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Quarantine guidelines updated

Study abroad plans adjusted with new rules

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

On Feb. 18, campus quarantine requirements changed from the typical 14 days in quarantine to 10 days instead, as long as no symptoms present themselves.

This decision was announced to students after receiving an email from COVID Doane on Feb. 17.

The email stated that the change is based on recent CDC guidance. By changing the quarantine from 14 days to 10 days, "residual post-quarantine transmission risk

is estimated to be about one percent with an upper limit of ten percent."

The CDC also stated that a 14-day long quarantine can pose "personal burdens" on physical, economic and mental health. It can also put pressure on "public health systems and communities." The 14-day long quarantine also can "dissuade recently diagnosed persons from naming contacts" in fear that their friends and family will have to miss 14 days of work or school due to their exposure. By decreasing the quarantine number of days, it has the potential to "increase community compliance."

However, for students who have quarantined for 10 days and not shown symptoms, Doane urges students to stay vigilant about mask wearing and to limit unnecessary activities until they reach 14 days.

The change was

able to be made on campus due to the low COVID-19 rate over the past month and the Doane community's ability to follow mask policies and social distancing.

At this time, no changes to isolation time have been made.

In addition to the shortening of the 14-day quarantine period, Doane also made the decision to suspend non-essential institutional travel, as announced in an email sent out to all students on Feb. 18 from the Office of Finance and Administration.

Before the announcement, non-essential travel was suspended until Mar. 12. This recent announcement is extending the suspension until Aug. 1.

Non-essential travel includes international and domestic travel courses, individual study abroad, intern and research abroad and non-essential business

travel.

As of now, this does not include athletics, co-curricular activities and essential job-related travel, according to the email.

The decision was made based on an institutional policy stating that travel is not allowed to countries who have a Level Three or Level Four travel warning, as dictated by the U.S. Department of State. Due to the pandemic, many countries remain at a Level Three or Level Four.

Students who have paid deposits or fees associated with a Travel Course or through study abroad will be refunded, or Doane will assist with the refund process.

Any students with questions or concerns about travel courses or study abroad can contact the Office of International Programs at international@doane.edu.

UPDATED QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

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Sex trafficking ring exposed

37 suspects arrested in Arizona

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Phoenix, AZ police say that 37 people connected to a large-scale child sex

and human trafficking operation have been arrested.

"Operation Broken Hearts," an undercover operation with police departments from Phoenix, Mesa and Tempe Chandler teamed up with Homeland Security and the Arizona Attorney General's Office, was carried out on Feb. 17.

Authorities say the suspects, who ranged from

21 to 66 years old, solicited sex acts with undercover officers and were then arrested.

While there is no evidence as to how the suspects transported their victims, it is not unlikely that they used Interstate 80 (I-80) or Interstate 29 (I-29) as a means to move around the country.

KETV reports that 2020 was a "record year" for sex trafficking in Ne-

braska with 192 investigations being opened.

"More than 900 individuals are 'sold' in Nebraska every month. These are people of every gender, every race and every age. The younger the person, the higher the price," executive director of Magdalene Omaha Teresa Houser said.

Magdalene Omaha is a nonprofit organization helping female sex

trafficking victims in the Omaha area.

Houser said trafficking networks follow the interstates, and they use I-80 to traverse different parts of Nebraska and South Dakota, dropping off and picking up young victims.

Nebraska is part of a regional trafficking network that relies on I-80 and I-29 to transport victims across the country, as both major roadways

are vectors for travel throughout the nation.

If you or anyone you know needs to report suspicious activities that may look like trafficking situations, call the Nebraska Adult and Child Abuse Neglect Hotline at (800)652-1999 or call your local law enforcement.



Courtesy photos | Arizona Police Department

Power outages across NE

State prepares for harsh weather

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

On Feb. 15, the first rolling blackouts came to Nebraska amid the record-breaking cold.

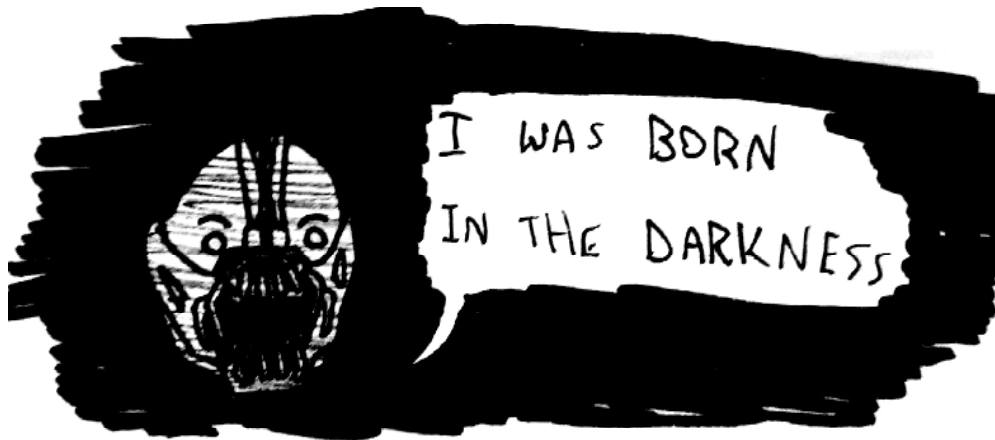
According to the Omaha World-Herald in an article released on Feb. 15 and updated through Feb. 18, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) President and Chief Executive Officer Tim Burke stated that the only planned local outage was the brief blackout in Bellevue, NE around midday on Monday.

Lincoln Electric Systems (LES) had already gone through two planned blackouts by that time and was expecting more, including possible short-notice blackouts during Feb. 15 and 16.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) did not need to schedule a blackout for its statewide area of service but remained prepared to do so if the need arose.

Each of these power providers, along with the rest of Nebraska's power providers, belong to Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a 17-state non-profit organization with utility and transmission companies as members.

"Through the peak period Monday evening, OPPD didn't report any additional outages, but utility leaders remained worried [for Tuesday] when temperatures in



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Nebraska [were] expected to drop to the negative teens," the Omaha World-Herald reported.

At that time, many power providers were asking their customers to turn down their thermostats by two to four degrees in order to conserve power and avoid any spikes in usage.

SPP sent out a tweet early Tuesday morning as an emergency response to

the current weather at the time.

