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Insight into psychology research

Schock King studying memory and language

KYLIE HUGHES
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Memories are something that many people believe to be accurate depictions of the past, similar to photographs or videos.

However, according to the research carried out by Assistant Professor of Psychology, Jocelyn Schock King, memories may not be as accurate as many people believe them to be.

Schock King is currently working on several different research projects that all focus on the idea of false memory or the accuracy of memory. She focuses on the way humans process language

and the effects that has on encoding memory.

"We think of our memories as correct. We think of our memory as a picture or video of an event as it happened, but it's really more like a result of a game of telephone. Everytime that it gets brought up, we act upon it and change it a little bit. Over time, we can see really dramatic changes in what we remember," Schock King said.

For one of her projects, focusing on children versus adults in terms of how language cognitive skills affect the development of false memories, the data collection has recently been completed.

Children are particularly interesting to study, according to Schock King, because they do not have many skills to know where a memory comes from, also known as reality monitoring. This means that children could see something on the television and believe it to be one of their own

memories.

Schock King's research found that children remember more and make more false memories when they are asked to present information verbally rather than writing it down. This project is different from many other research studies out there because children are often asked to write down information rather than present it verbally. Since children lack spelling and language skills, the children tend to focus more on the writing aspect rather than the recollection aspect of the activity.

Despite having to take an 8 to 9 month hiatus due to COVID-19, Schock King hopes to get the research written up and published in the next couple months.

The pandemic posed a challenge because her area of research deals with human participants, and it would not be beneficial to move to an online format.



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Another challenge in this area of research is working with children. There is a challenge in finding children and gaining consent from their parents to do the research because they are a protected population. However, Schock King assures

that her research is safe and has no risks associated with it.

In many of her projects, she uses methods such as list learning or asking participants to remember information from a story they were given.

The false memory research that Schock King is doing has large implications, especially with eye-witness testimony which is commonly relied on in courts.

"When we really look at a lot of these examples, the eye-witness testimony is not always great," Schock King said.

Despite how much people rely on memories, even important events could very easily be remembered incorrectly compared to how it actually happened.

"[Our memories] are not pictures or videos of the past. Our memories are much more malleable and much more subject to our biases and extra sources than we really want to believe," Schock King said.

As far as future research, Schock King has plans to focus on variations in language skills and how that can affect the formation of false memories.

Student Leadership Applications open

Students encouraged to apply for positions

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On March 15, applications for Student Leadership positions opened up for all Doane students. Available positions include Student Programming Board (SPB); Orientation Leaders (OLs); Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project Peer Educators; Directions Mentors and many more.

Applications are open to all Crete students, but certain positions have specific requirements. Students need to have applications turned in to the Doane Student Jobs website at <https://doane.applicantpro.com/internaljobs/> by April 2.

"Applying for one of these positions is a good way for individuals to grow through experiential learning. Just the application process itself is an experience that will help you improve your skills and grow in your ability to complete applications and interviews in the future," Director of Career, Leadership and

Service Development Quint Geis said.

Students can reap many benefits by being in a Student Leadership position. Many of the Student Leadership positions are paid, but some are volunteer. Be sure to check the description on the Doane Student Jobs website. Many of these jobs require students to build skills that can help in future endeavors.

"All the roles impact the student experience in a significant way, and students can find pride in shaping the campus experience through these roles. Doane is a strong place for relationships and community. Those two things are at the center of the work in these roles," Geis said.

Junior Brenna Mulvey was an OL and LAR Teacher's Assistant this year.

"You get to meet all the new freshmen and show them all the super cool things about Doane. It is like bringing people into your big family," Mulvey said.

Mulvey explained that her experience was amazing and made her love for Doane grow.

Students can find the supervisors for each position on the Doane Student Jobs website. From there, they can contact the individual supervisors with questions.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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Storms rage across U.S.

Rain, snow, tornadoes felt around the country

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Life & Culture Editor

A major storm hit many regions of the United States causing tornadoes, torrential rain, floods, high winds and blizzards.

At the start of the storm on March 12, Texas experienced at least 14 reported tornadoes within a three-day span. Texas also experienced wind gusts up to 87 miles per hour and baseball-sized hail, according to ABC News.

As the storm moved across the Western plains and Midwest, it created record-breaking snowfall and blizzard conditions.

During the morning of March 15, there were 8 million Americans across the central U.S. that were

under a winter weather alert, according to CNN.

Denver, Colo. received the fourth-heaviest snowfall since 1881 with more than 27 inches. Boulder, Colo. received around 8 to 12 inches of snow. Cheyenne, Wyo. set a new record for two-day snowfall with 36 inches in total by March 15, according to CNN.

The unusually large amount of snowfall created conditions favorable for avalanche threats in the Rocky Mountains. The Colorado Avalanche Information Center warned of avalanches above and below the treeline and in areas where there typically are not avalanches.

As the snow moved across the U.S., it paired with high winds that led to blizzard warnings across parts of South Dakota, western Nebraska and Wyoming on March 14, according to ABC News.

The snow moved to the upper Midwest through March 14 as many other states faced strong storms and heavy



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rainfall. Six inches of rain were reported in southern Missouri and four inches were reported across Kansas and Nebraska. Flooding was also in effect in those three states.

As the storm system continued to move east across the country, the Southeast also faced

flooding and severe storms.

Severe storms on March 17 affected Alabama and Mississippi the most, with the most reported damage.

In the towns of Moundville and Akron in west-central Alabama, two tornadoes damaged

at least 37 homes, according to CNN.

On March 18, around 32 million people from southern Ohio to southern Florida were under at least a marginal threat for storms, according to CNN.

Breonna Taylor remembered

Kenneth Walker filing federal lawsuit

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

March 13 marked one year since the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Ky.

Taylor was killed in a raid on her home, conducted by Louisville police in order to illicit drugs and information on an ex-boyfriend of Taylor's.

Taylor's then-boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, believed the raid was a criminal's attempt at breaking into the home and fired one shot, hitting and wounding an officer. That prompted the other officers to open fire, which ultimately killed

Taylor.

Walker was charged with assault and attempted murder, as reported by CBS News.

Following the death of Taylor, protests broke out and many protestors demanded justice from the officers involved in the raid on Taylor's home.

Now, one year later, Taylor still remains fresh in people's minds.

"Downtown Louisville, which quickly became the months-long site for racial injustice protests last summer, was transformed into a memorial site for Taylor on Saturday [March 13]," CBS News reported.

With hundreds of people showing up, photos, protest signs, flowers and candles were all used in remembrance of Taylor in the middle of Jefferson Square Park.

Later in the afternoon, Taylor's mother, Tamika Palmer, helped lead a march of around 400 to 500 people through downtown Louisville all while holding a pur-

ple banner with Taylor's name and photo.

