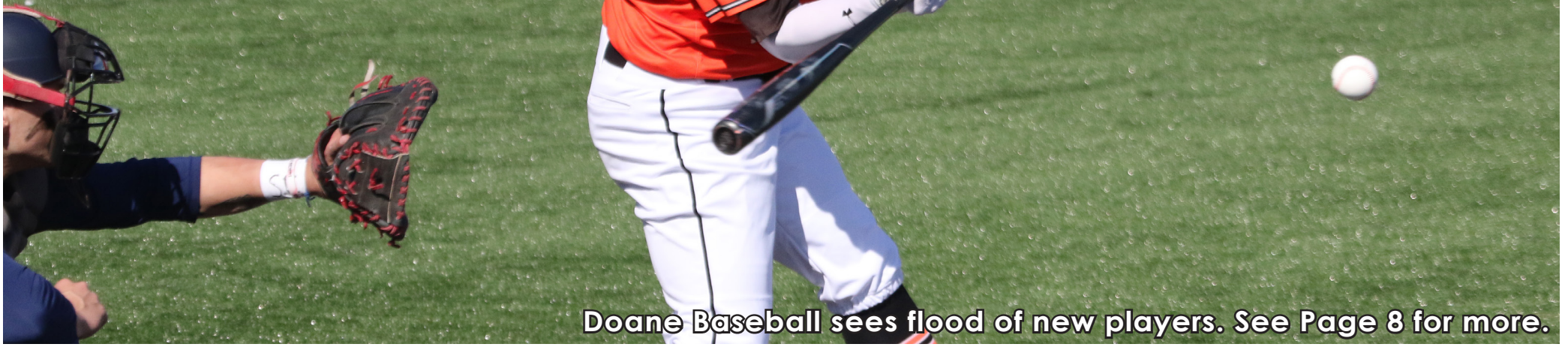


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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Doane Baseball sees flood of new players. See Page 8 for more.

Doane professor publishes book

Dan Clanton celebrates the publication of a new book

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

After a long, five-year workload, Dan Clanton, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, is both excited and relieved for the official release of a book he and many other authors have worked on.

The book was officially released back in December.

"It is a brick. It's very thorough," Clanton said. The book is titled "The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and American Popular Culture" with Clanton as lead editor.

"[The book] is focused just on the ways in which the Bible and Biblical literature have

been used and adapted in American popular culture," Clanton said.

With the stress of not knowing when he would receive the book because of recent problems with USPS, Clanton said he was relieved after receiving it in the mail around Feb. 10.

Besides the stress that came with not receiving the book quickly, Clanton said he is excited now that this work has been officially finished and published.

"For me, it was great. It's published. I can hold it in my hands and know that that research project is officially in the books. It's over once I have it in my hands, and then I can move on to the next project," Clanton said.

Clanton gives thanks to Doane University, the library staff and Tammy Roach, Library Assistant in Interlibrary Loans for all of their support.

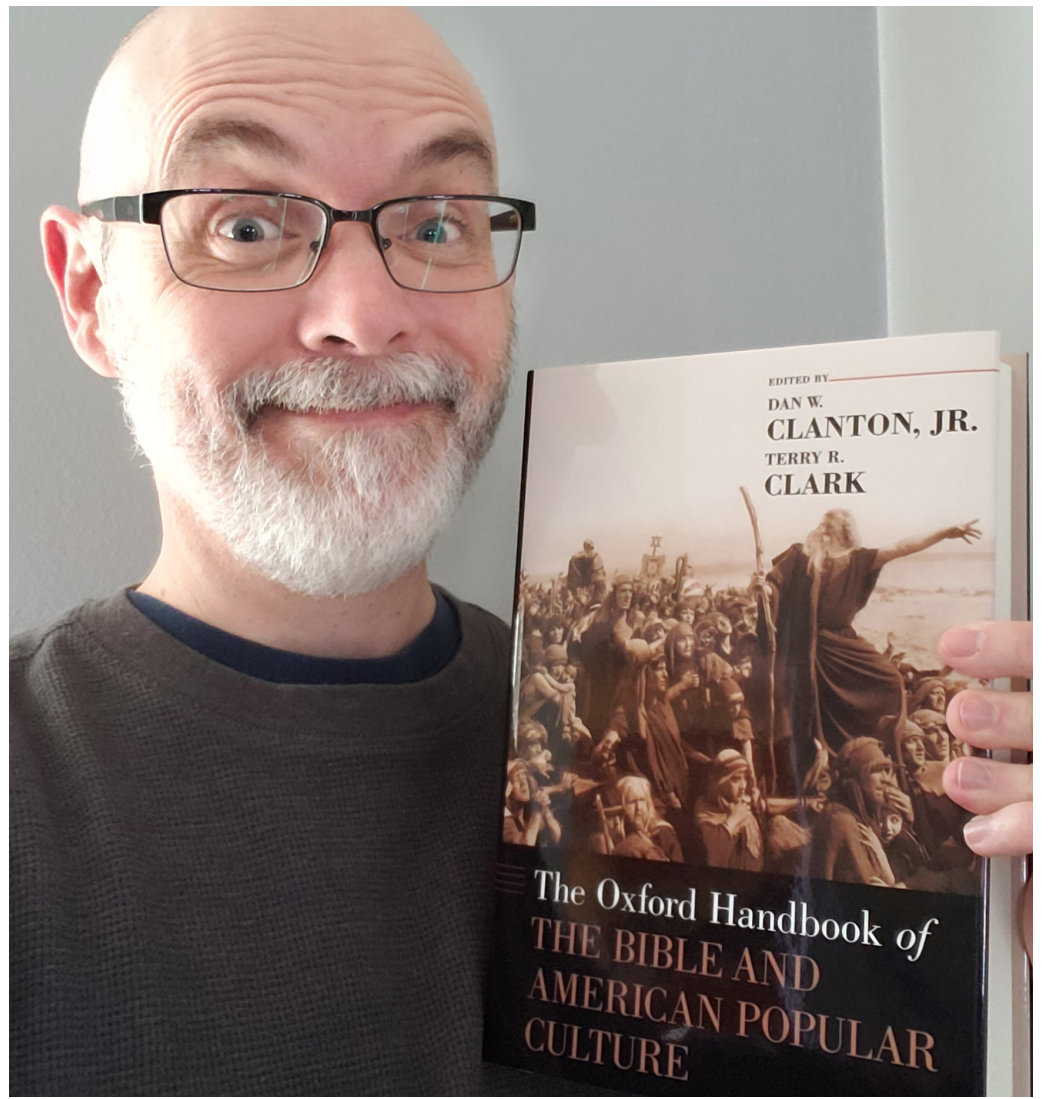
"You just can't do a project like this without

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Dan Clanton
Associate Professor of
Philosophy and Religious
Studies

support from your university. Our library staff is second to none. They go above and beyond to find what you need and help you get it," Clanton said.