"SPP is declaring an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) Level 3 effective immediately for our entire 14-state balancing authority area. System-wide generating capacity has dropped below our current load of [about] 42 GW due to extremely low temperatures and inadequate supplies of natural gas," the SPP tweet read.

As a helpful guide, it was recommended that people cut back on their power usage to reduce the strain on power grids in the area.

Now with warmer temperatures approaching for some time, the strain on these power grids will lower and help people return to their normal power usage levels.

Vaccine numbers increasing

Wearing two masks may be best for protection

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On Feb. 11, Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser for President Joe Biden, said the number of available COVID-19 vaccines will allow a large number of Americans to get vaccinated.

As of now, states have been prioritizing health care workers, essential workers and the elderly to receive the COVID-19 vaccine doses. Fauci said he believes availability will likely increase significantly in the spring and hopes that a large majority of people in the U.S. will be vaccinated by mid to late summer.

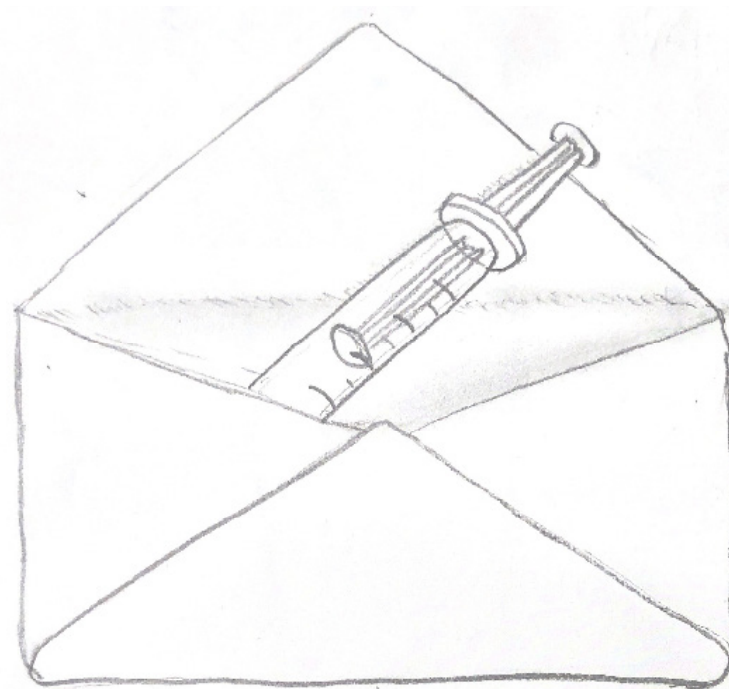
"I would imagine by the time we get to April that will be what I would call, for better wording, 'open season,' virtually everybody and anybody in any category could start to get vaccinated," Fauci said.

According to The New York Times, the average daily number of COVID-19 doses being administered has been steadily increasing since late December.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that 1.56 million doses were given just on Feb. 10.

Moderna and Pfizer, whose vaccines were approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in late 2020, have been gradually increasing production of the vaccines, and the FDA could potentially approve a one-dose vaccine from Johnson & Johnson later this month.

The New York Times



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reported that vaccines from Novavax and AstraZeneca also have the potential to be authorized for distribution by the FDA this spring.

According to The Washington Post, the Biden administration purchased another 200 million doses of the Moder-

na and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines, and nearly 10 percent of the U.S. population has received at least the first dose of the vaccine.

While new cases and deaths are on a steady decline for most of the country, federal health officials are advising Amer-

icans to consider wearing two masks to better protect against the more contagious variants of COVID-19 that are being reported in small numbers across various states.

Tiger Weekly to partner with Owl

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

A new collaboration between the Doane Owl and the Tiger Weekly is underway.

This new collaboration aims to supply more event information to a broader audience.

Before, the Tiger Weekly mainly focused on texts, emails and social media to send out information about campus events.

Jenna Jelinek, Director of Student Experience, said she hopes more in-



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formation can be spread about student events and organizations, and consequently, gain better audiences with the inclusion of the Tiger Weekly in the Doane Owl.

"Having event infor-

mation in multiple places can only help ensure that [students, faculty and staff] are being given relevant and current information on our happenings," Jelinek said.

Students can look for-

ward to reading about the "happenings" in both the Doane Owl and the Tiger Weekly all in the same space.

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday
2/24

High: 40
Low: 24

Thursday
2/25

High: 42
Low: 28

Friday
2/26

High: 44
Low: 29

Saturday
2/27

High: 50
Low: 31

Sunday
2/28

High: 39
Low: 23

Monday
3/1

High: 38
Low: 25

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Power outages strike in Texas

Winter storm takes state by surprise

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Along with what many Nebraskans have experienced this past week, Texans are also experiencing extreme differences in temperature compared to last year.

A historic view of Texas experiencing statewide warnings of the snow and freezing temperatures was seen beginning on Feb. 13.

An article from The Cut, titled "Everything to Know About the Dire Situation in Texas," provides an overview of what is going on in the state.

"In some parts of Texas, wind chills dipped below negative 15 degrees; on Monday night, Houston clocked a temperature of 13 degrees, which was, at the time, lower than temperatures in parts of Alaska," The Cut reported.

Due to this change in weather, many Texans were scrambling to make use of their heaters, causing mass electrical outages.

To make matters worse, the frigid tem-



Courtesy photo | LM Otero, Associated Press

peratures put a halt to the production of all types of energy, from gas to green.

"Texas is the only state that operates its own power grid," The Cut reported.

As a result of this, Texas is not subject to federal power regulations. However, this also caused Texas's unpreparedness when it came to the extreme conditions on Feb. 13.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) continued to roll out planned blackouts in different areas of the state as of Feb. 16. How-

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The Cut

ever, ERCOT made no mention of when Texans

could expect to have full power back.

"As of [Feb. 18], more than 537,000 homes and businesses [were] without electricity," The Cut reported, a big difference from the over-four million on Feb. 16.

Along with the power outages, many cities' water supplies dwindled.

On Feb. 17, a majority of Houston residents had little-to-no water supply at all, and the mayor released a "boil-water" notice to boil any water that was intended to drink, due to possible contamination.

Over the weekend of Feb. 13, Texas Governor Greg Abbott launched an investigation into ERCOT and submitted

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a request for a Federal Emergency Declaration, necessary for the authorization of aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Abbott spoke at a press conference on Feb. 17 in regards to the situation. Without much to go off of, Abbott offered little assurance of when power would be restored, receiving backlash from many critics.