Within the past year, three officers involved in the raid have been terminated, and one has been exonerated.

As stated in an article by NPR, Officer Brett Hankison was terminated for firing "wantonly and blindly," officer Myles Cosgrove for violating the department's policies on use of deadly force and detective Joshua Jaynes for a violation in truth in an affidavit completed by Jaynes. Officer Jonathan Mattingly, the officer shot by Walker, was exonerated of his counts in department policy violations of the use of deadly force and de-escalation.

In the case of Walker, the judge in charge of the case dismissed Walker of his charges leading up to March 13. Then, in a turn of events, Walker has now filed an ongoing federal lawsuit against the Louisville Metro Police Department and the officers involved in the raid.

"The suit, filed together



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er by multiple law firms Friday [March 12] in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, accused the LMPD of violating his constitutional rights," ABC News reported.

The suit specifically targets the officers' lack of recognition of Walker and Taylor's Fourth Amendment right to prevent unlawful search and

seizures.

"We are seeking to ensure that there is justice and accountability for the tragic and unjustified police assault on Kenneth Walker and killing of Breonna Taylor," Cliff Sloan, a Georgetown University Law Center professor representing Walker said.

Governor Cuomo accused of assault

Mixed reactions amid allegations

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-NY) has been accused of sexual harassment or inappropriate behavior from seven women.

A majority of the women that have spoken out against Cuomo are current or former aides to the governor. The New York Times reported that many employees in Cuomo's office have described the environment

as "toxic, particularly for young women."

Cuomo has offered nonspecific, public apologies in response to the allegations. He has requested that an independent investigator review the allegations, and he maintains that he never engaged in any inappropriate behavior.

"I acknowledge some of the things I have said have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation. To the extent anyone felt that way, I am truly sorry about that," a statement from Cuomo reads.

Cuomo's statement outlines behavior that could be perceived as inappropriate, such as teasing, personal questions and making jokes.

"I have teased people

about their personal lives, their relationships, about getting married or not getting married. I mean no offense and only attempt to add some levity and banter to what is a very serious business," the statement reads.

NPR reported that Democrat and Republican officials in New York are calling for Cuomo's immediate resignation, while others are supporting an independent investigation.

The allegations against Cuomo are revealing competing ideas within the New York Democratic party.

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) expressed that an investigation should be conducted by a state-ap-

pointed individual. Senator Alessandra Biaggi (D-NY) has said she would like to see Cuomo resign immediately.

A state-appointed investigator is being appointed to review the allegations against Cuomo, according to NPR.

As of the publication of this article, there are no further updates to report.

This Week's
Weather
Forecast

Wednesday

3/24



High: 54

Low: 34

Thursday

3/25



High: 54

Low: 34

Friday

3/26



High: 56

Low: 40

Saturday

3/27



High: 62

Low: 38

Sunday

3/28



High: 60

Low: 37

Monday

3/29



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Tuesday

3/30



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Biden's new gun control bills passed

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On March 11, the House of Representatives approved two bills meant to expand and strengthen background checks for those attempting to purchase firearms.

The two pieces of legislation would respectively require background checks for all gun buyers and increase the time the F.B.I. has to vet people flagged by the national instant check system.

The bill expanding background checks was passed by a vote of 227 to 203, and the bill which gives more time to federal law enforcement to vet gun buyers passed 219 to 210.

According to The New York Times, the measures were widely popular with voters, but Senate Republicans strongly opposed any limit on guns, including stricter requirements for background checks.

These pieces of legislation are aimed at addressing holes in existing gun laws that allow people to avoid extensive federal background checks.

Loose background checks have allowed some individuals to abuse the power of owning firearms. The lack of extensive background checking was how the shooter who killed nine people in a historically Black church in Charleston, S.C. on June 17, 2015 managed to buy a handgun despite the fact that he should

“This administration will not wait for the next mass shooting to heed that call.”

Joe Biden
President of the United States of America

have been prevented from doing so.

Before the bill passed, the F.B.I. only had three days to conduct a back-

ground check. Now, they have seven to ten days to do so.

The other bill requires those purchasing firearms from online sellers, at gun shows or in person to have their background vetted before they are able to receive the weapon.

President Joe Biden called on Congress to enact the bills in a statement in February that commemorated the third anniversary of the Parkland shooting.

“This administration will not wait for the next mass shooting to heed that call,” Biden said.

Gun rights have been in the spotlight over the past year, and these two pieces of legislation will assist the F.B.I. in screening individuals who are attempting to purchase firearms.

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Faith group to support students

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

The Catholic Newman Club has posted flyers around campus about their organization in an attempt to engage students of the Catholic faith in regular activities.

Senior Catie Welty is the president of the Catholic Newman Club, and she stressed the importance of continuing to practice one's faith even in college.

“The club was established to help Catholic students practice their faith while in college, a place where students typically fall out of regularly practicing their faith,” Welty said.

Members of the club participate in several activities including Bible study, prayer and service projects.

Welty said some activities and events for the Catholic Newman Club are not happening this semester in order to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.

“In the past, we have had adorations and prayer nights. These we decided against doing this year because of the restrictions due to COVID-19,” Welty said. “We also host a Bible study every week, and each semester we do a service project for people in the community.”

Welty said she hopes students who join the Catholic Newman Club learn more about their

faith, and all students are welcome to join regardless of faith identity.

“We hope that students can grow in their faith and learn about the Catholic faith. Our meetings are open to everyone on campus, and we hope to provide a place for respectful discussion on what we, as Catholics, believe,” Welty said.

The Catholic Newman Club meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 186 of the Communications Building. Welty said masks are required for students interested in attending.

With any questions regarding the Catholic Newman Club, please contact Welty at catie.welty@doane.edu.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between March 12 through 22 include:

- 03/12 **Sex Offenses:** Forcible Rape - Sheldon Hall
- 03/12 **Larceny/Theft:** Theft of property - Padour Walker
- 03/13 **Drug Law Violations:** Possession of Drugs - Sheldon Hall First Floor
- 03/13 **Drug Law Violations:** Possession of Drug Paraphanilla - Sheldon Hall First Floor



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Cardinal Key opens application

Group looks for new members committed to service

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Communications Manager

Applications for Doane University's chapter of the Cardinal Key Honor Society are open now. Students who qualify for membership should have received an email. This national honor society hones in on community service that students participate in.

On Doane's campus, the Cardinal Key philanthropy works with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The group participates in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk and hosts fundraisers for their benefit. The honor society also works local-

ly through Crete Public Schools in the after school programs, product drives for the Crete Food Bank, and the outdoor classroom.

