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Doane's Baseball team wins five out of six games. See Page 9 for more.

One dead after shooting at mall

Two suspects taken into custody after shooting

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

On April 17, there was a shooting at the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebr., around noon that left one person dead.

Trequez Swift, 21, was injured during the shooting and later passed away

at CHI Health Bergan Mercy Hospital. Ja'Keya Veland, 22, was injured but is expected to survive.

Two people have been arrested in connection with the shooting, a 16-year-old and an 18-year-old. Police believe this shooting was an isolated incident, but they do not believe that it was a random attack.

The two suspects fled the mall shortly after firing, but they were soon apprehended by the police after receiving several reports from citizens in the area.

Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine said that the 16-year-old suspect will be tried as an adult for first-degree murder

(KETV). The 18-year-old will be tried for accessory to homicide and has no bail at this time.

Westroads Mall has been the location for several shootings in the past, with one in the past year on March 12 that left an officer injured.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to contact the Omaha Police Department (OPD) Homicide Unit at 402-444-5656 or Omaha Crime Stoppers at 402-444-STOP. Tips can be submitted online at omahacrimestoppers.org or on the P3 Tips mobile app.

There are no further updates at the time of this publication.



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Allergy symptoms similar to COVID

Allergy symptoms likely to increase

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Allergy season is among us with the cusp of the spring season. Many allergy symptoms

share similarities with those of COVID-19, but key differences do exist.

COVID-19 usually causes individuals to develop a fever, something that allergies almost never induce. If you have allergies and a fever, the safest option is to go to the doctor and get tested for COVID-19.

Allergies also do not cause the loss of taste or smell like COVID-19 does. Your nose may become congested, but you should not lose any

capacity of your senses from allergy symptoms.

Chills, muscle pain and difficulty breathing are all associated with COVID-19, but they are not symptoms of allergies.

The most common allergy symptoms are sneezing, itchiness, dry coughing and nasal congestion. If any of your symptoms hint towards COVID-19, go get tested as soon as possible.

Wearing a mask can decrease one's allergy

symptoms, as the mask will prevent large allergen particles from being inhaled. A mask will not stop all allergen particles from entering your system, but it will help alleviate some of your symptoms.

If you suffer from severe allergies, try to avoid going outside on warm and windy days. Those weather conditions are when the presence of allergens is highest.

According to the Weather Channel, the

allergy symptom risk for the next 15 days is moderate. Within the next three days, the level of tree pollen allergens is expected to be high. Grass and ragweed pollen is not expected to pose any risks in the immediate future.

The dashboard for monitoring allergens in the area is available at the "Allergy Tracker" on weather.com.

If your allergy symptoms worsen or affect your daily life, schedule an appointment with

your regular doctor or Kelly Jirovec at kelly.jirovec@doane.edu.

If you experience any symptoms that point towards COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible. There are free testing centers available in the area, and they can be found using a Google search or by contacting Jirovec for more detailed information.

Prince Philip and DMX dead

JOEY WINTON
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Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, and Earl Simmons, better known as DMX, both died on April 9 with Philip being 99 and Simmons being 50 at the time of their respective deaths.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, married Elizabeth in 1947, was made a British prince in 1957 and was the longest-serving consort of a reigning British monarch. He is also associated with around 800 various charities.

According to the Associated Press, Philip was born on the Greek island of Corfu and was the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg, but a little over a year later, his family relocated to France after Prince Andrew was forced into exile.

In 1939, Philip would



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join the Royal Navy as a cadet during WWII and was promoted several times until he was granted the rank of Commander in 1952. His royal duties would cause him to end his naval career after marrying Princess Elizabeth in 1947.

Philip is survived by his wife Queen Elizabeth II and their four children, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

Earl Simmons, aka the rapper DMX, was known

for his often menacing and dark music infused with Christian spirituality.

Simmons died in a New York hospital at the age of 50 after experiencing what his family called "a catastrophic cardiac arrest" a week before his death.

The New York Times states that Simmons had a string of No. 1 albums in the late 1990's and early 2000's, and he experienced countless hardships during his life.

Simmons committed

multiple crimes, served time in correctional institutions and battled with addiction before his music career took off and during his career, but his troubled past served as inspiration for the content of his music.

He sold millions of records, was nominated for three Grammy Awards and was the first musician whose first five albums reached No. 1 on the Billboard chart.

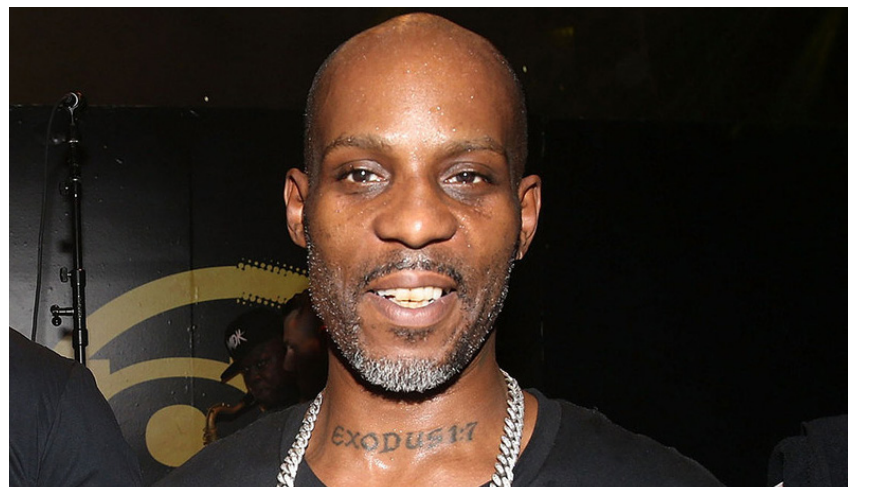
The persona of a tough, streetwise macho man Simmons pro-

jected in his music was strengthened by his multiple arrests on charges of fraud, assault, weapons possession, narcotics possession, driving under the influence, animal cruelty, drug possession, theft and tax evasion.

In his memoir "E.A.R.L.: The Autobiography of DMX," Simmons wrote that he was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., in the 1970's and grew up in Yonkers, a city known for being a hotspot for racial tension in the 1980's.

He also stated that he was beaten by his mother and her lovers and that as he grew older, he turned to street crime and began beatboxing with a local rapper, Ready Ron, who introduced him to crack cocaine by lacing a blunt with the drug.

His bleak childhood, battle with drugs and racial tensions felt during his life all played a role in shaping his music into the dark and menacing tone that made him famous.



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Executive orders aimed at guns

New legislation moves to Senate

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

After multiple new mass shootings and heightened tensions over believed-to-be racially-triggered police brutality and deaths, President Joe Biden is now using executive orders to call on new legislation for gun control.