The situation is ongoing at the time of this publication, with many Texans still without power as of Feb. 22.

MS bans female transgender athletes

Concerns raised over new law

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Sports Editor

This month, the Mississippi Senate banned transgender athletes from competing in women's sports at state high schools and universities. After minimal discussion on the issue and a vote result of 34-9, it was passed onto the state's House of Representatives for consideration.

Multiple states, including Montana, North Dakota and Idaho, have tried to pass laws similar to the one the Mississippi Senate passed. One argument in support of the issue is that men transitioning to women have an unfair advantage.

Because of the stereotype that men have more muscle strength and stamina, it is seen as unfair to let them transition to a woman and instantly be better than all the

women athletes involved in the sport.

Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves stated that this law would take away the need for women to compete with biological males in order to have access to athletic scholarships or places on certain teams.

However, the other side of the argument states that this law is discriminatory and could lead to seriously harmful consequences to youth who would like to transition.

According to the US News, 53 percent of all LGBTQIA+ suicides happen between the ages of 17 and 19, right around the high school and college age.

Theodore Caputi, a research consultant at the Harvard Medical School's Health Equity Research Lab, reported that this staggering statistic comes from not feeling safe at school or work, or not feeling accepted by the community. According to the Human Rights Campaign State Director Rob Hill, having a law say transgender people cannot compete in women's sports puts them at

risk to more discrimination and bullying.

The safety of the athletes who wish to transition is another aspect those wanting to pass the order are taking into consideration.

In an article published by Science Magazine, it was stated that it could be extremely dangerous for athletes who are transitioning to a woman to compete while they are going through their transition.

Even though women naturally have some testosterone, those transitioning to a woman must take testosterone block-

ers. This will lessen the athlete's strength as well as how well blood flows to their lungs.

The creation and movement of red blood cells is greatly influenced by testosterone, so decreasing the amount the body was originally used to could affect how red blood cells travel through the body, causing breathing and circulation issues.

As of now, no final decision has been made. Mississippi must now wait for their House of Representatives to decide whether or not this order should be passed.

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Xanadu prepares to go virtual

KYLIE HUGHES

Life & Culture Editor

With the end of the past academic year ending so abruptly due to the pandemic, many areas of campus were left unable to finish what they had planned. Doane's literary magazine, Xanadu, was no different.

Xanadu typically prints at the end of the spring semester. When Doane shut down and students were sent home, Xanadu was left unable to print and be distributed; therefore, it was sent out to students as a PDF file over email.

The end of last year "started this domino effect" which eventually led them to creating the "new Xanadu" that will be completely online, according to Jean Chevalier, Xanadu Editor and Chief Operating Officer.

By moving online, Xanadu will have the opportunity to accept a wider range of art types.

"At its core, it was Doane's literary magazine. But it has come to a point where it now accepts basically all forms of creativity," Chevalier said. "It is a haven for creators, artists and writers."

When Xanadu started, it was small, accepting only art, poetry and short stories. Since then, it has accepted poetry,

prose, photography, art with different mediums, etc. By moving to an online format, not only will Xanadu be allowed to accept all of those types of creativity but also various other media, such as student films and podcasts.

There are currently plans to team up with other groups on campus such as the Art Department, the Office of Religious Studies and the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) among other groups on campus.

By partnering with other elements of campus, Chevalier hopes to get Xanadu's name out there and become a place for students to demonstrate their creativity.

"I hope that Xanadu's name will have a place on campus, and more people will be aware of us. There are so many wonderful creators on Doane's campus that don't think that they have a place to freely submit their own work," Chevalier said.

The virtual format also improves accessibility and allows Xanadu editors to accept more pieces of work than when it was in print.

When students submit their work, it goes through various editors who look over it. In looking through the work, they make sure ev-

erything is going to be a good fit for that particular issue. If the editors see any problems, they will then reach out to the creator to offer suggestions.

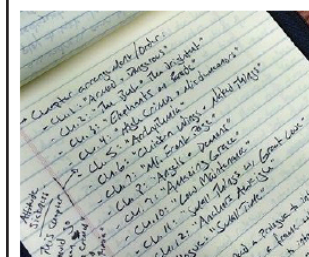
Chevalier, who has submitted her own work and knows how challenging it can be to submit work, offers advice to those who are considering submitting.

"My piece of advice is always just go for it. You never know what you're going to get in return. At the very worst, you are going to get us saying 'We like this. It just needs a little more work,'" Chevalier said.

Having a creative outlet on campus is "vital," according to Chevalier. Students do not need to wait for a professor to assign a project in order to get creative; they can do their own work and submit it.

"You rarely find that opportunity for students to just be free with what they want to write, or what they want to paint or sketch. The flame of that [creativity] is sadly dying out a little bit. [Xanadu] really gives students that opportunity to explore their creative selves and themselves as a whole," Chevalier said.

Xanadu is currently accepting submissions until March 15. Submissions can be sent to xanadu.



New Opportunities

Online | Interdisciplinary

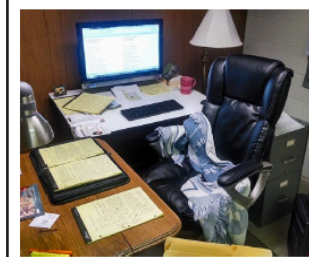
The new Xanadu is moving online to a new website in 2021. This digital platform will allow us to publish more submissions, longer written pieces, and new media such as student films and musical performances. Watch for new podcasts, virtual discussions about topics such as Narrative Medicine and the new Integrated Humanities program, and upcoming meetings of the Crete Area Death Cafe.



New Events

Write Out Loud | Xanadu Scholars

The new Xanadu will reintroduce the "Write Out Loud" reading series for campus authors. Watch for announcements to come. We also hope to showcase the latest faculty scholarship, in all its forms, and that of colleagues and collaborators around the country. Let us know what you are doing. We hope to be a celebratory platform for your achievements, discoveries, and innovations.



New Mission

Workshops | Collaboration

The new Xanadu is home for writers and writing at Doane. We will celebrate craft and creativity, in all its forms. And we will strive to embody Doane's enduring interdisciplinary spirit and liberal arts identity. This new mission will include instructional workshops for all kinds of writers and writing across campus. Contact us to collaborate or to arrange a workshop for writers in your program.

