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Doane's Baseball team comes out victorious against Jamestown. See Page 9 for more.

Doane president announced

Dr. Roger Hughes to be Doane's 13th president

CRETE, Neb. — Dr. Roger Hughes has been named Doane University's next president. His appointment was affirmed by Doane's Board of Trustees May 7. Dr. Hughes will join Doane University June 1 as its 13th president, succeeding Dr. Jacque Carter.

Hughes, who currently serves as head football coach at Stetson University in Deland, Florida, holds a bachelor's degree from Doane University (1982), a master's degree from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (1984) and a Ph.D., also from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (1987).

"Doane is known for providing a high-quality liberal arts education and for professors who

not only mentor students, but actually become their advocates. The intimate setting of this university allows it to provide high-impact experiential learning opportunities that are becoming more valued by students and their parents," said Hughes. "I am excited about this opportunity and about Doane's future.

"My life has been devoted to helping young people become leaders and the best version of themselves—instilling habits and values that will make them successful for their entire life. The opportunity to extend that to the Doane community is compelling," Hughes said.

"Although it is rare to find a Ph.D. who is a football coach and who continues to pursue strong academic interests, they do exist—Dr. Hughes is among them. He is an outstanding team-builder who excels at developing relationships, fund-raising, and is a highly capable visionary leader," said search committee chair

and incoming chair of Doane's Board of Trustees Paul Schelstraete.

"Dr. Hughes is passionate about the high value of a liberal arts education as a strong framework for individual success, and fully recognizes the quality of Doane's faculty, students and extended community. His personal connection to, and high regard for all that Doane is and can become in

its next chapter is remarkable. Our search committee is certain we have found the right person to fill this critical role, with the ability to build and lead a team toward an inspired and inspiring future," said Schelstraete.

"Roger Hughes has been a huge part of the Stetson community since 2011 and many point to his success in relaunching football for the Hatter Nation, said Christopher F. Roellke, Ph.D., president of Stetson University. "His greatest contribution isn't just a winning team, but his leadership and deep understanding of teaching and learning.

He is known for his mentoring, for focusing on personal growth among student-athletes and for instilling values in his players. He will be an incredible president and I know we all wish him the best."

Dr. Hughes' academic background is primarily related to sports medicine and athletic performance and includes teaching, academic publications in refereed journals, and presentations at national and international conferences.

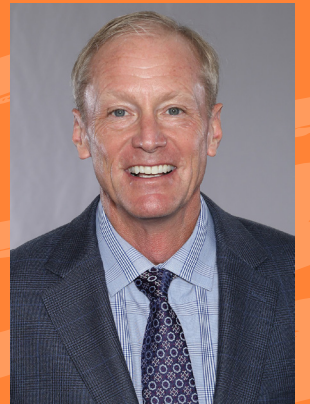
Prior to his tenure at Stetson, Hughes served as head coach and quarterbacks' coach at Princeton University from 2000 to 2009 where he led the football team to an Ivy League Championship in 2006—the best season for the team in 47 years-- and also led a highly successful donor outreach and fundraising effort.

"As Princeton's football coach, Roger Hughes set a high standard for both academic and athletic success among his players," said Princeton University President

May 7, 2021

BREAKING NEWS

Doane's 13th president will be Dr. Roger Hughes. His term will begin June 1, 2021.



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Emerita Shirley Tilghman. "Beyond the playing field, Roger had an ability to connect to diverse audiences on a personal level, whether he was addressing groups of alumni, trustees, prospective students, or faculty. What came through on these occasions was his integrity and decency, as well as his unshakable commitment to the well-being of our students."

Dr. Hughes, 61, is a

native of Crawford, Nebraska, and is married to Lincoln native Laura Hughes. Their daughter, Maddison, a 2018 graduate of Doane University, lives and works in Omaha. Hughes' brother, Dr. Rommie Hughes, lives and works in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and is a 1986 Doane graduate. His sister, Shari Schlichtemeier, also attended Doane and lives and works in Ogallala, Nebraska.

Summer enrollment days changed

Enrollment days to be virtual and in-person

SARAH DALY
Staff Writer

The Summer Enrollment Days are traditionally the first experience incoming students have on Doane's campus. This year, Quint Geis, Director of Career, Leadership and Service Development, is working to make sure that experience is just as fulfilling as past years.

Unique to this year, there will be two options

for incoming students to take advantage of. June 10, June 11 and July 9 will be the dates of in-person enrollment days. June 15, June 16 and July 14 will be the virtual enrollment days.

Geis said he wanted to make sure that students had the option to choose what format made them the most comfortable and what made the most sense for their schedules.

"The focus for [Summer] Enrollment Days is on introducing students to the broader Doane community and helping them get situated for their fall arrival to campus. We offer a myriad of resources to incoming students; they get registered for their fall semester, and

Enrollment Days

June 10, June 11 and July 9:
in-person

June 15, June 16 and July 14:
virtual

These options will be available to incoming students so they can choose the format that makes them the most comfortable.

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they meet campus community members who will be influential in their

Doane experience," Geis said.

Geis and his team

wanted to focus on making sure both groups of students got similar experiences and introductions to Doane's campus. Geis accredits all the progress made for Summer Enrollment Days to a "campus-wide effort and diverse group of campus stakeholders."

Junior Brenna Mulvey is the Student Coordinator for the upcoming year. Mulvey is the head of the orientation committee and will be tasked with leading the student helpers during Summer Enrollment Days.

Mulvey said the Orientation Leaders (OL's) will be assigned to direct groups of new students and their families from one station to the next.

Mulvey suggests that students share fun facts about Doane with the OL's so they can pass that information along to the incoming students.

"I am looking forward to seeing the OL's in action and meeting the new students. I find [Summer] Enrollment Days super exciting, as it is the first time all these students will be engaging with each other and experiencing our wonderful campus," Mulvey said.

Geis and Mulvey will team up alongside the orientation committee to give the incoming students and their families the most beneficial and safest experience possible.

Doaneline launching new website

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

In the weeks to come, Doaneline will be launching a new website.

With the transition of the Doane Owl from print to a digital format, the importance of Doaneline's platform has been enhanced by Doane Student Media (DSM).

In conjunction with several students, the website will be updated not only in terms of aesthetic but also in features. This includes an Owl archives feature and easier access to Doaneline-specific articles.

Doaneline's logo has already been updated, see the accompanying graphic.

With the launch of the

new website, DSM encourages viewers to raise concerns over bugs and issues with the site by emailing doaneline@doane.edu.

Be on the lookout for the new website launch by following Doaneline's social media accounts on Instagram (@doaneline), Twitter (@doaneline) and Facebook (Doane Student Media).



