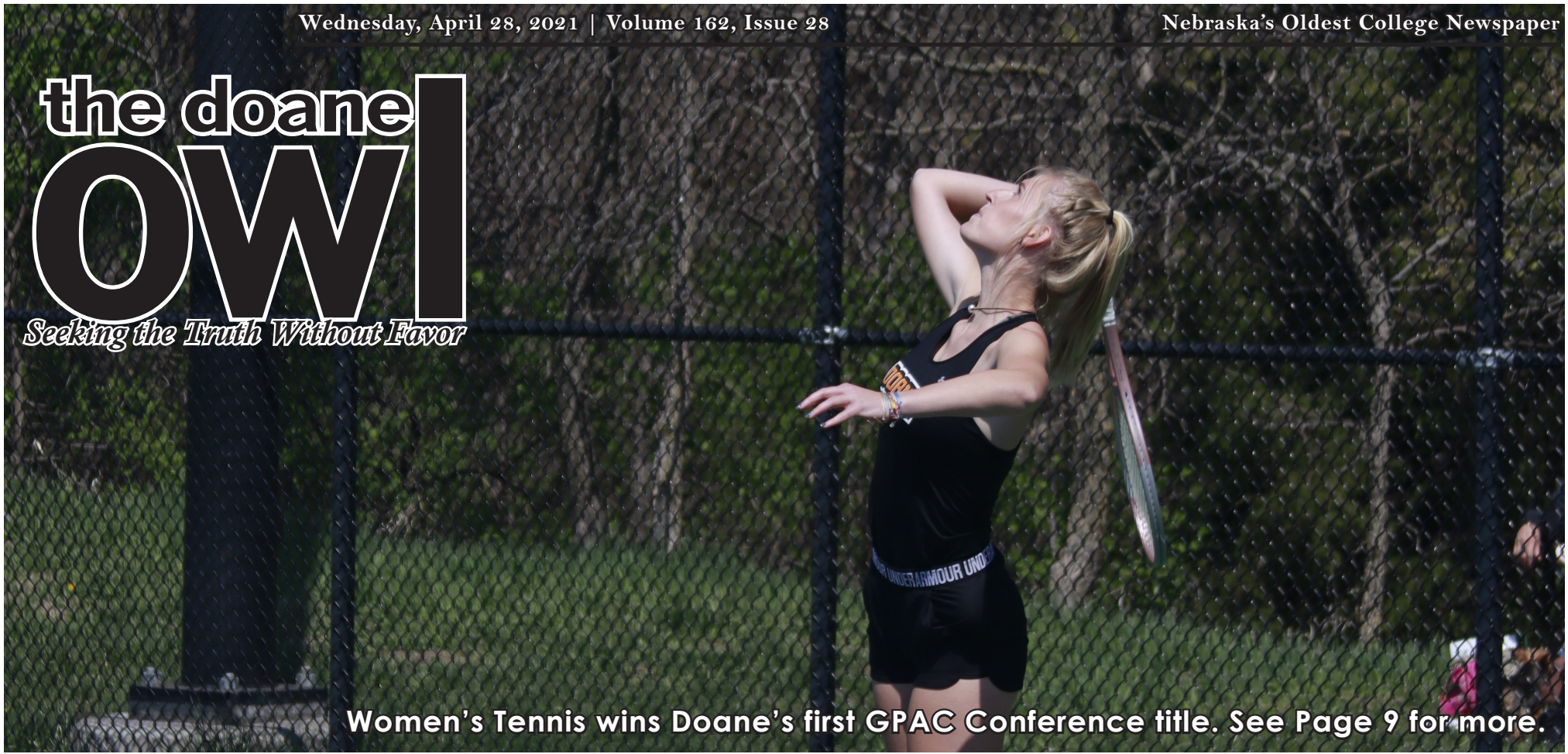


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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Women's Tennis wins Doane's first GPAC Conference title. See Page 9 for more.

Professor research focused on cells

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Associate Professor of Biology Brett Schofield has been at Doane for almost five years, a relatively short amount of time, but his work is extensive.

Schofield is currently researching how some genes are activated and others are not at the molecular level. He does his research with six undergraduate students, something he says adds an enjoyable element to his work.

"I'm working with six undergraduates this semester, and I'm going to be working with three over the summer. So, it's a really tight collaboration," Schofield said.

Schofield views his close work with under-

graduates as "another opportunity to mentor students" and another way to teach students in an out-of-the-classroom setting.

The main focus of this research project is to discover how proteins in each individual cell goes from a nonliving material to a living one.

"The cell has to regulate a gene, as in determine if its going to be on or off. I like to tell students it's more like a dimmer switch," Schofield said.

Specifically, Schofield is experimenting on cells to see if it is possible to deactivate a certain gene and activate another one. By doing so, Schofield could discover a step towards the way in which the body's cells form and multiply.

"It's all about understanding the decision-making process the

cells are going through. And, like I said, once we understand how that works, we can undo those decisions," Schofield said.

The importance of this research cannot be underscored. Understanding this process could revolutionize medical processes, as the end goal is to figure out a way to revert cells back to stem cells.

Stem cells have not activated any genes yet, and they could be manipulated to facilitate any given function as long as the cell has the appropriate proteins.

Schofield said this research could lead to a cure for cancer by allowing physicians to make tumors benign. While his work does not specifically focus on curing cancer, it has implications towards that goal.

The importance of collaboration was empha-

sized by Schofield, and he expressed his appreciation for the undergraduate students that he is working with.

"My goal is always to make sure that those students are not just my hands in the lab, that their minds are the ones coming up with these experiments," Schofield said.

He looks forward to working with students in order to facilitate their learning and give them some level of freedom in the research. Guidance is provided by Schofield, but he credits much of the work to his students.

"This is my scholarly program. It's something that I am working on actively, but I have collaborators that are undergrads, and it wouldn't be possible without them," Schofield said.



Courtesy Photo | Brett Schofield

Student attends forensics nationals

Stuhr ranks among top 12 national orators

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Junior Walker Stuhr qualified for the Forensic Team's national competition and went home ranked in the top 12 orators in the nation.

Nationals took place between April 2 and April 3 this year and was

virtual because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This was Stuhr's third year on the team, and he said he is proud of his accomplishments and those of his teammates.

"To me, competing on the national level means facing off against, like, the same seven schools from various coastal states that all have magnitudes greater budgets and team sizes, but then consistently holding our own as a team, because apparently Nebraska is a gauntlet of national-level public speakers," Stuhr said.

