

the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Goodbyes can be hard but new beginnings are exciting! See more orientation photos on page 4.

Changes made amidst pandemic

Doane implements new safety measures

RILEY SOUCHEK
Art Editor

The Corona Virus has affected all lives, including the lives of students and staff on Doane University's Crete campus.

Many guidelines have been put in place to keep everyone safe during these times. The library has made many changes to better suit the well-being of students.

The library entrance will now be through the 24/7 lab and everyone will need their ID in order to enter. From now on, if you need help from Tiger Tech, the Writing Center or a librarian, you will need to make an appointment online ahead of time.

The study rooms, as well as the lower level of the Learning Commons, are now closed. On the main level of the Learning Commons, you will not be allowed to move furniture around in order to gather for group work because social distancing is still in order. Food or drink will not be allowed, but water bottles are permitted as long as you keep your mask on except to drink.

The athletic facilities have put many guidelines in place for athletes, as well as anyone else who intends to work out.

Masks will be required in the athletic training room and the locker room. However, masks are not required for students when they are at practice, games and competitions, weight rooms and the fitness center at this point.

There are also new requirements from the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).

There will be daily screenings for all of the athletes. An app called Campus Clear will soon be available for athletes to do daily screenings, along with an infrared camera.

"Please make wise choices. The health and safety of our community depends on it."

JACQUE CARTER
DOANE UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT

The Doane Safety Office hasn't changed their operations except for a small number of minor adjustments. They are only letting certain people into buildings in order to decrease the amount of people in certain areas. The staff of Doane Safety will also be wearing masks at all times.

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- 10am-9pm, Monday - Thursday
- 10am - 5pm, Friday
- Closed daily 3pm - 4pm
- Closed. Saturday & Sunday

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- 6pm - 10pm (fitness center and weight room available)
- Saturday: 9am - 1pm (fitness center and weight room available)
- Sunday: 2pm - 10pm (fitness center and weight room available)

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Alumni returns to teach

JOHN CELESKY
Managing Editor

Doane alumnus Tanner Boesiger is on campus once again. The 2018 Doane graduate accepted an adjunct position to teach ART 107 Two Dimension Design (2D Design) in Doane's Art Department.

After working as the creative director at a small local startup, Boesiger saw an opening for an adjunct professor.

"I reached out to my mentor who is the graphic design professor, Meghan Gaul, and she said, 'Just go ahead and apply and we'll get you through the process,'" Boesiger said. "It was kind of a shock, I assumed I wasn't gonna get it but with the amount of professional experience I had it was enough to get my foot in the door."

After going through the hiring process, Boesiger was offered the position.

Upon graduating from Doane, Boesiger originally wanted out of Nebraska. The Nebraska native wanted to get out of his comfort zone and challenge himself.

"After I applied to 50 or 60 applications outside of Nebraska and got no job offers," Boesiger said, "I was mainly trying to get into a graphic design agency or marketing agency."

After Boesiger's wife, Annie, got a job teaching



Courtesy photo | Tanner Boesiger

2018 Doane graduate is one of the newest adjunct professors employed at Doane.

in the state, they ended up staying in Nebraska and bought a house.

While at Doane, Boesiger did freelance work starting his freshman or sophomore year. He would do favors for friends or logo work for local brands and businesses. He also started his own business, Boesiger Design Company.

"Ever since then I have enjoyed the freelance life," Boesiger said. "When you get a creative project, especially when it's representing someone visually, you really have to learn who they are and have a very intimate conversation."

Connections, relationships and creating are things that Boesiger is extremely passionate about. Being an extrovert and artist, the fields of graphic design and art were no brainers for Boesiger.

In the classroom, Boesiger is most looking forward to the absence of technology.

"I am so stoked to not be on a computer," Boesiger said.

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Theatre adjusts season

SARAH DALY
Multimedia
Coordinator

In an industry that relies on an audience, theatre-makers at Doane are adjusting their season to keep those involved safe.

Instead of a typical show performed in the Lee Whitcomb Conservatory, the theatre department is looking into other options. The possibility of an outdoor performance is in the works as well as a virtual performance. The two fall semester shows to be performed are "(dis)connection" (working title) and "WWZ."

Sophomore Nicole Carragher, an English Language Arts Education major and active member of the Theatre Department, shared her thoughts about being back at Doane and the new style of theatre. Carragher was excited to be around the people in her department after their time got cut short in the spring.

"I feel like it will be a challenge this semester if we get to do stuff but I think it will definitely be interesting. It will be an excuse to try different things and kind of expand our skill sets and flexibility," said Carragher.

Knowing that the current theatre climate will go down in history, Nicole was quick to admit that flexibility was a skill all actors and actresses are refining this season.

"This really hammered home that nothing is guaranteed," said Carragher.

Looking on the brighter side, Carragher's biggest gain so far is "mostly a deeper appreciation for what we are able to do, when we're able to do it again."

Auditions for the fall shows will occur on Wednesday, August 19 from 7-10 pm in the Con. If you are interested in auditioning, please prepare a one-minute monologue. To sign up for an audition time, look for a sign-up sheet in the main level hallway of the Con.