Clanton also thanks Steve Wiggins, editor at the Oxford University Press, for the opportunity he gave Clanton to edit a book on this subject for a series at the Oxford University Press.



Courtesy Photo | Dan Clanton

Doane slowly opening back up

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

96 percent of campus isolation space available at the publication time of this article.

Student Health Services is still encouraging students to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth in all campus spaces. Student Health Services also recommends students practice social distancing, washing their hands, staying home and contacting the right people if COVID-19 symptoms develop.

With the risk dial staying steady for the second week in a row, the

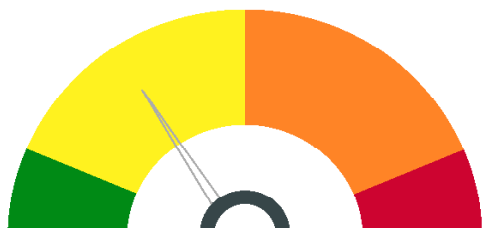
On Feb. 12, Doane University sent out an email to all students and staff regarding the COVID-19 risk dial. For the second week in a row, the Doane Crete campus risk level remained at the moderate level.

There were two positive COVID-19 cases that were reported during the week of Feb. 8 on the Crete campus. There was

**3 Total
Positive
Cases**

**179
Total
Cases**

**0 Tests
Pending**



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COVID-19 Risk Assessment Team decided to increase seating capacity within the cafeteria. This increase in seating capacity began on Feb. 15.

The capacity change allows for students to eat in the West and South dining rooms during breakfast and lunch hours. Tables and chairs

are placed six feet apart to ensure social distancing takes place. The self-serve option is still unavailable to students.

Seating is first-come, first-serve. When students are eating inside the cafeteria, they will be given a laminated sign to leave at the table when they are done eating. This will signal cafeteria staff to sanitize the table. There are also buckets of sanitation wipes for students to use before and after eating if they choose to use them.

Students using the South and West dining

areas are asked to limit their eating time to 15 to 20 minutes and are required to wear masks at all times until they are seated.

Taking food to-go is still the recommended dining option for students.

If you develop symptoms or feel ill, please contact Student Health Services. Consult Doane's COVID-19 dashboard if you have any questions.

Senate acquits Trump of charges

Trump's second impeachment concludes

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

On Feb. 9, Congress began the second impeachment of former-President Donald Trump. The process concluded on Feb. 13 with a resolution stating that Trump was not guilty and therefore acquitted.

The charge brought

against Trump, as outlined in the Senate Document 117-2, was incitement of insurrection for his alleged role in the Jan. 6 breach of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Officials claimed Trump discounted the validity of the Nov. 3 election results, thus threatening the American democracy. Congress also said Trump was responsible for encouraging people to storm into the Capitol and interrupt a session of Congress.

This was Trump's second impeachment and second acquittal of the charges brought before

him. Trump was found not guilty of his past charges of abuse of power and obstruction of justice in Dec. 2019.

The Senate would have needed 67 votes to impeach Trump, but only 57 votes were secured. All 43 votes opposing Trump's impeachment were cast by Republican members of the Senate. All Democratic and seven Republican Senators voted to impeach Trump.

Since Trump was not impeached, he will still be eligible to hold public office in the future.



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No raise to minimum wage

COVID-19 relief package adjusted

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

The Senate voted on Feb. 4 to exclude increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 in Biden's \$1.9 trillion Coronavirus relief package.

An increase of the federal minimum wage was something President Joe Biden promised to his supporters while campaigning.

Though, as the Senate approached a vote on the package, Biden doubted the increase would be able to stay in the package.

The proposal was met with resistance from both Democrats and Republicans who opposed this idea to varying degrees, with Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) saying he would not support an increase to \$15 but would support something "responsible and reasonable."

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) stated that while he never intended to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour during the pandemic, he would continue to fight for it.

Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) also opposed the idea, believing that during the financial struggles many businesses are dealing with during the pandemic, it would be unwise to make them pay their employees more and risk going out of business.

"A \$15 minimum

wage would be devastating for our hardest-hit small businesses at a time when they can least afford it," Ernst said.

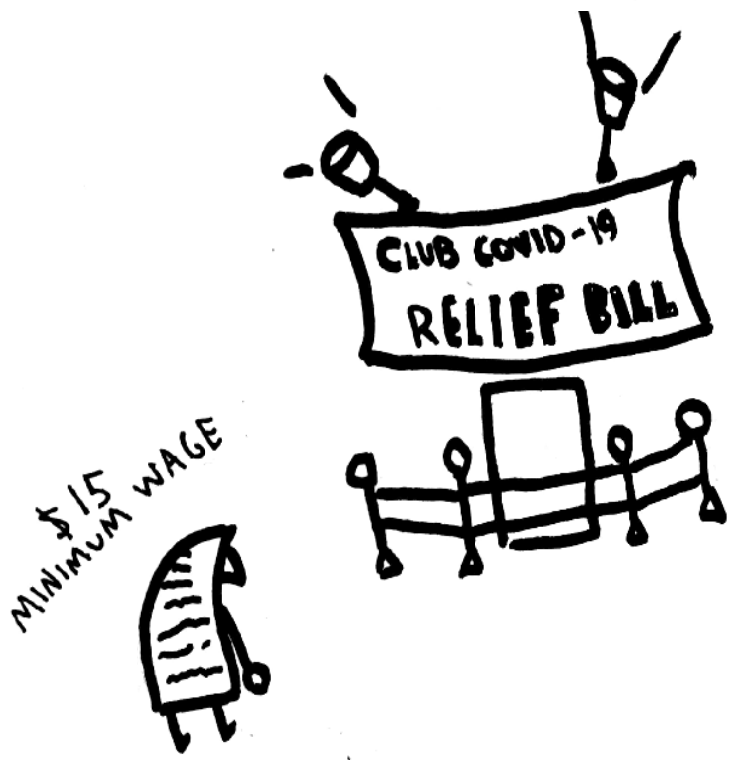
One of the most frequently used arguments against raising the minimum wage is that it would force many employers to cut jobs.

According to NPR, if the federal minimum wage was raised to \$15 an hour by 2025, earnings would increase for at least 17 million people, but it could lead to 1.3 million people losing their jobs as a result of employers not being able to pay increased wages.