At the competition, Stuhr competed with an informational speech entitled "Assault and Bat-

teries: The DRC's Cobalt Crisis." This piece brought a serious social issue to the forefront.

"Nearly all tech companies are aware of and complicit in the use child labor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to mine cobalt, a toxic metal used in lithium-ion batteries," Stuhr said.

Stuhr said the only negative element of his experience was missing out on events at home.

"Being a national competitor also means I missed the Josh Fight last weekend, but it's fine because I had dinner with him and his friends at Honest Abes in Lincoln afterwards," Stuhr said.

As for the future of the

Forensics Team, Stuhr hopes the team's successes are able to justify saving the program from prioritization cuts.

"Honestly, at this point I'm really just hoping for any future for the Forensics team. As far as I know, we're still waiting on whether or not we're getting cut next year," Stuhr said. "That's despite, you know, the obvious measures of success that we've brought to the table, which other extracurricular programs here at Doane can't quite claim for themselves."

Stuhr's speech will be included in a published compilation of all national qualifiers' speeches.



Courtesy Photo | Walker Stuhr

U.S. withdrawing from Afghanistan

Biden to pull all U.S. troops by September

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On April 14, President Biden announced his plan to withdraw all American troops from Afghanistan by September 11 of this

year. This decision will keep thousands of U.S. forces in the country beyond the May 1 exit deadline the Trump administration negotiated with the Taliban last year.

According to The New York Times, there are officially 2,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, but that number can fluctuate. Currently, there are an additional 1,000 U.S. troops and 7,000 foreign forces (most of them being NATO troops) deployed there as well.

After spending 20 years in the region, the

decision to withdraw all troops comes after an administration review of U.S. options in Afghanistan concluding that the Taliban remains a potent force despite efforts made by the U.S.

The war has cost trillions of dollars and caused the deaths of more than 2,000 U.S. service members and over 100,000 Afghan civilians.

Some officials warn that a U.S. exit will lead to the collapse of the Kabul government and will put the gains made over the past two decades at risk. Gains made include

health, education and women's rights, but the Biden administration is adamant that it will remain closely involved in the peace process and will continue to provide humanitarian aid and assistance.

The decision to leave Afghanistan sparked divided reactions among those in Washington.

"It is a retreat in the face of an enemy that has not yet been vanquished and abdication of American leadership," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said.

He cited a 2019 amend-

ment that requires the administration to "certify that conditions have been met for the enduring defeat of al-Qaeda and [the Islamic State] before initiating any significant withdrawal of United States forces from Syria or Afghanistan," and believes there is "broad political support" for continued military presence in the region.

"There are no good, easy decisions here, given the options, I think this is the best choice," Representative Adam Smith (D-Wash.) said.

Smith was adamant

that the main threats to the U.S. are places like China, Russia, North Korea, etc. and that keeping troops in Afghanistan any longer is a mistake.

"We can only be in so many places. We have to make choices, and those choices are not easy," Smith said.

It is unclear what will happen between the Taliban and the Afghani government when the U.S. withdraws from the region, but the federal government is hopeful that peaceful negotiations between them will emerge.

Focus groups for Religious Life

Program seeks student experience feedback

KYLIE HUGHES
Copy Desk Chief

When Director of Religious and Spiritual Life Leah Rediger first started her job four years ago, she met with students, staff and faculty to find out what they wanted from the Religious and Spiritual Life office. That feedback was then taken to build the program from the ground up. With that “firm foundation,” the Religious

and Spiritual Life office now plans to “broaden [their] horizons” by gaining more feedback. To do this, the Religious and Spiritual Life office is hosting two different focus groups on April 27 and April 28.

The groups will be run by Rediger and Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Luis Sotelo. The ideas from the focus groups will be used to improve several programs within the DEI.

“As DEI professionals, we are always trying to improve how we serve the people that we serve. We are trying to expand our knowledge, get feedback, improve something that is already good and make it better,” Rediger said.

Student leaders from the various religious and spiritual groups on campus will make up the focus groups, as well as students active in the DEI Division and in the Reli-

gious and Spiritual Life office.

Rediger describes her role in the focus group as a listener and facilitator. She said the meetings are composed of students because that is her primary focus.

“My office serves the entire Doane community, but students are the primary focus of much of my program, so I want to make sure that, especially in those aspects of Religious and Spiritual Life, that students have the opportunity to give input and offer ideas,” Rediger said.

President of Pagan Hearthkin, Jayda De Jong echoes the idea that it is important to have students be in on the discussion.

“I am of the personal belief, as I cannot talk for everyone, that when you are trying to help students that you should have some students in on the discussion. It could give

a new light to something that wasn’t thought of before,” De Jong said.

The goal of the focus group is to have an open space where students of different backgrounds and perspectives can share their ideas on what they would like to see from the Religious and Spiritual Life office. They can share what can be improved and how the office can better serve a wide range of students.

Rediger and De Jong both think that having multiple perspectives is important in these conversations.

“I am one person, and my office is led by one person. We all have biases. I am limited by my own scope, my own experiences and my own perspective,” Rediger said. “So, inviting a diverse set of opinions and feedback offers opportunities for Religious and Spiritual programming going forward to reflect what stu-

dents’ needs and desires actually are.”

The goal is to use the feedback and ideas gained from the focus groups in the next school year.

“Nothing inspires me more than authentic and honest conversations on any topic but especially religion and spirituality because that’s what I do and that’s what I care about,” Rediger said.

She said that she feels privileged to have an hour of time with the two focus groups to learn what needs improvement and how to change the program to better meet the needs of students.

Rediger said the focus groups are open to any and all input. Students interested in sharing feedback or thoughts for improvement of the Religious and Spiritual Life office can email religious_spiritual@doane.edu.

This Week’s Weather Forecast

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Wednesday

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High: 67

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Alumni host Greek Career Panel

SARAH DALY
Staff Writer

On April 21, Doane University’s Inter-Greek Alumni Association hosted a Greek Career Panel. This event was a virtual Zoom webinar, and all Doane students and alumni were invited. The purpose behind this webinar was to give tips to students on how to be successful after gradua-

tion. Alumni of Alpha Omega fraternity, Chi Delta sorority, Gamma Phi Iota sorority, Omega Psi Theta sorority, Phi Sigma Tau sorority, and Sigma Phi Theta fraternity were on the panel. Many of the panelists discussed Greek Life at Doane during their four years and how Greek life had positively contributed to their lives.