U.S. Census continues despite COVID-19

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Managing Editor

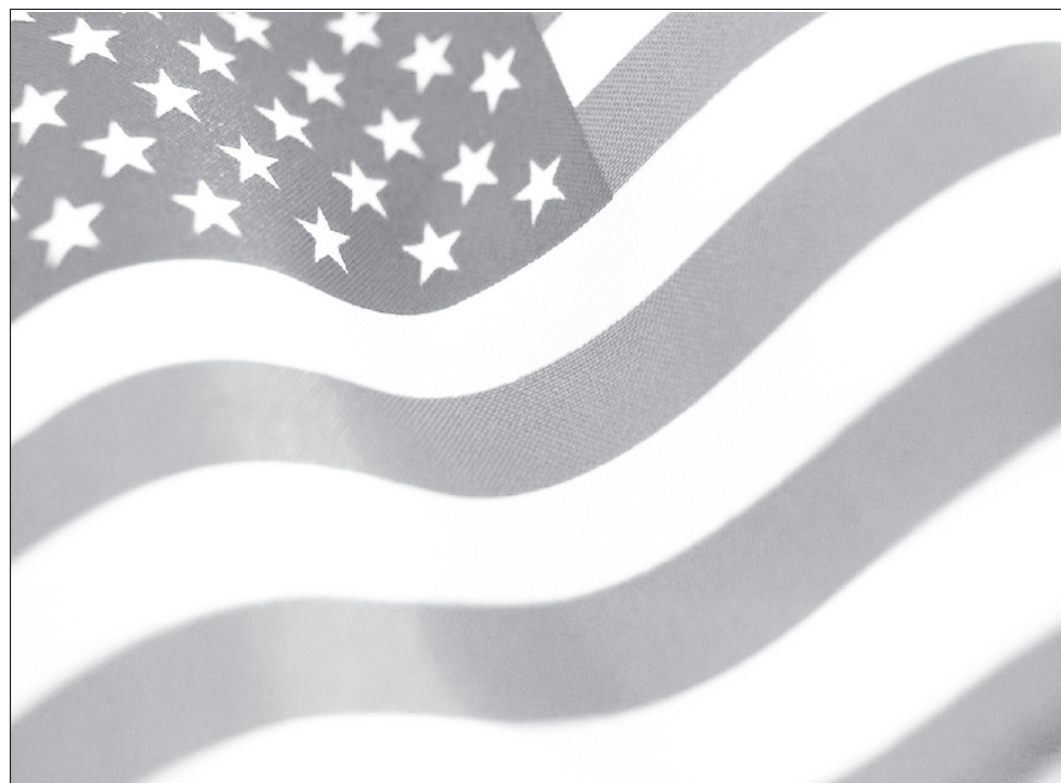
The presence of Coronavirus in America has not halted the 2020 Census. Mail-in responses and online responses are still being collected.

According to the United States Census Bureau website "The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the United States and its five territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands)."

Americans should be counted in the census according to where they would normally be living on the date of April 1, 2020. For residential college students, this means they would be counted at the university or institution they were living at before COVID-19 impacted residency.

"Please note that if someone was staying with you temporarily on April 1 due to the COVID-19 situation, they should be counted where they usually live," the United States Census Bureau website said. "This includes college students, who should still be counted at school, even if they are home early because of the COVID-19 situation. If they live in student housing, the college will count them. If they live off campus, they should complete the census for their off-campus address and include any roommates or other people living there."

The website offers a user-friendly guide for those with concerns or who are confused about how to be counted. Responses can be submitted online, over the phone or through the mail.



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Since 1790, the United States has conducted a census to count the population of the country every ten years.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST

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8/19



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LOW: 62

THURSDAY
8/20



HIGH: 84
LOW: 64

FRIDAY
8/21



HIGH: 87
LOW: 64

SATURDAY
8/22



HIGH: 89
LOW: 64

SUNDAY
8/23



HIGH: 87
LOW: 62

MONDAY
8/24



HIGH: 85
LOW: 64

TUESDAY
8/25



HIGH: 84
LOW: 62

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.



Printer's Cabinet

Courtesy photo | Tanner Boesiger

BOESIGER | FROM PAGE 1

The simplicity of the course offers a unique opportunity for creators to be weighed down by choices and options.

"The less decisions you have to make, the more creative the process can be," Boesiger said. "It's literally just black sharpie and paper. That's badass. I'm very into the idea of simplifying it and finding out what makes 2D design functional and beautiful."

Boesiger will teach two sections of the course in-person with about nine students in each class. Each student will have their own workspace that will be disinfected after each use. This course will also fulfill the Human Creativity portion of the FAK.

Boesiger is excited for students to be engaged in their work and give what they wish to receive.

"If you're not putting in the work, what's coming out?" Boesiger said. "If you come in with the understanding of 'if I put in a lot of work, I'm gonna come out with a lot of results,' you're setting yourself up to push through those places where you can't find motivation. You just keep on grinding."

Boesiger is extremely excited to be back at his alma mater and is looking forward to helping other members of the Doane community have the same great experience that he had.



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"Take Your Time"



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"Music on my Mind" Screen Print

Write for the Doane Owl

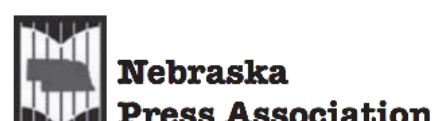
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Greek Life searching for long-term director

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

When Greek Life was left without a director after the departure of Phil Foster, former Greek Life Representative Sarah Begay was happy to help out until a long-term replacement could be hired.