Despite the wage increase being cut from the

relief package, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Democrats will not stop fighting for it, saying "It's not the last bill we'll pass."

As of now there are no plans for reintroducing the minimum wage bill from either Democrats or Republicans.



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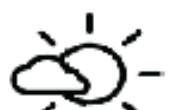
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High: 31
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High: 32
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High: 35
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Rush adjusted for pandemic

Greek events to be virtual and in-person

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Greek events will be held in a hybrid format this year, alternating between in-person and virtual.

Recruitment of new members for Greek groups will be held virtually from Feb. 20 through March 11, and Weeks of the Greeks will be held virtually and in-person from March 12 through March 27.

Weeks of the Greeks involves events held by each respective Greek group for their new members. It is a two-week long event, and only those who joined a Greek group are able to participate in their group's activities.

The Greek Council

has been working closely with the Office of Student Experience to enable the execution of these events.

Jake Elswick, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Experience, said there were four scenarios for Greek groups to host their annual events. All options involved some sort of virtual format, except for one that would have pushed all events to Fall 2021.

Elswick said plans for Greek events began last fall, but those changed along with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We asked the Greek Council to vote on those options, and to help us make that final decision about what they wanted to do," Elswick said.

Olivia DeFord, President of Greek Life, had an influential role in deciding the format for Greek events, according to Elswick.

"[Deford] was really instrumental in helping move this along, and Greek Council did a great job. Greek leadership has

GREEK UPDATE

Feb. 20 - March 11
Recruitment of new members held virtually.

March 12 - March 27
Weeks of the Greeks held virtually and in person.

Specific dates and times for Weeks of the Greeks will be shared with each group closer to March 12.

Students interested in learning more about joining a Greek group must RSVP for the groups' open house.

Graphic by Kendall Meyer | The Doane Owl

done a good job working through this process which is much different and more exhaustive than usual," Elswick said.

Elswick expressed his excitement for future activities on Doane's campus and for "the light at the end of the tunnel" of

the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have said 'no' way too much this year, and we want to say 'yes' again," Elswick said.

Specific dates and times for Weeks of the Greeks events will be shared with members of each group closer to

March 12.

Students interested in learning more about Greek life or joining a Greek group must RSVP for the groups' open houses. The link to RSVP is available in a Feb. 12 email from Student Experience.

Press release; giving day details

Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Doane community kicks off "One Day. One Doane.," a 24-hour challenge for The Doane Fund!

All gifts made to The Doane Fund from 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, through 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 will help us reach our goal of 300 donors in 24 hours and unlock a special challenge gift from the Doane Board of Trustees.

There are many ways

to get involved. Follow Doane Alumni on Facebook and Twitter for information and updates throughout the event.

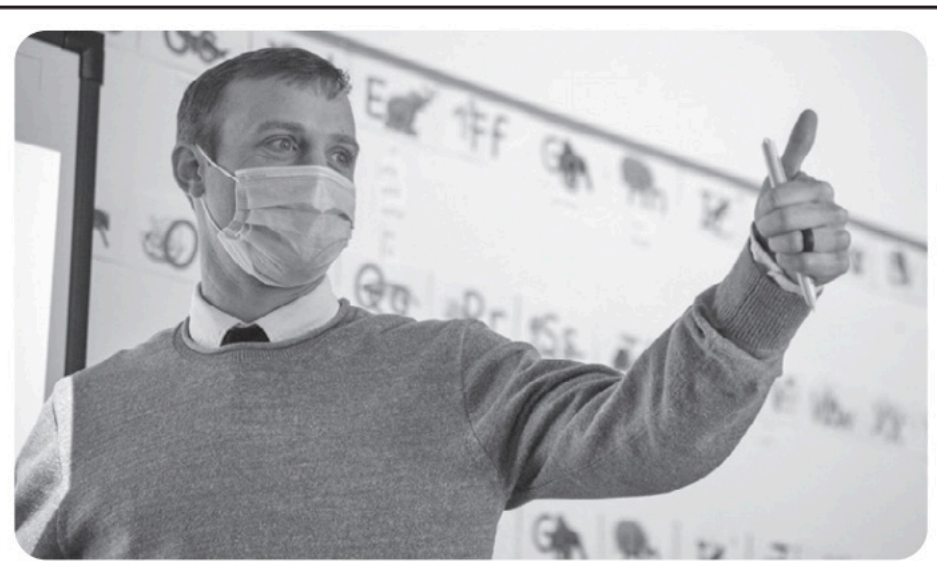
Students are encouraged to stop by Lakeside Coffee House from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 to participate in One Day. One Doane. activities.

Weather permitting, we will be running our One Day. One Doane. CashCart. Students can get a ride to class from

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the CashCart. Answer a Doane philanthropy question correctly to earn \$25 and donate it to the Doane Fund area of your choice: Athletics, Fine Arts, Campus Life, People, and Financial Aid.

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Doane residential life updates

Students given reminder of guidelines

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

On Feb. 8, students received an email from Doane Residential Life and Education (ResLife) alerting them that all doors of their residential buildings will be available for ID access.

Prior to this, in Smith, Hansen, Sheldon and Frees, students only had access to the front doors of their building to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. However, according to Grace Mosier, Hansen Hall Community Director, the low number of COVID-19 cases on campus and the recent cold temperatures caused ResLife to partner with Student Health and Wellness and Doane Safety to open the doors.

"This decision was made to make the residence halls more accessible for residents, but

the guest policy is still the same where non-residents of the building do not have access," Mosier said.

With the recent decrease in the COVID-19 risk dial, Mosier said ResLife will continue to work with Health and Wellness to adjust regulations as they see fit. They are currently planning on keeping the regulations on open spaces the same for now.

The open spaces in each residence hall vary, ranging from lounge spaces, to computer labs, to kitchens.

The cold temperatures that contributed to ResLife's decision to open the back and side doors of the residence halls has also brought the opening of windows to the attention of ResLife and Facilities.

Both Doane Maintenance and Facilities have sent out emails to Doane students warning them not to open their room windows or to leave doors open.

The cold air that enters a room when the windows are left open can cause the fan coils that sit under the window to freeze. This can damage the building as well as personal items, accord-

ing to Mosier. Clean-up and repairs can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$10,000.

Mosier also said that if students feel their room is too warm without a window open, then they can submit a work order via eRezLife.

As for the future of ResLife and what students can look forward to, Mosier urges students to keep an eye out for posters in their residence halls as well as emails from ResLife, their Community Director (CD), Area Coordinator (AC) or Community Advisor (CA).

