Jubilee play takes stage at Te Paske

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Assistant News Editor

"We're all a little quirky," says Pastor Karen (Amber Huizenga) in the opening scene of Jubilee: A Comedy in Five Acts. And Pastor Karen is right—the people of Bethel Church are a bit quirky, but that is what makes them so approachable.

Jubilee is centered around a church family and their attempts to save the 100-year-old church they love. They discover that they do not own the land the church is built on, and the city plans to bulldoze the whole place and turn it into a strip mall. There is also an inner plot that centers on a man (Jonathan Horlings) claiming to be their Pastor Pete, a missionary to China. This added twist provides plenty of humor and promises a good time for all involved.

Unfortunately, due to the financial shape of the church, they cannot pay the money due the city, and so it is almost inevitable that the church will be bulldozed. The play pits the love the people have for the church to the coldness of the truth that they will not be able to save it.

Student have responded to the play by noting the simple humor of the play— it can be easily enjoyed.

"Everyone should see it at least once," said Laura Berkompas.

Interestingly enough, the play has absolutely nothing to do with Dordt, but the play does make use of the theme of Jubilee. If you’re curious, go to the Te Paske and check it out. There are still a few shows left, one on Friday and the final show this Saturday, so cough up the little amount of money it will cost you and enjoy the show.

Bracelet fundraiser helps tsunami victims

Ann Andree
Staff Writer

David Akerele, a Dordt alumni currently in a graduate program in Chicago, is organizing a nationwide silicon bracelet tsunami relief fundraiser for UNICEF. Wearing silicon bracelets supporting different causes is a current trend and includes yellow LiveStrong bracelets supporting cancer, red AIDS bracelets and orange racism.

Basically, students can buy blue tsunami bracelets and have the proceeds go to the Tsunami victims. Vic Kalchev, heading up the fundraiser at Dordt, says, "By having the bracelet you show you are supporting the cause. It shows your values."

Amanda Vanderpleeg, Liesbeth Vanderheide, Peace Toryem and Jian Wang are among the campus representatives selling the bracelets. The tsunami bracelets are $3, which covers the cost of making the bracelet ($1), the rest of the proceeds going to tsunami victims. Look for flyers around campus for more information on how to buy a bracelet. For more information about the silicon bracelets, check out lifesbracelets.com.

Another tsunami relief effort, sponsored by the RAs, is a contest in the library in which students can give of themselves. In which to throw showing Christian concern to those facing difficulty, specifically the tsunami victims.

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Staff Writer

Yale Professor to speak at Convocation

Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff, Professor Emeritus of Philosophical Theology at Yale University, will speak on the topic 'Fifty Years Later' at Dordt's Jubilee Convocation on Tuesday, March 8. Wolterstorff is a seasoned author, having published 16 books on subjects of art, education, social justice and personal experiences that have greatly influenced his life.

The gifted speaker also taught at Calvin College and the Free University in Amsterdam. The public is invited to attend.

Staff hired for Women's Safety

Rachel Valentine from Waukegan, Ill., has been hired as the newly created Safe Campus Project Coordinator at Dordt College, heading the 12-15 member Safe Campus Community Team established to oversee the Dordt College project.

The SCCT will work to limit threats against women, support them when dealing with unwanted advances on and off campus, and establish policies and procedures relating to awareness, prevention and support services for women.

Band concert planned for March 8

Dordt College’s Jazz Band, Concert Band and Campus-Community Band will hold a performance March 8 at 7:30 in the BJ Haan Auditorium.

The Campus-Community band, made up of professors, students and community members, will start the performance under the leadership of Dr. Duitman. A trombone choir will follow, then the rest of the Concert Band will perform. Jazz Band, led by Norman Gaines, will end the performance. Admission is free.
Choir ensembles perform ‘Words and Music’

Sara Burgin
Staff Writer

One campus event puts a lift in my step, a smile on my face and a melody in my heart—a vocal music concert. On February 25, the Dordt winter vocal concert, entitled “Words and Music,” featured four ensembles—Women’s Chorus, Kantorei, Chorale and Concert Choir. Each group performed selections whose lyrics were developed from written works by poets, novelists and playwrights.