Begay, Associate Director of the College to Career Center and Doane alum, was once in a Greek organization herself during her time as a student at Doane.

Being involved in the Greek system at Doane since 1992, Begay has always had an admiration for the "unique system" at Doane where students have an opportunity to "develop relationships that they get to take with them."

Begay was asked to be Greek Life Interim Director because she worked in the same division as Phil Foster, who went on to pursue other opportunities. However, she expects that she will not be holding this position for more than

a few months as the search committee is actively seeking a candidate to hire full-time.

While she does hold this position, her main responsibility is to act as a resource for Greek students. This may include anything from clarification of current policies or getting students a key to storage.

Right now, Begay finds that many Greek Life students are trying to be "proactive" with the current pandemic situation and prepare for the future when the hold on extracurriculars is lifted. She answers many questions that Greek Life students have regarding the current situation through email.

In addition to acting as a resource for Greek Life students, Begay is still holding her position as College to Career Center Associate Director.

"When you work at Doane, you wear many different hats," Begay said.

To Begay, acting as Interim Greek Life Director

is another "hat" that she wears to help out an organization that is "a vital part of student engagement."

She spends most of her time as a contact for students looking into career planning and establishing future goals, when not being a resource for Greek Life students.

Looking through the lens of working in the College to Career Center, Begay sees a lot of positives that come with being involved in Greek Life. She sees connections that students make, responsibilities that they have and life experiences that they get. This is why she believes it is important for students to have someone take this position until they find a long-term replacement.

While she likes getting the opportunity to take on different roles, she looks forward to Greek Life having a long-term director who can put in all of their time and dedication toward such a "pivotal group."



Courtesy Photo | Sarah Begay

Class of 2020 commencement announced

MEAGHAN STOUT
Editor-in-Chief

The class of 2020 will have its commencement ceremony on Sept. 20 on the Al Papik field

The class of 2020 has not yet had its commencement ceremony as the event was originally scheduled for May but due to COVID-19, the event was postponed and then canceled altogether.

The class of 2020 was invited to join the Winter Commencement ceremony or the Class of 2021 ceremony next Spring. Eventually, the class was given a separate ceremony to be postponed until late Sept..

2020 graduate Gabby Contreras previously said in an interview in May that the commencement ceremony would not be the same if it is not held in Cassel Theatre.

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"A huge part of the Doane experience is starting off in Cassel Theatre with the candlelight ceremony as freshmen and walking across the stage in Cassel to receive our diplomas as seniors," Contreras said.

Gabby Contreras '20 Graduate

The class has received their own day for commencement; however, it will not be held in Cassel Theatre due to social distancing protocol. Instead, they will have the ceremony on the Al Papik field.

According to an email



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sent by the Registrar's office, over 200 graduates have RSVP'd for this event. The graduate ceremony and the undergraduate ceremony will be separated by a few hours.

Undergrads from the

Crete campus will start their ceremony at 10 in the morning. Graduate and undergraduate students from Lincoln and Omaha campuses or online will start their ceremony at 1 in the afternoon.

Graduating students will be seated on the field and allowed only four guests.

The ceremony will begin with an invocation and welcome. There will be a commencement address

by a graduate. Students will then walk across the stage to pick up their degree cover. The ceremony will end with the Doane Hymn and the benediction.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between July 29 and Aug. 29 include:

- 7/30 Fire False Alarm - Whitcomb Lee Conservatory
- 7/30 Fire - Whitcomb Lee Conservatory
- 7/31 Disturbance - Lincoln Campus
- 8/04 Trespassing - Crete: Simon Field
- 8/04 Trespassing - Crete: The Den
- 8/06 Trespassing - Crete: The Den
- 8/08 Larceny/Theft - Crete: Haddix Center
- 8/11 Trespassing - Crete: The Den
- 8/16 Disturbance - Crete: Haddix Center
- 8/23 Disturbance - Crete: Dining Hall
- 8/25 Disturbance - Crete: Other
- 8/26 Trespassing - Crete: Simon Field
- 8/27 Motor Vehicle: Hit and Run - Crete: Parking Lot M
- 8/27 Trespassing - Crete: The Den



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Incoming students gathered for their candlelight ceremony on August 13 in the Cassel Open

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Abrianna Miller
News Editor

The Doane University freshman class joined campus on August 13 to begin the orientation process. Orientation looked a bit different this year as a result of COVID-19 but students still had the opportunity to become more familiar with the campus.

Initially, freshman Anna Harveson thought Doane was too small but freshman Riley Rice said after she “talked to more faculty and stuff I knew it was the place for me.”

Sami Mohamed Ruwayd, a freshman, saw Doane as a “good opportunity to play soccer” and after meeting the coaches, he decided Doane was the perfect opportunity for him. Activities played at orientation had to honor social distancing guidelines this year; a hurdle that organizers had to abruptly conform to. Nevertheless, Rice enjoyed the scavenger hunt and other games on Thursday.

Harveson also said she thought the scavenger hunt was one of the most memorable events at orientation. Ruwayd was not able to attend the scavenger hunt, but he said he has thoroughly



Photo by Sarah Daly | The Do-

enjoyed “meeting different people,” even getting to know people from his hometown.

Freshman Ezra Moyer said he thought “the people are really nice and friendly and chill” at Doane, even describing his orientation leaders as being very engaging with “a lot of energy, for sure.”