The next Midnight Munchies event that students can look forward to is on Feb. 26. This one will have a Valentine's Day theme as well as a partnership with the Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project to provide resources about healthy relationships.

For future programs, Mosier reminds students that ResLife wants "residents to play an active role in [their] communities."

Residents with ideas for programs or ways to improve their community can reach out to their CD, AC or CA.

• ResLife Update •

Close your windows-

This will help prevent pipes from freezing and regulate the building's temperature.

Open Areas-

Regulations for open areas are the same for now, but each residence halls' open spaces vary.

Midnight Munchies-

Join ResLife staff on Friday, Feb. 26 for free snacks.

Doors are open-

Residence halls' doors are now open but only by using the ID cards of that hall's residents.

Graphic by Kendall Meyer | The Doane Owl

Iowa governor lifts COVID restrictions

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced on Feb. 5 that she is lifting COVID-19 restrictions like social distancing, masks and limitations on social gatherings.

The new guidelines go against President Joe Biden's wish to have universal mask-wearing enforced, with Biden having

mandated face coverings on planes, in airports and in all federal buildings.

This announcement, which comes after a drop in Iowa's COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, has been criticized by many of Iowa's city leaders.

Despite her announcement, multiple cities such as Des Moines and Iowa City have said they will keep their own measures in place.

Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, stated on Feb. 6 that the city will keep its mask mandate and spoke out against Reynolds' decision.

"[Reynolds' actions] can't be rationalized with the number of positive cases we continue to see across the state and here in Polk County," Cownie said.

Iowa City, which installed a mask mandate in July, weeks before Reyn-

olds enforced one, will also keep its COVID-19 policies.

"Residents should continue to wear masks in public spaces within Iowa City in accordance with the City's order," Geoff Fruin, City Manager of Iowa City, said.

With reports of the new, more contagious variant of COVID-19 spreading across the U.S. and reportedly being spotted in Iowa, many see

it as an extreme danger to public health. Representative Cindy Axne called Reynolds' move "short-sighted, ill-conceived and dangerous."

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts has not enforced a mask mandate and has instead left the decision to city and county leaders.

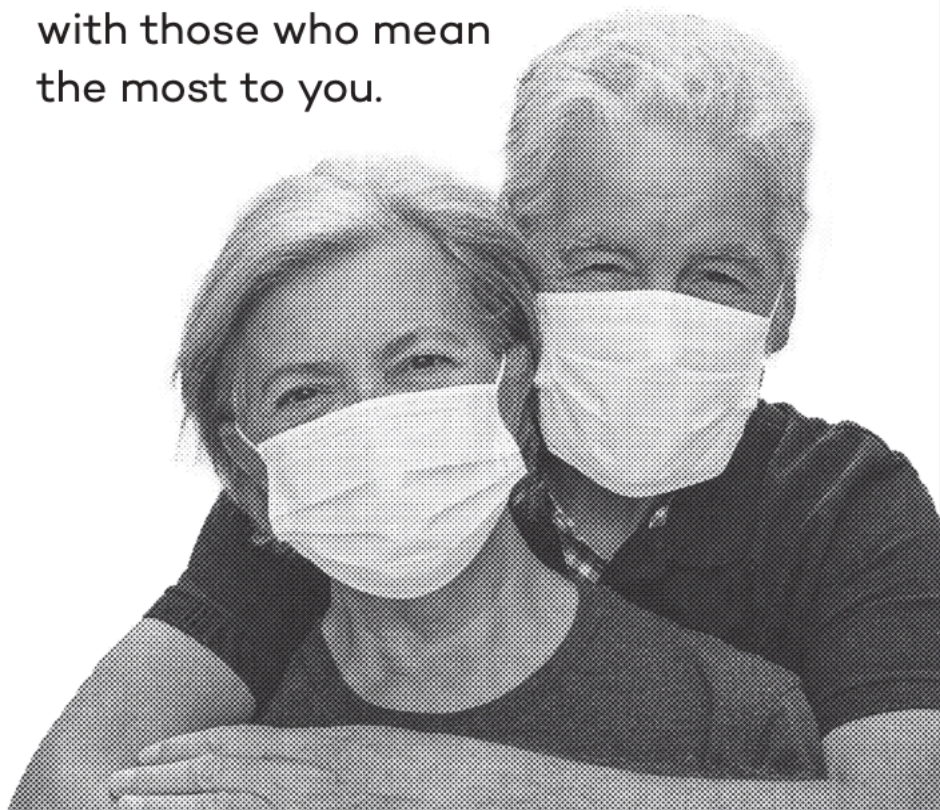
Cities like Omaha and Lincoln have had a mask mandate for several months now and intend

to keep them for at least another three months, while places like Grand Island and Kearney are fighting to repeal their mask mandates through a vote on Feb. 23.

Nebraska currently has close to 200,000 COVID-19 cases and 2,191 deaths, while Iowa has roughly 300,000 COVID-19 cases and 5,223 deaths.

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Tiger Wellness Day a success

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

Tiger Wellness Days started Feb. 10. They are trying something new for Wellness Wednesdays with the use of “Passports.”

At each Wellness event throughout the semester, students will earn stickers they can put on their Passport. The more stickers collected each week, the larger the prizes students are able to acquire on the last Wellness Day on April 29.

Residential Life (ResLife), Student Council (StuCo) and Tiger Wellness and Student Programming Board (SPB) all sponsored an eventful day for students to participate.

Starting at 9 a.m., the Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) hosted a TikTok Tone Up class at Fuhrer Fieldhouse. All participants received a Tiger Wellness t-shirt.

At 11 a.m., there was a pushup contest at Lake-

side Café hosted by Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

Freshman Jeremiah Payne was the overall winner with a total of 90 pushups, and senior Amanda Insalaco was the winner for the women's category with 61 pushups. Winners took home prizes of Doane swag, which included tumblers, coolers and beanies.

From 1 to 2 p.m., StuCo hosted a H.O.R.S.E. Contest in the George and Sally Haddix Recreation Center. Junior Logan Fetzer won the tournament and a new speaker. Junior Keith Hayden came in second and took home a blanket and a wireless charger.

Popular events of the day were the Build-A-Boo station in Nyrop Hall, sponsored by SPB, and Krispy Kreme Donuts outside of Perkins Library, supported by StuCo.

StuCo also hosted a fundraiser at Lakeside from 5 to 8 p.m. where students could send a

Crush soda and popcorn to their crush for \$3.

Junior Madi Warrelmann said StuCo raised about \$180 from the fundraiser for the Crete Community Garden.

Students had the opportunity to win big prizes at the Spikeball tournament put on by SPB. Junior Luke Dunwell and freshman Zion Longsine won the championship and took home AirPods. Sophomore Parker Hansen and freshman Milo Ciotti won new Keurigs.