The union of literature and music engaged the audience. As the choirs performed accompanied and a cappella tunes, the auditorium filled with lovely harmonies and eloquent words.

Although the majority of the literature presented was serious, the evening also included some lighter pieces. ‘The Uncertainty of the Poet’ evoked laughter from the audience as the Concert Choir sang about poets, bananas and poets being bananas.

An original piece, written and directed by Dr. Benjamin Kornelius, commemorated Dordt’s Jubilee. The men of the various choirs premiered the song, which was appropriately titled ‘The Old Mink Farm.’ The humorous song served as a wonderful tribute to Dordt’s past, present and future.

The fantastic musical evening concluded with all the choirs singing “Psalm 150.” The song was chosen to honor the 25th birthday of the Casavant organ and to honor and recognize Dr. Joan Ringerwole, who is retiring after teaching organ and church music for many, many years.

The magnificent evening of music and literature beautifully displayed the talent of the Dordt College choirs and student musicians. The Dordt choirs will be featured again on an upcoming Jubilee tour in April.

Sign Club: Students speak through actions

Elisanna Bell
Staff Writer

Sign Club is designed for students who want to learn sign language or add to what they might already know. Trevor Debey, one of the club’s leaders, said the club exists “to encourage, teach and have a lot of fun learning sign language.”

The club not only teaches how to communicate through sign language but also has been doing extensive work in signing hymn and praise songs. The most experienced leader of the club, Jessica Sohre, said signing with praise songs and hymns is “a whole other way of praising God.” Jessica also commented, “If you sign with music you learn faster.” The club will be going to sing for other churches in the community as they get to learn the songs better. The club is also working on signing for praise and worship, GIFT and chapel.

Sign language is important for teachers as anyone else who works with people on a daily basis. Rachel Eckhardt says, “It is important to learn about how different people communicate.”

Jessica also feels that “being able to sign during hymn and praise songs adds to a person’s personal worship.” The club meets at 9:30 on Thursdays. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Sohre or Rachel Eckhardt.

Out and About

Jill Hiemstra
Staff Writer

The ultimate chemistry lab

A high school chemistry teacher from Orlando, Florida, was arrested recently for teaching his students how to make a bomb. David Pieski used an overhead projector to show instructions and diagrams of explosives and told his class to use an electric detonator to stay clear of the blast. He has since been reprimanded by his local government and he has been reprimanded at his desk job and is not allowed to have any form of explosive on campus.

What they say about long fingers

A recent study by German scientists suggests that if your ring finger and index finger are about the same length, you may have a more difficult time with spatial skills. Spatial skills give people the ability to assess and orientate shapes and spaces. The study also found that women’s fingers were closer in length then men’s, which might validate the myth that women have a harder time reading a map then men.

Sleeping on the job

It was not hard for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to catch the car thief they had been pursuing. A man was reported to the authorities after he was spotted asleep at the wheel of the car he had just stolen. The RCMP found a screwdriver that the man had lodged into the ignition. When they found him, the motor was running and even a bullhorn could not rouse the man.
A God who does not take sides

Daniel Michael Guest Writer

In 1963, Bob Dylan wrote a prophetic song, "With God on Our Side," to pose to us the question: "Is God on our side?" This may sound strange, but God is not on our side. In the Iraqi war, everyone from James Dobson to our current president continue to make reference to the war as though God Himself had commanded it.

We, of course, have tended to see ourselves as God's instruments to carry out His war. We demote our "enemy" by calling them "evil" and us "good." This is hereesy and idolatry at its worst. God is not on the side of America, nor is He on the side of Iraq. He is not on the side of Republicans, nor is He on the side of Democrats. Consider the character of God. He is not one who is kept in idols of wood or bronze, nor is He kept in the idol of some other nation who is on our side.