Cardinal Key honor society meets once a month and then the time commitment depends on what service projects students participate in. President of the Cardinal Key honor society, senior Syerra Watson, estimated the time commitment anywhere from one to three hours a month. “Students should apply to this honor society because it is a great way to give back to your community and be recognized for all of your hard work,” Watson said.

In addition to the philanthropy aspect, Watson described the various leadership opportunities for students within the society. There is also an opportunity for students to run to be elected for the national executive board. Members of the society have the opportunity to attend the national Car-

dinal Key convention, which is a funded trip.

“My favorite part about this group is that I have been able to do a lot more service and get involved with a lot of different opportunities that I haven't thought about before. It also pushes me to give back to my community,” Watson said.

Students can apply to be a member of the Cardinal Key honors society by filling out the application in their email. To be eligible, students must have attended Doane for two or more years and have a 3.25 GPA. Applications are due by April 14th.

If students have questions, they can contact President Syerra Watson at syerra.watson@doane.edu or Vice President Madi Warrelmann at madi.warrelmann@doane.edu.

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“Sexual Citizens” reframes assault

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Editor-in-Chief

The Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project has been leading a book discussion group over “Sexual Citizens: Sex, Power and Assault on Campus” by Dr. Jennifer S. Hirsch and Dr. Shamus Khan.

Hirsch is a professor at Columbia University and co-directed the Sexual Health Initiative to Foster Transformation (SHIFT). Khan is a professor at Princeton University and co-headed the ethnographic team of SHIFT.

“So much of the conversation has focused on how to improve adjudication, which is important,” Hirsch said. “We shift the frame to focus on prevention and to think about prevention in a way that goes far beyond just telling students not to assault each other.”

Elements of SHIFT include quantitative research, an ethnographic portion and community transformation. Hirsch and Khan’s book focus on the ethnographic, or qualitative, element of the larger project.

The book frames sexual assault and its potential prevention through the use of 151 Columbia University students’ stories. Hirsch and Khan studied students’ lives in order to have a more complete understanding of the social context that students find themselves in.

Including students from all groups and demographics was an intentional choice by Hirsch and Khan.

“I hope that students feel seen. The lives that we describe in the book feel real to them about how students are experiencing college,” Khan said.

Khan said after promotions for the study were posted on campus, students contacted both himself and Hirsch with stories to tell.

“Overall, the students, insofar as they understood us to be a research group that really wanted to capture their experiences and transform the community in light of our findings, were very responsive to us,” Khan said. “We’re incredibly appreciative to all of the students who [participated].”

Hirsch compared the students who volunteered

to share their stories of being assaulted to “uncapping a fire hose,” in that students felt comfortable sharing their experiences in the hopes that it would benefit the greater community.

Hirsch and Khan will be hosting a virtual conversation with the CAPE Project on March 23 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. They hope that students feel empowered after reading “Sexual Citizens” to clarify what sex means to them and to consider their own role in preventing sexual assault on campus.

“[We would like students] to think about the messages that they have gotten about their own and other people’s sexual citizenship, the extent to which they feel like they have a right to choose their own sexual experiences, and whether they understand that other people have that same right,” Hirsch said.

To access the Zoom link for the March 23 event, please contact Suzannah Rogan at suzannah.rogan@doane.edu or the CAPE Project at capeproject@doane.edu.

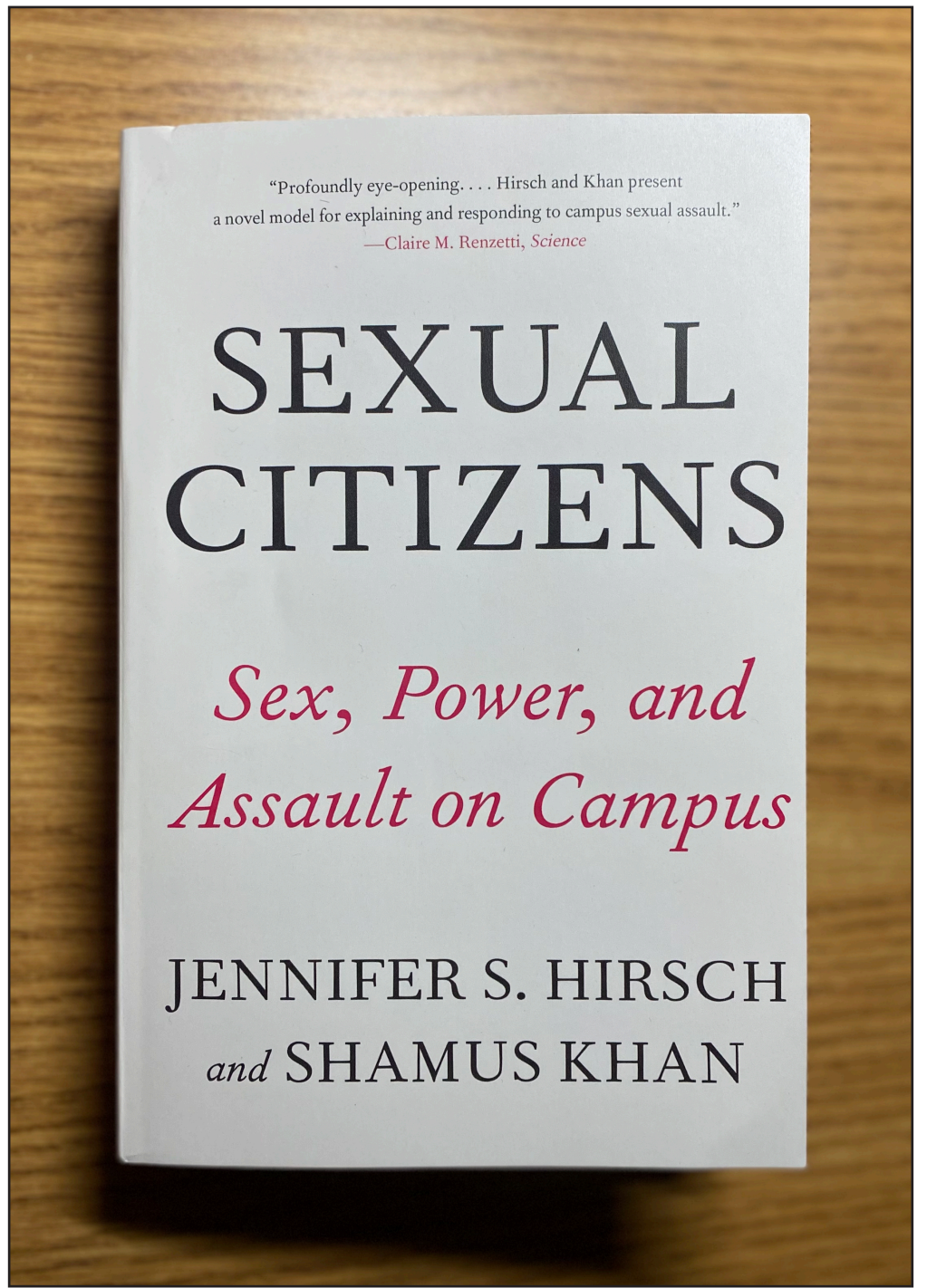


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“The Bachelor” host faces criticism



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JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Chris Harrison is stepping back as host of “The Bachelor” for the upcoming season of “The Bachelorette,” as his response to now-former contestant Rachael Kirkconnell’s past actions garnered much criticism.