ResLife ended the day with Kahoot and Snacks in the residence halls.

“The turn out was more than expected at many of the events,” Warrelmann said.

She went on to say that students can expect more events during days off throughout the semester. Those will also give students a chance to earn more stickers for their Passports.

More information can be accessed at <https://rileysouchek.wixsite.com/tigerwellness>.



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl

Junior Logan Fetzer wins H.O.R.S.E. Contest and took home a new speaker.

Office of Admissions gets creative

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

With all the precautions and setbacks that the Coronavirus pandemic has caused, Doane Office of Admissions has had to get creative in recruiting students and carrying out normal procedures.

The role of an admissions counselor is to be the first interaction interested students have with Doane. They go to college fairs, visit high schools, get to know students, encourage them to apply, host students for tours at Doane, etc.

Almost every aspect of their roles have had to be adjusted; however, for

Daniel Maganda Sandoval, Admissions Counselor for Diversity Outreach and Inclusion, the “great communication and good leaderships” in the Office of Admissions is what allowed everyone to be flexible.

A major part of admissions counselors' roles, visiting high schools and college fairs, are usually held in the fall. The decision to allow admissions counselors to visit other schools was placed on the individual high schools. Admissions counselors had the option not to go if they did not feel comfortable. With COVID-19 rates as high as they were in many areas during the fall, many events were held virtually.

Maganda Sandoval said he did more virtual visits than he had ever done in his life.

One benefit of the virtual visits is admissions counselors get to meet more out-of-state students and gain interest from other regions. However, “there is no better feeling than actually stepping foot” onto Doane campus, Maganda Sandoval said about the importance of visiting in person.

With in-person visits being such an important component of a prospective student's journey to finding the right school for them, some campus tours were held last semester.

In-person tours were

met with various precautions and rules for the prospective family. The student could be accompanied by two guardians, masks were enforced, temperature checks occurred before the tour, lunch was not eaten in the cafeteria and visits to all of the dorms typically did not happen as they would have prior to the pandemic.

The tours are held typically from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Therefore, visiting the dorms does not pose a risk because the dorms are fairly quiet during those hours, according to Maganda Sandoval.

Another change from last semester to this semester is the amount of Doane students a touring

family sees around campus.

“With that risk dial going down a little bit, you do see more kids walking around campus, and you see kids out and about, and that's always great when you have prospective students that they get to see other students on campus,” Maganda Sandoval said.

Maganda Sandoval said earlier in the academic year when families would come and visit, they saw very few students out, and it resembled a “ghost town.” Now that the risk dial has decreased slightly and more aspects of campus are opening, students are venturing out from their residences.

While Doane still conducts these tours with prospective students, large groups have been unable to attend in a tour form. Therefore, the admissions office is currently planning virtual group visit days for the future.

Until then, the admissions office is working to accommodate prospective students as best as they can.

Maganda Sandoval is glad to see that despite everything, students are still “continuing their education after high school” and “planning for the future” with hopes that the pandemic is nearing an end.



Photo by Abrianna Miller | The Doane Owl

Microwave in Hansen missing

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

In the past couple weeks, one microwave has gone missing in Hansen Leadership Hall.

Grace Mosier, Director of Hansen Hall, said after the basement microwave was moved to the third floor, it went missing.

“Unfortunately, it hasn't been returned, yet, but I have full faith in the Hansen residents to return it,” Mosier said.

Mosier said the missing microwave will not be replaced, rather all students living in Hansen will have to share the second-floor microwave.

“Additionally, the cost of a new microwave would be split amongst all the res-

idents of Hansen,” Mosier said.

Mosier encouraged the individual that stole the microwave to return it, as Hansen residents need to

utilize the microwave.

If you have any information about the missing microwave in Hansen, please contact Mosier at grace.mosier@doane.edu

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): This week may be an intense one, be sure to find time to relax and de-stress from it all.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): You've been focused a lot on your social life lately, it may be time to step back and look at the broader picture

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Past experiences may come back to you this week, be careful as to not mess up any opportunities that may arise.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Some of your relationships may take a turn for the worse this week, ride it out and try not to add any fire to the flames.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Now is a good time to finally come to terms with that decision that you may have been mulling over for quite some time.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Reach out to talk to a few friends, you never know who might need it, whether it be them or you.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): A time of outward reflection is upon you, take a step back from focusing on yourself and look to those around you.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Remain patient, although it may seem like a great many things want to test it, good things come to those who wait.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): It may become tiring focusing so much on other people this week, take a moment to think about yourself.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Drama may arise when dealing with someone you may care about, take some time to cool off and work on it together.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): New experiences await you this week, take advantage of opportunities they may grant you.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Relationships may deepen this week, you'll just need to look for the right opportunity to work on them.

Students divided on Valentine's Day

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

Students on Doane's Crete campus have mixed feelings about Valentine's Day, which happened over the weekend on Feb. 14.

Some students revealed that the COVID-19 pandemic affected their plans, while other students said their plans of eating ice cream alone had not been affected.

Though the holiday brings themes such as relationships and love, many Doane students said they looked forward to appreciating their loved ones-- platonic or otherwise.

Freshman Brian Mierzejewski said he did not celebrate Valentine's Day. Mierzejewski said he does not like Valentine's Day because "it has only cost me

money on people who weren't worth it."

Senior Grant Hrabik spent Valentine's Day with his friends but said he does not enjoy the holiday either.

"It is a holiday created by companies, specifically Hallmark, to boost sales and make more money by exploiting relationships," Hrabik said.

Senior Ryleigh Gebers also said she is not a fan of Valentine's Day. She said she would normally spend the holiday with her family.

"The day as a whole always seems more like a celebration of capitalism and how much people are willing to spend on a partner [rather] than a genuine celebration of love because of all the marketing that surrounds it. But if it makes other people happy, then good for them," Gebers said.

Freshman Olivia Diggins disagreed with Mierzejewski and Hrabik. Diggins said she likes the holiday but did not celebrate Valentine's Day due to COVID-19.

"It is a day for couples to feel special and appreciate each other," Diggins said.

Senior Brianna Powers said she spent Valentine's Day with her significant other but said she is not a fan of the chocolate-filled holiday.

"I think you should show people you love them everyday, not just when you're 'supposed to,'" Powers said.

Sophomore Stephanie Wright had a much more neutral opinion about Valentine's Day.

"It's a harmless holiday that involves chocolate," Wright said.

Whatever your plans were, make sure to go grab the half-priced candy.