Biden to increase taxes

Increase targeted at wealthy and corporations

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Last week, President Joe Biden announced plans to increase taxes on America's wealthy, claiming that his plans were "about making the average multimillionaire pay just a fair share."

Biden intends to proceed with his plan despite protests from Republicans and businesses over raising taxes on corporations, high earners and the wealthy. Money from the tax increase is planned to be used to fund spending on roads, bridges, low-carbon energy deployment, child

care, education and other infrastructure.

The fight over taxing the wealthy began under the Trump administration when former-President Donald Trump signed a \$1.5 trillion tax cut package into law in 2017, which saw the corporate tax rate dramatically decrease and was hailed as an economy booster by Congressional Republicans.

Biden is a staunch opponent of Trump's tax cut, and despite both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton raising taxes on the wealthy, neither framed it in the context of forcing multinational companies to pay more to the federal government.

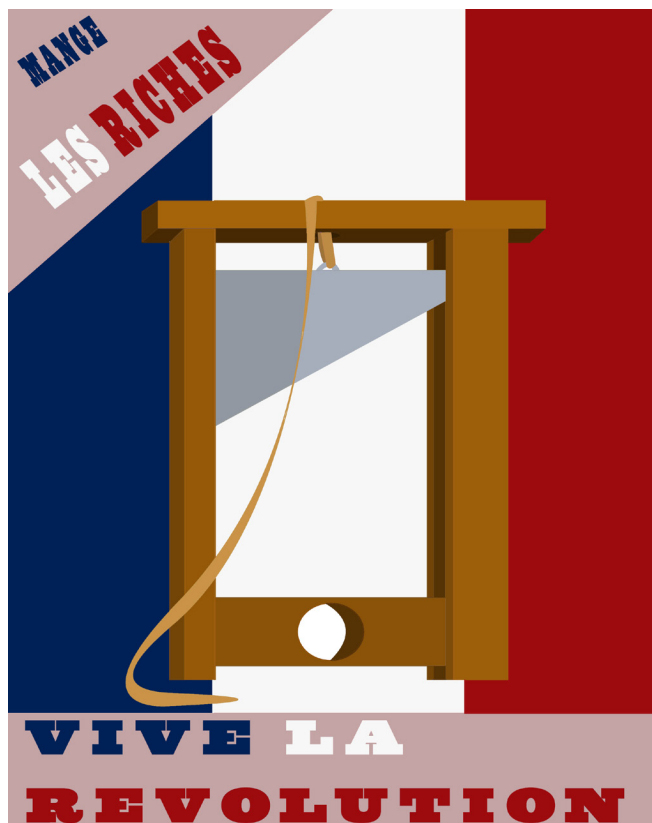
According to The New York Times, a wide range of polls show broad public support for tax increases on affluent Americans. A recent Pew Research poll found that Americans were much more

likely to be upset that the wealthy and corporations did not pay "their fair share" in taxes than about their own tax bills.

Congressional Republicans warn that Biden's tax increase will cause extensive damage to a recovering economy and would hurt workers despite Biden vowing to not raise taxes on individuals or households that earn less than \$400,000 a year. They claim a corporate tax increase would hurt business investments and growth and that in an attempt to lessen their losses, companies would cut into the wages of their workers.

Despite his reservations, Josh Holmes, political advisor to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R - Ky.), agrees that this tax increase is a political calculation that would win much support for Biden.

"He's right that corpo-



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rate tax increases are not unpopular," Holmes said.

As independent forecasters largely expect the economy to recover and experience a "boom" as

the country reopens for economic activity, it is unclear if the \$4 trillion aid plan passed by Congress will hurt or help the economy at this time.

Banquet honors athletes

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

Doane hosted their annual Athletic Banquet on May 3.

At the banquet, each sport named a most valuable player (MVP), the overall female and male athletes of the year were announced and the junior and senior scholar-athletes of the year were announced as well.

This year's Women's track MVP was freshman Madison Sutton.

Sutton was an NAIA national runner-up in the weight throw and received all-conference honors in the indoor weight throw, shot put, outdoor discus and hammer throw.

Her athletic accom-

plishments also earned her the title of this year's Sharon Wilch Woman Athlete of the Year.

The MVP of Wrestling and male athlete of the year is junior Baagii Boldmaa.

This is Boldmaa's second straight year claiming both titles, much earned after winning his second consecutive national title at 141 pounds and being Doane's first wrestler to go undefeated with a perfect record of 25-0 this season.

Every year, Doane acknowledges two student-athletes that excel exponentially in both the classroom and their sport.

The junior scholar-athlete award is given through the Bill Bayer Memorial Scholarship.

This year's winner is junior Ava Macke from the Women's Tennis team. Macke went 12-8 in singles action with a 6-1 record in GPAC play.

Macke is not only a Doane Scholar-Athlete but also a scholar-athlete for NAIA and GPAC. She is also a member of the Dean's List and Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic.

The senior-athlete award is given by the Philip Stuart Becker Award. Senior Talon Little from the Men's Baseball team won this honor.

Little broke the single-season home run record this season and leads the team in runs batted.

Little is a member of the Dean's List, Doane's Student-Athlete Lead-



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ership team and is an NAIA, GPAC and Doane Scholar-Athlete.

All teams named an MVP, and Baseball also

awarded this year's Ben Grimes Award to senior Andy Theiler.

Updated closing procedure

Closing Information

Students received closing envelopes to put their room keys in, which can be turned into the red boxes located in the main lobby of most residence halls.

The final checkout for residence halls will be at 9 a.m. on May 14.

Mailbox keys should be returned to the Service Bureau. If mailbox keys are turned into Residential Life, it will result in a \$25 processing fee.

Two healthy adults can accompany students to help move out.

Room cleaning should be done, and all furniture should be moved back to how it was originally placed.

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Updates made to ensure safety and health

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Residence hall Community Advisors (CA's) have hosted closing meetings with information on how closing differs this year from years past.

CA's also handed out closing envelopes, which will store students' room keys. Students can turn in their envelopes at the red boxes located in the main lobby of most residence

halls (Burrage Hall's is located in the laundry room). Those still missing a closing envelope should contact their CA immediately to get one.

The final checkout for residence halls will be at 9 a.m. on May 14. Failure to checkout by then will result in a \$125 improper checkout fee. Failure to turn in a room key will result in a fee ranging from \$57 to \$207.

Mailbox keys should be returned to the Service Bureau, not with the closing envelopes. Mailbox keys turned in to Residential Life will incur a \$25 processing fee.

As for moving out, students are permitted to have two healthy adults accompany them in moving their belongings,

though masks should remain worn at all times.