Active Greek members were encouraged to at-

tend to fulfill their Alumni/Professional Development goal that counts towards Greek Standards.

“Listening to alumni of all groups tell stories about Doane and living in the quads was super interesting. It was also fun to see all the attendees talking in the chat. The event reminded me that the connections I have made both in and outside of my group are lasting and will contribute to my experience later in life,”

junior Madi Warrelmann said.

Warrelmann was drawn to the Greek panel because she wanted to support alumni of her group, Chi Delta sorority.

Sophomore Payton Schelin, Alumni Chair of Gamma Phi Iota sorority, attended the Greek Panel for the same reasons as Warrelmann.

“[Alumni] also talked about how important Greek Life was in their future. Basically, with-

out Greek Life at Doane, they would not be where they are today. But overall, Doane Greek Life and our alumni are the best and are true representatives of why Doane is special,” Schelin said.

Students can contact the Alumni Affairs office at alumni@doane.edu with any questions about upcoming Alumni events.

Joshs just joshing around

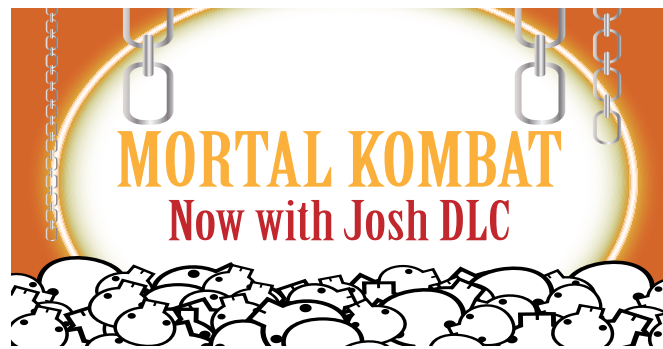
Battle of the Joshs raises money for charity

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

What started mostly as a joke to pass the time throughout the pandemic, April 24, 2021, marked the “battle to end all battles:” the Josh fight.

The idea first emerged on April 24, 2020 when Josh Swain of Arizona created a group chat over Facebook with other Josh Swain’s, gathering them so that there could be a “fight to keep the name.”

“Precisely, 4/24/2021, 12:00 p.m., meet at these coordinates, (40.8223286, -96.7982002) we fight, whoever wins gets to keep the name, everyone else has to change their name, you have a year to prepare, good luck,” Swain’s message to the



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

group chat read. The location was later changed to Air Park Green Area in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Although he initially meant the fight only as a joke, as the date came closer, people across many social media platforms ran with the plans, garnering more and more excitement. Because of this, Swain decided to follow through with his plan.

“When I posted the screenshots to Twitter, the internet ran with it, and ran with enough endurance for you all to remember a [year] later. That doesn’t happen very often, so I’m afraid I have

to oblige the Internet and trek all the way across the contiguous United States to defend my name,” Swain wrote on Reddit.

Defend his name, he did. When April 24 came, one other Josh Swain from Omaha, Nebraska, showed up. With an extreme battle of rock, paper, scissors beginning, Swain of Arizona took the cake and won the battle, solidifying himself as the true Josh Swain.

After the Josh Swain fight, an ultimate “Josh fight” ensued with everyone named Josh being allowed to fight one another with pool noodles in battle-royale style combat while spectators watched

and cheered things like “my money is on Josh!” or “Team Josh!” Insider reported.

At the end of the battle stood four-year-old Josh Vinson Jr., or “Little Josh,” but titled “Ultimate Josh” after his victory.

Swain also used the Josh fight to “raise money for the Children’s Hospital and Medical Center (CH&MC) Foundation [and] also used the event to host a food drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln,” Insider reported.

By late afternoon, \$8,266 was raised for the

Official Josh Swain Fund for CH&MC Foundation, Swain posted to his Twitter (@joshswainaz). At the time of this publication, \$13,759 has been donated, far exceeding the original \$1,000 goal.

“Thank you so so much to all the volunteers that helped out and the residents of the great city of Lincoln for being so welcoming and making this event incredible. Still in disbelief at the moment but amazed at the incredible support,” Swain posted to his Twitter once the day was almost over.



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Memorial Stadium opens for spectators

ABRIANNA MILLER
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) football team will hold their annual spring game on May 1 at 1 p.m. this year.

Spring games typically take place in April, but

with the pandemic, the team's schedule has been pushed back. Head coach Scott Frost announced the spring game and said it was slightly delayed so the team can appropriately practice and condition for the event.

1011 News reports that 50 percent capacity for spectators will be allowed at the game. Tickets are

\$10, and there is a limit of ten tickets per purchase.

Normal regulations for Memorial Stadium will still be in place with the addition of mask-wearing.

Alpha Omega fraternity and Phi Sigma Tau sorority will be volunteering to work at the concessions stands at the spring game.

"Husker football has been a big part of my life since I was young. So, being able to be back in Memorial Stadium, even if it's only to work concessions for the spring game, is something I'm really looking forward to," sophomore Austin Filliez, member of Alpha Omega fraternity, said.

Nebraska football has

historically been a major player in the state's culture, and the COVID-19 pandemic has caused cancellations and limitations to the sport. Filliez said he is glad to be moving past the pandemic with the Huskers.

"After all that's happened with the pandemic, it's great to see Memorial Stadium opening back up

and things starting to get back to normal," Filliez said.

The game will be available to watch on TV or online on the Big 10 Network. Additional network coverage is pending. Fans can listen to the game on the radio as well.

Minnesota mayor issues lockdown

Protestors clash
with Brooklyn
Center Police
Department

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Twenty-year-old Daunte Wright was killed by a police officer during a traffic stop in Minnesota, sparking more protests against police violence in the state.

Minnesota has become a hot spot for protests against police violence after George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer who knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes despite the cries of suffocation from Floyd. The

officer has since been removed from his position and charged with murder.

Police Chief Tim Gannon said in a statement that the officer who shot Wright, Kim Potter, shot him after pulling him over for a traffic violation. Potter then discovered there was a warrant out for Wright's arrest for missing a court appearance, and upon trying to detain Wright, Potter shot him. Potter is now on administrative leave.

Gannon also stated the officer meant to fire a taser but instead made an "accidental discharge" from her gun. Video evidence shows the officer yelling "I'll tase you" multiple times before firing.