Biden's executive orders seem to focus more on so-called "ghost guns" and pistol-stabilizing braces, such as the one used in the March 22 Boulder shooting.

Ghost guns are firearms that have been put together in someone's own home through either firearm building kits or 3-D printing. As it stands, Biden has started a two-month review of these types of weapons, but most experts believe that a ban is likely.

These firearms are dangerous in the sense of them being untraceable since they haven't necessarily been "manufactured," rather they are made homemade. Their being homemade means that the government has no way to track these firearms since they do not

have a serial number coinciding with the gun.

On stabilizers, Biden has also made an order to require pistols with stabilizing accessories to be registered with the government and to be harder to obtain through an application process.

Two new bills have been voted on favorably by the House of Representatives, both bills heightening security methods in background checks for individuals wanting to purchase firearms.

The first bill will require extensive background checks when purchasing firearms over the Internet or at gun shows. Routine background checks will be made on individuals who purchase firearms "over the counter" at firearm stores.

The second bill targets the length of time needed for these background checks. Currently, the federal government has three days to complete a background check before the sale of a firearm proceeds. With this new bill, the deadline will be expanded to ten days, allowing the government to have more time to conduct research on the person wishing to purchase a firearm.

However, for the two bills to pass, they will need to go through the Senate, historically where gun control legislation falls off. In order for the bills to pass, much debate and negotiation is expected to occur.

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New Gun Control Bills

Two bills move to the Senate for approval.

- The first one will require extensive background checks when purchasing firearms over the Internet or at gun shows.
- The second one will expand the time limit for federal background checks from three days to ten days.

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guns and policing cannot be considered in Congress via the budget reconciliation process, the route that Democrats took to pass virus relief with just their party's 50 votes in the Senate," the Associated Press reported.

Because of this, ten Republicans would need to join all Democrats in

approving the bills in order for them to pass.

"I think the key question is how much pressure we're going to be able to put on Senate Republicans. How many more daily gun violence episodes, how many more mass shootings, are we going to have to watch?" Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Coalition

to Stop Gun Violence, said.

It is uncertain whether or not Biden will continue with more executive orders favoring gun control or if the Senate will pass either piece of legislation.

There are no additional updates as of this publication.

Unionization failed at Amazon

Amazon accused of interfering with process

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Union members that failed to organize Amazon workers at an Alabama warehouse claim the multi-billion dollar company illegally interfered with the unionization process.

The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union states that Amazon threatened workers with layoffs if they unionized and fired a pro-union employee who remains unnamed, according to the Associated Press.

One of the main pieces of evidence the union is

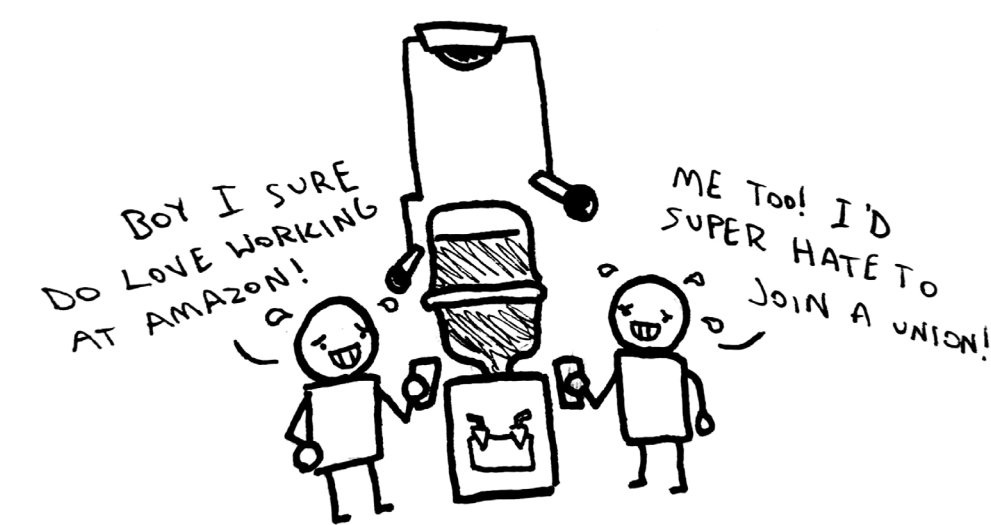
using against Amazon involves a mailbox installed by Amazon in the parking lot of the Alabama warehouse.

The union is accusing Amazon of using the mailbox to create the false appearance that the company itself was conducting the election, which intimidated workers to vote against forming a union.

This, in addition to security cameras potentially recording people going to the mailbox, was enough for the retail union to try and overturn the Amazon vote.

Heather Knox, an Amazon spokesperson, stated that the company did not do anything to try and influence the results of the vote and said the mailbox, which the U.S. Postal Service had access to, was installed to make it easier for employees to vote.

"Rather than accepting these employees' choice, the union seems



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determined to continue misrepresenting the facts in order to drive its own agenda," Knox said in her statement.

According to the Associated Press, the push in the Alabama warehouse was the largest in the history of Amazon and came about because workers were tired of working 10-hour shifts on their feet without getting enough time to take a

break. Organizers promised a union would lead to improvements in working conditions.

Union Plus states the main reasons to join a union are better pay, increased benefits and having a louder voice on decision making. Additionally, union members have a collective voice regarding pay and wages, work hours, benefits (retirement plans, insurance,

vacation, sick leave, etc.) and working conditions.

Amazon argues it already offers more than twice the minimum wage in Alabama and provides workers with health care, vision benefits and dental insurance. However, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos stated in a shareholder letter that the company could be doing more in terms of providing benefits for its workers.

Former NFL player kills five people

Shooting left 5 dead, 1 critically injured

ABRIANNA MILLER
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On April 8, former NFL player Phillip Adams, 32, killed five people and injured another before committing suicide.

Victims of Adams's violence included Dr. Robert Lesslie, 70, his wife Barbara, 69, and their grandchildren Adah, 9, and Noah, 5, according to AP News. AP News also reported that James Lewis, 68, was working

at the Lesslie home and was found dead outside the home.

Robert Shook, 38, was found in critical condition before being transported to a nearby hospital.

Adams was reported to be fleeing from the Lesslie home after several shots were fired, and he went to his parents' house.

There, police escorted the family outside of the

home while they tried to apprehend Adams. AP News reported that police communicated with Adams for several hours before he shot himself in the head.

Those close to Adams said his actions were unexpected, and many said they believe Adams's violent actions were a result of injuries from playing football. One such theory

is that Adams had sustained many concussions which fundamentally altered his brain and caused him to act violently.