This decision came about after Harrison defended Kirkconnell attending a plantation-themed ball in Georgia and dressing in traditional Native American attire.

Kirkconnell would later come out and take accountability for her actions and said she would do better to educate herself on the inherent racism found within that party’s theme and of the Native American clothing.

“[It’s] not our place to tell people what they can and can’t be offended about. That’s wrong, and that’s part of the problem, so stop saying I did nothing wrong; that’s not true,” Kirkconnell said. “If you really want to support me, then encourage me to do better.”

Fans of “The Bachelor” at Doane have mixed feelings about the situation.

“I still am not a fan af-

ter her apology because she didn’t say what she was doing to work on it or be better, just that she was educating herself, but the work is in the actions. She did not answer when they asked what the actions were,” sophomore Makenna Klug said.

In his defense of Kirkconnell, Harrison made mention of the current ideas of “cancel culture.” “We all need to have a little grace, a little understanding, a little compassion,” Harrison said in an interview with Rachel Lindsay on Feb. 9. “I’ve seen some stuff online, this ‘judge, jury, executioner’ thing where people are just tearing this girl’s life apart.”

Some Doane students said they were upset about Harrison’s lack of concern about the issue.

“After hearing about Chris Harrison’s statement defending Kirkconnell’s actions, it seems as though he doesn’t see quite how large of an issue racism is in this world,” sophomore Noah Reestman said.

Harrison announced that he would not be hosting “The Bachelor” on Feb. 13.

“The historic season of ‘The Bachelor’ should not be marred or overshadowed by my mistakes or diminished by my ac-

tions,” Harrison said. “I am dedicated to getting educated on a more profound and productive level than ever before.”

Harrison said he hopes to one day be back on as the host of “The Bachelor” again once he has learned more.

“I can see how Chris just wanted to be supportive of every person, but he should have thought more into the consequences of the actions and how that would affect people,” Klug said.

On March 12, ABC announced that Harrison would not be returning to host “The Bachelorette.” Instead, former contestants Kaitlyn Bristowe and Tayshia Adams have been selected to support the new bachelorette in the upcoming season.

Bristowe wanted it to be known that she and Adams do not plan on replacing Harrison.

“Truthfully, we are there to support the new bachelorette. We aren’t ‘replacing’ anyone,” Bristowe said.

Although there have been some negative comments, Reestman said he remains hopeful.

“It’s hard to say if the new hosts will be good for the pacing of ‘The Bachelorette,’ but I am optimistic that they will do well,” Reestman said.



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Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Be prepared for a bit of mental distress this week. Take a break, you're going to need it.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Keep what you love close to you, you'll probably need it since these past few weeks have been annoying to say the least.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Pick yourself up, go to the gym or just do some exercise. Whatever gets you up and out of that slump you've been in.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): It may be hard having to deal with certain people, but you never know, it could turn out for the better later.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Take some time and reserve it for your favorite house plant. If you don't have one, make sure to get on that right away.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Whether it be asking your crush out or sitting down to write that novel, it's high time you did what you said you would do.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Take up a new hobby, especially if it's music related. There is no better time like the present to learn how to play the harmonica.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Have you called your mother recently? She would really appreciate it and it would make her week, give her a call.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Keep an eye on those who you care about this week Libra. You never know what people may be battling.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): You seem to have tried blocking out a lot lately. Let some people in on your life for once and you may just be surprised.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Listening to too much music can cause you mental stress, silence is golden. Find someplace quiet to meditate.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Treat yourself with an expensive bath bomb or a fancy pair of socks. This week has been hard. You deserve a little reward.

Library opens more study space

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As the campus risk dial has continued to stay at a moderate level, the library staff made the decision to open up more space in the library. The new spaces opened on March 15.

The lower level of the library has been opened, as well as most of the study rooms. There are two study rooms on the upper level and six on the lower level that are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is also one that can be reserved on the lower level for job interviews, graduate school interviews or tests such as LSAT or MCAT.

The lower level study rooms only hold one person. The recording studio is also open to be reserved. Students interested in reserving the recording studio can email library@doane.edu.

Interim Library Director, Cali Biaggi recognized that prior to the changes, students were eager for more places to study. So, she discussed the planned changes with the rest of the library staff, facilities and with Director of Campus Wellness, Rachel Czerny.

Biaggi said the decision was made because there have been less COVID-19 cases this semester. She also said the results of the required COVID-19 testing for all Greek students in early March helped to affirm that they were making the right decision due to the low number of cases.

"It seemed like the right time to start moving back toward 'normal,'" Biaggi said.

Biaggi also recognized that



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Students utilize newly-opened study space in the lower level of the library to get work done.

last semester could have been "tough" for some students due to lack of study space, so the library staff is excited to offer more places for students to get work done.

Despite more study spaces and more furniture, students still have to follow COVID-19 regulations. Masks are required in all library spaces. Food is also not allowed. Drinks are allowed as long as students keep masks on between sips. Students are also asked to respect physical distancing and not to move furniture.

"If we start to see a huge problem with people not wearing masks or bringing food, we may make the decision to close again," Biaggi said.

The open spaces are also contingent on the risk dial. If cases start to increase, the library staff

will review possible options.

The library is also continuing to offer virtual and touch-free services, such as virtual research assistance or contact-free book checkouts. Students can visit doane.edu/library for more information.

The library staff looks forward to allowing students to have more places to study this semester and getting back to normal in the future.

"The librarians and library staff really want the library to be a welcoming place. This year, health and safety has been a big concern. We truly do not like restricting the space so much or being the "mask police," but we care about students and don't want to see anyone get sick," Biaggi said.

Hansen Leadership gets revamped

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Change has come to Doane's Hansen Leadership Program, and with that change comes a new name.

"We used to be called the Hansen Leadership Advisory Board, and we are now the Doane Leadership Educators," Travis Handler, head of the Doane Leadership Educators said.

"It moved from just Hansen Leadership to Doane Leadership because we wanted to connect to more students and spread leadership all across the community," sophomore Drew Pennington, Doane Leadership Educators' social

media chair said.