The same day Wright was killed, hundreds of people gathered on the streets and clashed with police until the next

morning.

According to The New York Times, the protest was stationed outside the Brooklyn Center Police Department, and as things began to turn violent, Mayor Mike Elliot of Brooklyn Center ordered a city-wide curfew until 6 a.m. The local school superintendent called on all schools to hold virtual classes instead of in-person "out of an abundance of caution."

Outside of the Brooklyn Center Police Department, protesters chanted and threw rocks, bags of garbage and water bottles at the police.

Eventually, they were pushed back when police responded with rubber bullets and chemical weapons.

Police fired projectiles that burst with a loud bang and gas that burned



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the throats and eyes of protestors, but the gas reached several apartment buildings around the area. Families in the area reported being extremely shaken by the conflict.

Kimberly Lovett, a former property manager for the apartment buildings near the police station, said she had driven to the area to check on her former tenants and to show her frustration with the

police.

"What we're fed up with is the police [steadily] killing young Black men," Lovett said.

As of this publication, there are no further updates.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between April 5 through 25 include:

- 04/15 **Motor Vehicle: Hit and Run:** Doane Parking Lot K
- 04/17 **Vandalism:** Communications, 1st Floor
- 04/17 **Assault:** Campus Property
- 04/17 **Disturbance:** Residence Halls: Burrage Hall
- 04/19 **Fire: Fire Department Response:** Residence Halls: Smith Hall, 1st Floor
- 04/19 **Motor Vehicle: Hit and Run:** Doane Parking Lot F
- 04/22 **Vandalism:** Residence Halls: Smith Hall, 3rd Floor
- 04/23 **Assault: Aggravated Assault: Aggravated Assault with Hands/Fists/Feet/Teeth:** Doane Parking Lot A

UNL hosts Pfizer vaccine clinic

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

On April 20, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) held a vaccine clinic for all students who had not yet received their COVID-19 vaccine.

"Being vaccinated against COVID-19 is the single most important step any of us can take to protect ourselves and our university community," UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green said.

With the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department's (LLCHD) support, UNL helped offer Pfizer vaccines to students. Since the Pfizer vaccine requires a second dose after about 21 days, the vaccine clinic will return to UNL on May 10 for the next dose.

Walk-in appointments were available for anyone at least 19-years-old and with a valid NCard (UNL ID card).

The vaccine clinic was offered to all students from higher education in-

stitutions within Lancaster County and the surrounding area. COVID Doane sent an email to all Doane students on April 16 outlining the opportunity.

"Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is an important step in protecting ourselves and others. Each additional member of the Doane community that receives the COVID-19 vaccine moves us one step closer to restoring the pre-pandemic opportunities at Doane that allow our community to thrive," the email from COVID Doane read.

COVID Doane also sent out an email on April 27 announcing another Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine clinic in Fuhrer Fieldhouse on April 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for any student who has yet to receive their vaccine and would like to. This clinic comes after the vaccine was re-approved by the FDA and CDC on April 23.

"We have concluded that the known potential benefits of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older."

Janet Woodcock
Acting FDA commissioner
and M.D.

The reapproval comes after the distribution was stalled because of six cases of a rare type of blood clot in individuals who received the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. After extensive research, it was determined that the Janssen vaccine could be reapproved because the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the associated risks.

"We have concluded that the known and potential benefits of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older. We are confident that this vaccine continues to meet our standards for safety, effectiveness and quality," Acting FDA commissioner M.D. Janet Woodcock said.

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Students learn about birth control

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

The Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) hosted an informational birth control brunch on April 24.

They had an educational instructor from Lincoln's Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood is a resource for birth control and intrauterine devices (IUD), sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, urinary tract infection screenings and treatment, anxiety and depression screening and

resources, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) consultation, transgender hormone therapy and much more.

With over fifteen participants, the group started off with learning about some key facts about birth control and different options. Then, participants completed an educational Kahoot to talk through some uncomfortable topics of consent, birth control and hygiene.

Junior Genna Ryan-Piasecki was one of the members in charge of the event for SWAT.

"We wanted to host a birth control informa-

tion session because our sub-group of SWAT, Condom Club, focuses specifically on the sexual health of the student body. We find it extremely important to educate the student body on the many different methods to protect oneself from STIs and unwanted pregnancy," Piasecki said.

All students are able to join SWAT's Condom Club for free. There was a sign-up form sent out in March from Tiger Wellness.

The Condom Club sends out monthly condom club packages for those that have signed up.

One site that was men-

tioned during the brunch was [bedsider.org](https://www.bedsider.org). This site contains important information about different methods of birth control, costs and information about effectiveness.

At the end, SWAT did a raffle for several prizes including a pillow shaped like a uterus, won by Anabelle Daugherty, freshman, pictured below.

For more information or questions, please email tigerwellness@doane.edu. Students who wish to talk to a planned parenthood advisor or set up an appointment can visit <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-care/get-care-online>.



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Students participate in the canoe races for Student Appreciation Day that was held on April 26.

StuCo alters Stop Day tradition

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Students woke on the morning of April 26 to Student Congress (StuCo) members alerting them that it was Student Appreciation Day.

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases on campus, the annual tradition of Doane's Stop Day looked a little different this year.

In an email sent out to all students by StuCo on April 23, the decision was made not to host Stop Day but instead host Student Appreciation Day.

"This [still gave] students an opportunity to have the day off to relax, catch up on school work and safely socialize with friends," the email read.

While many of the events remained the same between Student Appreciation Day and the traditional Stop Day, it was about more than just the

name change, according to StuCo President and senior Haley Miller.

"Stop Day has historically been a day where students go off campus and socialize as well as attending events, but in light of COVID-19, we [wanted] to change that this year," Miller said.

She said that it was about changing the reputation to keep Doane students safe.

Although the decision was not made by StuCo, they brainstormed how to make Student Appreciation Day an exciting event for students.

"We totally understand the stress and burn-out students are feeling, which is why we fought for this event to be able to happen," Miller said.

Similar to Stop Day, Student Appreciation Day was announced the morning of. It involved Doane Idol, canoe races, sand volleyball, dodge-

ball, arts and crafts, etc., according to the schedule sent out that morning. Students also had the opportunity to get free shirts, Chick-fil-a sandwiches and prizes.

Students did not need to sign up to participate in any of the events except for Doane Idol.