Seniors prepare for future

JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

As Doane continues into its spring semester of 2021, senior students are approaching graduation.

Graduating in a pandemic raises many questions for those leaving Doane's campus.

According to a survey sent out on Feb. 12, 44 percent of senior respondents said they would be moving to further their education, while 37 percent said they would not continue their education after graduating. The remaining respondents stated that they would potentially continue their education later in life or while working.

For students planning on working after graduation, there is a mix of those who have found work within their major and those who have not.

Of the respondents, 41 percent said they were able to find work in their area of study, while 19 percent said they had not found work in their respective major. The other remaining seniors said they had been interviewing, waiting on interviews or not looking for a job currently.

With a large percentage of respondents being able to find a job in their desired field, the question of Doane's involvement in that process was raised. 55 percent of respondents said Doane had been helpful in their career searches, whereas 24 percent said they were not helpful

in their job hunts. Others stated they had never asked for help, their professors helped them or Doane helped them with a search unrelated to a job, like nursing school.

Seniors also shared which resources from Doane were able to help them. These resources included the College to Career Center, professors, advisor assistance and the app "Handshake," used to help students find job opportunities.

In terms of the COVID-19 pandemic, 52 percent of respondents said their future plans had not been changed because of the pandemic, and the other 48 percent said the pandemic had either affected or somewhat affected their plans post-graduation.

Tiger Timeout

In this week's Tiger Timeout, see if you can find the two hidden Thomas the Tigers in this image. If you need a little extra help, there is a hint in the upside down text.

This photo was taken before the COVID-19 pandemic.



HINT: Thomas is peaking out between 32 and 54.
HINT: Thomas is hiding in the stands.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Keep spreading the love (safely)

Valentine's Day may be over, but that doesn't mean you have to stop showing your affection for you and your loved ones.

While Valentine's Day is primarily focused on romantic partners and relationships, it can also be about your familial and platonic relationships.

COVID might make it difficult to express your appreciation to those who you hold dear, but during this time of anxiety and somber moods, making the effort to show

your loved ones you care about them will really make a difference and remind them about all the good there is in the world.

It could be a simple phone call or Zoom, mailing them a card or some sort of sweet treat (but keeping in mind safety protocols for mail), or it could even be as simple as sending them a text saying something along the lines of "I'm sad I can't see you in person, but know that I'm always thinking of you, and I love you, and I appreciate all you

do for me."

Regardless of what it is, making sure the people who are important to you know that you value them is something just about everyone could do more of.

It is also important to love yourself and remember that you're pretty darn awesome, and you bring joy to someone else.

Loving yourself doesn't have to mean going out and buying a new pair of shoes or eating at an expensive restaurant or anything that empties

your wallet. While there is nothing wrong with splurging and it's perfectly fine to treat yourself, it should be remembered that physical and mental health equate to being happy as well.

Writing down your thoughts, meditating, watching your favorite movie or whatever activity makes you happy is important no matter how small or silly it might seem.

So take some time to show yourself and others some love.

Hot takes; EGGsplosive taste

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, it's time for a Hot Takes that is sure to be EGGcellent!

That's right, it's eggs--more specifically, the ways in which eggs can be prepared.

For this ranking I will be factoring in how the eggs taste, their texture and how easy it is to make them.

Taste, as always, is pretty simple, as if the taste of the prepared egg is yucky, it will lose points compared to one that is tasty.

Texture plays a more significant role in this ranking than it does in others, as a large part of what makes eggs appealing is how they feel in your mouth. If it feels like you're chewing up a viscous sludge, then the score of the egg style will be diminished.

The final category is ease of cooking, which can be extremely subjective depending on your level of kitchen competency, so I have broken it up into some smaller subcategories.

If the way the egg is prepared requires more than three ingredients (butter or Pam to oil the stove, the egg itself and salt), has a long



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cooking and prep time or requires more steps than just cracking the egg on a stove and letting it cook, then that style is deemed as complicated (I know these styles of preparation are easy but just bear with me here).

S Tier- These eggs are the EGGsential styles of egg cooking. EGGeverything about them from taste, to texture, to prep is relatively easy to achieve. You'll always find me cooking or ordering eggs in one of these styles because they're just the best.

A Tier- While not as EGGquisite as the eggs above, these puppies still have a lot to like about them

and are a solid second choice if none of the egg styles above are an option.

B Tier- The eggs in this category are neither EGGxceptionally great, nor EGGxtremely terrible. The prep styles in this tier are not ideal, but if nothing else is available, you could do a lot worse.

C Tier- These eggs are pretty EGGregious and spending more time describing their mediocrity, at best, would be a waste of time.

F Tier- Whenever I see someone eating eggs prepared in these styles, it gives me an EGGxistential crisis.

These eggs are utter garbage and should be regarded as such.

*Note: All rankings are final and no amount of hate/convincing will change my mind

S Tier: (The best)- Hard boiled, Omelette, Deviled, Egg Salad

A Tier: (Second Best)- Scrambled, Over hard

B Tier: (Average)- Sunny-side up, Over easy

C Tier: (Below Average)- Poached, Basted

F Tier: (Garbage)- Soft boiled

Again, let me say: no amount of debating with me will change my mind so please save yourself the time and energy, you have better things to do than argue with a college kid about tier lists.

Do you have a topic you want me to make a ranking of? Email me at joey.winton@doane.edu with the subject line Hot Takes and I might write about it!

No(se) excuses for mask wearing



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Masks mandates are not uncommon to people all around the world since the COVID-19 pandemic began in early March 2020. On Doane's campus, students, faculty and staff are required to wear a mask in all common areas and places where social distancing cannot take place.

What is so confusing to me is the fact that there are many Doane students that do not wear their masks over their nose.

I walk into Lakeside and see numerous students either not wearing a mask, or holding the mask over their chin. Your mask is not a chin holder.

This pandemic is not something new. It is not a new concept to wear your

mask properly. If you are not wearing your mask correctly at this point, you have made a conscious choice not to follow the rules.

I understand that Doane students are ready for the pandemic to be over, but not wearing your mask properly is going to prolong these rules. Think of the freshmen that have never had a game night in the basement of Frees. Take COVID-19 precautions seriously so that we can have a real Stop Day.

Also, the Doane community is not very large. Social media is revealing those who are taking COVID-19 seriously and those who are pretending to. Your private stories on Snapchat are not

that private. You all look so cool unmasked at the Eagles Club "cheers"ing your Dirty Shirleys. Campus leaders, students, and everyone else need to hold themselves accountable.

Wearing a mask is not for you. You wear a mask out of

respect for others. There are mothers giving birth while wearing a mask. I just gave a junior recital singing fully masked.