So far, the biggest change in the program has been the "local leaders" series that highlights certain individuals from outside of Doane's community. People, like Ethan Zohn from "Survivor," have come to Doane and spoke, and now, the series will look to highlight even more local leaders in and around Doane's campus.

"It is called 'On the Way Up.' In doing so, we hope to foster a closer relationship with the student body by interviewing leaders that students know and interact with on a daily basis," Handler said.

In interviewing leaders around campus, Handler

said that the hope is to demonstrate how students can use leadership skills in both the classroom and their daily lives.

As the social media chair and starting only about a month ago, Pennington runs both the new Instagram (@doane_leaders) page and Youtube (Doane Leaders) channel where these interviews have been posted.

"We have been interviewing all sorts of leaders around campus, mostly professors and coaches, but we also want the students of Doane to get a chance with our Instagram takeovers on Thursdays," Pennington said.

For now, Hansen stu-

dents are eligible to participate in the takeover Thursdays in order to "show off their leadership skills," according to Pennington.

With only close to 200 followers on Instagram at the time of this article's publication, Pennington said he hopes to soon reach a bigger audience with students around campus and to, one day, get other schools interested and possibly follow suit.

As for the future, those involved in the Doane Leadership Educators are still working on a better leadership community.

"We are still re-working our leadership workshop models, but the goal is similar to the interview



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series— to instill others with the skills and advice to create a better community through leadership," Handler said.

For any questions in regards to Doane Leadership Educators itself,

students can contact Travis Handler at travis.handler@doane.edu, or Drew Pennington at drew.pennington@doane.edu for anything social media-related.

Professors receive COVID vaccine

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Nebraska's COVID-19 vaccine distribution timeline is now on Phase 1A and 1B, meaning funeral home, grocery store and food processing employees are now on the list to receive the vaccine.

February saw first responders, utilities, homeless shelter staff, corrections staff and educators being eligible to receive their shots, and many Doane professors are either fully vaccinated or very close to being so.

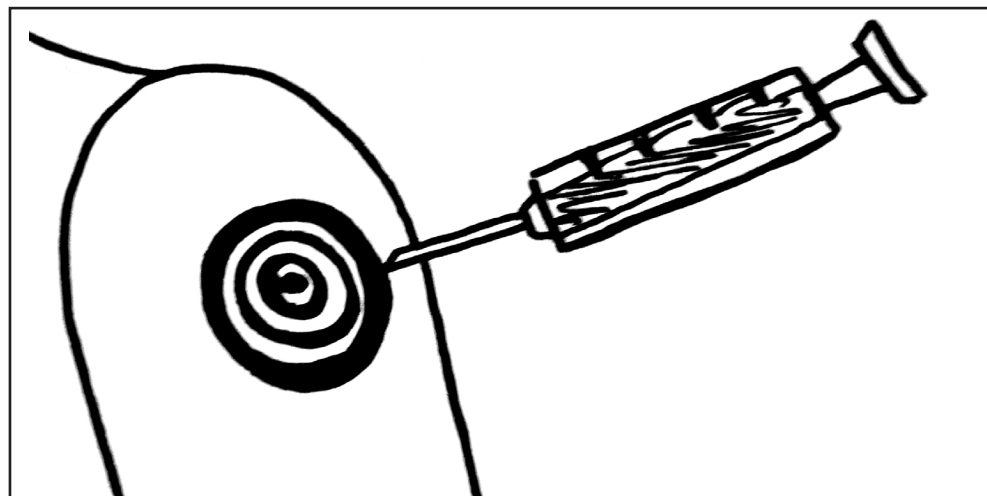
Jay Gilbert, Professor of Music and Director of the Doane concert band, received the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine on March 9. On March 24, the vaccine should take full effect in

the prevention of catching, spreading and reducing the risk of death from COVID-19.

"Doane [Human Resources] alerted the faculty to the opportunity to [get] signed on [to receive the vaccine] the night before," Gilbert said, much to his appreciation.

Kurt Runestad, Music Department Chair and the choir and vocal activities director, also received the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine in early March and echoed Gilbert's statement in the involvement of the university in getting vaccinated.

"That's how I qualified, I think, as a teacher or college professor [who is] older than 50. [I am] very grateful to Mother Doane," Runestad said.



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

Gilbert and Runestad both recalled feeling some of the potential side effects of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, specifically feelings of fatigue and soreness.

Both reported needing to take a full day of rest to sleep and gather their strength, but after a cou-

ple of days, they both said they felt back to normal.

Unlike Gilbert and Runestad, Meghan Gaul, Associate Professor of Graphic Design and the Art and Design Department Chair, did not get the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Instead, Gaul received the Moder-

na vaccine on March 11 and is getting her second dose on April 8.

Gaul also said the university was highly involved in the vaccination process.

"We were connected to the registry through the university but were also encouraged to regis-

ter in our local counties and pursue any other opportunities that presented themselves," Gaul said. "I got mine earlier than the on-campus option because another faculty member contacted me with a lead [to receiving the vaccine early]."

After the shot was administered, Gaul reported experiencing mild symptoms like tiredness and headaches. She said she also experienced a rash and swelling on the arm that the vaccine was administered to, something she said was a one-in-a-million reaction.

With Nebraska's vaccine distribution progressing, it is likely that most, if not all, of Doane's staff will be fully vaccinated within the next few weeks.

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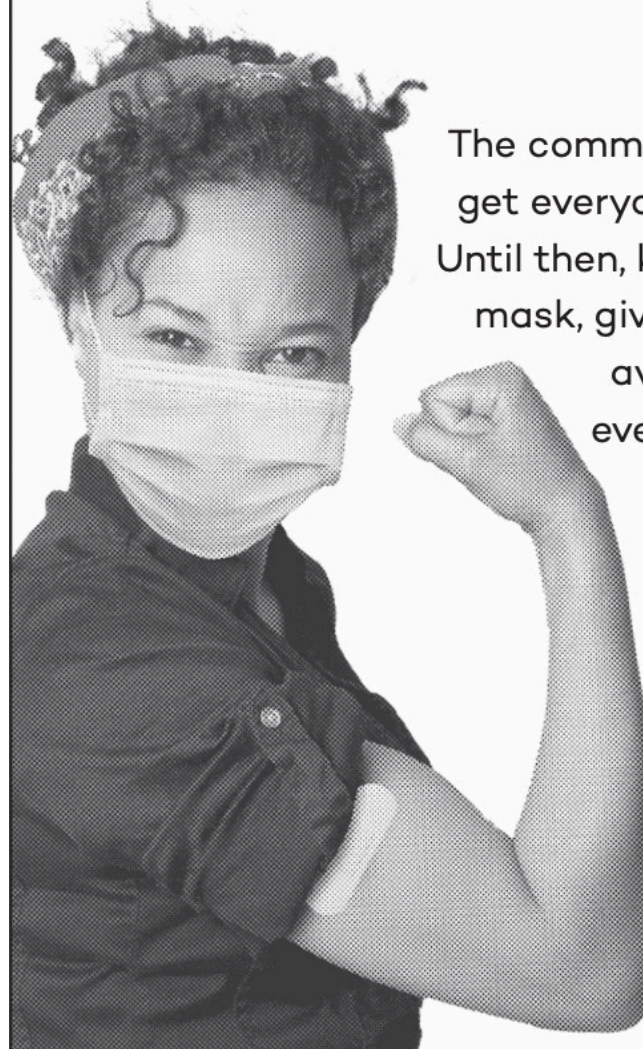
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Give yourself a break this week

As we move through the middle of the spring semester, we want to remind students to take care of themselves.