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Athletes must balance responsibilities

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Communications Manager

Doane University athletes are held to certain academic standards by both the university and coaches. Students are here to earn a degree, and athletics can enrich that experience.

Freshman Payton Cooley plays Soccer and Softball. Both seasons cover almost the entire school year, including breaks. Cooley admitted to having feelings of stress or being overwhelmed, but said she knew it would be difficult coming in.

Cooley uses a planner that helps her stay organized between practice,

lifting times and homework. As an athlete, Cooley has been offered study hall times to work or use the library. In the fall, underclassmen athletes have required study hours.

Traveling is part of most sports on Doane's campus, and sometimes travel plans can overlap with classes.

"When it comes to traveling, I get as much homework done before we leave as I can. The more work I can get done beforehand, the less stressed I am, and the more I can just focus on the games at hand," Cooley said.

Senior Amanda Insalaco plays for the Softball team alongside Cooley.

Their softball season goes from Feb. through May with games in the fall as well.

"We usually have around 50 games, and it can get stressful to balance academic work when we are missing class," Insalaco said.

Insalaco said she also relies on her planner to stay organized.

"One strategy that I have used to keep organized as a student-athlete is keeping a detailed planner for all my classes. This helps me plan what homework needs to get done before I leave, and what I can do on the bus to and from games," Insalaco said.

Doane has a 2.0 GPA requirement for all ath-

letes to be able to participate in sports. Insalaco reported that the softball coaching staff wants their athletes to have a 3.0 GPA.

As a Graphic Design major, Insalaco is unable to do her major-specific course work while traveling with the softball team. Insalaco tries to leave all her textbook readings for the bus.

"To stay motivated, I set goals both academically and athletically, and when I reach them, I treat myself to something. Also, all of the softball team motivates each other, and they are super supportive of each other," Insalaco said.

Senior Olivia DeFord is a member of the

Dance Team. Along with football and basketball game performances, the spring competition season proves to be a time commitment. To stay on track, DeFord said she is an avid Google Calendar user.

"To stay motivated for my school work, I think about how lucky I am to be learning from such amazing professors and how close I am to graduating. I can't quit this close to the finish line," DeFord said.

Senior Alec Wick studies Mathematics and Data Analytics while also running for the Cross Country and Track & Field teams. Wick's cross country season goes from Aug. to Nov., and indoor

track runs from Nov. to March. The outdoor track season runs from March to May. Wick said he typically has a week off between the three sports seasons.

"To stay organized as a student athlete, I try and maintain an updated calendar, consistently study for exams and begin on projects and assignments the day that they're assigned," Wick said.

During his senior seasons, Wick said he knows how difficult balancing travel and schoolwork can be.

"After four years at Doane University, I want to walk across the stage knowing that I put my best work in to earn my diploma," Wick said.

Recent cold weather wears on students

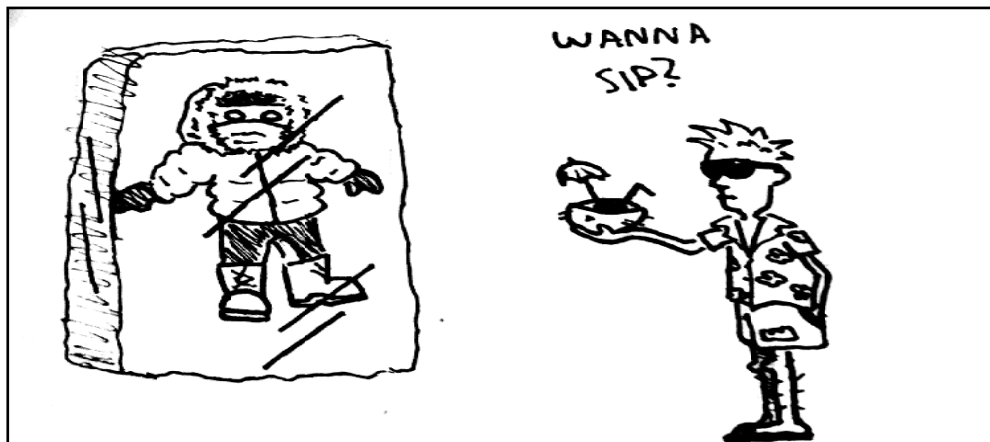
JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

As of late, the cold weather, reaching as low as negative 40 degrees with the windchill, has been both a blessing and a curse for many students.

In a Feb. 18 poll seeking student opinions based on the current weather, 46 students described what they've been doing during these cold temperatures and snowy weather.

Around 89 percent of respondents answered they dislike the recent weather, with some giving reasonings related to the amount of snow, the difference in cold temperatures or how the weather may have affected their daily lives and studies.

"[The weather] really hasn't affected me more than the ordinary, although I haven't been able to explore Crete for



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

a Spanish project," freshman Dani Avalos said.

Out of all respondents, over 94 percent said they prefer staying indoors through times like these.

Many of these respondents mentioned they would spend their time watching Netflix, Hulu or Disney+; however, answers varied from getting extra sleep, doing homework, playing video games, scrolling through social media or reading.

"I would just get all

my work done as soon as possible then immediately try to distract myself by working out or playing video games with my friends from back home," freshman Ty Thompson said.

On the other side, about six percent of respondents said they enjoy spending their time outdoors in the cold weather. Some made mention of anything from making snowmen to simply hanging out with friends.

As for when outdoors, a majority of respondents mentioned always staying bundled up when going outside, starting their vehicles every day

and most importantly, staying indoors unless necessary to leave.

"I just use hats, gloves and a coat [when going outside], and every once in a while, I turn on my car to make sure it works and the battery doesn't freeze," Avalos said.

Thompson, originally from Texas, talked of his need to adapt to this type of recent weather.

"I'm not really used to this type of weather, and

my car certainly isn't either. I've been starting it, cleaning it off [and driving it around] at least every other day. I don't think I've been seen outside in less than four layers since school started back up," Thompson said.

It's already started to warm up a bit, at least in comparison to the cold weather we've been getting. So, students should remain hopeful for continued warmer weather.