Close friends and family reported a change in Adams's behavior over the past year, saying he changed from being friendly and welcoming to becoming withdrawn and unapproachable. They attributed his change in be-

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

4/21



High: 51

Low: 27

Thursday

4/22



High: 55

Low: 40

Friday

4/23



High: 60

Low: 38

Saturday

4/24



High: 60

Low: 38

Sunday

4/25



High: 71

Low: 50

Monday

4/26



High: 81

Low: 57

Tuesday

4/27



High: 72

Low: 46

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

Bezos said he does not take comfort in the outcome of the union election and vows to make Amazon a safer place to work.

"I think we need to do a better job for our employees," Bezos said.

havior to falling out of his career in the NFL.

Adams was a patient of Lesslie's at least once, but past that interaction, their relationship is unknown at this point, the New York Times reported.

As of this publication, Shook is still in critical condition.

RE; Forensics competes nationally

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News Editor

This article is a reprint of "Forensics competes nationally" in the Doane Owl, Vol. 162, Issue 26 from April 13, 2021.

Doane students on the Forensics team competed in the American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST). This competition is part of the Forensics team's calendar and

took place between April 2 and April 5 on Doane's campus this year.

Students that competed included senior Allison Jasso, freshman Ali Moulton, sophomore Erik Rodriguez, sophomore Ashlyn Ewen and junior Walker Stuhr. Seventy-one schools competed at the AFA-NST. Forty-nine schools were competing in the Limited Entry Sweepstakes category.

The Sweepstakes category is made up of Fo-

rensic teams that have 15 or fewer entries. Doane placed second overall in the Limited Entry Sweepstakes category.

"Qualifying for the AFA-NST is complicated. Think of it like track and field where people do multiple events, and they can qualify one, some or all of them for the national tournament independent of each other. Essentially, you have to place at two different tournaments with scores that are equal to or less than five

when combined," Jasso said.

Jasso competed in Communication Analysis, Extemporaneous, Informative, Impromptu and Persuasion categories.

The Forensics team at Doane may be small in numbers, but they are packed with passion. They choose to focus on quality over quantity when it comes to their team.

"We are hardworking, tight-knit and very proud

of everything we've accomplished, especially this year. In the midst of a pandemic and in the face of being the only activity on the prioritization chopping block, we've still had an outstanding season," Jasso said.

The Forensics team has continued to face hardships throughout the prioritization process. The team's alumni created a Change.org petition to save the program that has gathered over 2,000 signatures from across

the nation.

The National Speech Tournament was the last competition of the year for the Forensics team, but there is an upcoming public showcase. This showcase will take place during May, and students will have the opportunity to watch the Forensics team perform. More information about the showcase will be provided for students in the upcoming weeks.

Volvo takes stance on climate change

Volvo plans on being 50% electric by 2025

JOSH BUNDY
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The car manufacturer Volvo has promised to make massive changes to help preserve the environment.

Thanks to their newest advertisement campaign, Volvo takes on "The Ultimate Safety Test," running their cars through some intense safety tests. The ad ends in a trip to the arctic, with a car hanging one-hundred feet in the air. The test is cut off by the melting

of a glacier allowing the narrator to integrate Volvo's message, "Climate change is the ultimate safety test."

According to their website, the company is planning to become 50 percent electric by 2025. They are aiming to make half of their available cars electric to help offset pollution caused by millions of cars across the world. Additionally, Volvo has committed to put one million electric cars on the road by 2025.

As stated by Volvo on their site, all cars manufactured after 2019 will have an electric motor.

This goal has been accelerated by their introduction of the XC40 Recharge, their first fully electric car. Every year, Volvo aims to launch a different, fully-electric car to meet their plans by 2025.

According to adweek.com, Volvo aims to be cli-



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mate neutral by 2040 and fully-electric by 2030.

The company also plans to integrate the name "Recharge" into all

of their new electric cars.

Volvo's new campaign takes a strong stance on climate change and aims to show their audience

just how important the issue is. Volvo also notes that they are the first major car manufacturer to do something of this magni-

tude, and they hope they will be able to contribute significantly to half of all electric car sales by 2025.

Matsuyama wins 2021 Masters

Golfers from around the world compete in the Masters

EMMA RYAN
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The 2021 Masters Tournament kicked off on April 5.

According to the Master's website, the tournament was founded in 1934 by Bobby Jones and Clifford Robberts. The 2021 Masters Tournament was the 85th edition of the Masters Tournament and one of the four major golf championships planned for this year.

A total of 88 players from all over the world competed for this year's winning title.

"The Masters is always the top tournament to watch if you have even the slightest interest in golf."

Hayden Fry
Senior

Hideki Matsuyama, a 29-year-old from Japan won, ending with a score of ten under par.

"In the final eight holes, he hit four birdies, an eagle and no bogeys to storm into a four-shot lead with just 18 holes remaining," an article from CNN said.

Matsuyama totaled three eagles, 13 birdies and nine bogeys for the 2021 tournament. He has previously won five

Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) tournaments.

Matsuyama is the first Japanese man to win the Masters.

Coming in second place was Will Zalatoris from Texas. Zalatoris finished close behind Matsuyama with a final score of nine under par.

The 27-year-old Jordan Spieth was a favorite among many fans this year due to his precious win of the 2015 Masters Tournament. He is the youngest golfer to have ever won, behind Tiger Woods.

Spieth won the 2015 Master with a finish of 18 under par. This year, he ended with a score of seven under par, tying with Xander Schauffele from San Diego.

The Masters struck excitement for people across the globe. According to Golf Digest, the broadcast of the final day



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on April 11 drew 9.45 million viewers on television.

Several Doane students followed along to watch the championship, one of which being senior Hayden Fry who is a part of Doane's Golf team.

"The Masters is always the top tournament to watch if you have even the slightest interest in golf. I'm really happy Hideki [Matsuyama] won because he hadn't won in

a fairly long time, so obviously this was a really big breakthrough for him," Fry said.

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Choir records for church service

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Life & Culture Editor

On April 14, Doane Choir had an opportunity to record music for Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln to play at their recorded church service.

According to Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Kurt Runestad, Southwood Lutheran Church and Doane Choir have collaborated in the past. However, due to COVID-19, an in-person collaboration would be very challenging. Therefore, the collaboration was moved to an electronic platform.

In the past two or three years, according to Runestad, Doane Choir has had the opportunity to sing during church service. He also said that there are several current Doane Choir members and alums that regularly sing for the church services, so the “partnership is ongoing” between Southwood Church and Doane Choir.

Though the choir could not perform as they do most years, they

still had the opportunity to sing in a unique environment for the public.

Runestad said it is always a “privilege” getting to sing at Southwood because there is a “beautiful acoustical environment.”