Harveson and Rice found their respective group leader as supportive and engaging as well. Ruwayd said his leaders had “good vibes” and he felt very welcomed by everyone on campus.

When asked if the students had learned everything they need to know about campus, Moyer said “I feel like I haven’t learned very much; I already knew a lot because I’m from [Crete].”

Harveson acknowledged that “a lot of it just comes with experience” and is excited to begin the school year. She, along with Rice and Ruwayd, felt well prepared for the term but recognized that much of their learning will have to materialize through experience.



Photo by Sarah Daly | The Do-

New students were busy moving into Frees and the other residence halls all throughout the past week.



Courtesy photo | Crete

Students were seen bringing all of their belongings into their new homes for the year.



Photo by Josh Bundy | The Do-

Senior orientation leader Quinn Martin poses for a picture during the tiger scavenger hunt.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Check in on the special Gemini in your life Aquarius, you never fully know the struggles of another if you always focus on yours.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Take a walk and escape from the world for a bit Pisces. You’d be amazed at what you’ll discover.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Take a break from the caffeine Aries. Drink a water and take on the day head first.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Karma may find you sooner than you expect Taurus. Take some time to right some wrongs this week.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Past burdens weigh you down NO MORE Gemini! A sweet surprise is just around the corner, go find it!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Summer came and went in the blink of an eye Cancer. Relive those memories and don’t take those experiences for granted!

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You’ve had a rough time lately Leo, but it’s not too late to find the light in each storm.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Take a step back and think before doing this week Aquarius. Others’ emotions may be at stake.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): You don’t always need to take charge Libra. We appreciate the spunk but you’ll never know someone else’s strengths if they don’t have a chance to sign.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): A rough day doesn’t mean a rough week Scorpio. Take some time for you and keep moving forward.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Take responsibilities seriously this week Sagittarius, but always keep in touch with what really matters.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): You’re not the only one on this beautiful blue marble Capricorn. Take some time to listen to others’ views this week.

Entering a COVID economy

Recent Doane Alumni adapt to a new life amidst COVID-19

SALEM KESSLER
Life & Culture Editor

COVID-19 has changed the way that people across the world live their daily lives.

Along with new additions such as wearing a mask or social distancing, many people have also lost things. Unemployment rates in the United States rose to 13 percent this May, although in April of this year, they reached an all-time high of 14.4 percent.

Among those struggling to find a job in our new normal sits the Doane University class of 2020 who graduated this past May.

Because of COVID-19 and the evacuation of our campus before the semester ended, many seniors lost out on opportunities that most are able to experience, including their commencement ceremony which was postponed to September of this year.

Lydia James is one of the many seniors who has been affected by COVID-19 in a plethora of ways. James graduated this year with a major in German and a minor in Psychology. She planned on going into a job where she could utilize her psychology minor until she

was able to get into graduate school.

“You have to give and take at this point,” James said when talking about trying to get into a new workspace.

This summer, James originally planned to work at Boys Town as a counselor for youth; however, because of COVID, the camp was shut down for the remainder of the season. Although these plans have fallen through, James is hopeful that she will be able to utilize the degrees she holds in future jobs.

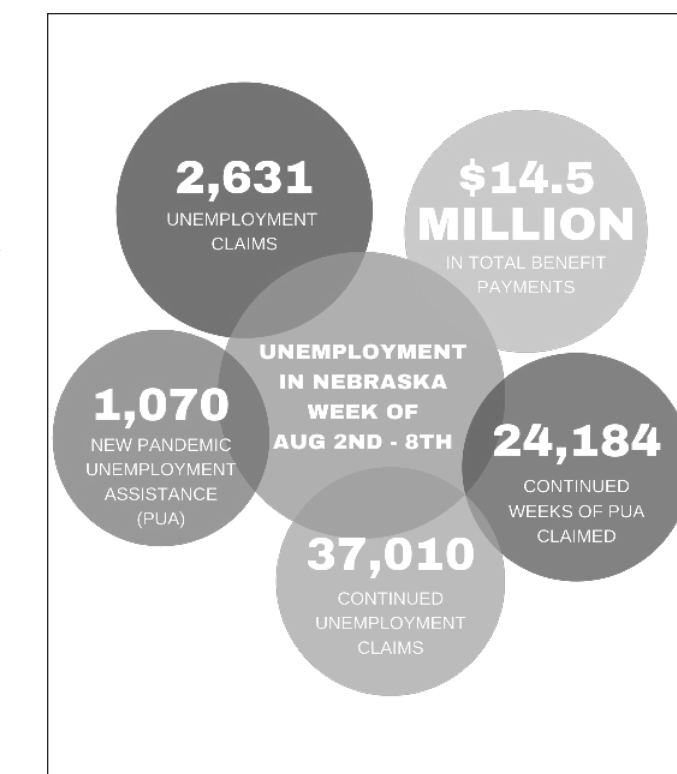
“Never stop looking for jobs and don’t feel bad for doing a part-time job. It was so easy to forget I was graduating during a pandemic; the fact that we can be here at Doane is so special,” James said.

Another graduate, Hannah Loos, is working as a teacher this upcoming school year. Loos graduated this past May with a double major in Education and Vocal Performance. She is working as an elementary teacher in Fremont schools this fall, which she said she feels incredibly grateful for.