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Mandatory chapel may be in Dordt's future

Emily Junkin Staff Writer

To force, or not to force seems to be the question of the day. Mandatory chapel can be heard being discussed in the commons, to be one of the questions floating on Dordt talk, and on Feb. 21, it is to be heard on mandatory chapel.

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Dear Discouraged,

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Experiencing Holland: A semester abroad

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Staff Writer

The second semester of my junior year in college was quite different from the rest. Yes, I spent the time studying and hanging out with friends, but instead of being on my college campus in northwest Iowa, I was in the Netherlands. Instead of sitting in a dorm room or apartment, I traveled around Europe, seeing different cities and experiencing new cultures. Instead of a dorm room or apartment, I lived with a truly Dutch family in a small, four-story rectangular house, the typical standard for Dutch housing.

I am no longer a person with two parents and one older sister, but now I am a person with two moms, a dad, two older sisters, an older brother, a younger sister, and a younger brother. Both of these families are related from Dutch ancestors, but only one family has a Dutch passport, the family with whom I lived. We ate together, had tea and coffee together, prayed together, had devotions together, and went to church together. We became more than friends, we became family. Their home became my home.

I remember the day I first arrived. I was already worn out from traveling, but now I am a person with two moms and a dad. I was ready for a new place and a new family to love and care for me. I was ready to start a new life, something that I have grown to love and cherish. The family welcomed me with open arms, and I was immediately accepted as part of their family. I knew I was heading home.

However, I still can't believe that, in a matter of a few months, I saw the bustling streets of London, the romantic atmosphere of Paris, the snow-white beaches of Spain, the spring-green hills of Ireland, the majestic towering mountains of Switzerland, just to name a few of the many highlights. I visited some of the most popular cities in the world, viewed some of the most famous works of art, tasted some of the most delectable foods I've ever tasted, and yet, what my heart always goes back to is the home away from home that I found in the Netherlands.

Rachel Wielenga spent the spring semester of her junior year studying in the Netherlands.
Dordt assesses future of campus

Reforming. It's what Dordt does best. The improvements planned for the campus are a visible example. A facilities planning company named Sasaki came to Dordt in June of 2004 to do some facilities planning, in hopes of accomplishing these six objectives:

1. Improving the main entrance and arrival sequence
2. Accommodating a variety of parking needs
3. Developing a landscape framework
4. Integrating the property on the south corner into the campus
5. Providing for program expansion for education and the sciences
6. Establishing a long-term framework for future growth

Through talking with students and administration as well as surveying the campus, Sasaki was able to present some options. Originally, Dordt's campus developed from west to east along a street that ran through campus. The street was closed when the Campus Center was built because of safety concerns with students walking to class. The college must now work to incorporate the southern property into the campus and improve the existing campus. Some plans included in the draft (not the final document) include:

1. Main Entrance and Arrival Sequence
Which entrance is the main entrance? Is the entrance on 4th Street? Or is it the one on 7th Street--and, if it is the latter, which of the four entrances is the main one? Dordt does not have an identifiable main entrance. Sasaki's plans will likely move the second entrance on 7th Street slightly to the west and create a circulation route through campus, which may be used to drop-off attending events and provide handicap parking.

2. Accommodating Parking Needs
Dordt needs to balance strategic and accessible parking while keeping in mind the aesthetic beauty of the campus. Ideally, parking zones would be relocated along the parameter of campus. A few ideas for parking have been proposed. Event parking would be on both sides of the Rec Centre. Student parking will be moved to the outside behind the Classroom Building and Covenant. The parking between East Campus and Covenant will be taken out for green space.

3. Develop Landscape Framework
Moving parking to the parameters of the campus, will give an opportunity to develop green space in the center of campus in lieu of the drab look that concrete and pavement currently give to the campus.

4. Integrate New Property
Dordt recently acquired the farm to the south of campus (behind the soccer field). As a wonderful wetland habitat, Dordt would like to keep it as natural as possible. Uses for the farmland include a natural science study area and a community park with nature paths and a bike path connecting 5th Street to 7th Street at Open Space Park and nature paths.