Student Appreciation Day still, however, required masks and social distancing as well as sanitizing. The decisions made during that day have the ability to impact things such as finals and the graduation ceremony in terms of safety.

Despite the change and precautions, Miller was optimistic about the event.

"My hope for students is that they [enjoyed] a safe, fun day off and [stayed] on campus. The events we planned [were] a blast," Miller said.

CAPE Project educates

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As part of week four of Sexual Assault Awareness month, Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project hosted sexual projects week.

The goal of this week was for students to learn about their own sexual project, whether it is abstinence, forming a relationship or finding out likes and dislikes, and how to go about that without violating another person's sexual project. It relates back to the "Sexual Citizens" event that CAPE held in March, meant to open up the conversation about what sex is used for.

"These activities are being held in the hopes that we can create a healthier and more positive attitude toward [those] topics," CAPE Project Peer Educator and junior Noa Snyder said.

During lunch hours

and dinner hours, CAPE Project peer educators hosted a table with a variety of games, activities and giveaways for students to learn about a range of topics. Topics included becoming a skilled sexual partner, seeking pleasure, connecting with another person emotionally, defining oneself and impressing others.

For students who were unable to make it to the activities and giveaways, the opportunity to describe what sex is for will be sent out in a poll.

For students interested in continuing the open conversation about sex and consent, CAPE Project will continue to host events throughout the last week of April.

The Slut Walk on April 27 showed support for sexual assault survivors and broke down misconceptions about sexual assault.

April 28 will be Denim Day, where students can wear jeans to show support and break down misconceptions. That

evening at 7 p.m., there will be a screening of the documentary "Roll Red Roll," as well as a discussion.

The Tiger Wellness Day on April 29 will also host a Sex in the Dark event as well as a Pop Culture, Consent and Macho Nacho event. Interested students can check out the Wellness Day schedule for times and locations.

It is important for students to attend and participate in the events during Sexual Assault Awareness month because it changes the norm to show that sexual assault is not tolerated and will be called out, according to Snyder.

"It is beneficial for students, no matter your life experience, to participate because you might learn something about sexual assault [or] consent [or] sex in general that you may have not known," Snyder said.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): This week brings much praise. Don't be afraid to accept it, it's okay to bask in the glory of your accomplishments.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Uneasiness seems to be rife. What may go unnoticed though is your preparedness for such uneasiness.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Your end goal is in sight, Aries, though be sure to not let that cloud your judgments. There are still plenty of obstacles.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Although it seems like this week may turn out to be a challenge, don't be afraid to seek out additional "tests." You'd be surprised with how much you can handle and come out fine.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Take this week to step back out of the limelight. It seems as though you have been stuck in it for some time, so a break would be a benefit.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): If things aren't going your way, there are plenty of alternatives that you can consider.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): A certain negative experience from your past may be weighing you down this week, but it's important to remember the positive in the here and now. The positives far outweigh the negatives.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): The time to finally set your plan into action is finally upon you, put in the work with all the information you have and you'll find success in almost all areas.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): This is a risky week, Libra. Many people are there to support you through anything if you allow it.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Patterns seem to be on your mind a lot lately, someone may begin to take notice of these familiar patterns as well.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): All the resources you need are at your disposal this week. Take advantage of this great opportunity and get as much done as you can without adding any mental strain.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Now may seem like with nothing to do while waiting for new opportunities. Don't just sit around and wait for them, Capricorn, either prepare or seek out more your own.

Students thank donors

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

Last week, around 300 Doane students came to the Alumni Office in the upper level of Padour Walker to show their appreciation for Doane scholarship donors. Students were asked to write thank-you notes or record a ThankView message to send to their specific scholarship donor.

This activity was put in place of the Scholarship Endowment Dinner that is normally held every April. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last two Scholarship Endowment Dinners have been cancelled.

Michael Stehlik, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement, said the Dinners are an invaluable experience for donors and students alike.

"[The Scholarship Endowment Dinner] brings together donors who make gifts to scholarships with the students who receive those scholarships. Students and donors eat a fancy meal together while sharing their Doane experiences with one another," Stehlik said. "Special events like this allow donors to see that their philanthropy has

made an impact while also helping students realize more fully the significance of having a scholarship and giving back to good causes in the future."

Donors that requested to have a video rather than a thank-you note have already begun receiving their ThankView messages. The handwritten thank-you cards are going to be mailed within the next few weeks.

Stehlik encouraged any student who would like to get more involved in alumni affairs to join the Student Philanthropy Committee.

"Members of the committee are given a crash course, so to speak, on all things advancement and alumni. We bring alumni in to speak with them; we host events such as "Tag Day," Myth Buster Mondays and big celebrations during Doane's annual Giving Day," Stehlik said.

The Student Philanthropy Committee will be holding an informational meeting next Fall for any student who is interested.

If students have any questions about alumni affairs, they can visit the alumni offices or email alumni@doane.edu.

Thoughtful Thurs. moves to Wed.

JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

On April 28, the Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) will be hosting a Thoughtful Thursday, now Wednesday, after partnering with the Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project.

Renee Lukowicz, SWAT Peer Educator, said Thoughtful Thursdays "provide students with the opportunity to take a break and relieve stress through yoga."

Thoughtful Thursdays provide more than yoga as well. As part of Thoughtful Thursday, SWAT Peer Educators will offer students lessons on how to get better sleep, develop time management and learn to take more time for themselves.

SWAT's goal for Thoughtful Thursdays is to create a safe space for students to practice yoga and mental health. Each Thoughtful Thursday has a different theme, and this week's Thoughtful Thursday is teaming up with CAPE for an intergroup event.

Thoughtful Thursdays have been held all year long, and SWAT plans to hold the event outside in Cassel Outdoor Amphitheatre.

Thoughtful Thursdays are a way for students to take a break from homework and relieve stress. It's a way to get involved with an activity on campus; students can learn more about health and wellness and how to incorporate it into their lives, as well as being

Thoughtful Thursday

SWAT and the CAPE Project have partnered to host a Thoughtful Thursday on April 28. Students will be able to practice yoga and mental health and will be provided with lessons on how to get better sleep, develop time management and learn to take more time for themselves.

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a way to meet new people and get better at yoga.

Students also have the opportunity to win prizes by attending.

With any questions or concerns, students can send an email to tigerwellness@doane.edu.

Student awarded housing Golden Ticket

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Golden Ticket offers first pick of housing

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As the current spring semester is coming to a close, students are in the process of planning for the upcoming fall semester by registering for classes, applying for on-campus jobs and applying for housing.