“I am very lucky that my career choice was one that worked out for me during a global pandemic,” Loos said when asked about how COVID has affected her personal goals.

For Loos, finding a job wasn’t the most difficult part- trying to get her license paperwork completed in time for the beginning of school was.

Similarly to James, Loos



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said she believes that being a Doane alumni has been extremely helpful in the process of entering the workspace.

“Doane’s education program is very highly regarded by many of the surrounding districts...the education program does a great job of preparing their grads for the workforce,” Loos said.

Loos is hopeful for the future in regards to her own life and the school districts she is working in. She said she sees grace and love between her students, something she believes we can all implement in our lives.

Although life on campus has changed and our se-

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Lydia James
Alumna

niors have left to start their next chapter, we can work to grant each other and ourselves more kindness.

Tiger Timeout

The answers to this week’s Tiger Timeout will be in next week’s issue

The answers to the March issue’s Tiger Timeout

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Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down included cartoonist.

- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Swartz retires, continues to be mentor

David Swartzlander has retired after 22 years of working with Doane Student Media. Swartz, as his students and colleagues know him, has been a great mentor to many students. He has been especially great following his retirement, continuing to help the Owl newspaper and

Doaneline staff. Since his retirement in May, he has continued to send helpful tips and offer advice when needed, despite no longer being paid for it. He has proven time and time again how much he cares for this paper and its staff. There will never be a true

replacement for David Swartzlander and his commitment to the success of his students. Swartz, you may no longer be our advisor, but you will always be our role model and mentor in media and in life. We thank you for your everlasting dedication to us and the news. We truly hope your

retirement is filled with new adventure and relaxation. If there are no more questions, complaints, concerns, criticism, quibbles, quips, queries quotes, quandaries or qualms, the Owl staff would like to officially say thank you and congrats on your retirement.

- LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

Good luck to new Owl staff

Dear 2020-21 Owl Staff,

Congratulations on your new roles! You are tasked with a very important job on campus and I am grateful for each of you for taking on the responsibility.

You have an important job of informing the Doane community on what is going on around them. The good and the bad. The features on the cool things students and faculty are doing. Keep your eyes and ears open - stories are everywhere.

Through my final mission of celebrating our beloved retired advisor, David Swartzlander, (who you will hear

plenty of stories about) there is one important thing I learned and want to share with you - the Owl is a family.

There will be times you won't agree. There will be times where you are stressed. There will be times that you question your ability. But you have these people, working in the basement of Gaylord, that are there for you. Turn to each other for advice and help.

You also have alumni that are here to support you. Mentors are important. Reach out to alumni or your advisor to learn. They have a lot they are willing to share with you whether its tips and tricks, how to handle certain stories or just reassurance.

Take pride in your work. I know many of you do not have experience, but take the opportunity to soak up everything you are about to learn - journalism can be used in every career.

I know things have changed a lot even since last year, but I know the paper is in good hands.

Goodluck this year! Enjoy this experience, because it's one you won't ever forget.

Best,
Caitlyn Nelson
2019-20 Doane Owl Editor-in-Chief

The concern of a student athlete

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

With COVID-19 continuing to be an extremely present threat to students at Doane, student-athletes are even more at risk with their responsibilities and schedules.

We cannot go to class and go back to our rooms for the rest of the day to stay away from others. We have responsibilities, such as being at practices and working in close proximity with our teammates.

The risks that student-athletes are taking to play the sports they love are exceptionally high. There is a large risk of showing up to practice daily.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC)

is one of only a handful of conferences to not completely postpone their fall sports seasons to the spring, and as an athlete, you begin to wonder why the GPAC is not following the lead of other conferences.

Being a soccer player, some of our games have already been rescheduled for the spring, with championships also being rescheduled for that time.

It's likely that every athlete at Doane wants to play and compete, but is it worth the additional risk that we are taking compared to those not in athletics?

Being on a team, you have to have an obscene amount of trust in your teammates to be confident enough to show up to practice every day. You have to believe that

they haven't been out partying or hanging out with other people. There has to be belief that they have been wearing a mask at all times and they have been properly socially distancing.

Even with that, this virus is contagious enough that some cases can be the result of a freak incident, where social distancing was being followed and masks were being worn.

Every athlete at Doane is likely here fulfilling a childhood dream to continue playing the sport they love at the highest level but is that sport worth risking your life for?

Doane is clearly trying to allow athletes to play and keep them safe at the same time but with so many variables, it seems like there

aren't enough protocols in place to keep their students safe. How can we, as students, be comfortable showing up to practices, taking our masks off and playing while not knowing if we are truly safe? After all, even people who have this virus might not know they are infected.

I know that I would be much more comfortable playing if I knew that no athletes on my team had this virus. Why doesn't Doane implement mandatory COVID-19 testing for all of its students?

At the end of the day, one question remains for all students: Is being at Doane, whether participating in sports or not, worth the risk to your health and safety?

Minority Voices

The Doane Student Media team is proud to present our new section within our paper and our website, Doaneline, dedicated to hearing the voices of our minority students.

If you are interested in sending in your thoughts for this section, please send an email to meaghan.stout@doane.edu or to owl@doane.edu with the subject title "Minority Voice."

We want to hear from all of our students! If you do not want to be included in this section, feel free to send us a "Letter to the Editor" to the previously stated email addresses.