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Pisces (February 20 - March 20): With possible relationships having turned sour lately, it is important to remember the relationships still of value to you.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): What with many things going wrong lately, it seems like it's finally looking up for you, Aries. Take notice of the positives.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): This week it is important to remember that you aren't alone in your struggles. Let this week be a beacon of hope.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Even though it may seem like a constant nagging sensation now, it would be wise to listen to those who care about you.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): This week is a great time to take the reins. You don't need to sacrifice any more of yourself in something you don't have a say over.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): This week it would be best to try and be more direct with those you have around you to strengthen your communication skills.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): This week offers hope to you, Virgo, in trying times. Seize the opportunities that arise.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Now is a time for self reflection. Although the present may be hard to focus on, looking to your past may provide you with guidance.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Be on the lookout this week, not everything may be what it seems. Trust yourself as you know best.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Let this be your free week, a time for new experiences and rebelling against the system you may detest so dearly.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Even with the challenges you may have been facing lately, now

New Sia movie receives backlash

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

Singer-songwriter Sia recently directed and released "MUSIC," which many are taking issue with for its depiction of those on the autism spectrum.

This musical drama film was co-written by Dallas Clayton and Sia. In Sia's directorial debut, she cast Kate Hudson, Leslie Odom Jr. and Maddie Ziegler.

"MUSIC" premiered in Australia on Jan. 14 by StudioCanal and was available in the United States on Feb. 10. Vertical Entertainment did an on-demand release on Feb. 12.

The movie follows a young girl on the autism spectrum named Music who lives with her grandmother. Upon her grandmother's death, Music comes under the care of her older sister who struggles with addiction.

Though it was nominated for "Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy" for the 78th Golden Globe Awards, most critics gave less than savory reviews.

Most of the controversy centers around the depiction of individuals on the autism spectrum, but Sia defended herself on Twitter by claiming she has a history of hiring people with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ community.

"I cast thirteen neuroatypical people, three trans folk, and not as fucking prostitutes or drug addicts but as doctors, nurses and singers," Sia tweeted.

The actress who plays the lead role of Music, Maddie Ziegler,



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is not on the autism spectrum. The representation of autism is shown through behavioral outbursts and extreme facial expressions. There is also a scene in the movie where Music is restrained in response to a behavioral outburst.

Many fans of Sia went to Twitter to express their concerns with the movie.

"Fucking sad nobody's even seen the dang movie. My heart has always been in the right place," Sia tweeted.

As a result of pressure from online users, Sia deleted her Twitter account promptly after the Golden Globe nomination.

A warning now reads before the movie is played: "MUSIC in no way condones or recommends the use of restraint on autistic people. There are autistic occupational therapists that specialize in sensory processing who can be consulted to explain safe ways to provide proprioceptive deep-pressure feedback to help with meltdown safety."

Preparations for musical underway

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Since auditions in late January, directors of the musical, Co-Director of Theatre Robin McKercher and sophomore Boston Reid, have been preparing to put a musical back on the stage.

Because the musical was canceled last year due to COVID-19, it has been about two years since many of the cast and crew have worked on a musical, including Reid.

Reid is the Music Director of the musical, "The Theory of Relativity," and oversees all of the music elements including the scene transition music, teaching the music to the cast, monitoring vocal aspects and helping the director oversee their vision.

Because of the chang-

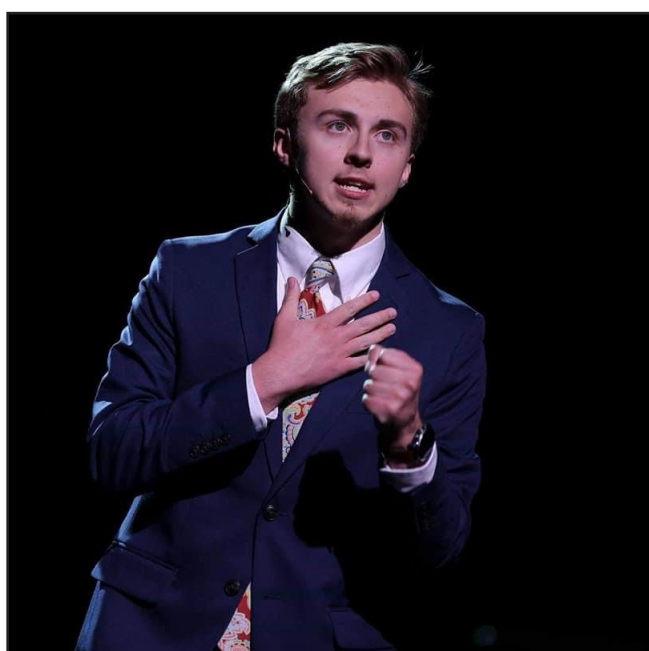
es being made due to COVID-19, Reid also has to accommodate masks while singing and social distancing.

Since rehearsals are not planned to start until the middle of March, the directors have time to prepare for the musical and for any changes that may come with the unique layout this year.

"There is a lot of stuff that we are doing to kind of say, 'Oh COVID, how dare you mess this up, we're going to continue on,'" Reid said.

"The Theory of Relativity" will be pre-recorded and then livestreamed over Twitch May 6 through May 8, according to Reid. However, all plans are still subject to change due to the changing nature of the situation.

Doing a pre-recorded livestream musical pro-



Courtesy photo | Boston Reid

Theatre Department to get creative. Many of the tools and tricks the department is learning will continue to be used long after the pandemic subsides.

Reid expressed that one advantage is that the cast can record as many times as necessary until it is done to satisfaction. Doing it in a virtual manner also forces the

production has its advantages and disadvantages. "Because of the pandemic, we are able to

realize what we miss about our passions, but also how do we, as theatre artists, keep going and make do. [The use of technology and other new techniques] enhances our horizons of what we can do as theatre artists," Reid said.

However, with the advantages of a virtual platform for the production comes disadvantages. Theater is a "collaborative art form," according to Reid. Not getting the opportunity to work with each other and feed off of the audience has forced cast members to find the energy within themselves instead of within the audience.

Reid explained that there is a bond that forms between the cast and the audience, as they give the audience a chance to escape their lives for two hours. It is a hard adjust-

ment to not see the audience's reaction in person.

"We help people. We cause people to think, to be aware, and it really hurts not to see that in person actively happening. We hope it happens at home, but to not see that happen in person is definitely a disadvantage," Reid said.

Despite the disadvantages they face, Reid said he looks forward to a chance to share their art form once again, even if they don't see it happen first hand.

"My biggest hope [for the production] is that we are able to come together and remember why we love this so much. Through that, [we will] hopefully communicate to the audience that the theatre arts are alive and well," Reid said.