Room cleaning should be done, along with the removal of all trash within the room, before checking out. Any trash or personal furniture can be disposed of in the large roll-off dumpsters placed between Sheldon Hall and Hansen Leadership Hall and outside Burrage Hall. Failure to remove all trash from a room will result in a minimum \$50 trash removal fee based on a room assessment.

All furniture from the rooms should be moved back to how it was when students moved in, in-

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5/12
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Thursday
5/13
 High: 68 Low: 49

Friday
5/14
 High: 69 Low: 53

Saturday
5/15
 High: 71 Low: 55

Sunday
5/16
 High: 77 Low: 57

Monday
5/17
 High: 74 Low: 56

Tuesday
5/18
 High: 72 Low: 53

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cluding de-lofting beds. Any bunking pins should be returned to the main lobby of the residence hall into a labeled container, unless otherwise noted.

2020 census results

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

According to the 2020 United States Census, the U.S. has a total population of 331 million people, which, according to CNN, marks the country's second slowest

population growth rate in U.S. history. The number one slowest population growth is marked by the 1930-1940 census which occurred during the Great Depression.

Between 2010 and 2020, the United States population grew from 308.7 million to 331.4

million, a 7.35 percent increase.

Texas (which currently has 36 seats) will gain two congressional seats while Colorado (7), Florida (27), Montana (1), North Carolina (13) and Oregon (5) will gain one.

Several states lost seats in Congress, such as Cal-

ifornia (53), Illinois (16), Michigan (14), New York (27), Ohio (16), Pennsylvania (18) and West Virginia (3).

Overall, the results show political power shifting from Midwestern and Northeastern states to those in the South and the West.

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Josh Duggar jury trial set for July 6

Judge allows Duggar to post bail

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager



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On April 29, American TV personality Josh Duggar was arrested on multiple counts of possession of child pornography.

Homeland Security is testifying that Duggar had downloaded illegal computer files that showed child sex abuse on May 14, 15 and 16

of 2019. The files were flagged by the Little Rock, Arkansas, police department and traced to Duggar's workplace computer.

Special Agent Gerald Faulkner is testifying for the prosecution. Faulkner said the illegal files contained children ranging from 18 months to 12

years old. In an article in People magazine, Faulkner stated that the images were "in the top five of the worst of the worst that I've ever had to ex-

amine."

According to Faulkner, when officials came to Duggar's workplace, a wholesale car dealership, and asked to speak to Duggar, he responded with, "What is this about? Has someone been downloading child pornography?"

With Duggar's struggle with porn addiction made public, he had a software installed on his computer called "Covenant Eyes." This application would report visits to pornographic sites to an accountability partner. In this situation, Duggar's wife, Anna, who is pregnant with their seventh child, was his accountability partner. Duggar went around this soft-

ware by using dark web add-ons.

Judge Christy Comstock chastised Duggar in court and brought attention to the fact that the children in the illegal files "are close to the ages of [his] children." Yet, Comstock is allowing Duggar to make bail and have unlimited visits with his children as long as his wife is present.

Duggar is currently out on bail, living with members of the church his family attends. Duggar is banned from using the Internet and from looking at porn.

The pretrial conference is scheduled for July 1, and his jury trial is scheduled to begin July 6.

North Korea warns U.S. of consequences

Biden administration won't settle on bargains

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

North Korea warns the U.S. will face grave consequences if it continues its "hostile policy" to-

ward Pyongyang's nuclear program as the Biden administration prepares to reveal its new strategy to deal with North Korea.

After President Joe Biden called North Korea's and Iran's nuclear programs a security threat during a recent speech, the Asian nation retaliated by stating it would respond with "corresponding measures" against the administration.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said after the administration had completed a "thorough, rigorous and inclusive"

policy review of North Korea, the Biden administration is determined to completely denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. Additionally, she said the administration will not settle for bargains, nor will they rely on strategic patience, according to NPR.

This approach differs heavily from what the previous two administrations did in approaching the situation and is much stricter in regards to the demands.

Former-President Donald Trump's strategy

was to develop a personal relationship with Kim Jong Un in an attempt to strike a grand bargain to curb the country's nuclear program, while former-President Barack Obama tried patient diplomacy to prompt change from Pyongyang, neither of which resulted in North Korea halting its program.

After launching two ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan in late March, North Korea appears to be testing the Biden administration to gauge their response to

the launch.

Neither party appears to be particularly willing to reach an agreement as both are standing steadfast to their demands.

During his campaign, then-candidate Biden called Kim Jong Un "a thug" and stated that before the crippling economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. and the U.N. could be relaxed, North Korea would have to disarm all nuclear weapons.

Shortly before Biden entered office, Kim Jong Un gave a speech in which he declared the

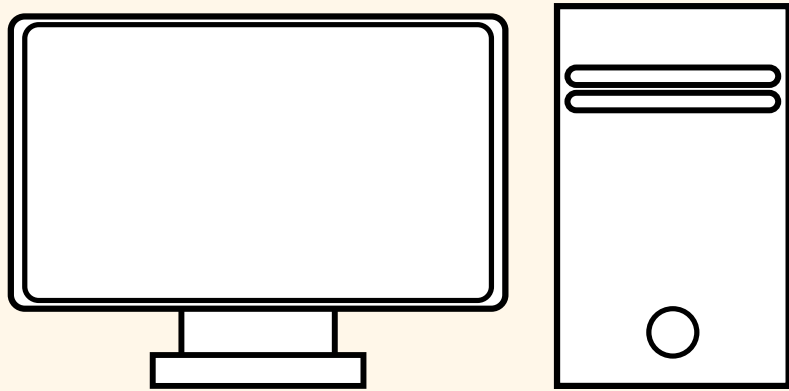
United States as North Korea's "biggest enemy" and stated he intends to expand his nuclear arsenal. However, he added that he did not yet "rule out diplomacy," though current attempts from Washington to contact Jong Un have been unsuccessful.

As of this publication, there are no additional updates.