Make a difference, know your power

SARAH DALY
Multimedia Coordinator

In today's news world, stories are written to engage and make themselves resonate with younger audiences---TikTok Ban, Black Lives Matter protests, etc. What you may not find is the power that every young American has: voting.

According to the Campus Vote Project, Millennials and Gen Z will make up most of the eligible voters in the 2020 election. However, a rising issue is the lack of voter turn-out for these age groups. We literally have the power to determine the 2020 Presidential Election in our hands. Yet, why are young Americans, specifically college students, not

making it to the polls?

Mail-in ballots, or absentee ballots, are the key to getting college students to vote. The absentee ballot process was not well-explained to me, and I can imagine that many students may feel the same. When it comes to out-of-state students, absentee ballots are the only way they are able to voice their opinions.

In our current times, traveling or flying home to vote is not recommended. Luckily, you can request a Nebraska absentee ballot online at Vote.org. A simple Google search can also reveal resources for other states. Vote.org takes approximately three minutes to complete, and then you are on your way to chang-

ing the future.

Vote.org offers non-partisan resources and information for every state. You can also check your voter registration status, register to vote and fill out the 2020 census.

In the voting process, there are some key dates to remember. Oct 23, 2020 is the last day to request an absentee ballot in Nebraska and Nov 3, 2020 is Election Day. Please search for the specifics in your state. When requesting an absentee ballot, please make sure you are allowing enough time for shipping.

We have a responsibility as young, educated Americans to voice our opinions. Vote.

Have ideas for stories? See something on campus and want more information? Have a unique story to share? Share it with The Doane Owl! contact meaghan.stout@doane.edu

Welcome to Doane, freshman class

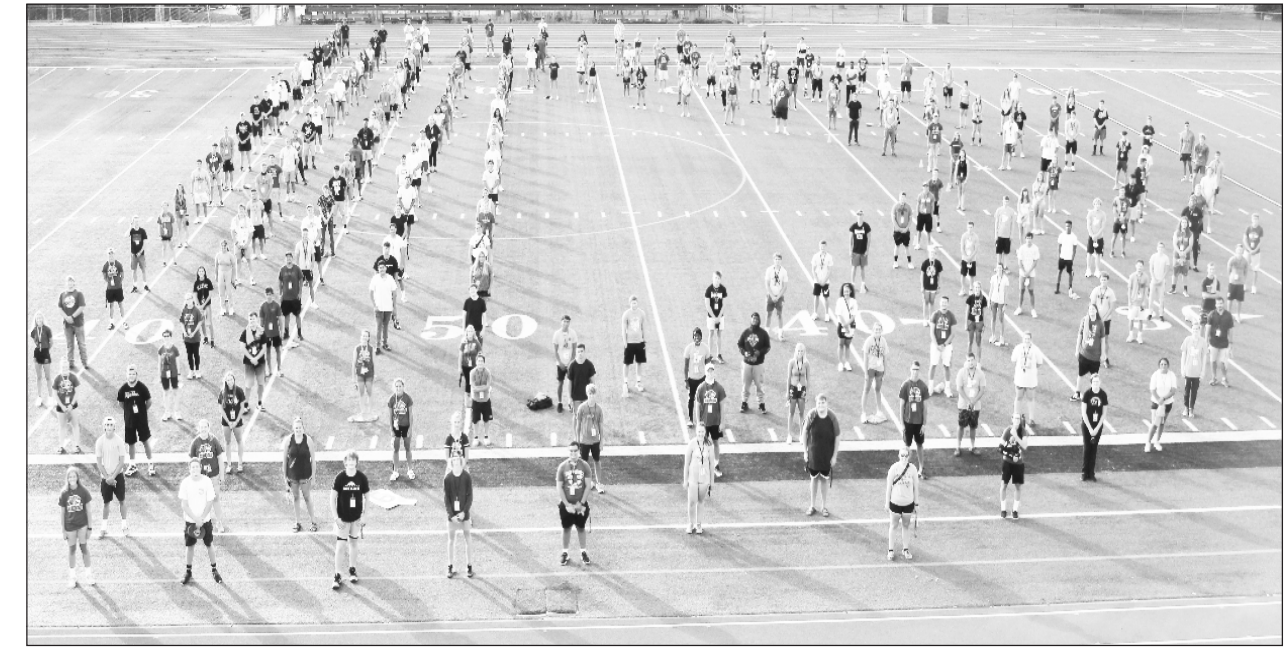
JOHN CELESKY
Managing Editor

Dear New Students of the 2020-2021 academic year,

Welcome to Doane! My name is John Celesky and I am the Managing Editor for the Doane Owl. I hope your orientation activities went as well as possible and that you are making new connections and memories.

When I came to my orientation in 2018 I had two friends here before I met anyone else; my roommate and my best friend from high school. In high school, I didn't have a lot of friends so coming to college gave me an opportunity for a new start. I made it my goal to make as many connections in the first week as possible.

I started this by challenging myself to eat at least one meal a day with someone new. This was actually extremely fun and I met a lot of people I otherwise would



Incoming freshman organize themselves into a 'D' shape to represent Doane. Photo by Caitlyn Nelson | Crete News

not have. I am still friends with most of those individuals today.

Another way I made connections was by going to as many campus provided events that I could. Play fair, concerts, hypnotists, comedians, etc. These may

not have always sounded fun before going, but once I was there it was almost always more enjoyable than I thought it would be.