While recording, the group had to make sure to follow the COVID-19 protocols that the Music Department has been following all year. Everyone wore masks and spread out six feet apart in the front of the church. They only sang for 30 minutes at a time and then left the space while the air handlers got rid of any accumulated aerosols.

Despite the change in format and the COVID-19 precautions, Runestad emphasized that the group has worked “so hard this year amidst all of the challenges.”

Senior Doane Choir member Ryan Jansen said that due to COVID-19, there have not been many performances this year, but he feels grateful to get to perform and cherish the time spent singing.

“I think I speak for present and past members of Doane Choir when I say that Doane Choir is a special family.

We cherish every opportunity we have to sing and be together. In a normal year, we would be holding hands while we sing,” Jansen said.

Performances, and the lack thereof, have felt different for the choir students, so opportunities such as recording for Southwood Church are treasured, according to Runestad.

“The concert we had last Saturday and this opportunity are glimpses of normalcy for us, so we’re all grateful for them,” Runestad said.

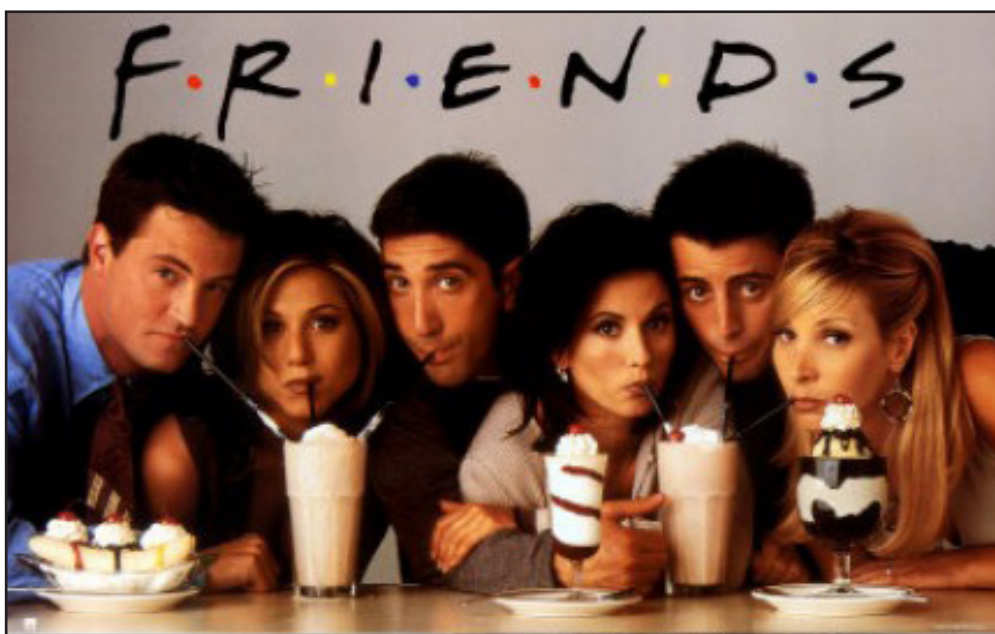
He also expressed his gratitude towards all of the students involved. Jansen, too, expressed his gratitude towards Runestad, as despite the challenges, Runestad “has always been a bright and positive light in our lives.”

“I am grateful for the Doane students and the enthusiasm and dedication they bring to making music with one another. It’s been a long, dark, hard year for everybody; the light that they shine into the darkness has been so important and uplifting to me, and I hope also to one another,” Runestad said.



Courtesy photo | Julia Ramirez

Doane Choir students pose in choir robes with Kurt Runestad. Having the opportunity to perform creates a sense of normalcy, according to Runestad.



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Students debate “Friends” reunion

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On April 11, the “Friends” Instagram account announced that they had finished filming the upcoming “Friends” reunion special. This is a huge step forward towards the release of the special. The special has an unannounced release date, but it will only be available on the HBO Max streaming service.

For the first time since the show ended, all six of the original “Friends” will be together. The cast consisting of Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow, Courtney Cox, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer will be a part of this unscripted event. The co-creators of the show, David Crane

“If people didn’t want to see reunion specials, TV shows wouldn’t do it.”

Julia Ramirez
Freshman

and Marta Kauffman, will also make an appearance.

There are few details known about this upcoming event, but HBO confirmed that this will not be a “revival episode.” The cast and crew will be a part of a conversation looking back at their most memorable parts of filming.

Many Doane students have watched or continue to watch “Friends.” Yet, there were some mixed emotions on the reunion special.

“If people didn’t want to see reunion specials, TV shows wouldn’t do it. Over the years, “Friends” has still been impacting all ages thanks to Netflix and other streaming services. It is relatable to anyone growing up, and it helps you realize that life is not going to be perfect. People want a “Friends” reunion because they care about the actors who made the show possible,” freshman Julia Ramirez said.

Sophomore Stephanie Wright was on the opposite end of the spectrum. She said she would not watch a “Friends” reunion.

“I have better things

“I think if the show has been long dead, we should not do reunions because these actresses and actors have done lots of things in their careers since then.”

Stephanie Wright
Sophomore

to do. I think if the show has been long dead, we should not do reunions because these actresses and actors have done lots of things in their careers since then, and it is weird because I do not see them in the same light,” Wright said.

More information about the release date of the “Friends” reunion special will be announced in the summer.

Students share research with others

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As the academic year is drawing to a close, many students are scrambling to get assignments and projects done that they have been working on for many weeks.

For seniors, this can be especially important, as many are concluding their senior projects in the upcoming weeks.

Senior projects look different for all majors. Art students may have the opportunity to create a collection of pieces for an art gallery or livestream Zoom. Other students may have the opportunity to present at MindExpo.

MindExpo is an event to celebrate “students’ creative efforts.” It includes “artistic, performance and original scholarly works completed in the current academic year,” according to the Doane MindExpo webpage.

There were two MindExpo sessions that students could have participated in. The poster session gave students an opportunity to create and share a poster depicting their work. The poster presentations were pre-recorded and posted.

The oral presentation gave students or multiple

students 12 minutes to present their work with the assistance of a presentation. The presentations occurred over Zoom on April 15.

Senior Jordan Klein gave two presentations at the oral session.

His first one was a sociology research project that examined “the influence of religion and spirituality on punitive public policy,” according to his abstract.

For his research, he spent a semester researching and developing his project in his senior capstone. To prepare for MindExpo, Klein said he had to cut his presentation down by 15 minutes with the assistance of his faculty sponsor.

“It was fairly challenging to restructure a pre-existing project to fit a general audience. Some of my sociological research was very wordy and needed to have more focus on the general takeaways,” Klein said.