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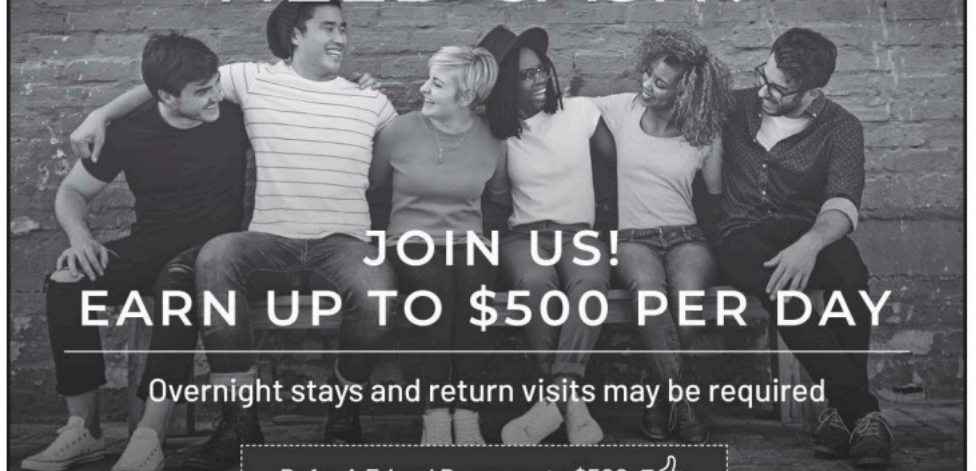


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Doane celebrates Cinco de Mayo

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

May 5 gave students a chance to participate in a small cultural event for Cinco de Mayo in Lake-side.

The event, hosted by both Spanish Club and the Doane University Latinx Student Association (DULSA), offered students free food and the opportunity to create crafts inspired by Mexican culture.

"Food-wise, we had horchata and elote loco, street corn. We made papel picado, cut tissue-paper designs, and tissue-paper flowers," Spanish Club president Aztryd Lima said.

With the inspiration behind the event itself coming from the Student

Programming Board, the Spanish Club and DULSA were able to collaborate with one another to offer a fun and educational experience for students.

"I think that it helps so much to have multiple groups and organizations [working together] because you get different perspectives. Overall, we all have the same goal of exposing Doane to new cultures," Lima said.

The Spanish Club and DULSA also benefited from the event.

"I believe it's really important for the groups to collaborate in setting up events like this one because it helps each group grow and learn from each other. For DULSA, it was very beneficial to be able to assist, as it helped us get our name out there

and interact with the Doane community," DULSA president Ana Perez-Mendez said.

The importance of exposure to diverse cultures helps students to gain a better understanding of other people's backgrounds. The earlier the exposure, the better, as we can gain a better understanding of the world around us, not just here at Doane.

"I believe that it is so important [for students to experience cultural events] because if we are entering the workforce, we need to understand different people we will encounter. This world isn't the diversity that we see at Doane, and we need to know that and be exposed to it," Lima said.



Courtesy photo | Jenn Jelinek
Students attend the Cinco de Mayo celebration put on by SPB, DULSA and Spanish Club.



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl
Students utilize the updated sand volleyball court behind Frees Residence Hall to play a game of volleyball.

Volleyball courts get updated

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

The sand volleyball courts south of Frees Hall received an upgrade with new equipment and sand due to Doane's Volleyball team.

The Volleyball team had the choice of how to use extra team funds and decided to put it towards renovating the courts for all of Crete to use.

"We actually had some budget money to use since we were not able to go to a preseason tourna-

ment in North Carolina like we had planned due to COVID-19, so some of it came from that and some came from our fall fundraising event," Head Volleyball Coach Jenna Jones stated.

The team held a few spring practices on the courts and plan to continue having some summer workouts and open gyms out there as well.

"It's a great way to become a better all around player and build muscle. We are also thinking about hosting a few tournaments for the com-

munity this summer as a small fundraiser for the fall, so be on the lookout for those dates and register a team to support Doane Volleyball," Jones said.

Volleyball staff and players encourage students and members of the community to use the courts but to be respectful of the new equipment so it can be used for a long time.

With any questions or concerns, please contact Jones at jenna.jones@doane.edu.

Seniors look toward future

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture

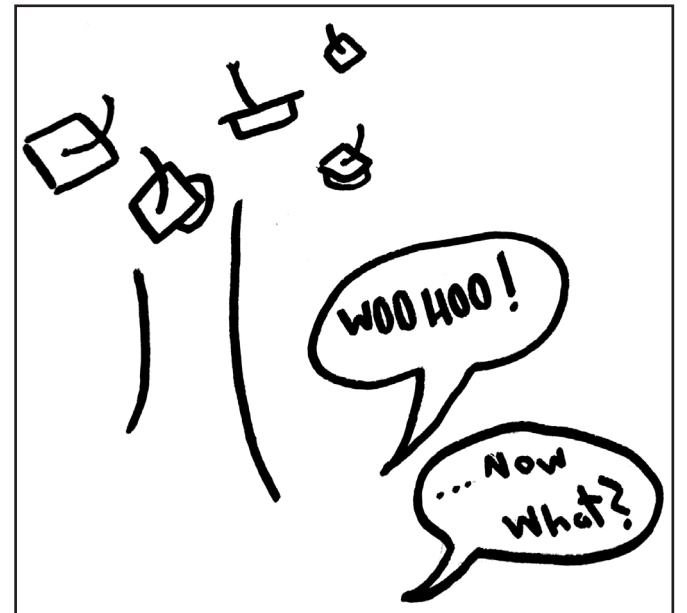
As many students are applying for summer jobs and making their plans for next semester, seniors are preparing for life after college.

For some, that means graduate school, and for others, that means a career. Some seniors are still figuring out their plans for after graduation.

As graduation approaches on May 14, all senior respondents that answered a survey sent out on May 5 said they are looking forward to graduating. However, some students also stated that leaving Doane is bittersweet.

For senior Kenneth Weber, he is looking forward to graduating so that he can start his career as a fifth and sixth grade math and social studies teacher.

Weber is looking forward to teaching, as he feels Doane has prepared him well. He said that the College of Education has provided him with a "toolbox of strategies" to be a good educator, and other aspects of college have allowed him to build



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a "strong network of other individuals" who will help him be successful.

Other seniors feel excited to get into their career, as they, too, feel well-prepared by Doane. "I am going to be so proud to be a Doane educated teacher. I know personally, and have heard so many stories, about the great teachers, educators and role models that have come out of the Doane Education program, and I hope to be included as one of those greats someday," Weber said.

Despite the excitement for the future reported by most seniors, 88 percent of graduating seniors said

they will miss Doane's community and people. Another common aspect of Doane that will be missed by graduating seniors is the opportunities that Doane has provided. Weber said he will miss the opportunities and seeing his friends at Doane, yet he is glad for all of those experiences.