This year poses an interesting obstacle to making connections in the ways that I did. This is such a

unique opportunity to harbor social skills with a fraction of the in-person interactions that we are used to.

I am extremely extroverted so quarantining was difficult for me. I did, however, find a few tips and tricks to get through it and continue

making connections safely.

First of all, schedule regular Facetime, Zoom or phone calls with friends and family. I prefer Facetime or Zoom so that I can see the other person and make that connection.

Secondly, outdoor activ-

ities. Grab a basket, some food and a blanket and enjoy the beautiful weather with a picnic! Or keep some space with a friend and take a walk around the campus or the Crete community.

Keep an eye on your Doane email for activities sponsored by Doane. Zoom events and outdoor activities will all be within safety guidelines!

Another good connection with yourself. Take a walk by yourself, keep a journal or treat yourself to some online retail therapy. A lot is changing in your life, it is important to validate your emotions and your experiences.

Take it all in, make mistakes, make connections, make memories and above all be safe!

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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...

Doane Student Media wants to hear your thoughts on current Doane news, events, and more!

Stay involved by sending us a "Letter to the Editor" or submitting your writing to our new "Minority Voices" section that will be located on our newspaper and our website.

Email meaghan.stout@doane.edu for more information.

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Putting student-athlete safety

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

With COVID-19 in full swing, Doane faces the difficult task of keeping athletes safe while attempting to carry through the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) season.

At the forefront of this job are the coaches whose athletes play in the fall.

Cross Country Coach Brad Jenny says that his teams (both men's and women's) are in a sport where it is easier to follow the necessary precautions.

"There are many things that make cross country a relatively safe sport this fall. Small team size, we are outside and it's easy to keep distance. We are going to take all precautions that we can take to keep the team safe while at practice and encourage them to do what they can outside of practice as well," Jenny said.

Jennifer Kennedy-Croft, head coach of the women's soccer team, is confident that the guidelines set forth by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

(NAIA) are enough to keep her team safe.

Jenny spoke about the possibility of the season being postponed, saying that his teams would be able to revert back to their summer plans and stay fit that way.

"If we are not allowed to continue in person then we will go back to the individual virtual training that we have been doing. This group enjoys running and pushing themselves. They would love to compete but if that is not possible they know they can still test themselves through their running," Jenny said.

Kennedy-Croft mentioned the additional safety measures the team is taking to ensure the student-athletes remain safe.

"We screen our athletes daily and that includes a temperature check. We report our screenings to the NAIA daily. We wash our training vests daily and the players bring their own water bottles to training. I wear a mask while coaching unless I am far enough away from the players to talk without it," Kennedy-Croft

said.

Jenny echoed the fact that some daily habits were being changed in order to better protect the student-athletes.

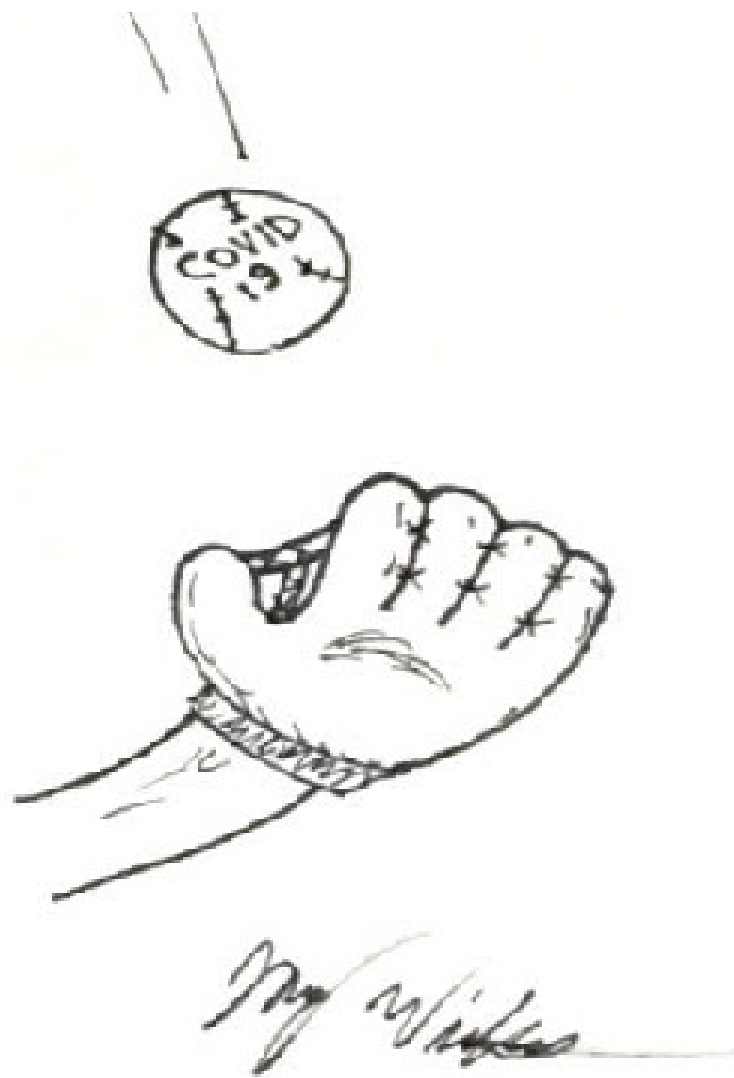
"[It's] Mainly around the congregating in certain areas. We will also have separate start times for the men and women to avoid congestion," Jenny said.