It's difficult to find time to do homework, let alone relax. Try and carve out 30 minutes, your mind and body will thank you.

Schedule those 30 minutes, or however long you choose, for activities unrelated to schoolwork and your responsibilities. Don't burden yourself further.

This semester has been more conventional than the

fall semester, but that does not mean it has been easier.

We have all been kept on our toes waiting for the latest COVID-19 restrictions update. We have had to adjust our schedules at the last minute, whether it be to have class over Zoom versus in-person or quarantine instead of running to Walmart.

We deserve a break.

Try to read a book for fun, watch bad TV or play video games, whatever will take your mind off of this crazy year.

There's no shame in taking a moment for yourself. There seems to be an unspoken shame about relaxing these days, but it's not true.

If you don't allow yourself to rest, you will get burnt out so much faster. Students are already feeling the effects of not having a scheduled break. Don't perpetuate the problem for yourself.

Even though we do not have a preplanned break, that does not mean we cannot make our own.

Video call your family, get

lunch with friends, have a laidback study group. The options are endless.

Do what works for you. Not every student at Doane is going to relax in the same way. So, take it easy on yourself.

Taking walks outside, exercising and talking with friends are all viable options to alleviate the year-long accumulated stress.

We are a little over a year into a pandemic, and we all deserve a little grace.

Hot takes; chips ahoy mate

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Chip-a-dee-doo-dah, chip-a-dee-day, my oh my, what a wonderful day!

That's right ladies and gentlemen, this week's Hot Takes is going to be as hot as a bag of Takis because I am ranking the major chip brands.

Each brand is graded based on the flavor of the original, variety of flavors and versatility.

The flavor of the original chip is the most important because that is the standard to which all proceeding flavors of the chip are held to.

If the original flavor is garbo, but the flavor of a specific chip is good, then the brand loses points compared to a brand that has a stellar original flavor but lesser subsequent flavors.

The variety of flavors each brand has is the second most important factor because you can never have too many options when it comes to chip flavors.

While quantity over quality might be the best on paper, each flavor still has to taste good. Otherwise, you are just eating different flavors of poop, which, at least for me, is not something I want to eat.

The final and relatively

least important quality is versatility. This comes down to how many different situations can each chip be used successfully in. Keep in mind that for versatility, I will only be using the original flavor of each chip because otherwise, this category would not need to exist because every brand has a flavor for just about anything.

S Tier - The chips that live here are the pantheon of the chip gods. Everything about them is sheer perfection. It blows my mind that the chip section in stores does not only sell these brands because why would you bother with any other brand?

A Tier - While not as great as the chips above, the chips here are certainly nothing to sneeze at. They have a lot to offer, and they are still a worthy choice for a chip.

B Tier - Completely average is the only thought that comes to mind when describing the chips here. They certainly aren't bad, but they're not great either. They're fine if there's nothing else around, but otherwise, there are plenty of better options out there.

C Tier - Mediocre is really the best adjective to describe the chips in this tier. There really is no reason to have the chips here unless you have poor taste.

F Tier - The audacity these



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"things" have to call themselves chips is mind-boggling because there is no good argument anyone can make that would warrant the existence of these abominations.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Pringles, Ruffles

A Tier: (Second Best)- Lay's, Tostitos, Cheetos

B Tier: (Average)- Sun

Chips, Kettle Brand

C Tier: (Below Average)- Doritos, Takis, Bugles

F Tier: (Garbage)- Fritos

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!

Learning to lean on others



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Over the past couple of months, I have learned a lot, too much. The one lesson I am still trying to nail down is leaning on other people.

This past year has been absolute shit. For the majority of that time, I convinced myself that I had to do everything alone and that no one would want to help me.

Even at the time, I knew it was not true, but it felt better to push people off and suffer in silence than to burden someone else with my problems.

When I tell other people about my life or what I am going through, I feel like they just want me to shut up

so they can move on.

But that's not always true. Sometimes, people want to support me; they want to hear how I am struggling so they can help me through it. They want to walk through the trenches with me just to see me get to the other side.

That is hard. That is a lot of pressure, but it is something I have had to adjust to.

Few people have a diabolical agenda against me, and those people probably don't even come into contact with me. The people that I surround myself with are not in my life to watch me fail. They are here to help me grow and flourish.

That element of codependency is so new to me. I have never felt like I could depend on another person, but sometimes I have to be willing to try.

Yes, I recognize that makes me vulnerable to heartache and disappointment, but just knowing that someone in my life cares enough to walk through hell with me makes it worth it.

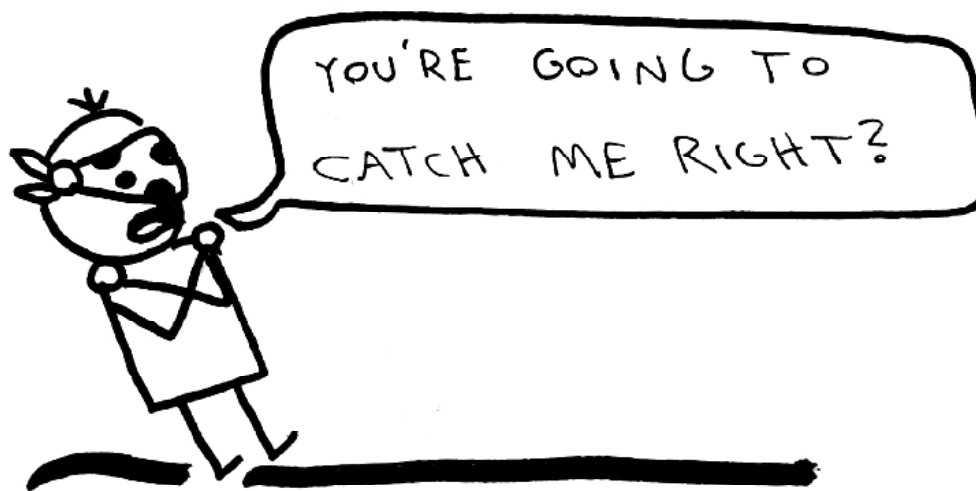
I am still wrapping my brain around all of this. I will admit that I mess up; sometimes, I don't lean on people when I need them the most.