"While college is a time to guide you into the next chapter of your life and adulthood, always remember that [college] itself is a chapter in your life with its own fascinating, interesting and sometimes odd stories to tell," Weber said.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): This week opens up new opportunities for you, whether it be for your career or just another adventure, take the opportunity.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Familial ties grow strongly this week, make sure to check in on a family member you may have neglected talking to for some time.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Restlessness seems like a plague right now, but it can be a gift as well. Make use of this to try something new, it may just surprise you.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Your finances rule your decisions this week. If you've wanted to purchase that special thing you've always wanted, now may be the time.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): This week, make sure to feel both sides of a problem out first, informed decisions are your best friend.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Love is beginning to blossom. Use this rare opportunity to deepen relationships.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You're the center of attention this week. Let everyone know you can take anything on.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): A lot of work is ahead of you. Plan your time accordingly so that the pressure doesn't get to you.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): It seems that a lot of work is in front of you, it would be best to not ignore it in favor of lazing about.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Persistence is an absolute must this week. You're nearing the end of the tasks before you, keep up the good work.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): New love interests are possible this week, the decision to go out looking, however, remains up to you.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): A step up in your career path may be coming soon. Double down on the work you've been doing and you'll be rewarded.

SPB helps students "Float through Finals"

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

To help de-stress from the upcoming finals and as an end of year celebration, Student Programming Board (SPB) held "Float through Finals Week."

From May 3 to May 6 SPB offered a wide variety of activities and events for students to participate in themed around water and air, or floating.

The theme, events, prizes, movies, etc. were all thought of by the students in SPB and was overseen by Director of Engagement and Outreach, Jenn Jelinek and Assistant Director of Student Experience, Spencer Munson.

"We were trying to think of a way to make it fun this year still within COVID guidelines. SPB sat down and thought of some things we thought would happen," Jelinek said.

On May 3, there were root beer floats offered to students. On May 4, SPB showed the movie "Raya and the Last Dragon," as well as hosted a senior lantern-lighting ceremony.

The lantern lighting ceremony acted as a send-off for seniors to contrast with the candle lighting ceremony done with freshmen. It was the first year of doing this, and Munson said the hope is to

expand the senior send-off activities in future years.

On May 5, SPB partnered with Spanish Club and the Doane University Latinx Student Association (DULSA) to have an "appropriate and traditional" Cinco de Mayo celebration, according to Jelinek. They wanted to "showcase what a healthy celebration looks like from a different culture." Students could make paper flowers, win prizes and have horchata and elote from De Leons.

On May 6, SPB hosted a luau. This luau was meant to be "less Hawaiian, more Doane Luau," which is why it was called Doane Ohana Luau.

Students had the opportunity to listen to live music, play games, eat Kona Ice, participate in a dunk tank and watch an outdoor movie.

The luau was also hosted to demonstrate that, despite changes, Doane is a family, and "we are still in this together," Jelinek said.

"There [were] a lot of little fun things going on that you could catch. You [could have] taken the whole thing in or just a piece of it in," Munson said.

SPB was aware that this was when students were preparing for finals, so the free time that students had varied. This is why the

events planned in "Float through Finals Week" were events that students did not need to stay for the entire time to enjoy.

"We know everybody is busy on campus. It's not stuff that you have to sit and stay for. We want it to be flexible for all of the students," Jelinek said.

They also made sure to do it at different times of the week so they could make sure that as many students had the chance to participate as possible.

As both Jelinek and Munson are new in this position, they used this week to better plan for future events, as well as develop ideas for future collaborations with various student groups.

"Just as much as we are new, the students are new to us; we are new to the students. So this has been a really good way to test the waters and see how it goes," Jelinek said.

Both Munson and Jelinek said they are open to feedback and suggestions about future events. They are also looking for students who are interested in being a part of SPB.

For students interested in a volunteer or paid position, or for students wishing to provide feedback, they can email jenna.jelinek@doane.edu or spencer.munson@doane.edu.

Planning for summer

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

As the school year ends, many students are faced with the hardest decision: how do they spend their summer? Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this question becomes increasingly difficult. How can students have a safe, enjoyable summer?

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated their guidelines. The CDC relaxed restrictions on individuals who are vaccinated. Fully-vaccinated people are safe to gather outdoors with a mid-sized group unmasked. When indoors,

the CDC recommends unvaccinated people to wear masks. The CDC also suggests all individuals wear masks at very crowded places such as concerts, parades and sporting events.

Doane students have various ideas on how to spend their summer.

Junior Madi Warrelmann has had to adjust her study abroad plans multiple times due to the ongoing pandemic, but this summer she has finalized her plans. Warrelmann is able to participate in a virtual internship program through an organization in Barcelona.

"Although I will not be leaving the country this summer, I may have the

chance to take a couple of small trips, masked and weary of the COVID cases and vaccination rates in the area," Warrelmann said.

Warrelmann's favorite COVID-19 safe activities that she plans on partaking in this summer include binge watching new Netflix series, reading many books and biking around Crete.

Senior Dani Schreiber is planning on traveling this summer to Belize for her second veterinary study abroad program. Her goals include working with villagers' livestock and doing research on the coral reef.

"To attend the program, I will need to isolate two weeks prior

before leaving, have a negative COVID test or be fully vaccinated. Before returning to the U.S., we will have a rapid test done following another week of isolation depending on our community guidelines," Schreiber said.

Alongside her travels and studying, Schreiber will be painting in her free time to relax after a long day.

For more information on the CDC guidelines and how to have a safe summer, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>.

Jenner debates trans sports

JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

On May 1, former Olympic Decathlete and reality TV star Caitlyn Jenner said in a short TMZ interview that she opposes transgender girls competing in girls' sports at school.

Jenner, who came out as transgender in 2015 and was a gold medalist in the 1976 Olympics, stated that it is "a question of fairness" when speaking on transgender girls being involved in school sports.

"That's why I oppose biological boys who are trans competing in girls' sports in school. It just isn't fair. And we have to protect girls' sports in our schools," Jenner said.

These were the first remarks that Jenner has made on the subject since announcing her intent to run for California governor.

Jenner is being criti-

cized for her remarks by transgender rights activists, saying she has failed to convince them that she is an asset for their cause, according to NBC News.

In 2020, Jenner spoke about transgender individuals participating in sports during the Outsports Podcast, encouraging them to "compete and to improve themselves," according to Forbes.

She also expressed support for transgender individuals in 2015 when accepting the Arthur Ashe Courage Award during the ESPY's stating, "I also want to acknowledge all the young trans athletes who are out there, given the chance to play sports as who they really are."

Advocates suggest that Jenner's change in stance on this issue was done in an effort to attract California's Republican voters, as Jenner is intending to run as Republican in her campaign.

Students manage stress over finals

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As many students look forward to the end of the academic year and summer break, they must first get through finals.

According to a poll sent out on May 5, over 93 percent of the 30 students who responded had finals either this week, some last week or a combination of the two.

Finals encompass final exams, final papers, final projects, etc.

Ninety-three percent

of students had at least one exam, about 77 percent of respondents had at least a paper and 70 percent of respondents had a project.

To help prepare for finals, students have been doing a wide variety of things. Some students work a little bit on their project or papers each day. Others go to the library and study for hours.