Trump's acquittal divides students

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

On Feb. 13, former-President Donald Trump was acquitted of his second impeachment charge of inciting violence in reference to the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol building.

The Senate vote to convict Trump was 57-43, but a two-thirds vote, 67 votes, was needed to actually charge Trump.

From 23 Doane students' responses to a poll sent out on Feb. 16, about half were in favor of Trump's acquittal and the other half were opposed.

All respondents indicated they knew Trump was being impeached for a second time and that he was acquitted of the

charge.

Sophomore Samuel Province said he does not agree with the Senate's decision to acquit Trump, and he said he believes this event demonstrates the incompetence of politicians.

"I believe strongly that if 40 million more Americans vote [that] someone [is] guilty than not guilty, there's something wrong with the system in place to impeach," Province said.

Province also said he thinks Trump was impeached in the first place for the exact charge brought against him, incitement of violence.

Junior Erin Benal shared Province's attitude about Trump's acquittal, saying Trump needs to be

held accountable for his actions.

"I think it's just a really good reflection of kind of like where we are as a society, and I think that's what we need to evaluate," Benal said.

Benal said it may be harder to impeach officials in the future, and she said she is worried about the future of political divides in the general population.

"At a certain point, you have to let people say what needs to be said, and you need to accept what's happened and stop living in denial," Benal said.

Those in favor of Trump's acquittal said he is now a private citizen, did not incite violence and was poorly portrayed by the media.

Senior Heath Finke said the House of Representatives should have brought the article of impeachment against Trump before Trump left office.

"Had the House brought articles of impeachment against Trump in those final two weeks he was in office, I do believe we may have seen a different outcome. But enough representatives and senators understood that you cannot impeach a private citizen, so he was acquitted," Finke said.

Finke also highlighted the role that news media outlets have had on Trump's first and second impeachments. He said the media has cut interview and speech audios

to suggest Trump said something that he didn't necessarily say.

"I believe that the media does have the right to cover what is going on with our country and what our president is doing," Finke said. "But when they enter the realm of taking clips out of context or outright lying about what Trump has said or done, then there needs to be some kind of check and balance in place in order to keep the media honest about the information they are bringing to the population."

In terms of a precedent for presidential impeachments, Benal, Finke and Province all shared the belief that Trump's acquittal does not necessar-

ily establish a framework for future impeachments.

Both Benal and Finke touched on the issue of political polarization and, in Finke's words, a political "stalemate." Benal also mentioned that peaceful protests are allowed, but people breaking into federal buildings is not. Finke said he agreed with that statement.

"Peaceful protests are allowed in our 1st Amendment rights, not violent ones," Finke said.

As of the publication of this article, Trump's acquittal has been confirmed, and there are no updates on future impeachment efforts.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Stay engaged with campus

Despite the challenges brought on by COVID-19, Doane is still doing its best to host events, activities and other fun things.

Whether it's rushing a Greek group, attending midnight munchies or zooming in to a sponsored event or presentation, there are a plethora of activities for students on campus.

A large part of the traditional college experience is going out and attending school events and making new friends along the way.

Even though most of the activities are now virtual, that does not mean they are not happening.

It can be challenging to stay active and engaged when you and all the other participants are behind computer screens, but the school does not put these events on for nothing.

COVID-19 sucks. We can all agree on that, but to let it completely demolish your social life is both unacceptable and avoidable.

Having an active social life in the midst of a global pan-

demie that has killed close to half-a-million Americans is challenging because people get the most out of interaction when it's face-to-face.

If you are feeling lonely or isolated, see what activities your dorm floor has planned, and if there are none, contact your CA. Ask them to put together an event that would allow you and the other students on your floor to hang out safely while still being relatively enjoyable.

Another option is chilling out in Lakeside. Even if

you're not getting food or drinks, you can still sit at one of the spread-out tables and receive that social interaction boost simply by hearing and seeing other people.

The most noticeable part of the pandemic is how easy it is to drown in an ocean of loneliness. It is vital that your mental health is in tip-top shape, and a large part of keeping your brain healthy is interacting with other people.

Go to events that the university hosts, you'll thank yourself.

Hot takes; love for spuds

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Potatoes. Boil 'em, mash 'em or stick 'em in a stew, there are a plethora of ways to prepare the apple of the Earth.

Similar to last week's ranking of eggs, I will be using pretty much the same criteria for judging how good each way of preparing potatoes is.

Each style of potato will be ranked according to taste, texture, how easy it is to make and how common it is in a restaurant.

Taste is, as always, the easiest but the most important. Each potato style is graded on how good it tastes by itself, no sauce or anything.

Texture is the second most important quality, as if the style of 'tater tastes good but is a real chore to eat because of the texture, that style will lose points.

How easy it is to make or prepare the potato style falls pretty low in terms of importance but is still an aspect worth grading because if it takes a lot of time and energy to make, even if it's really good, it is going to rank lower than one that takes less effort to make.

The final category is com-

monality in restaurants, i.e. how easy is it to find this style of potato served in restaurants and how often is it made really well.

S Tier- These potatoes are the alphas leading the pack in flavor, texture, ease and plentifulness. No matter where you go, you're always going to encounter at least one of these styles and 99.9999 percent of the time, they're going to be great.

A Tier- While not as good overall as the ones above, these 'taters are still a worthy choice and still offer an enjoyable eating experience.

B Tier- The potatoes here are not quite great but not quite bad either. They exist in a sort of limbo where their good and bad qualities balance out to create a style that is pretty standard or mediocre.

C Tier- The negative attributes of the potato styles here are too plentiful to allow them to be saved by their few redeeming qualities. Unless there was no other option, there is no reason why anyone should actively choose to eat potatoes in these styles.

F Tier- Even the slightest mention of the styles in this tier raises my blood pressure by a significant margin and causes me to see nothing but



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red for a short time. If I am reminded of the styles that live here, my day is instantly ruined.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Fries, Mashed, Tater tots

A Tier: (Second Best)- Hash browns, Scalloped

B Tier: (Average)- Baked, Chips

C Tier: (Below Average)-

Roasted, Soup

F Tier: (Doo-Doo Garbage)- Potato salad, 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!

Coming up short sparks growth



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Everyone has the right to speak their mind, but there are better ways to do so than others.