5. Program Elements
Renovations, relocations and removals are planned for different buildings on campus, although the fine details of what this will look like are still being discussed. The maintenance building could be moved to the east side of campus to provide space for the theatre arts and art programs. The Commons may be moved to another location to improve access. An idea for the art department is to move everything except print-making to the old advancement office. The science building will either need to renovate or replace their labs in the near future or replace the science building completely in order to keep up-to-date. East Campus Apartments and Off Campus housing may be removed, being replaced by new structures located to the north of SouthView creating a residential quad on the east side of campus. The new housing could be a mixture of suites and apartments.

6. Establish Long-Term Framework for Future Growth
The changes described above would create an academic green on the west side of campus, a core campus area that includes major event venues such as the Campus Center, the B.J. Haan Auditorium and the Rec Center complex, and a residential quad on the east side of campus. This framework would be used as a guide to place additional buildings the college may need in the future.

The above plans will cost about 15.5 million dollars (which is being raised through a Jubilee Campaign) and will be divided into phases.
Bringing back the puppet show

Joe Hoksbergen has been interested in puppets since he was two. Ethan Koerner has loved them since he was five. Therefore, it was only natural that they decided to team up and create a puppet show which will be performed this spring.

Ethan started writing the play this summer and finished in the fall. He began with the idea of death, and researched the pertaining philosophy, psychology and theology, as well as numerous different types of plays. He is now working on rewriting it. The play is still untitled, and not all the characters have been finalized. Some of the actors have been determined, but their roles could change according to how Ethan revises the script.

Last fall Ethan requested Joe's help in creating the puppets and Joe readily joined him. He began by reviewing the script, and then researching different types of puppets, doing hundreds of sketches, and is now in the building process. So far the puppets are made out of paper mache, but foam, cardboard, wire and wood are potential materials for the next puppets. For both Ethan and Joe the next month will consist of much construction, revision, and rehearsing.

So, why puppets? Many of us have not seen them since the Muppets. Ethan says that the possibility of doing things with puppets is endless and the audience is more easily able to make the distinction from reality with puppets than other forms of theatre. Joe says that there is an irony about using lifeless forms to portray life and death, and that it is a way of reliving the days of playing with G.I. Joes. In short, they say, puppets are just cool.
Finding fun at Dordt College

Our top 50 suggestions to cure chronic wintertime boredom in Iowa

Lynette Andree
Leisure Editor

Finding fun at Dordt College

Here at Dordt, we all have one thing in common—Sioux Falls is an hour and fifteen minutes away, and Sioux City is an hour away. Although they are great places to go and hang out, it is hard to find time and a ride to go every weekend.

So, the majority of students hang out on campus. But what is there to do? There is always a good movie, but that can get repetitious—how many times can you watch Napoleon Dynamite before you realize that there are other things to do on campus. But how much can you really do on a college campus, you ask. You just have to let the creative juices flow, but I'll give you a little head start.

Here is a list that I have compiled with the help from some of my friends. Make your own judgment calls as to what you think is appropriate.

So, without further adieu, here are the top 50 quick fixes for boredom in Iowa.