During the end of March and throughout April, Doane Residential Life and Education

(ResLife) offered housing selection education sessions for all students to learn and become familiar with the housing selection process.

Students who attended the virtual housing selection sessions were entered into a drawing for the Golden Ticket, a chance to choose housing first without regard to grade level.

On April 15, ResLife sent out an email announcing sophomore Anna Ganzel as the winner of this year's Golden Ticket.

"It felt really nice to win the Golden Ticket. [My roommates and I] have a bigger roommate group, so [we are] able to

get the room we want early and not have to stress and worry about not getting the room," Ganzel said.

She said that some of her roommates, as well as herself, joined the information sessions to increase their chances of getting the Golden Ticket.

Within the hour of being informed that she had won, Ganzel was able to select her suite and receive a confirmation email.

"We are very excited for our suite next year," Ganzel said.

Housing applications closed April 19. After that deadline, students were informed of their housing

selection dates and times which are selected based on grade level.

Prior to one's housing selection date, ResLife recommends that students go onto the ResLife website and mark their desired room as a favorite. This way, when the selection date arrives, students can select their preferred housing easier.

ResLife recommends in their email sent out to all students that students are "mindful" of their housing selection date and time so that they have the "best opportunity" to choose their preferred space.

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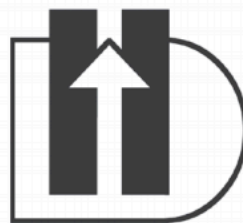
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Need for accountability increases

Another unarmed black person was shot and killed by police this weekend. We at the Doane Owl want to express that black lives do indeed matter.

Regardless of the circumstances, a police officer should only reach for their gun if it is absolutely the last option.

The officer who killed Daunte Wright claimed she confused her tazer with her gun which is an extremely poor excuse and highlights the fundamental issues with the way our police force is

currently run.

Regardless of if she actually did think she was reaching for her tazer, the fact that a police officer who had been in the force for over ten years confused her gun with her tazer is extremely troubling.

If members of law enforcement are unable to distinguish a weapon that will kill someone versus one that will not in the heat of the moment, they have no right to wear a badge.

This killing happening in the same city that George Floyd was murdered in by po-

lice and on the same day that his killer was charged with murder is nothing short of parody.

The police claim they serve and protect, but when there are cases upon cases of minority discrimination, it becomes hard to trust that motto.

Last week, a police officer was responsible for the killing of an unarmed 13-year-old boy who had his hands up which is disgusting and goes beyond justification.

No middle-schooler should

have to worry about being shot by police because of the color of their skin.

The only way we can reduce these killings is by increasing accountability for officers.

Body cameras, proper de-escalation training and reducing the budget of the police are just a few options out there, and it is high time we, as a society, hold those in power accountable for their actions.

Hot takes; floating rocks

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

This week's Hot Takes is going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD! We're ranking the eight (no, Pluto is not a planet, I'm sorry) planets in our solar system.

Each planet is graded based on a set of qualities that I deem important to determining the objective placement of each one on a tier list.

These qualities are appearance, what special traits they have and their song in Gustav Holst's "The Planets" suite.

Appearance is the most important by a significant margin, as being recognizable to as many people as possible is critical to being a good anything. If the planet has a cool color, rings, a sweet exterior, etc., it will rank higher than a planet that is just a floating rock.

Special traits are defined by what makes the planet unique. Earth, for instance, is the only planet in our system that holds habitable conditions for carbon-based life forms. This is not nearly as important as appearance, but it still holds some merit as individuality is critical in expressing one's quality.

The final quality is how good the planet's respec-



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tive song is in Holst's "The Planets" suite (which if you haven't listened to, I cannot recommend enough). This is the least important trait out of the three simply because having an Earthling write a song for any planet other than Earth does that planet a disservice.

S Tier - These planets are the shining stars (not literally) that light up our solar system and add so much flavor to our little corner of the universe. They are visually interesting, are super unique

and have banger songs in the suite.

A Tier - Overall lesser in quality than the ones above, these ones are still plenty great, and nobody will fault you for choosing one of the planets in this tier.

B Tier - These planets are perfectly average, nothing great, nothing awful, just plain.

C Tier - The planets in this tier are here because their bad qualities outweigh their good qualities but not so much so that they are beyond redemp-

tion.

F Tier - If there was a way to send ICBMs to space, I would target the planets that occupy this tier and fire without having a second thought.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Saturn, Jupiter

A Tier: (Second Best)- Uranus, Mars

B Tier: (Average)- Venus, Neptune

C Tier: (Below Average)- Earth

F Tier: (Garbage)- Mercury

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!

Pro career gone too soon



ABRIANNA MILLER
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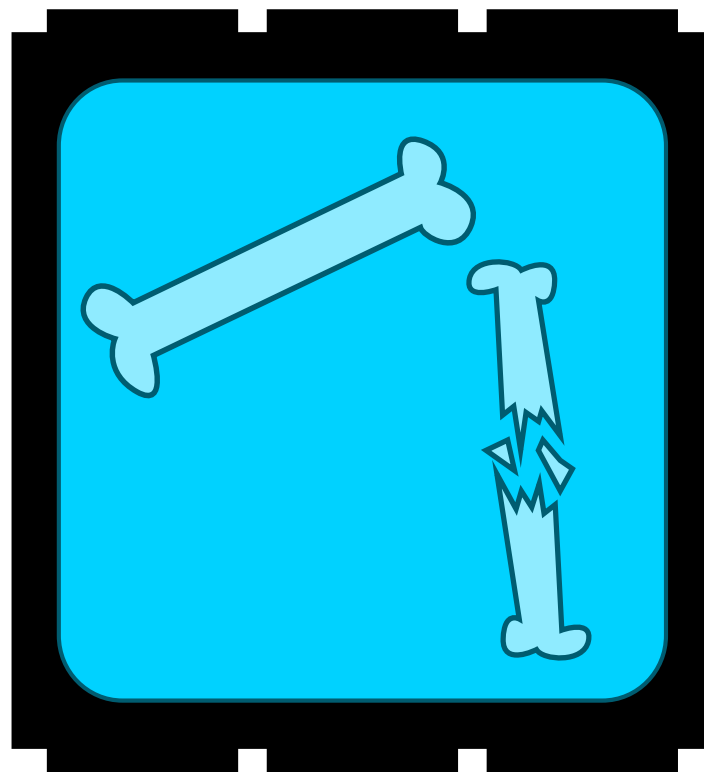
I don't know what happens to me around this time every year, but I swear I'm cursed with an annual knee injury.