Doane students can wear a mask over their nose while ordering coffee at Lakeside. Do better students.

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Just passing through is enough



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

It took me a while to find mine, and I still don't think I have found it. But I'm happy with where I'm at, even if it isn't what I imagined it to be.

There are people I miss with everything in me and wish I could reestablish our relationship, but it's a two-way street. If they don't want to stay in touch, who am I to force it?

The most devastating blow to my quasi-friend group was rush for Greek groups. I'm not claiming that Greek groups divide people and create impermeable boundaries, but that's what happened.

After the Weeks of the Greeks my freshman year, I lost some people that I held very close to me. I was thrilled to see them joining their respective groups and making new friends, but I knew



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

a different chapter was starting in my life.

Even now, I think about the fun we would have and wish I could go back. Life doesn't work backwards, though, so I'll continue to root for them on the sidelines.

I spent a great deal of time trying to find "my group." It wasn't until I realized I don't need a

designated group that I could finally be at peace.

As long as I have meaningful relationships, it doesn't matter what group I am or am not a part of. There is no point in trying to change the past because-- shocker-- it's already happened.

I don't think I have a group at this point in my life, and I am more than

okay with that. I keep the people I love close, and I keep positive relationships with everyone I meet.

You don't need a "group" to be happy; you can thrive without one. If you feel like you need that structured group of friends, more power to you. It's not an end-all, though, so don't forget

about the people that were there for you in the past.

I will always appreciate the people that have come and gone in my life. While I sometimes wish they were still by my side today, I know that we are both doing what we need to do in order to live a fulfilling life, and that is enough for me.



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Ronaldo dominates



ANDREUS ABNER
Staff Writer

Coming in at 6-foot-2-inches and 185 pounds, Ronaldo has a very lean muscle physique. Making him very fast in a dead sprint but also giving him an edge when defending the ball against the stronger defenders.

Not only is Ronaldo fast and strong, he also has a recorded vertical of 28 inches, which gives him an amazing advantage in the air. With these physical qualities in hand, he is a definite x-factor in any team that opponents have to give their respects to.

He is renowned for his footwork and ball skills, but he is also one of the most prominent scorers in this time period. Recording a total of 740 goals to date, he has solidified himself as one of the best scorers of all time and beats his rival, Messi, who has scored 705 goals to date.

One of the things that makes Ronaldo the best

player is his work ethic. Many of his teammates and managers have said to see him practice for upwards of over three hours after training has ended every single day. He is by far the most driven player of our time even as he reaches the older age of 36.

On and off the field, Ronaldo is the most influential player due to his willingness to do what it takes to win. In the 2016 Euros, Ronaldo got hurt when he played for Portugal against France in the final. He decided that instead of seeking further medical attention, he would stay and continue to captain his team.

Eventually one of the substitutes for Ronaldo went in, scored the winning goal and brought Portugal their first title.

Ronaldo is the most exciting player to watch; you will never be able to change my mind on who the greatest player is right now.

Ever since I started watching professional soccer, the debate over who is the greatest current player has been over Lionel Messi of F.C. Barcelona and Cristiano Ronaldo of Juventus F.C. My vote goes to the Portuguese captain himself, Cristiano Ronaldo-- let me tell you why. Ronaldo is not only one of the shiftest players to defend, but he also has the physical ability to keep up with the biggest and strongest players to

All this snow blows



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

eyelashes, the snow that makes travel harder than it needs to be and the wind that will relentlessly flow by you until you decide to go back inside.

Now, don't get me wrong, I don't completely hate the snow or the weather we've been having. It does have its few moments of beauty, but oh man, the negatives outweigh the positives in my eyes.

From the frozen eyelashes to driving in it and constantly being harassed by the wind, it's hard for me not to hate it.

For the majority of my life, I have been going out hunting with my dad to a wildlife management area called Pressey Park about a half-hour away from my home in Lexington, NE. Since deer season happens during the fall and winter months, you can imagine my dismay almost every time my dad says we are leaving around 5 a.m.

Leaving at 5 a.m. meant driving for 30 minutes, hiking up into the park in freezing tem-

peratures and possibly snow, finding a suitable spot to sit down and wait for sunrise. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy spending time with my dad, but sitting for an hour in this type of weather in almost complete darkness is not for me.

So, when I say that I absolutely hate this type of weather, I mean it. Even if my body can tolerate the cold better now, I hate being out in the cold.

Even with all of that said, I do admit it has to be my second-favorite time of the year for how beautiful a lot of the landscapes and surroundings look.

There's still plenty of things that can make the cold better, like going out sledding with friends or making hot chocolate and watching a movie.

Whatever you choose to do to pass the time throughout this terrible cold and unforgiving weather, best of luck to you in staying warm and not freezing your eyelashes.

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THUMBS DOWN...

Tennis prepares to defend their title

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

After having their spring season cut short last year, the Men's and Women's Tennis teams are looking forward to getting back out on the court.

Junior Jorge Chavez has been the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) individual champion two years in a row, ranked 15 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and is looking forward to defending his achievements this season.

"I think the biggest motivation we have for this season is that we have a competitive team with confidence and with so much desire to win," Chavez said.

With more matches underway, the players look forward to getting on the court and competing. Junior Ava Macke said she looks forward to getting the upper hand on her opponents.

"The best part about competing is the rush of the actual points and the feeling of outsmarting and outplaying your opponent," Macke said.

One thing the teams have been working on is just getting adjusted and helping new members find a routine. Junior Henrique Sakoda said he believes this will help the Team play to the best of their abilities.

"What we've accomplished so far was getting ready for our first match, and what we want to accomplish is just playing the best tennis we can and have fun as a team at



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Junior Jorge Chavez stands with his plaque after winning the GPAC singles title for the second time this past fall.

the same time as getting results that are what our coaches and our team wants," Sakoda said.

However, the weather is impeding those goals. If the weather continues as it is all the way to March, the teams could be facing some unexpected challenges.

"One big challenge is that we have a bigger team now, and we only have three courts at the [Fuhrer] Field House, so the weather is one challenge right now because we can't go outside because there is just so much snow, and it's cold," Sakoda said.

This is not stopping the players from building on their unity as a team, though. Even though tennis is usually thought of as an individual sport, they are all competing for each other.

"In college tennis, you're not just playing for yourself, you're playing for the whole team since every match contributes to the team score," Macke said. "It is so important that we push each other so we can improve and reach our goals."

As of now, the teams must continue working the way they have been for the last few months and continue preparing for the rest of the season.