With all of the studying and working on projects or papers, many students reported getting a limited amount of sleep.

For students like senior

Breanna Patterson, sleep will be limited until graduation, as she has not gone to bed before 1 a.m. over the past week.

With the lack of sleep and the influx of assignments that have a large impact on final grades, many students have come to a common consensus of stress.

Despite the stress that comes with finals week, each student has a different way to mitigate those feelings.

For Patterson, she often takes small breaks during her studying and

calls friends and family.

"Taking breaks is also important for me because I need to reset my brain every once in a while," Patterson said.

Other students do things like take a walk or get sleep whenever possible to limit the amount of stress and potential sleep deprivation they face.

As finals week is typically a stressful week for students before the end of the year, some feel that this year had an added layer of stress.

For Patterson, COVID-19 threw off her

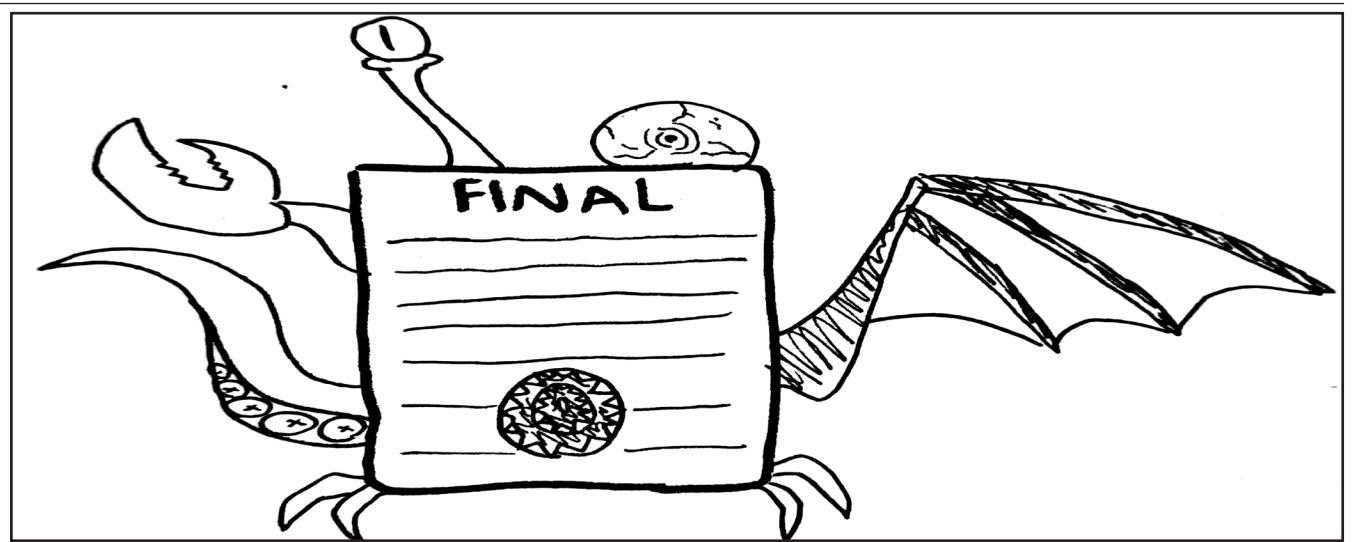
planned schedule, and she ended up needing to take 21 credits. Therefore, finals have been more stressful due to the extra classes. However, virtual learning has affected how students have learned over the past year.

"I've also felt less confident in being able to learn this semester because classes have had odd formats and that makes it harder for me to learn the material in the first place, much less put it into a comprehensible form for a final," Patter-

son said.

Other students echo the idea that in terms of academics, this semester has proved to be challenging.

Despite the struggles, students, like Patterson, are optimistic that students will make it through to the end of the year.



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 - No** → Try some DIY crafts.
- Outdoor**
 - Do you want to leave your home to participate?**
 - Yes** → **Do you like being in nature?**
 - Yes** → Go camping.
 - No** → Go swimming at the pool.
 - No** → Try out gardening.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Enjoy the summer break safely

As the last issue of the Owl before summer break, we want to wish everyone a happy summer and congratulations on finishing the year out.

This past year has turned everyone on their heads, and the resilience and strength that we have all shown is remarkable. Finals are wrapping up, and packing is starting.

Remember to relax this summer as much as you can. We could all use a break just to decompress from the stress of second semester.

Also remember to stay safe. We are so close to being done with the pandemic; we cannot give up now.

Remember to wear your mask and check CDC guidelines whenever you get the chance. With vaccines rolling out, there are some circumstances in which you do not need a mask, so pay attention.

Over the summer, set goals for next semester. If you want to reach a new personal record in your sport or if you want to maintain a certain grade, it will help you to flesh

out the details of it before next semester begins.

For graduating Doane students, we wish you luck on the next chapter of your life. We know that you will do great things, and we wish you the best.

Graduating in the middle of a pandemic cannot be easy, and we applaud your dedication during such a tough time.

As you prepare for graduation and the subsequent events, please remember to continue pushing the world into a better place. You have

not worked tirelessly for the past four or more years to give up now.

Your goals and dreams are within reach; you can do it.

The Owl will resume the regular publication cycle on Aug. 17. We are always open to suggestions or comments, just email us at owl@doane.edu.

On that note, applications for positions in the fall are open. More information can be found in the ads throughout this issue or by emailing owl@doane.edu.

Hot takes; in the botlight

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

As sad as it is that this is the final Hot Takes of the semester, I'm glad I don't have to rank stupid stuff for three months.

This week's Hot Takes will be focused on ranking fictional movie robots.

Each robot is ranked based on appearance, abilities and the quality of the movie(s) they appear in.

Appearance is the most important quality of a robot and essentially is grading the visual design of the robot.

The second most important aspect of a robot is its abilities or unique powers. The more diverse and interesting powers the robot possesses, the higher it ranks.

The third and final aspect to judging a robot is judging the quality of the movie(s) it has been in. If the movie is bad, then the robot will lose points and vice versa if the movie is good.

S Tier - These robots are the stuff of legend. Everything about them is incredible, and if they were real, the world would be an infinitely better place.

A Tier - Overall, these robots are of lesser quality than the ones above, but they still have a lot to offer.

B Tier - The true neutrals of cinema robots, these mobile circuit boards are neither overwhelmingly good nor



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overwhelmingly bad. They occupy this middle area that separates the good quality robots from the bad.

C Tier - Honestly, if I could recycle these robots into soup cans, I would with no regrets.

F Tier - I don't even want to talk about these robots be-

cause they're just the worst.