But I am trying. I am

trying with everything in me to convince myself that I do not have to exist in this world alone.

I am grateful to have people in my life who also recognize this and sacrifice some of their time and effort to helping me learn. Without them, I would still be alone in my bed in the fetal position.

I am terrified to be vulnerable with other people, even those I trust completely. I have been working on that, though, and I can safely say that my progress would not have been possible without the support of the people around me.



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Incentive for vaccine is unnecessary



KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

It was announced on March 22 that the beloved doughnut franchise, Krispy Kreme, is offering free doughnuts to anyone who shows their COVID-19 vaccination card.

Now, I enjoy a good doughnut probably more than the average person, so I am thoroughly looking forward to the day that I get my COVID-19

vaccine and am able to get a free doughnut.

However, it is truly telling of our society that we need to have incentives such as free doughnuts in order to do something for the greater good. It should be no surprise that incentives like this are needed, as something as simple and effective as wearing a mask became a political debate.

The incentive for getting a vaccine should be to protect yourself and others from getting a potentially deadly virus. Your incentive could also be the desire to visit a grandparent that you have not seen in over a year, or to go back to college life as it once was. Your incentive should not be for arbitrary reasons.

I, personally, am getting my vaccine to protect those in my life who are more at risk, and because I want to experience



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college without a pandemic. The Krispy Kreme doughnut is just a nice little bonus.

While I do not think that vaccine-hesitant people will decide to get their vaccine because of a simple doughnut, I do believe there are other, larger

incentives that could change minds.

Royal Caribbean Cruise line is one example of a larger incentive. According to USA Today, when cruise ships start sailing in June, some cruise lines such as Royal Caribbean will require

all adult passengers to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

There have also been debates over requiring airline companies to require COVID-19 vaccines before passengers can get on as well.

I am in full support of

things like cruise lines and airline companies requiring COVID-19 vaccines for their customers; however, it's shameful when that becomes someone's only reason to get the vaccine.

People should not be getting the vaccine for the sole reason that it is the only way the cruise line will let them on the boat.

Despite the conflicting views that these incentives cause, if that is what it takes for enough people to get their COVID-19 vaccine to achieve herd immunity, then I am all for the idea.

As incentives to raise vaccination numbers continue to crop up, especially as it gets closer to opening up to the general public, there becomes less and less of a reason to not get the vaccine.

Carefully created show pays homage



JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Marvel Studios' "WandaVision" is a beautiful homage to the history of television while also

telling a compelling story about coping with grief over the loss of a loved one.

"WandaVision" comprises nine episodes with roughly six out of the nine focusing on a different decade in television starting with the 1950s and ending with the 2010s.

The show stars Elizabeth Olsen as Wanda Maximoff, aka the Scarlet Witch, and Paul Bettany as Vision, the indestructible synthezoid.

Where neither actor has been able to show off their acting chops in most Marvel properties, as they are mainly side characters with only a

few scenes by themselves, this show allows both of them to display their talent and range.

Elizabeth Olsen is a treat to watch, especially in the first two episodes, as the small mannerisms she does really sell the feeling of an actress in a television show from that era.

For those who have not watched every single Marvel movie, the show can seem a little confusing, especially if you are not aware of the fact that Vision is a robot who can phase through objects, change his appearance at will and that he is married to a human being with telepathy. But do

not let that stop you from watching it.

Another major strength of the show is how it portrays grief and processing the feeling of emptiness that comes with it.

I will not spoil anything, but the way in which Elizabeth Olsen conveys her sorrow and grief is very natural and real, something which I find very thoughtful and greatly appreciate.

If you are not a fan of superhero movies or do not know where to start, this show is a great introduction to the Marvel universe. Many of my friends who were not Marvel junkies like me were enamored with the show because of how good it is, so give it a chance if you haven't already.

"WandaVision" is available for streaming on Disney+.



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NCAA inequalities



SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

During the month of March, the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball tournament is in full swing. At the same time, the men's basketball tournament is going on. Recently, players on the women's basketball teams have been bringing to light the discrepancies between the treatment of the women's and men's basketball teams. For me, it was no shocker to hear that.

The first of the discrepancies was in the weightroom. The men's basketball teams were given a very large space to lift weights and had multiple options. There are squat racks, benches, multiple racks of free weights, etc. The women's basketball teams were given a handful of yoga mats and a single rack of free weights.

How fair does that sound? I understand wanting to keep teams separate in times of COVID, but with the budget that March Madness has, there is enough money to hire people to clean the weights between uses.

The NCAA blamed the weightroom fiasco on "limited space," but I don't buy it. A viral TikTok uploaded by Oregon athlete Sedona Prince showcased that space was not an issue because the women had a whole extra space the size of a basketball court open for use.

The inequality does not stop there. The food that the women's and men's teams were receiving was vastly different. The men's teams were getting buffets of quality burgers and potatoes, while the women's teams were getting frozen vegetables and Salisbury steaks with holes in it.

Another inequality was within the swag bags that the team members received. Male athletes were given large quantities of toiletries, multiple sweat towels, hats, lysol wipes, blankets and more. I would estimate that there were around 30 or so items in the male athlete swag bags, and I would estimate the women were given around 15.

Yes, the gym, food and swag bags are pretty shallow, but the NCAA screwed up even deeper.

The NCAA did not make allowances for child care for coaches during the course of the tournament. Coaches, support staff and athletes are living in "the bubble" and are not allowed to leave. The NCAA offered no childcare stipend either. Mothers who were breastfeeding were not allowed to bring their children because it violated the team's traveling party.

On top of everything else, the NCAA was using different COVID-19 testing methods for the men and women. The men were getting tested through PCR testing, which is the top testing method. Women were getting antigen tests, which are not as sensitive as PCR tests and have a higher rate of false negatives.

Why are we allowing major organizations to blatantly discriminate against women? It is disgusting and horrific. Let's hold the NCAA accountable for their actions by voicing the injustices on social media and boycotting ways that bring money to the NCAA.

...THUMBS UP

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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...

Women's Soccer comes to a close

The team prepares for their final game of the season

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

This year, the Women's Soccer team has a busy spring season. After not having their season last year due to COVID-19, the Girls are preparing for their first spring back.

The team has been

putting in many hours of work in order to improve their game play for this season. Sophomore Abbie Hedgecock and the rest of the players are constantly working and practicing every day.

"We have been in the weight room two-to-three times a week and practicing on top of that in order to become the players we want to develop into," Hedgecock said. "We have [one] more [game] left for the spring season, and then it's time to prepare for the fall season."