Though this presentation was not a grade for him, he said he wanted to present in a way that would still do justice to the work that he put into it throughout the year.

Klein also presented a project in the oral session with a panel of students for his honors presentation.

MindExpo is not only open to seniors, as junior Aztryd Lima presented her project “Beliefs about Indigenous Languages in Rural Nebraska,” in the humanities category.

Lima said she believes it helped her step out of her comfort zone, and she enjoyed research work.

“I feel beyond proud of myself for stepping out of my comfort zone and doing a research project. I am glad that it is over, as school has been stressful, but also a larger part of me is sad,” Lima said.

For an art student like senior Evan Wick, his senior project looked very different.

Wick presented a collection of oil paintings that were live streamed through YouTube and Facebook.

Most years, this presentation is done in person in the Rall Gallery. Wick said he hopes that other students in the near future will have the chance to do art galleries in person again.

Despite the unique format, he said he believes that senior projects are beneficial, especially for art students.

“It gives good practice to what a real art show is like, and it also gives a chance for students to get their name out there,” Wick said.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You may be feeling a sense of completion lately, let that serve as a reward for all the hard work.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Big financial opportunities are upon you. It is time to roll the dice and take a chance on something you may not have before.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Your indecisiveness has diminished, take the opportunity and get as much done as you'd like.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Take a step back. You've been overworking yourself lately, so it would be wise to hold off a bit and catch up on some of sleep.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): New words from an old friend may come your way this week. Keep your phone close, you're a phone call away from hearing them again.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): The time for recognition is upon you. All the hard work you have been putting in is finally going to be recognized.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You're on the home stretch, Leo. Some of your most important projects will be wrapping up, finish strong and you'll take many by surprise.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): The help you have been waiting for is only a few feet away. Some stress you've been holding onto is finally going to go away.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Relationships are a hot topic this week. Be on the lookout for opportunities to strengthen or help fix old relationships.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): A new sense of energy flows through your body this week. Make use of it and get your work done as soon as possible.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): boredom is beginning to become too much for you. Find something to occupy your mind. Perhaps try something new and find a hobby to occupy your time.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): You're beginning to gain the admiration of those around you for your work ethic. Keep up the good work and finish those projects you're still on.

Dull looks to new opportunities

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Residential Life Community Director (CD) Hannah Dull will be leaving Doane at the end of the 2021 Spring semester.

"I have loved my time at Doane. When I came here as an undergrad, I had decided to come to Doane because the campus is beautiful and everyone on this campus wants to see others succeed. There's always a place to turn to for support," Dull said.

Dull started her career as a CD at Doane in January 2019 with the idea of supporting other students in mind.

"I was excited to begin my current role as a Community Director because I wanted to be [that] support person for students. It's been so fun to see students grow, and it's exciting that I get to be a small puzzle piece in a student's Doane experience," Dull said.

As a CD, Dull has been working diligently to ensure students feel supported both through residential life and in general.

Since she started, Dull said she believes that her biggest project she has worked on has been the implementation of Doane's current Residential Curriculum that launched in the Fall of 2019. Setting aside some challenges that needed to be faced, Dull also enjoyed some of the programs that have been put out by Residential Life in order to encourage student participation.

"As an educator, this project has been a lot of fun to take on; it's been challenging at times,



Courtesy photo | Hannah Dull

but it's also been very rewarding to see good turnouts at the programs and to be able to support students as they learn more about themselves," Dull said.

As she prepares to finish off this last semester, Dull said she is working on lining up her next job

but remains hopeful in whichever direction she lands.

"I am still in the interviewing stage at this moment, but I hope to either continue in Residence Life or move into Study Abroad," Dull said.

COVID-19 variants found in Neb.

New guidelines for those fully vaccinated

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 **Nebraska Medicine**

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COVID-19 protocols remain important

JOSH BUNDY
Multimedia Coordinator

With COVID-19 finally getting under control, two new variants have popped up in Nebraska. These variants, known as B1.526 (also known as the New York variant) and B1.351, have both been discovered in the state.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Nebraska Public Health Lab (NPHL), it is expected, but not yet confirmed, that vaccinations will remain effective against these strains of the virus.

Additionally, tests are still ongoing to determine just how severe and contagious the variants can be.

Dr. Gary Anthonie, Nebraska's Chief Medical Officer, has urged residents to remain vigilant and stay safe to continue to combat the spread of the virus.

"As these variants continue to be discovered in the state, vaccinations, testing, masking and distancing remain the best defenses we have in this fight. I strongly encourage that individuals continue to get tested, especially if they have symptoms and have not yet been vaccinated," Anthonie said.

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Nebraska's Chief Medical Officer

According to the DHHS, around 35 percent of the Nebraskan population is vaccinated. For those who are interested in becoming vaccinated, visit ne.gov for scheduling appointments and registering for a vaccination.

Anthonie had great things to say about those who were already vaccinated while urging others to get theirs as soon as they could.

"Vaccination is our greatest hope for preventing another major surge of COVID-19 cases and getting our great state back to normal. I strongly encourage that individuals continue to get tested, especially if they have symptoms. Now that the vaccine is available to anyone 16 or older, we all should get vaccinated as soon as possible," Anthonie said.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Violence is never the answer

There has been a significant increase in gun violence over the past few months, and we, as the Doane Owl staff, would like to assert our opinion on the issue.

We do not condone violence under any circumstance.

As our readers may have noticed, we do not include photos or detailed information about violent offenders, and we will continue to omit those pieces of information.

Being a media outlet, it is our job not to glorify individuals that choose to act hei-

nously. Instead, we focus on the victims of the crimes and aim to show our solidarity with those affected.

We have all had bad days. We have all done good deeds for society. That does not excuse violence and a lack of appreciation for life.

Under no circumstances should someone feel driven to violence.

If someone is on the verge of becoming violent, they should seek professional help. They should talk with their doctor whether that be a gen-

eral practitioner or a psychiatrist.

If you see someone struggling, encourage them to reach out. There is no reason why an individual should feel so isolated that they choose to become violent.

That said, we believe that if an individual intends to purchase a firearm, they should be subject to a thorough background check. If we, as a society, are going to allow people to buy weapons, we must ensure that everyone can remain safe.

Even those recognized to have the legitimate authority to have a firearm (like a police officer, security guard, etc.) should not take that responsibility lightly. With a weapon, you have the control to take a life. It is not a job that should be loosely regarded.

New reports of violence are cropping up each day. Excuses are quick to follow, but we do not condone such behavior.

We will continue to honor the victims while rejecting the glorification of the offenders.

Hot takes; just (mtn) dew it

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

To quote one (soon-to-be) Emperor Palpatine, "DEW IT." That's right, we're doing Mountain Dew flavors for this week's Hot Takes.