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

S Tier: (The best)- R2D2,

Wall-E, T-1000, Iron Giant, Vision

A Tier: (Second Best)- Roy Batty, T-800, Bishop, The entire cast of "Robots"

B Tier: (Average)- Ed-209, C3PO, RoboCop, Mecha-Godzilla

C Tier: (Below Average)- Baymax, Johnny-5

F Tier: (Garbage)- Sonny, Gypsy Danger, Ultron

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!

Scranton area paper company Dunder Mifflin apologizes to valued client; some companies still know how business is done



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

As my first semester as Editor-in-Chief comes to a

close, I can confidently say that I am proud of the work I have done.

Despite all of the challenges that have thrown themselves in my face, I pushed through. My staff has been the absolute best, and I honestly could not have asked for a better semester.

In August, I will be in Spain, pandemic allowing, and I will miss the long Owl Nights and late-night jokes. I'm still going to keep chipping away at the Owl and Doaneline, but it won't be the same.

There is so much I still want to do with DSM, and with the people around me,

I know that it will happen. I've got some crazy talented people by my side, and I am so excited to see which direction we take DSM in the future.

The dedication and hard work that has gone into DSM over the past several weeks is unreal, and I owe it all to my staff. We have curated something wonderful and truthful, and that's all I could ever ask for.

I hope that at the end of the day, each and every person feels proud of their work. They deserve to boast about their work and show off a little bit; there's nothing wrong with that.

This is not my goodbye; not even going to Spain can stop me from tirelessly perfecting DSM. But there will be a lapse in my involvement, and I have complete faith in my team to keep driving DSM to be the best that it can be even when I'm 4,500 miles away.

Ready for a much-needed break



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Now that finals are underway and wrapping up for this semester, I can genuinely say that I cannot be happier that this semester is coming to an end. I loved being back

on campus for this year, but it has been one of the longest and most mentally taxing semesters of my college life. That says a lot compared to last year when the spring semester was flipped because of COVID-19 beginning its spiral out of control within the United States.

A lot of setbacks happened this semester, both with schoolwork and motivation-wise, but thankfully, it's almost over. Too many of us have had to go through too much this semester, whether related to school or not, so we absolutely need this summer break to sit back, relax for a bit and de-stress. This is especially true after not necessarily having any long breaks through-

out the semester and, not to mention, going on for an extra week compared to other years, though this isn't necessarily terrible.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate the university attempting to curve the rise in cases on campus by not giving us a definitive spring break and splitting it into three random "Wellness Days" over the course of the semester, but I definitely think there could be, and hope there are, some improvements for the fall semester.

Either way, we've all made it through the semester, and I think that calls for some celebration and a much-deserved break from school. Take

this opportunity to go on a quick, safe vacation or something else that'll give you that much-needed break. I know for a fact that I'll be doing that.

Now that I've been vaccinated, I feel comfortable enough to go on a few vacations to visit my family in California and in Mexico over the summer. Once summer break begins, I know that my stress levels will drop, and I'll finally have some more time for myself again, and that's all I can really ask for.



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Starbucks can take all my money



SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

As a typical college student, I have a caffeine addiction. Though my favorite form of caffeine comes as a crisp fountain Dr. Pepper, sometimes coffee is the way to go.

When it comes to where the coffee comes from, there are always two contenders for my paycheck: Starbucks and Scooter's. Both coffee establishments have taken quite a bit of money from me, but Starbucks is the elite choice for me.

Scooter's, as a business, does have a lot going for it. With the new Scooter's being built in Crete, proximity to campus has increased my spending there. I enjoy the new spring season cups that have flowers on them. The Crete Scooter's also

employs Doane students, and that is always great. I love seeing businesses give money to my fellow Tigers. One of the biggest perks of Scooter's is their free espresso shot week promotion.

To their downfall, Scooter's drinks are not always mixed for me. Three out of nine first sips are usually flavored syrup no matter what location I visit. I also do not like that most, if not all, of their cold drinks come with ice in them. Yes, I could ask for no ice, but other places have no ice in their cold brew.

The biggest con for Scooter's is that I sometimes feel guilty into tipping in the drive-thru. COVID protocol has employees lift the card swiper out the window, and they watch you click "tip" or "skip." I do think it is good to tip your barista, but sometimes, I cannot really afford it. When a barista looks into your eyes and asks if you want to tip, I feel as if I am kicking a puppy when I say no.

Starbucks is not all rainbows and unicorns. I have heard the rumors of how they are not good employees, but the experi-

ences that I have had with employees have always been great. The biggest downfall of Starbucks is that there is not one in Crete. I have to drive at least 20 minutes to get in line, and the line at Starbucks is always long.

Starbucks has my heart. They provide a good experience, and I believe that their food menu is higher quality. Starbucks has better cold brew drinks in my opinion. My favorite drink to get, and suggest, is the Irish Creme Cold Brew. It is a seasonal drink that is the perfect balance of sweetness and the typical espresso flavor. I admire Starbucks for their lids that don't have straws. Though they look like adult sippy cups, not using straws is better for the environment.

My opinions on these coffee establishments have nothing to do with the employees. I have received great customer service from both businesses, and I wish the employees nothing but success and lots of tips.

Music can be a great motivator



EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

Finals have all students stressed and cramming to get everything done on time. However, if there's one sliver of escape while working, it's by listening to music.

Music can be used as a powerful tool used to evoke emotional responses.

"Pleasurable music may lead to the release of neurotransmitters associated with reward, such as dopamine. Listening to music is an easy way

to alter mood or relieve stress," according to "Psychology Today."

There is a connection between auditory neurons and motor neurons, so listening to music stimulates the body.

This is why athletes often hype themselves up before games by listening to music.

As soon as I put headphones in and begin working, I immediately feel calmer and more motivated to get things done. I find myself wanting different types of music depending on the activity at hand.

When I need to get something done quickly that requires less concentration, I prefer upbeat and fast-paced music.

In contrast, if I need to focus and be deliberate on what I am working on, then I want to listen to slower-paced music that has more meaning.

It is said that classical music is the best genre of music to listen to for studying because it enhances one's focus, but I

have never been fond of listening to it while studying.

Music can change our mindset, mood and motivation, but it might not always be the best option for everyone. Some people find it distracting, especially when trying to read or write papers.

Choosing music carefully can help you maximize its benefits, but if you still struggle to focus, it may be helpful to consider white noise or other audio options instead, an article from Healthline states.

Find what works for you and stick with it, especially when it comes to studying.

...THUMBS UP

Inner Tubes



Cabbage

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

THUMBS DOWN...

Baseball qualifies for nationals

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On May 8, the Baseball team was able to secure their trip to the national tournament with a win over Jamestown University during the conference tournament.