People in positions of authority have no special privileges to treat other people poorly. Respect, empathy and thoughtfulness still apply. Just because you have an established role as a superior doesn't mean you can be a shitty person.

As the new Editor-in-Chief, I have been purposefully trying to avoid falling into a powertrip.

I share all positive and uplifting comments with everyone in DSM, and I also give individualized feedback in a supportive way.

The last thing I want to do

is belittle someone, and that can be a challenge for me, as I do tend to speak directly and pretty harshly.

In my opinion, I have not been fulfilling that role as a leader. I haven't been sharing as many positive comments or giving people the chance to grow on their own.

Then I came face-to-face with someone that embodies the exact type of leadership that I loathe, and I knew I had to continue my effort.

This individual was demeaning, rude and exploit-

ative. My leadership efforts could easily become characterized by those things.

So I went to my desk and made a list, a list of everything I wanted for my team and for DSM as a whole. I made a second list of attributes I would have to embody in order to make those things happen.

And, honestly, I came up short. I do not fulfill all of those characteristics to get everyone where I want to go. So now my new challenge is to develop those

skills, not only for myself, but for everyone I come in contact with on a daily basis.

People should be excited to speak with the leader of a group to learn, and I hope I'm doing that, but that doesn't mean I can't grow.

To avoid the hyper-ego trap, I need to continue consciously working towards a leadership style that will elevate everyone I know. Nothing is ever just about me, and that's something to take into consideration no matter what situation I find myself in.



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New drinks are disappointment



CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Returning to campus, students interested in the variety provided at Lakeside Starbucks would be happy to know that new drinks have been introduced, including a honey and almond milk latte and a Red Bull infusion.

Both drinks were just recently introduced to Starbucks locations all around, and now that

they are available here, I had to try them both. As someone who loves both coffee and Red Bull, maybe I had my standards too high.

Let's start with the honey and almond milk latte.

I am a huge latte person, and I love using almond milk with my coffee, so seeing this menu item had me thrilled. The only part I was concerned about was the honey.

But as someone who only drinks cold coffee drinks, I thought it would be perfect. Honey is basically liquid sugar, so it would be sweeter without all the crunch you get when you use granulated sugar.

Honestly, I think I would rather have the crunch of granulated sugar. The honey just sits at the bottom of the cup no matter how much you

stir, so you are forced to drink all the honey out first, and then you can enjoy the coffee.

However, I figured this was on me. I ordered cold coffee, and I expected the honey to just magically dissolve? So, I tried again; I ordered it hot the next time I tried it and was left just as disappointed. It ended up tasting exactly like those honey cough drops, which I was never a fan of, but maybe that is just me.

The next drink I tried was the Red Bull infusion.

I absolutely love all Red Bull flavors, and I could not get enough of the ones offered at Scooters, so, naturally, I was extremely excited and curious to see how this turned out.

Now, I have to admit, I did not try every single flavor since they have a



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wide variety to choose from. The one I did try was blueberry pomegranate because it reminded me of a V8 juice that I loved as a kid.

Here's the thing; maybe I just got a bad one. But it was not even bad, it was just weird. It was simultaneously warm but

cold, fizzy but flat and sour but sweet. My taste buds did not even know what they were experiencing.

It was fine to drink, and maybe it was the flavor I got, but I would not get it again. If I did, it would not be blueberry pomegranate, and I might ask

for extra ice. Maybe if it was not room temperature, it would taste better.

All in all, they are not awful, but they were not good either. It was just kind of a let-down since I was expecting so much more. But who am I to judge? Go try it for yourselves.

Finding nostalgia in the Beastie Boys



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Now I know I'll probably get a little bit of flak for this, but lately, I've kind of gotten bored with more modern music and decided to take it a step back in time.

This past week, I've jumped back into listening to the Beastie Boys. I don't care what you

might say, their 1986 album "License to Ill" will always stand the test of time.

That album was, at the height of its time, #1 on the Billboard charts in 1987 for a reason after all.

To be completely honest, though, I think the main reason why I like the album so much is because of how often my dad would talk about them and liked to play the album while sitting around at home.

I didn't really like it all that much when he first started playing it, but it grew on me over time.

The album itself definitely portrays its time period through some of the lyrics within the songs, so I understand



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if it's not for everyone. Though, if some modern rap songs can have lyrics that explicitly say what's

going on, I think it's fine for this album to dance around and make some metaphors about what's going on sometimes.

That being said, it still does mention quite a few things that not everyone would like, but oh well, you don't have to like it. You've got your own preferences.

I think some of my favorite songs from the album would have to be

"The New Style," "Time To Get Ill," "Fight For Your Right" and "No Sleep Till Brooklyn." Even with that said, I like pretty much all songs on the album; these were just the best or catchiest.

Also, I feel like I almost have to mention "Brass Monkey" for the meme alone.

The song is alright as itself, but the meme that sprung up out of

nowhere again was just super funny to me for whatever reason. It got me wanting to listen to the album again, as weird as that sounds.

Overall, I've been having a lot of fun going back and listening to "License To Ill" by the Beastie Boys. I prefer it a whole lot more to some of the songs that come out today.

Controversial Tweets



JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Gina Carano, the actress known for her roles in Fast and Furious 6, Deadpool and most recently, The Mandalorian, has been fired by Disney over posts on her social media accounts.

On Feb. 10, Carano compared the Nazis' treatment of Jews to hating someone for their political views on an Instagram post that she quickly deleted.

According to The Scotsman, the caption read, "Because history is edited, most people today don't realize that to get to the point where Nazi soldiers could easily round up thousands of Jews, the government first made their own

neighbors hate them simply for being Jews. How is that any different from hating someone for their political views?"

This is not the first time she has said some controversial things that stirred up people on the Internet, with her using her Twitter account to disregard mask wearing and to share proven false information about election fraud.

After her post on Instagram, Lucasfilm (the producers of The Mandalorian) addressed their contract with her saying, "Gina Carano is not currently employed by Lucasfilm, and there are no plans for her to be in the future."

I don't really know how to feel about this honestly because on the one hand, I disagree with her statements and think that she needs to be more careful about what she shares on her social media. On the other hand, if she believes those things, it is her own opinion that she is perfectly entitled to, even if I disagree with it.

There is nothing wrong with being a conservative because it's your own beliefs, but once you try to use those beliefs to justify statements that are either openly disrespectful

towards another person or if your beliefs openly contradict proven scientific findings like mask wearing, then I start to have an issue.