Each flavor of Dew is graded based on criteria that I think is important to determine the quality of the drink.

The criteria is as follows: taste, color and ease of access.

Taste is the most important factor and is fairly self-explanatory, as if a flavor tastes like dog water, then it will be graded like dog water.

Color is the second most important factor, as presentation is everything, and if the color does not seem like it is not from this world, the Dew will lose points.

The final piece of criteria for this ranking is ease of access. This essentially means how easy it is to find the flavor. To me, this is the least important quality because if the flavor is good enough,

you will brave any storm to retrieve it.

S Tier - The flavors here are the nectar of the gods, the cream of the crop, the creme de la creme. Knowing that this flavor exists is one of the few things that keeps me going.

A Tier - While not as objectively good as the flavors above, the ones in this tier still bring a lot to the table, and I will not fault anyone for choosing one of these flavors.

B Tier - The flavors here are all decent enough, but they don't warrant being placed anywhere else aside from the average level in which they reside. They're neither good nor bad, they just kind of exist.

C Tier - These flavors have more bad qualities than good, and choosing a flavor in this tier will cause you to get mean mugged by any person within a 20-foot radius.

F Tier - What is Pepsi THINKING!?! But in all seriousness, this is a little ridiculous that executives think people actually enjoy the taste of these flavors.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Baja Blast

B Tier: (Average)- Regular, Code Red, Voltage

C Tier: (Below Average)- Ice, White Out, Pitch Black, Live Wire

F Tier: (Garbage)- Sweet Lightning, Diet ANYTHING

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!



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Friends turned into strangers



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

I will be the first to admit that I put too much pressure on myself. I push myself to my limit every single day, and it is exhausting.

I have been trying to make some more time to just relax, but let's be real. That is almost impossible at a time when class assignments are piling up and personal responsibilities are starting to look more and more like Mount Everest.

However, I took a day to myself over the weekend, and it was amazing. I had time to reflect on things that weren't related to my job or coursework.

It was refreshing to have a day solely to myself, but it also brought some issues to the forefront of my mind.

Every single thing I thought about had a common

theme sprinkled throughout. People aren't always who I thought they were.

In my 20 years on this Earth, I have met more people than I can keep track of. I get it, people change over time, and it's hopefully for the better. But it isn't always like that.

Some people change for the worse, and that is something that I have had to come to accept.

The amount of friends I have lost over the past year alone is startling. And before any assumptions are made about my character, no, it has not been caused by me being a shitty friend.

Events of the past year that I thought would bring me closer to my friends actually tore us apart.

The same people I told all my secrets to and who I trusted completely have become relative strangers. And it hurts worse than anything that has happened to cause that divide.

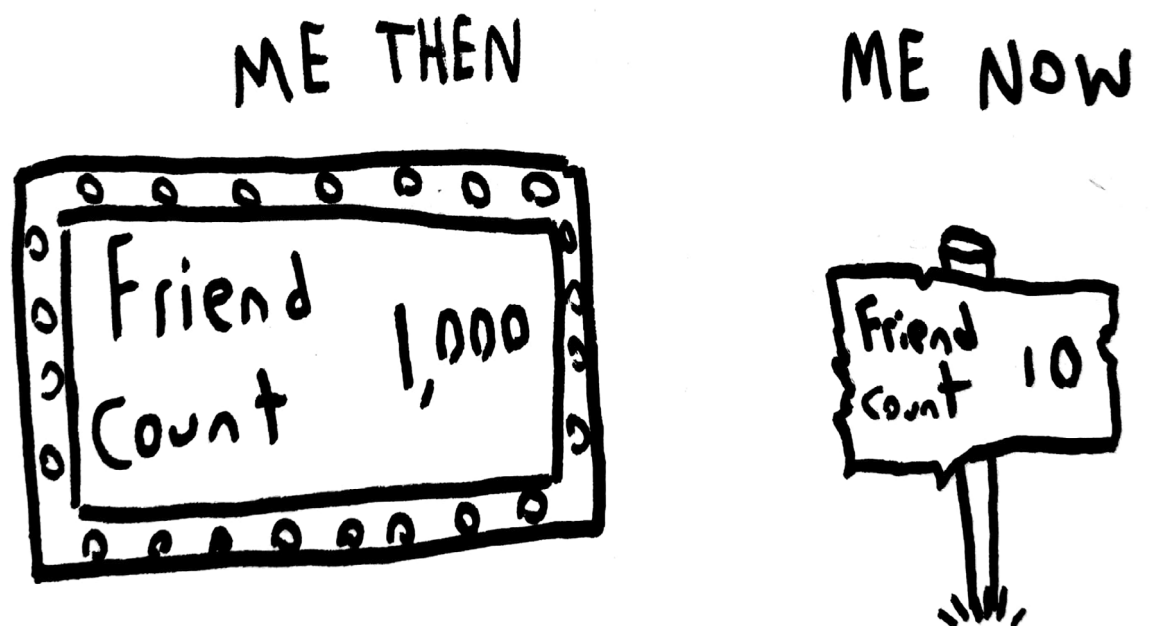
I've had my heart broken before, but never like this. I lost four or five friends within a matter of months and not peacefully. It has been a continuous cycle of people deciding they don't want to second-handedly deal with the mess that is my life.

It would be one thing if

the people that I've lost connections with were super horrible people or I did something to warrant losing them. But they're not, and I didn't.

Life happens, and we lose people. It's not up to us to make people stay close to us- that is a dangerous game to play.

So while I wish my initial impressions and relationships with some people were still intact, I understand that they need to go their own way. And I know that will be for the best in the long run even if it feels like my heart is being torn to shreds right now.



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

Best ice cream shops in the area



SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

As the weather begins to shift from approximately 35 inches of snow on the ground to a nice gentle breeze at 68 degrees, my mind can not help but think of

ice cream. You see, I am not a picky person when it comes to food, but ice cream is a new tier.

I have two favorite types of ice cream. They are so good and are better than whatever you buy in the Walmart freezer section. Both of these types can be enjoyed in a normal cone, waffle cone or dish. Depending on the day, I can have a preference, but overall, these flavors are rated 15 out of 15.

My first favorite ice cream flavor is the cinnamon ice cream from Ivanna Cone in Lincoln. This ice cream shop is a highlight in the Hay Market. They make all their

ice cream in house, and the cinnamon one is the best.

The absolute perfect way to enjoy this flavor is with the Ivanna Cone homemade waffle cones. If you have not had the chance to visit Ivanna Cone, I would definitely get there before the line gets out the front door.

My other favorite ice cream flavor is the cake batter flavor from Coldstone Creamery. I went there recently with a friend, and my love for this flavor was reignited. I was tempted by the cake batter ganache flavor, but it seemed like it was too much.