1. Slide down the banisters in the Campus Centre.
2. Ride the supply elevator until you get sick—it is the one way in the back that is huge and has doors on both sides.
3. Go the park and play midnight tag or Ghosts in the Graveyard—define the rules before you start playing.
4. Donut run at 9:30 because everything good is gone by 11:00.
5. Play Halo 2 for 8 hours straight and then go to the eye doctor.
6. Slide down the Campus Centre chute (the one between Seasons Centre—take advantage of it.
7. Watch the sun rise from the top of the Rec Centre.
9. Take all the furniture out of the Eckardt and put it in a snow fort next year.
10. Make a fort in somebody else’s room.
11. Build a fort in somebody else’s room.
12. Late night walks with roommates—go when the stars are out, it makes you think about your own insignificance.
13. Go Christmas caroling through the Sioux Center streets.
14. Wash two-week old dishes to the tune of Great Big Sea (Canadian East Coast band).
15. Take the mattresses off of your bed, line the hallway wall with them, stuff pillows in your shirt and have a good out of sumo wrestling party.
16. Take the pillows off of the couches in DeYager Student Activity Centre, run with them, jump on them, and see how far you can get.
17. Join the four-square club... need I say more?
18. Wally-ball.
19. Procrastinate by cleaning your room, and then procrastinate some more by deciding to rearrange it.
20. Use window writers to draw pictures on other peoples’ windows.
21. Send random mail to random people you don’t know.
22. Play Mafia with approximately 20 people... confusing.
23. If you live in East Campus, Southview, or West, put iced tea mix into neighbours toilet tank.
24. Do homework. This is very beneficial to passing your courses and can often be fun, as long as you are doing it with the right people.
25. Invite a professor or President Zylstra and his wife over for dinner. serve them venison—that’s deer.
26. Have a scavenger hunt in Walmart. Split into teams of guys and girls, have the guys make a list of things for the girls to find and vice versa.
27. Go swimming or skating. You paid for access to the All Activity Centre, run with them, jump on them, and see how far you can get.
28. Join an intramural sports team for a sport you have never played and meet new people.
29. Go on DordtTalk. It can entertain you for hours.
30. Build a snow fort... Wait, there’s no snow. Build a snow fort next year.
31. Create your own lyrics to popular songs. An example to the tune California Girls by the Beach Boys: “Oh the East Campus guys are hip, I really dig those styles they wear. And the Southview guys with the way they talk, they knock me out when I’m down there,” etc.
32. Have a 3-way conversation on msn until 3:00 in the morning and then take a test at 8:00 that same morning.
33. Play hide and seek in your dorm room—believe it or not, there are more places to hide than you think!
34. Visit friends in night class. Don’t worry, the professors won’t notice.
35. Have a campfire at Oak Grove. Bring an acoustic guitar and just sing praise songs for hours on end.
36. Bake cookies.
37. Talk to someone you have never met before.
38. Set up a tent outside and sleep in it overnight. If you are lucky, it won’t get collapsed on you.
39. Play outside next time it rains.
40. Go the Humble Bean, order a two-guy latte, and talk about life.
41. Steal someone’s clothes and return them one by one in the campus mail. They will thank you, I promise. Why wouldn’t they? They are finally getting some packages!
42. Write a letter to someone back home. You aren’t the only one who likes getting mail!
43. Sit in the hallways of your dorm building and clap as people walk by. Invite strangers to join; You’ll meet some cool people.
44. Make tubes of blue Jell-o and invite a bunch of people to share it with you. Bring Your Own Spoon.
45. Find someone with Old School Nintendo and play Super Mario 3 or Duck Hunt!
46. Visit the Diamond staff in the library.
47. Play sardines in the Campus Centre.
48. Full contact spoons... play at your own risk.
49. Two words: Bed book.
50. Dutch Bingo—at Dordt, this is guaranteed to entertain you for hours.

Most of these activities can be done on a regular school night, but I advise you not to stay up too late. It might hurt your grades. You don’t want to have to explain this to mom. The next time you are your friends are sitting around wondering what to do, just be creative—because at Dordt, sometimes you just have to make your own fun.
Behind the scenes:

Sowers start spring season

Leslie Larson
Staff Writer

The preseason polls are out for the Division B level—the Dordt lacrosse team is ranked number nineteen in the nation. The Sowers are also ranked number two in the Great Rivers Lacrosse Conference.

This year, the team consists of five seniors: Kris Klein, Tommy Van Hofwegen, Kevin Vanderwal, Aaron Shape and Jon Van Huis. These athletes will continue to provide successful leadership to the team and underclassmen, which is vital due to last year’s graduation of many quality athletes. The spring roster includes eleven freshmen who have been progressing quickly, providing the team with new energy and ability. “We have a very committed group of guys who are willing to put in the extra time in order to get better,” said co-captains Paul Hoogendoorn and Ross Van Der Bill.