Last year, my right knee had major problems, and surprise, surprise, I have the same exact injury right now. There is a key difference this year, though. Both of my knees are injured.

Super great, I know.

I never know what to do with myself when I'm injured because I hate depending on other people.

Circumstances have forced me to rely on the help of other people, but this time



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around, I'm a lot more comfortable.

Asking for help hasn't been so hard. When I can't handle something, the first person I ask for help is very nice. That seems obvious enough, but I've never been able to shake the feeling that I am a major bother to literally anyone and everyone.

To be fair, I'm sure there are people that genuinely do not want to deal with me, but

that's to be expected.

I do feel sorry for the people that have carried me up and down stairs, around campus or through buildings. But they offered, and I wasn't about to say no. I really am grateful for everyone that has been understanding and supportive because, let's be honest, I get very cranky when I'm hurt or sick.

I'm hoping this will be the last time that my knees affect

my day-to-day life. I can't go every single year with a chronic injury and not get it fixed. Luckily, my doctor is taking it seriously which is more than encouraging.

All I'm getting at is that once I got over my pride and realized that not everyone wants the worst for me, my life has been much better. It sucks being hurt, but it is what it is.

Diagnosis:

Yo leg broke as hell

Motivation to study within an app



SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

As the semester is coming to an end, my classes have steadily increased the demand for my time. Yet, I have found myself spending more and more time on TikTok or Instagram.

I swear that some of these social media platforms are traps. One minute the clock reads 9:30 p.m., and I decide to take a little TikTok break. I blink, and the clock tells me that it is now 2 a.m. Wait, what? How?

In efforts to combat the social media black hole, I set time limits for certain apps on my iPhone.

All I did was go to my settings, click a few buttons, and POOF, my urge to scroll TikTok should be gone, right? Wrong. As the time limit came to fruition, a little screen would pop up. It read, "Time limit has been reached." Instead of following the limitations that I set for myself, I hit the "Ignore for today" button and continue scrolling. Wow, good job Sarah.

I needed to ramp up my efforts to fight screen time because finals are approaching, so I began to Google some strategies.

After doing some research, probably too much, I went to my app store to find an app to help me focus. I found the perfect app to help

me stay focused called "Flora."

"Flora" is an app that helps people spend less time on their phones.

I would totally recommend this app to any student that struggles with staying off their phones during a busy time.

"Flora" has users start with an animated seed. You then set a timer for how long you will be off your device. The longer you go without touching your phone, the bigger the tree grows. At the bottom of your screen, the app tells you, "If you use your phone during your study time, your tree will die." I don't know about you, but that guilted me into staying off my phone real quick.

I encourage students to get this app that has helped me stay off my phone during the busiest part of the semester. Grow trees while working towards your degree.



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Show stands out from competition



JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Marvel released another short television series, "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier," which is centered around Sam Wilson (played by Anthony Mackie) and Bucky Barnes (played by Sebastian Stan) trying to navigate a world rocked by political and social unrest.

This show, like "WandaVision," is an absolute treat, and I am really glad Mackie and Stan are given the opportunity to flex their acting muscles because they are both extremely captivating to watch and have excellent chemistry together.

Unlike "WandaVision," this show is much more grounded and has the same energy as a special forces commando movie.

It centers on Sam Wilson trying to figure out how to live up to the legacy of Captain America (Steve Rogers) while being a black man in America, and Bucky Barnes trying to make peace with his demons when he was the USSR's personal hitman, the Winter Soldier.

One of the best elements of this show is how it deals with the racial tensions in America, and, at least as a white man, I



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felt they took a very nuanced approach to the racial elements of the show.

Each of the six episodes is roughly an hour long, and every one of them has a stand-out moment that encapsulates why the Marvel television shows are the best thing coming out of Disney at the moment.

From great action, to impeccable performanc-

es, to Daneil Bruhl, this show has it all. The way it develops Sam and Bucky, both as individuals and as partners, feels natural and rewarding.

Special shout-out to Wyatt Russell who plays John Walker (the new government appointed Captain America) for giving the performance of his life and really making Walker a complicated

character who I love to hate. That being said, the fact that Russell received death threats from people for his performance as Walker is absurd and obscene. The man is just doing his job (and doing great), and he is playing a FICTIONAL CHARACTER IN A FICTIONAL UNIVERSE, so there is no reason for anyone to send him threats of any

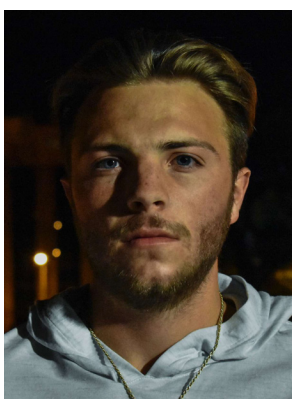
kind.

My favorite part of the whole show was seeing Sam finally get his comic-book-accurate suit and take up the mantle of Captain America. I am so excited to see where his character goes in the future.

I don't really have any complaints about the show at all. For what it is, I think it's the best possible version, and I highly recommend it to any Marvel fan or to someone who has a few hours to kill.

"The Falcon and the Winter Soldier" is available for streaming on Disney+.

Fan attendance is not consistent



JOSH BUNDY
Multimedia
Coordinator

As someone who rarely watches any sports that take place in the U.S., I have become more and more annoyed with the lack of fans that I see when watching European soccer.

Some of the biggest competitions are currently going on right now, with the biggest clubs

in the world playing, yet they still play in empty stadiums.

This is in stark contrast to many MLB games I've seen highlights of recently, and even some NBA games. It makes me wonder why the U.S. is so quick to be willing to stick fans back in the stadiums when some of the biggest organizations in the world still won't.

For people who don't understand how big soccer is, take the UEFA Champions League Final into account. Last year's final had 380 million people around the world watching the game. To put that into perspective, the Super Bowl mustered about 114 million.

The biggest sports teams in the world are still yet to allow fans into their stadiums, even though they have a much better control over the pandemic than we do.

Yet, the story seems upside down, with the country with less control on the virus allowing fans to pack their stadiums full.

I miss hearing the roar of the crowd and the chants throughout a game of soccer, but seeing thousands of empty seats makes me question why they are still unfilled. Is there something that countries like Spain and England know that we don't?