The team is currently looking to the conference championship game, where they will play against Concordia University. Junior Jack Tillman, and the rest of the team, is anxious to get to play in such an important game.

"Playing in the conference championship game is a really special experience that we get to have," Tillman said. "We are all very excited for Tuesday to prove who really is the best team in the conference."

Getting to play in the finals of the tournament is a great accomplishment for any team. Despite this being such an important game, junior Lukas White and the team are remaining calm and not allowing it to put any extra pressure on them.

"There's a little bit [of pressure], but we just have to treat it as any other game," White said. "This is not the first time this season we have been in a big game. Just going out there and having fun is how we are going to get through the pressure."

Making it to the national tournament for the first time in a couple years for the program is something that everyone on the team was very excited about.

"We knew that if us and Concordia both won on Saturday that we would qualify for the tournament automatically," Tillman said. "Winning the conference and making the national tournament for the first time since 2014 has been the goal since the first fall practice."

Despite the national tournament being such a monumental event, they are preparing just like they would for any other game. Even though they do not know where they will be first competing, the team is looking forward to the opportunity.

"We are going to treat practice like we are play-



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Senior Talon Little runs to first base, trying to get there before he is out.

ing the game," White said. "The more we can just play to pitch and stay focused then we will be ready."

After all the ups and downs this season has

seen, the team is ready to play with their teammates a few more times before their season has come to an end.

"At this point, I am looking forward to see-



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Junior Aaron Forrest pitches the ball to a Jamestown batter at the plate.

ing where we are going to be playing our regional games," White said. "We are going to be preparing and finding out where we go Thursday afternoon."

The national tournament will begin on May 17 after the team competes in the conference championship game on May 11.

Softball ends season at tournament

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On May 6, the Doane Softball team's season came to an end during the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) tournament. Doane made it to their third game where they lost to Morningside College 3-7 in the elimination game.

Senior Kailyn Wiseman enjoyed having the ability to play in this tournament with all her teammates.

"Competing in the GPAC tournament is a great experience and

something you strive for all season," Wiseman said. "The atmosphere is competitive and emotional with seasons and careers on the line; we loved every minute of it."

Now that their season has officially ended, the team now reflects on the end of a year full of practices and games.

Senior Josie Schnakenberg said she believes this is a bittersweet moment, as she finished an impressive career pitching five no-hit innings and striking out seven in her final two games.

"It still doesn't seem real that our season and my career are officially over, but I played the entire season knowing it was my last and certainly didn't leave any regrets on the field," Schnakenberg said. "This group of girls and our coaching staff made it that much harder knowing all good things must eventually come to an end, but I wouldn't have wanted any other group to end my last season with than this one which says a lot."

The success the team had this season did not

come easily, with much of the season being based around COVID-19 guidelines. Like most teams this year, the Softball team was able to get through these and work together to become stronger on and off the field.

"I'm proud of the resiliency this team shows, and how much progress we've made since the fall," Wiseman said. "We battled COVID, as well as adjusting to a new coach and embraced these challenges head on."

Now, as the seniors finish their time on the

team, they reflect on their years spent as a part of the softball program and everything that has come with it.

"I'm leaving this program a better person than when I came into it, all thanks to my teammates and coaches for pushing me every single day," Wiseman said. "I'll miss being a part of this team more than anything but will carry with me everything I learned in the years to come."

While many members of the team will return for their next season, those graduating offer

advice to current athletes on the rest of their athletic careers.

"For those in athletics, just know your time will have to come to an end eventually, so be sure to appreciate the little things your sport has to offer," Schnakenberg said. "Never settle for complacency and be sure to get to know and love those around you because the team isn't the same every year with people graduating or coming in as freshman, so realize you only get to live those moments with them once."

Men's Golf ranks second at conference

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On April 26 and 27, the Men's Golf team competed in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) tournament against ten other teams. The Men finished second overall, just behind Morningside College, with junior Conor Schubring finishing fourth in the competition.

After being able to place top two in their conference, freshman Karsten Kern, along with the rest of the team, was proud to be able to finish off the GPAC tournament on such a strong note.

"Finishing second in conference felt good because we worked really hard for it, even if we didn't want to finish in second; we wanted to win," Kern said.

Although many feel

that the end of the season is bittersweet, it can come as a relief when student athletes are in the midst of their finals. Now that the stress is over, junior Micah Ramirez is focusing on getting through the rest of the semester.

"The golf season is a grind with school and such; in my case, I'm glad it's over," Ramirez said.

Despite a very unique season this year, the

team is most proud of the scores they have posted throughout the season and look forward to continuing to improve for next season.

"We were able to post our lowest rounds as a team this season. It was a step in the right direction, and we look forward to next year," Ramirez said.

With great strides being made during this season, the future looks promising for the Golf team in the upcoming

year.

"Personally, I am really proud of myself and the team for the continued improvements over the season," Kern said. "We all struggled mentally, so to be able to see improvement in that area by the end of the season means we are moving in the right direction and that gives us hope for next season."

Now, the team is getting ready for the next year where they hope

to get right back into it. With the fall season a few months away, the team will continue to prepare both individually and as a team.

"As individuals, we will play in golf tournaments and just focus on trying to get better so that we can compete better with Morningside next season," Kern said.

The national tournament will begin on May 18 in Silvis, Illinois.

Track and Field prepares for nationals

Track team has final few meets of the season

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Doane Track and Field took a small group of athletes to the Bronco Last Chance meet in Hastings on May 8.

The second chance meet was a meet de-

signed to give GPAC athletes one last go at qualifying for nationals if they were unable to do so during the conference meet held a few weeks ago.

Senior Richard Dover won the discus with his throw of 51.49m, placing him third in the NAIA rankings.

Senior Matthew Campbell placed second in the hammer throw with his toss of 58.41m. He was also able to meet the NAIA automatic standard in the shot put with his throw of

16.32m.

Junior Luke Urbonavicius was able to meet the NAIA automatic standard with his season-best throw of 53.36m.

Freshman Connor Floyd won the pole vault with his clearance of 4.95m. His mark also won him the event at the meet and met the NAIA automatic standard.

Junior Mason Krause won the javelin with his throw of 53.63m.

On the Women's side, senior Allison Skala took second in the shot put with a throw of 13.40m,

good for a provisional standard.

Freshman Madison Sutton added the two final provisional marks in the discus and hammer throw, posting marks of 43.73m and 49.87m respectively.

The final meet scheduled for the team is on May 14, another second chance meet that will be held at Concordia University. Athletes who have qualified for nationals will compete in Gulf Shores, Alabama, from May 26 to 28.

Athlete of the Week



Talon Little
Baseball

set the single-season home run record with 15 home runs



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