Preparation for the spring lacrosse season started last fall. Then, the Sowers took off one month before Christmas break and began their practices again during the last week of January. Strict conditioning will improve their defense, team cohesion and individual skills allowing the Sowers to physically dominate every game.

Defensively, the Sowers hope to implement some man-to-man variations, along with zone defense. With a new goalie in the mix, different defenses might be used. Dordt’s size and strength should be an advantage allowing them to shut down other teams. Offensively, the team has struggled in the past, but this year more organized plays are planned, as well as improvements in midfield fast breaks.

The Great Rivers Lacrosse Conference will be tough this season because numerous teams have stepped up their levels of play. “I think that we are going to have a good season. However, we will have to play really well to make playoffs this year,” said Van Huis.

Students and community members are encouraged to support the Dordt lacrosse team. Hoogendoorn and Van Der Bill said, “Dordt lacrosse provides an opportunity to watch a physical sport and learn about a new and quickly developing game.” Van Huis said, “The game is a lot of fun to watch because it is very fast paced with a lot of hitting. Our toughest competition will be against Creighton. We will need all the fan support we can get.”

Team playoffs are around the corner

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For the first time in the 5-year GPAC history, the Lady Defender basketball team took a berth in the GPAC Quarterfinals. On Feb. 23, the Lady Defenders took on national champions Morningside in Sioux City, IA. The Defenders trailed by three late in the first half, but could not keep up with the galloping Mustangs. The Defenders lost 72-52, but gained valuable experience. Amanda Eekhoff led Dordt with 20 points.

Eekhoff was also named the GPAC player of the week for games played during the week of Feb. 14 and Feb. 20. Against Dakota Wesleyan University, Eekhoff put up 16 points and grabbed five rebounds and against Briar Cliff the Dordt Defender freshman tallied 24 points, grabbed 17 rebounds, had nine blocked shots, dished out four assists and swiped three steals.

The indoor track season is also coming to close with the National Meet in Johnson City, Tennessee, March 3-5; the only meet remaining for the 2005 season. National qualifiers from Dordt include; Jen Kempers in the high jump, Dan Van Engen and Tim Eisenga in the 3000m, Melissa Klein in the 800m (but she will not run this event in at Nationals), the women’s 4 X 800m relay team consisting of Kempers, Klein, Tanya Rowenhorst, and Abbie Sodisma, the women’s 4 X 400m relay team consisting of Sodisma, Kempers, Beth De Jonge, and Klein, and the men’s distance medley relay team consisting of Eisenga, Jared Van Wyk, Josh Boerman, and Van Engen.

Lori Rowenhorst will be the alternate for the women’s 4 X 400m relay and the 4 X 800m relay. The Dordt Blades hockey team wound down their regular season with 7-3, 8-2 wins over the University of South Dakota on Feb. 18 and 19. The Blades also hosted a charity game on Feb. 25, where members of the Blades took on members of the community. Playoffs are on March 4 and 5.

QUICK HITS:
Become a spring sports fan

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Spring is the best time of the year to be a sports fan. Outdoor track, softball, baseball, tennis and lacrosse hold their competitions outside, in the fresh air of spring. You can take in the shining sun, just when you’re getting spring fever and tired of being stuck in the dorms. But for some reason, most of the spring athletic events never seem to get a high degree of fan support.

I realize that these spring events do not give students the convenience of walking to the DeWitt gymnasium, but is it that far of a walk to Open Space Park? What could be better than soaking in the sun, breathing the fresh air and hearing the birds sing with the occasional cracking of baseball and softball bats resounding in your ears?

What could be a better way of enjoying the changing seasons than supporting the spring athletic teams. Just stop on by to take in a baseball or softball game after your walk. Stop by to cheer on your fellow students in a lacrosse game or tennis match after your roller-blading study break. The teams will undoubtedly appreciate it and who knows, maybe you’ll just like it and become a dedicated fan too.