One reason for the

team's improvement is all the work that was put in during the off-season, like winter conditioning. Junior Danielle Dubovy said she believes that all their training is starting to be relayed onto the field.

"I think the biggest difference I've been able to see is our speed of play," Dubovy said. "We are actually having some really nice combinations and being able to see the field better which I enjoy because we're able to keep the ball longer."

However, spring season means that all the se-

niors are no longer playing. With this loss, many of the current players have had to step into new positions in order to keep the team running efficiently.

"We didn't have too many seniors to begin with, but it's definitely been weird not having them here as someone who has had more years of experience than all of us," Hedgecock said.

Although the team has had minor setbacks, they have been able to play most of their games and have a relatively normal season despite

COVID-19. This has given the Girls more time to make sure their team chemistry is doing well during this busy time.

"Because of COVID, we didn't have as much team chemistry; we weren't able to do a lot of the bonding and things we were going to do," Dubovy said. "I feel that us learning how to communicate more and communicate with each other is really what's been the biggest success."

With only one game left in the season, the team is looking forward to next fall and is already

starting to prepare for the games that lie ahead.

"I'm hoping that before the spring season ends, that we will feel improved and like we got better and are ready for whatever is to come in the fall," Hedgecock said. "I hope that we can put it all together and show everyone the soccer team that we are and the game that we know how to play."

The Women's Soccer team has one more game on March 24 at 6 p.m. away at Midland University to finish off their spring season.

Tennis continues their winning streak

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

As the season is now about half way over, both men's and women's tennis teams continue to improve their records as both look to make it to the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championship at the end of April.

At the beginning of the semester, several new transfer students arrived on the tennis teams. Junior Jonathan Szwaja is most proud of how well they have been incorporated into the team and how they have bonded with everyone.

"I'm most proud of how well we bond together because we got a lot of new guys at the start of the semester," Szwaja said. "We've come together well to incorporate those guys and work towards winning that GPAC Championship."

Right now, the women's team has three members, freshman Amber Weston, junior Brylee

Lauby, and junior Ava Macke, ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Along with this, there have been some big achievements on the women's side.

"A major accomplishment for the women's team would be beating a D2 school for the first time in history against William Jewell College," Lauby said. "Right now the women's team is at a winning record of 6-1 and for the GPAC standing we are one of the top seeds."

Half way through the season is normally when injuries start to play a major factor for any team. However, the tennis teams have been avoiding any major injuries and are keeping most of the players completely healthy.

"For me, I had surgery on my wrist so I've been out almost the whole season but for the most part we've done a good job maintaining injuries and keeping everyone healthy," Szwaja said.



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Sophomore Liz van der Torre swings in attempt to hit the ball back to her opponent.

"I think that really attributes to the offseason conditioning we did and just making sure we're not cramping up."

With a healthy team and a winning record, both teams are looking

forward to the chance of making it to the national championship, hoping to come back with the title.

"I am most looking forward to working hard with my team to accomplish our end goal of



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Freshman Esteban Gutierrez returns his opponent's serve.

winning the GPAC," Lauby said. "I am just happy that Doane tennis is able to be back out on the court and get the outcomes that we have strived and worked hard to get."

The women's team will play March 27 and 28 at home before heading to College Of Saint Mary on March 29. The men's team will play both March 26 and 28 at home.

Baseball has a weekend of wins

JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Doane Baseball team had a total of four games in which they swept both Northwestern University and Dordt University.

The Tigers engaged in a doubleheader against the Northwestern Raiders on March 19.

In the first game against the Raiders, the Tigers were down by two runs at the beginning of the first inning. However,

that was not enough to put the Tigers out of the game. Doane was able to come back in the bottom of the first inning, getting two runs off of three hits and adding another five runs in the third inning to take the lead off of five hits.

Junior pitcher Travis Cowan was able to keep the Raiders in check, limiting their scoring and allowing the Tigers to get some runs of their own. The final score of the first game was 10-3 resulting in a Doane win.

The second game against the Raiders ended in a high-scoring race. Of the 17 total runs scored in the game, 15 came in the latter half.

The game took a total of eleven innings, the longest game the Tigers have been a part of since a twelve-inning game in 2018. Doane took an early lead in the game as junior Andy Theiler hit a home run at the bottom of the first inning.

Later in the sixth inning, the Raiders took their first lead in the

game, turning the score 3-2. In the eighth inning, the Raiders took the game even more, making the score 5-2 and then 7-2 at the bottom of the ninth inning.

At the bottom of the ninth inning, Doane had three runners on base and hit a fly ball, hoping to bring in a run. The Raiders, however, were able to make a double play because of base-running mistakes made by Doane. In a last attempt with two outs, the Tigers scored a run before fresh-

man Bob Mercier came up to bat.

Mercier hit a double into the right-field corner, tying the game and forcing extra innings. The game ended with a Doane walk-off hit to win the game with a final score of 9-8.

The Tigers engaged in another doubleheader against the Dordt Defenders on March 20. Pitchers junior Jordan Wisner and freshman Kyler Beekman only allowed one run for the Defenders in the first

game. The Tigers would take over in an 8-1 win with notable scoring plays from freshman Nate Mensik, Theiler and sophomore Lukas White.

In the second game, the Tigers finished the sweep with a score of 16-13, with five runs coming from Theiler.

The Baseball team will have their next game at home against Peru State College on March 25 at 1 p.m.

Softball looks to conference games

Team gets ready as end of season draws near

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The Doane softball team is over half way through their season and as of now, team members are looking forward as conference play gets closer.

The players have been

working all season on improving their game play in order to make it as far as they can when conference time comes. Freshman Sarah Theiler and the team have been practicing all season and are ready to see where it takes them.

"I am looking forward to getting into conference games and really putting what we have been working on in the preseason all together," Theiler said.

Right now, the team has had several accomplishments, such as their winning record of 13-

12. Sophomore Shelby Downard believes one of the team's accomplishments is continuing on no matter what the circumstances.

"Since transferring at semester everyone was very accepting of me," Downard said. "We all work our hardest day in and day out and continue to trust the process everyday."

After a long, difficult season, almost all members of the team are ready to make it to the conference championship and are hoping to secure the win.

"I can speak for everyone on the team when we say that a conference championship would be something we all want and it is our main goal," Theiler said. "What I personally want to see is us to keep improving with every game throughout the season. So far we are doing great with it but we have to keep going."

The softball team will play March 23 and 24 at home against both University of Jamestown and Dakota Wesleyan University before heading on the road March 27 to play Hastings College.

Athlete of the Week

Josie Schnakenberg
Softball



Had a record-breaking performance of 15 strikeouts over seven innings of work in the game against Valley City State University.

