnight to trap a third floor North Hall RA in his room.
3. Construct a pyramid of tables up to the roof of the library.
4. Hack into Professor Mahaffy’s email account and send out erroneous emails.
5. Steal the gold stars from the BJ Haan organ and place them in President Zylstra’s office.
6. Chain a bike to the top of the KDCR radio tower.
7. Move the metal sculpture from the front of the Campus Center to the top of the Rec Center.
8. Create a 25 x 8 foot mural of Calvin and Hobbes using 3200 Post-it notes.
9. Stack car tires to the top of the flag poles in front of the Commons.
10. Lead a cow up to the third floor of East Hall (cows can’t walk down stairs).

(Compiled by Mark Bylenga with help from Joel Schiebout)