"This season, we have high expectations. We want to put Doane on the map. We want to win the conference and go to nationals, and the truth is that the team is very motivated, and if we continue like this, I am sure we will succeed," Sakoda said.

Softball looks forward to new season

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

After a tricky fall season riddled with several COVID-19 related shut downs, the Doane Softball team is looking forward to their spring season that is just around the corner.

For this upcoming season, sophomore Angelina Esqueda and the rest of the team have been working on and off the field to establish a good relationship between all members of the team.

"We, as a team, have

built a foundation where we all trust in each other [and] know each other's strength[s] and abilities. Being able to feel comfortable with each other is something that will show on the field," Esqueda said. "The cultural aspect we built has brought us together as a family."

Senior Josie Schnakenberg said she believes another aspect that is just as important as good relationships for the team is a strong mindset for both games and practices.

"We can always im-

prove more on our skills in general, but I think working on stepping into the box or on the mound with a stronger, more competitive purpose is something we've been focusing on in practices," Schnakenberg said.

Strengthening both relationships and each individuals' mindsets has had a positive impact on the Team's outlook for this season. Senior Ashley Jacobson said she has felt the team dynamic improve dramatically since the fall.

"Being able to be on the field with a group

of girls who all have the same mindset and desire to win is so empowering," Jacobson said. "Getting the opportunity to practice, put a uniform on and compete for one last season with my best friends is such a blessing and something I will never take for granted."

During the fall season, the Softball team was shut down numerous times, and now with the opportunity to practice more, things have started to improve.

"The challenges of trying to prepare for a season during COVID-19

are the restrictions and limitations we have," Esqueda said. "Now that we have been able to practice more and be together more, we have connected well, and you can see the fight and will on the field."

After last season, the team's attitude going into this spring is hopeful and determined to achieve all their goals this time around.

"Our attitude going into [this] season is taking nothing for granted and taking advantage of each opportunity we're given to play," Schnaken-

berg said.

No matter what the season looks like, the girls remain close and have the common drive to play to the best of their abilities for their teammates.

"I know that this current Doane Softball team is prepared to work extremely hard to ensure that we are at our best on game days and that gives me a lot of hope and excitement for what this season may hold," Jacobson said.

The softball team's next game is on the road at Central Methodist

Baseball team is ready to compete

The Team prepares for season with new teammates

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

As baseball games start back up again, the boys are preparing for a long and strenuous season that lies ahead.

This year, the Baseball team has a surplus of players. Senior Andy Theiler said he believes the number of players will benefit the team this season.

"We have more guys this season than we ever have before competing for spots at every position, so I'd say right now, depth is going to be our biggest advantage," Theiler said.

In order to improve the team, sophomore Nate Mensik and the rest of the team have been putting in hours worth of practice leading up to their first few games of the season.

"Baseball can be a tough sport, so it is always good to be consistent, and that is something we can work on," Mensik said.

Because the players have been working so hard these last few months, the team atmosphere has greatly improved.

"Everyone is focused on the goal at hand, and it is fun to watch everyone work together to get a win at the end of the day," Mensik said.

One major challenge this semester is that the players cannot practice all together and games are not set in stone. Se-

"I think this team has all the potential in the world to win a GPAC championship and go further than that."

Talon Little
Senior

nior Talon Little said he believes the uncertainty of their scheduling could pose a problem for the team.

"You never know if the team you're going to play is going to have four positive tests and then you're not going to play them. You're going to go play a different team, so I think that's going to be a challenge with how the year will go," Little said.

Regardless of who they play, the players are looking forward to finally getting to compete against another team.

"We're just looking forward to getting on the field," Theiler said. "We're tired of playing each other, so it'll be fun to go see what we can do against another team."

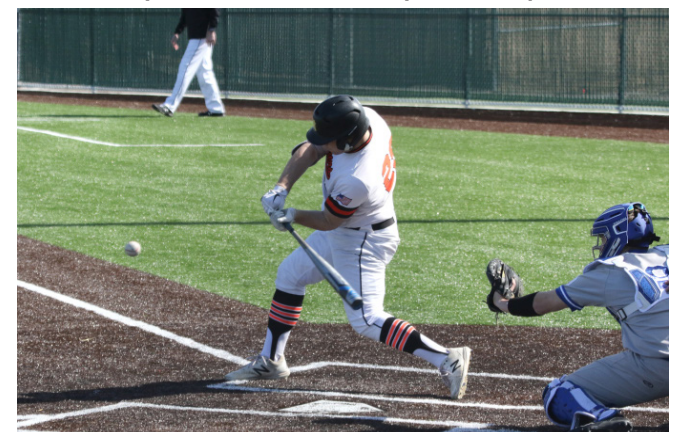
The boys are ready to get back into the swing of things and prove what they can do.

"I think this team has all the potential in the world to win a GPAC championship and go further than that," Little said. "That's something I'm looking forward to is going out and trying to win it."

The team's next game is on Feb. 20 and they will be playing against William Penn University.



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Senior Andy Theiler makes his way to home plate.



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Junior Lukas White swings at a pitch.

Basketball teams fall to Midland

Both teams will face Concordia after losses

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Both Basketball teams traveled to Midland University on Feb. 10 and failed to come home with a win against the Warriors.

The Women's team tipped off first but were no match for a strong opening half by Midland. Despite the Tigers

being down by only seven with over seven minutes to play in the first half, Midland would score 26 straight points to take a hefty lead into the second half.

The Warriors would outscore Doane 25-10 in the third quarter, with the Tigers finishing strong with a 24-12 advantage in the final quarter.

The final score of the game was 55-91 in Midland's favor.

Leading scoring for Doane was senior Haylee Heits who put up 19 points with an additional seven rebounds.

Sophomore Sydney Roth led the team in assists and steals, recording four of each.

The Men's team would follow and keep a close game throughout.

Midland would score the first seven points of the game, with Doane fighting back to tie the game at 16 points each. Going into the half, Midland led thanks to an 11-0 run to close out the half.

The Tigers took a lead early in the second half, but Midland would answer with a 14-0 run and keep that lead for the re-

mainder of the night.

Senior Jaxon Harre accounted for 23 points, with fellow senior Anthony Laravie adding 16 points.

Junior Alec Oberhauser put up four blocks in the game, helping Doane tally seven in the contest. It is the most blocks recorded by a Doane team since they played Concordia University in January 2018.

Both Teams will close out their season Feb. 20 at Concordia University. The Women will tip-off at 2 p.m., and the Men will follow at 4 p.m.

Athlete of the Week



Josie Schnakenberg
Softball

Tied a school record with 13 strikeouts in the game against Dickinson State



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