On top of that, it seems like some teams have skipped the whole "easing into fans" idea, most notably the Texas Rangers, who allowed full capacity for their opening day game.

I hope to see stadiums packed again, but I believe that almost everyone would also like to do so without having to wear a mask.

...THUMBS UP

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

THUMBS DOWN...

Tennis teams finish regular season

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On April 27, both the Men's and Women's Tennis teams played in Crete against Mount Marty University in their final match before the conference tournament.

As of now, the Women's team is the front-runner for the conference after they defeated Concordia 6-1. Being first in the conference has felt surreal for senior Makayla Rice, and she said she knows her teammates will put up a fair fight at conference.

"I know this team has the ability to win the GPAC; it's all a mental game from here," Rice said. "We've already proven ourselves, but that doesn't mean we can skate through GPAC. We have to give every match and every point our all."

The Men's team had three matches before heading to the conference tournament. Freshman Federico Infante said he believes that while having that many matches can take a physical toll, the team is well prepared to keep their stamina up.



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Junior Jorge Chevez serves the ball at the start of the match.

"It is a physical and mental burden that will follow you to the championship, but the team has worked hard to have good results and be able to handle situations like this," Infante said.

Because of matches

being postponed or canceled, the Men's team had almost a month between their matches, which was a setback the team had to overcome.

"The most difficult thing is to reestablish the physical condition since

being inactive for all that time definitely affects the mobility and breathing capacity," Infante said. "Slowly, the team has been recovering from the loss of time due to quarantine that we had during the season, and I think we will be in good condition to fight in the championship."

Both teams are sitting in a good position heading into their conference tournament, with the Women's team becoming Doane's first GPAC champions. The Women will be the number one seed in the tournament. The Women's team has the opportunity to make history and is ready to fight for the title.

"Of course I hope to win, but most of all, I just want our team to give it everything we have," Rice said. "It's crazy to me that we're number one in the GPAC; this has never happened for the women's team at Doane, so we're ready to make history."

As the season is close to being over for both teams, many of the seniors are looking forward to one last opportunity to secure a conference tournament, but, more



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl

Junior Jorge Chevez returns the ball served to him by his opponent.

importantly, they are extremely proud of the success their teams have had this season.

"I've never felt so blessed to be a part of something before," Rice said. "No matter the outcome, this has been the

best experience of my college career."

The conference championship will start on April 30 in Fremont, Nebraska. Both teams will be receiving byes for the first round of play.

Baseball plays final home games

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Baseball team played four games against Briar Cliff University on April 24 and 25, winning one out of the four. They have four more games before heading into their conference championship and have been making great progress to put themselves in a good position.

One major achievement the team recently experienced was having their teammate, senior Tucker Catlett, named the Great Plains Athletic Conference's (GPAC's) player of the week. Freshman Joe Osborn, along with the rest of the team, was very excited to see this happen for him.

"It's awesome seeing another one of our guys named player of the week," Osborn said. "We've got lots of talent on our roster this year, and the guys have put in the work this off season, and seeing that hard work pay off and seeing guys have success and get recognized for that is really cool."

Another achievement recently seen was having senior Talon Little tie the single-season record at Doane of home run hits. Little hit his fourteenth home run of the season, matching the record previously set in 1993 by Bill DePolo.

"Seeing Talon [Little] tie the single-season home run record this year has been fun to watch," Osborn said. "He's been a big role model for me since I've been here, and he deserves it."

Along with home run records, the team was able to set a new record for total home runs hit in a single game. The team was very excited to achieve this accomplishment since records such as that one are not easily broken.

"Setting a new record this year for home runs in a single game as a team at Mount Marty has probably been my favorite memory this year," Osborn said. "Those aren't records that get broken very often and to be a part of that in my first season is special for sure. I also think it says

"We've got lots of talent on our roster this year, and the guys have put in the work this off season, and seeing that hard work pay off and seeing guys have success and get recognized for that is really cool."

Joe Osborn
Freshman

a lot about this group of guys."

Doane is currently sitting second in the GPAC conference, trailing behind Concordia, before heading into this final weekend of games. Freshman Kyler Beekman said he believes the team has the ability to be at the top and said he knows they will continue pushing to be there.

"We know how good

we are, so we keep pushing to be at the top," Beekman said. "We have a really good team all around, we know our potential, and our goals are high. I think that pushes us a lot."

As the team faces the final stretch of their season, they are looking forward to the opportunity to win a conference championship for themselves and the school. Staying focused on the game and continuing to perform at their highest level is all they are working on now.

"We are really tough to beat when we put together competitive at-bats and throw strikes," Beekman said. "We love playing together, and we want to reach our goals. It's always one pitch at a time."

The Baseball team will play four games against the University of Jamestown on May 1 and 2 in Jamestown, North Dakota.



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Senior Talon Little swings at the oncoming pitch.



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Junior Aaron Forrest pitches the ball to his opponent.

Track has final meet before conference

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Doane Track and Field competed again this past weekend at the Drake Relays, held in Des Moines, Iowa.

The entire team was not competing, only a number of contingent athletes made the trip to compete.

Of those athletes who went, six of them met the NAIA qualifying standard in their events. Additionally, two Doane athletes won their respective events.

Fifth-year Courtney Schindler won her event on Friday, posting a 3.70m clearance in the women's pole vault.

Fifth-year Henry Arnold was the only other Doane athlete to win an event, as he brought home first place in the triple jump. His 14.40m mark was good enough to also clear the NAIA provisional standard.

Four other Doane athletes also met NAIA marks in their events, with freshman Connor Floyd doing so in the pole vault. His 4.85m clearance earned him

second place at the event and an NAIA automatic mark. His season-best mark also placed him sixth in the nation.

Fifth-year Levi Sudbeck hit the provisional standard in pole vault with his mark of 4.70m.

Freshman Madison Sutton threw a season-best in the discus with her mark of 45.92m. The throw earned her third at the meet and put her in fourth place in the NAIA standings.

Senior Richard Dover was the last athlete to hit a standard for Doane, earning a provisional in

the discus with his throw of 48.69m. Dover would finish seventh in the discus with his throw.

The next meet for Track and Field will be the GPAC Championships, held over April 30 and May 1 in Seward, Nebraska. The athletes competing for Doane will be decided by a number of factors, including their standing in the conference and the number of athletes allowed per event.

Athlete of the Week



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