I was feeling a bit cra-

zy and added in cookie dough bits to the cake batter. Looking back, the experience would have been better without the cookie dough. I again paired this cake batter ice cream with a waffle cone, and the experience was immaculate.

Not all cinnamon and cake batter flavors are created equal. The best cinnamon ice cream is from Ivanna Cone. The best cake batter flavor is from Coldstone Creamery. The next time the weather is warm, find yourself looking for a quality ice cream cone from these two places.



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Investment pays off



JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

I recently have made one of the best purchases I feel like I could've possibly made when spending money on headphones.

I listen to a lot of music in my spare time and watch many videos on my phone, and I will always do so through headphones.

I've done what most people probably do by

buying cheap fifteen to twenty-dollar Bluetooth earbuds on Amazon because my last pair broke on me for no apparent reason.

I have been searching for their replacement which I suspected would last a good couple of months. Then they would fail on me again for no reason at all, and the cycle would continue over and over because I decided not to spend more than twenty dollars.

I finally decided that it was time for a change and put a decent amount of money into a pair of Bluetooth earbuds called Raycons.

If you have never heard of Raycons, they are wireless earbuds developed by singer and songwriter Ray J.

These earbuds may be some of the best audio de-

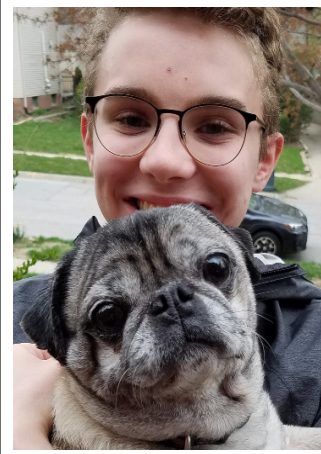
vices I've ever put in my ears, and the best thing is that they really aren't that expensive and still have high-level audio.

I think the best thing next to the actual audio is how comfortable they are in my ears, and they don't fall out when I'm doing physical activity.

I should also say that I ordered the performer earbuds which are meant for things like physical activity.

I honestly have yet to run into any problems with these earbuds, and I'm hoping that they last me a very long time.

Expectations were not met



JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

After much pressure from fans, Warner Bros. allowed Zack Snyder to finish his vision for the 2017 "Justice League," and the final product is an interesting movie to say the least.

For those unaware, during the making of "Justice League," Snyder opted to leave the project to comfort his family after his daughter committed suicide.

With the movie essentially missing the third act, Warner Bros. brought on Joss Whedon (who was responsible for "Avengers" and "Avengers: Age of Ultron," both

of which were financially and critically successful) to finish the movie.

The final product was, to put it lightly, a hot mess.

From pacing issues, character inconsistencies and horrendous CGI, the theatrical cut was not good (if you like it, that's totally fine; I, however, do not).

With this new version called "Zack Snyder's Justice League," it does fix some of my issues with the Whedon cut, but it also creates new problems that I feel are necessary to address.

Issue No. 1, the movie is four hours long, and while there are some movies that justify such a lengthy run-time, I would not say this movie is one of them.

Issue No. 2, this movie has too much going on and much of that comes from character scenes that would have worked better in said character's solo movie.

Issue No. 3, there is an abundance of slow-motion (like 20 minutes in total is solely slow-motion), which is a stylistic

choice on Snyder's part but one that I do not vibe with.

Issue No. 4, Batman is the most useless character out of the team, and Superman is stupidly overpowered. While these are accurate to how this would play out in the real world, having a movie about coming together to defeat a common enemy because they are not strong enough on their own, only to have one of your characters completely demolish the enemy without breaking a sweat, goes against the main theme of the movie.

These are my biggest complaints about the movie, but I still enjoyed it, and it was cool to see Darkseid in live action even if he did kind of look like a video game character (also to those people who say the Darkseid/Steppenwolf CGI is on-par with the Thanos CGI are sorely mistaken because Thanos' CGI is on a COMPLETELY different level).

"Zack Snyder's Justice League" is available for streaming on HBO Max.

Waiting for home



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

If you're anything like me, then you're just waiting for the end of the semester so that we can finally enjoy a summer break.

Whether that be going to a concert in another state, taking a vacation out of the country or just staying home and working, I think we're all ready to put this semester behind us.

Personally, and as it stands right now, I'll be going to California and Mexico if nothing hap-

pens that prevents it.

Seeing my family once again after having not done so for quite some time will be the best thing out of these vacations and will be much needed too, especially after this semester. I won't say too much on that, but as I said before, I'm pretty sure most students are just waiting for the end of it.

Now that I've gotten my vaccine, it just makes it all the better and easier once I go to whichever place my family and I plan to go to first. I remember last year having to sit around in Mexico, hoping that the governor of Jalisco wouldn't close everything down since the pandemic hadn't really hit the small towns of Jalisco until about a week into our two-week vacation.

Trust me when I say that was a new level of stress I didn't know was

possible.

Either way, I'm just hoping that everything works out well because I know that I need the mental break that comes with taking a vacation to California and Mexico. Seeing my family in both places fills that void of not really having much family here in Nebraska that I can hang around with. Plus, I just love the freedom that I feel whenever I go to Mexico.

Even if I just sit around at the house and do nothing, it just feels a lot different being in Mexico and around my family that tries to include me in anything that they want to do, even if it's just to walk to the plaza in our town center.

Overall, I just can't wait until I get to go back. There will be a lot of catching up to do and small adventures to go on.

...THUMBS UP

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

THUMBS DOWN...

Women's Tennis remains on top

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On April 18, the Women's Tennis team played at home against Morningside College. While the Tigers fell 2-5, the team had two singles match wins and one doubles match win.

Securing win after win has put multiple players up to be named the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) player of the week. Junior Brylee Lauby is proud of her teammates for receiving this title.

"I think it's awesome that players on the team have been getting player of the week," Lauby said. "It shows their dedication and hard work."

The Women's Tennis team is currently third in the conference stand-



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl
Senior Makayla Rice stands to return her opponent's serve.

ings, only behind Concordia and Morningside. Having such an impressive record for the season pushes the team to continue getting better for

each new match.

"I think our record motivates the team to work harder each day at practice because we can have room for improve-

ment," Lauby said.

The team will have the opportunity to score a win against Concordia on April 20. The goal of moving up the conference standings is what the team is looking forward to.

"The Women's team [was] looking forward to our upcoming matches, Morningside on Sunday and Tuesday against Concordia," Lauby said.

With only three more matches before the conference championship, the team hopes to be able to secure those wins while having a supportive crowd at their next home match.