I liked Carano's performance as Cara Dune in The Mandalorian, but openly comparing how people treat conservatives to how the Nazis treated the Jews is a bit much and is a very bold statement.

To me, saying that people who argue on Twitter and attend protests against conservative views are the same as secret police raiding homes at night and taking people to work or death camps because of their heritage or religious beliefs is not only in extremely poor taste, it's also just not true.

People on the right constantly antagonize people on the left and vice versa, but it is nowhere near to the extent that Carano said on her post. Even though I agree with her being taken off of the show, deep down I know in my heart that Disney only did it to appease the masses and could really care less about what their employees think.

...THUMBS UP

The Beastie Boys

Pasta Salad

Cowboys

Baked Beans

Planners

The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in 'Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down' every week.

THUMBS DOWN...

Wrestling secures spot at nationals

Team places third in GPAC Championship

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On Feb. 19 and 20, the Wrestling team traveled to Fremont, NE to compete in the Great Plains Athletics Conference (GPAC) Championship match and came out in third place.

In order to make it to the national tournament, the team had to do well enough to qualify during the conference match. Junior Garrett Cornwell and the rest of the team were motivated to do something the school has never experienced before.

"I think our motivation has been to do what this program never has before," Cornwell said. "We want to build this program to be a contender, not just in the conference but also at the national tournament."

While that may seem like a hard task to accomplish, sophomore Brandon Antesberger said he believed they had a good chance of accomplishing those goals considering they already

went against all other teams in the conference.

"I think as long as we go out there and don't give up any pins, guys who are supposed to win do, guys who aren't supposed to win work hard and win something that maybe they weren't expected to, then I really think we could win the conference championship," Antesberger said.

Leading up to the match, the wrestlers continued their normal practices, while adding a new aspect to focus on before the big match.

"We already know our conditioning and our stamina is there," Antesberger said. "It's still high intensity during practice with the drills and the wrestling, but now, we're also focusing on the mental aspect of things."

After securing a victory against Morningside College, the attitude leading into the GPAC Championship was positive and excited to potentially grab another huge win.

"A lot of us have been practicing so long and wrestling each other for so long, we just want to get out there, especially after that last win over Morningside," Antesberger said. "We want to go out there and rep-

resent the school because that feeling was honestly really amazing."

With a positive attitude, spirits on the team were soaring right before the match. Even though wrestling is an individual sport, the team still supports one another no matter what.

"The whole team cheers each other on when our teammates are on the mat, and in the practice room, we push each other to be our best and be consistent," Cornwell said.

The Wrestling team has come a long way in the last few years and were ready to win a GPAC Championship for the school.

"It would be unbelievable considering the way this program was struggling when I got to campus my freshman year," Cornwell said. "This team has come a long way, and we have all the pieces to keep getting better and to win championships."

The Wrestling team finished third out of nine competing colleges and will have six athletes competing at the National Championship on March 5 and 6.



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Sophomore Tristan Zamilpa attempts to pin his opponent. Zamilpa was division champion for the 149lb weight class.



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Junior Daniel Vargas prepares to defeat his opponent. Vargas was division champion for the 125lb weight class.

Tigers hold their own at conference

Men place second, and Women place fourth

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The Track and Field teams went to Sioux Center, Iowa on Feb. 19 and 20 to compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championship, with the Men coming in second and the Women in fourth.

The Men rounded up a total of 152 points to earn their spot, and the Women accumulated 79 total points.

Freshman Zach Turner won the men's 55 meter hurdles preliminary race clocking in at 7.62. Sophomore John Krejci came in right behind Turner with a time of 7.93 in the preliminary. In the finals for hurdles, Turner won first with 7.72, and Krejci placed third with 8.02.

Freshman Connor Floyd ended with a winning 4.96 meter height in men's pole vault, placing him second in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

In the men's one-mile run, sophomore Kalen Dockwiler came in third with a time of 4:23:07.

Senior Alec Wick placed fifth in the men's 3000 meter with a time of 8:59.60 and also placed fifth in the men's 5000 meter run with a time of 15:31.95.

Senior Tanner Sand placed second in the men's long jump with a distance of 7.08 meters, and he placed third in the men's triple jump with 14.06 meters.

Sophomore Matthew Campbell placed third in the men's shot put event with 15.99 meters and second in the men's weight throw with 19.71 meters.

Junior Sergio Arcos placed second in the men's heptathlon with a score of 4,661.

Senior Allison Skala won the women's shot

put with a distance of 13.9 meters. Skala is now ranked second in the NAIA.

Senior MacKenzie Brandl placed third in the women's 200 meter dash with a time of 26.12.

In women's triple jump, senior Lauren Theiler placed second with a distance of 10.7 meters.

Sophomore Nicole Harms tied for fourth place in the women's pentathlon with a score of 3,124.

The Tigers placed fourth in the women's 4x400 meter relay with Brandl, Harms, freshman Rylee Rice and junior Annika Pingel coming in at 4:03.37. In the 4x800 meter relay, senior Jacinda Davis, sophomore Rachel Walters, senior Halle Weise and senior Haydyn Weise won fifth with a time of 10:10.49.

NAIA Track and Field Championships will occur from March 3 through the 6 in Yankton, SD.



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Senior Allison Skala readies herself to throw shot put. Skala would later place first, earning her the number two spot in the NAIA.

Cheer and Dance ready for conference

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On Feb. 17, both the Cheerleading and the Dance teams went to Hastings College to face-off against the Broncos.

During the duel, the Cheer team scored 69.45 points for their routine, narrowly beating out Hastings' score of 64.20. This secured the Cheer team's first all-out win of the season so far.

The Dance team, on the other hand, could not defeat Hastings.

The final score had



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The teams pose before competing against Hastings College.

Doane scoring 66.55 points, while Hastings scored 68.50 points, giving

ing them a very close victory.

On Feb. 20, both the

Cheer and the Dance teams went to Concordia to face-off against the Bulldogs.

However, the winning streak did not continue here. The Cheer team fell to Concordia with a final score of 66.30 compared to Concordia's 69.60.

On Feb. 27, Doane Cheer and Dance will take part in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships here in Crete.

Athlete of the Week



Allison Skala
Track and Field

Received first place in shot put at the GPAC championships with a personal best of 13.90m/45-07.25 which is the second best in the NAIA.



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