"I think we all would just like to take matches day-by-day and improve on the small things, so we can work towards competing at the GPAC

tournament," Lauby said. "Come out and support us for the few matches we have left of the season."

The Women's Tennis team will play on April 20 at Concordia Uni-

versity before returning home to play against Midland University on April 24.



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl
Sophomore Nina Huong Ngo swings at the oncoming hit.

Track and Field gains more qualifiers

JOSH BUNDY
Multimedia
Coordinator

The Men's and Women's Track and Field teams have yet again put up national marks over the weekend at the Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic.

Notably, senior Jake Heitkamp became top in the nation in the high jump after clearing 2.15m. He also added a 58.45m javelin throw to put him in fifth place in the NAIA. Fifth-year Levi Sudbeck joined him at the top of the totem pole after scoring 6,668 points in the decathlon, followed up with a 4.79m pole vault clearance, earning him a provisional qualifying standard.

Fifth-year Henry Arnold added a provisional mark in the long jump with a 7.19m mark. The mark also won him the

event.

Senior Matthew Campbell posted two automatic qualifying marks in the hammer throw and shot put. Junior Luke Urbonavicius tacked on an automatic qualifying mark in the hammer throw.

Junior Mason Krause added a provisional standard in the javelin, while junior Sergio Arcos added the same in the high jump.

Arcos was joined by Sudbeck and fifth-year Julius Dickmader in meeting the qualifying decathlon point total to compete in the national championship meet. Dickmader posted a score of 6,163 points, with Arcos close behind with his score of 6,135 points. They finished second and third, respectively, losing only to fellow teammate Sudbeck.

Freshman Zach Turner hit two NAIA automatic qualifying marks in the 110m and the 400m hurdles.

Senior Logan Hammond hit a provisional mark in the 400m hurdles.

Both the 4x100m and the 4x400m Men's relay teams hit provisional marks with their wins. The 4x100m team consisted of freshman Chris Vincent, Hammond, junior Austin Drake and Turner. The 4x400m team was made up by sophomore Jordan Tasler, Drake, Turner and Hammond.

Fifth-year Courtney Schindler posted an automatic height in the pole vault with a 3.86m clearance.

Freshman Sarah Theiler met the provisional standard in the high jump for the second time

this season, equalling her previous 1.64m clearance.

Freshman Maddison Sutton won the hammer throw with an automatic qualifying throw of 51.87m. Fellow freshman Macy Fuller added a provisional standard with her throw of 48.72m.

Sutton added a provisional mark in the discus with a 43.15m throw.

Senior Allison Skala hit a provisional standard in the javelin with her throw of 39.99m.

Freshman Rylee Rice and sophomore Nicole Harms cleared the NAIA minimum for the heptathlon, scoring 4,261 points and 4,224 points respectively.

The Teams will be back in action on April 22 at the Nebraska Wesleyan University Open in Lincoln.



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl
Fifth-year Jacqueline Parriott runs out of the water while competing in the 3000m steeplechase run.

Baseball ready for final home games

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

This last week, the Baseball Team played against Peru State College and Dakota Wesleyan University. The team was able to secure five wins in total, losing only one to Dakota Wesleyan.

When the team was playing Peru State College, they had the opportunity to play at Werner Park in Omaha. Sopho-

more Julian Vargas saw the chance to play at this stadium as a glimpse of what playing baseball at the next level is like.

"Playing at Werner Stadium was honestly one of the best times I've had playing a game," Vargas said. "I felt as if I was a kid living my dream being able to play in a stadium. Although it was a triple A stadium, you knew very talented baseball players get to

play on the field."

The rest of the team's games this month will all be played at home instead of on the road. Sophomore Luke Lachance said he believes that the next weekend of games is huge for the team before going to the conference playoffs.

"Having them at home is a plus for us being able to play in front of our peers and parents," Lachance said. "With

that being said, they're just more games we need to win."

With the season coming up towards the end, the team continues to push through every game in order to put themselves in the best position for conference. It might be difficult work, but they know it will pay off when the time comes.

"It's a grind for us, but we know we can do it and more," Vargas said.

"We know what we can be, and we believe in it, and we push each other so we can achieve our goals."

What keeps the team going is having their teammates to support each other at all times. Having the rest of the team there to push and support them ensures the team plays their best game.

"I think I speak for a lot of guys when I say

we are going to continue with the mindset being 'our season is far from over,'" Lachance said. "We always play for each other day-in and day-out, on and off the field, so I would say that keeps us pretty bonded as whole."

The Baseball team will play on April 24 and 25 against Briar Cliff University at home before heading to the University of Jamestown on May 1 and 2.

Men's Golf prepares for conference

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Sports Editor

On April 15, the Men's Golf team headed to Orange City, Iowa, to compete in the Red Raider Cup. Both the team final and the individual final were decided by a play-off, with Doane finishing second overall.

Freshman Ryan Weiss started the match off with an eagle on his first playoff hole. This just adds to the list of accomplishments achieved by the team this season.

"It's been going really well, and we have accom-

plished some pretty great goals considering how young we are," Weiss said. "We have broken the school all time team low record and also have set some of the lowest scores in school history."

Weiss was also just named the Great Plains Athletic Conference's (GPAC's) Men's Golfer of the Week after helping the Tigers secure an 11-9 victory at Concordia.

"It's an honor to be named that," Weiss said. "There's a lot of great golfers in our conference and to be up in the names of those players is awesome and drives me to be even better to

get that award again and keep improving."

While the team has been making great strides, it does come with a price. Since there was only one home match, there has been quite a bit of travelling involved for the team. However, the team enjoys spending time with each other.

"I love traveling with the team. To me, there's nothing like going to play golf for free with five of your best friends and create memories that will absolutely last a lifetime," Weiss said. "We've gone to some really amazing places, and I'm excited to see where

we go for the future."

With the season's end approaching, the team looks forward to their next match: the conference championship. The team is very excited and hopes to make even more progress before competing for a conference champion title.

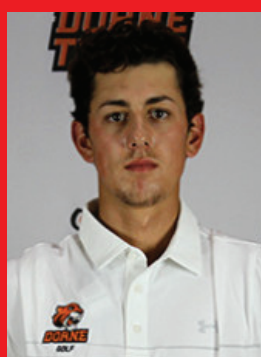
"As a team, the goal is to beat Morningside and just become better men throughout the process on and off the golf course," Weiss said. "We are getting better every week and hope to peak in the GPAC meet coming up."

The Men's Golf team will head to Dakota

Dunes, S.D., in order to compete in the GPAC

conference championship on April 26 and 27.

Athlete of the Week



Conor Schubring
Men's Golf

Posted a 69 in the first round and a 66 in round two at the Red Raider Cup, tying the school-record for low round score