According to a statement from the GPAC Council of Presidents released on July 21,

"The health and well-being of student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and communities in the GPAC is our top priority. The GPAC is taking all necessary actions to help our campuses and communities address this public health crisis. We remain committed to providing a positive and safe experience for our GPAC student-athletes."

Both the men's and women's Cross Country teams will begin their seasons on Sept 12 in Hastings at the Bronco Stampede Meet.

Women's soccer opens up their season on Sept 5 in Bellevue against Bellevue



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Volleyball, Softball get coaching

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

Doane's Volleyball and Softball teams are looking to build off of underwhelming seasons with the hiring of new head coaches.

The Volleyball team will be led by Coach Jenna Jones, while the Softball team will be taken over by Coach Jordan Olson.

The Volleyball team went 17-13 overall last season, going 8-8 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

Jones was previously an assistant coach at Nebraska Wesleyan, where she spent the last three years in the program. When asked about why she chose Doane, it was a combination of many things, including the similar skill level, the ability to keep her family in the same place and the hospitality of Doane's staff.

"Both communities have been supportive and very nice as far as working with me and things like that. As far as Volleyball, it's a pretty similar level of volleyball, so I thought it was an easy transition as far as who I'm working with," Jones said.

Jones wants to turn her team into competitors, which she believes will make them a better team.

"Overall, as far as the team and the success of it,



Courtesy photo | Doane

Coach Jenna Jones will look to improve on Volleyball's 17-13 record from last season.



Courtesy photo | Davis & Elkins College

Softball's new coach Jordan Olson will look to take charge of the team as an ex-player who knows the program well.

we want to compete. We want to be playing good volleyball and we want to be competing with some of the top teams in our conference," Jones said.

Olson was previously the head softball coach at Davis & Elkins College, a Division II school in West Virginia. Prior to that, Olson was the Graduate Assistant coach at Doane from 2013 until 2016.

Olson said she enjoyed her time at Davis and Elkins

but felt that Doane was still her home.

"Doane feels like home. The administration is welcoming, the facilities are amazing and it just feels right to be back here," Olson said.

She is looking to improve on the 7-15 overall record the team had prior to the cancellation of spring sports.

"My biggest goal for the fall as their new leader is to get them all on the same

page and make a smooth transition while implementing my system. This is going to start with our culture and developing a good line of communication and consistency," Olson said.

Olson also cited the struggle that the team had in finishing games and getting those close wins. She said she believes that if the team is on the same page, they can turn some of those losses into wins.

"I want to build on the

things that they did well, not trying to change too much, but also want to help implement an efficient system that will allow them to finish games with a W," Olson said.

When looking at the impact of COVID-19 on her upcoming season, Jones said it benefits her to be a new coach in this situation.

"It almost benefits me because a lot of other coaches are new to this thing as well, so it's not just me getting

dumped on. Everybody else around me is having to relearn things as well, so that's helped as far as learning everything," Jones said.

Both coaches emphasized the importance of keeping their teams and themselves safe through the practicing of social distancing with masks.

"It's a lot of trust and a lot of reminding. We have to tell our girls to wear a mask, sanitize and be smart. We know that they want to have that college normalcy by hanging out with friends and eating in the lunchroom but at the same time, what you do doesn't just affect you. It affects the whole team, the coaches and any other schools we're trying to play," Jones said.

"Being that I am new to the roster of 32 it is crucial that as a coaching staff, we find innovative ways to practice social distance and keep our athletes safe but also put them in situations to learn and develop in practice," Olson said.

Despite the ever present threat of COVID-19 bringing a halt to all practices and games, both coaches are confident in their teams' abilities to stay safe and look out for each other.

Volleyball will begin their season on Sept 5th at home against Morningside, while Softball will be waiting until

Football players react to Lincoln's cancelled

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N_o Football

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The fall season is typically marked by the beginning of the football season but this year will look much different. After releasing their fall sports schedule, the University of Nebraska decided to cancel all fall sports to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Doane seniors Wyatt Bodfield and Riley Heithoff expressed concerns over other universities in the state following UNL's lead and canceling their football seasons as well.

Bodfield said, "I think they should have at least just gave it a try before just canceling it altogether."

Heithoff was not surprised when he heard the news but stated that "it's now up to the people" to

decide whether or not to attend football games.

Both students mentioned the financial components that will hit the city of Lincoln without revenue from football games.

Canceling the football season is unprecedented in UNL's history because of "how important football is to the state and especially the city of Lincoln," Bodfield said.

Heithoff and Bodfield both mentioned that the influence of other schools canceling most likely had a significant impact on UNL's resolution.

In regard to UNL's cancellation, Matt Franzen, Doane University's Athletic Director, said, "It surprised me as late as it happened."

Franzen expected a decision months ago, and once the football schedule was released, he did not think it

would immediately be retracted.

All fall sports were canceled for UNL and Franzen suspected that "... the Big 10 had to make a decision; either we're all in and we're going to move forward or we're going to be all out."

After several schools began sports practices, large numbers of student-athletes tested positive for COVID-19, including football players. This took many of the teams' best players out of the game, a devastating hit for many who struggled with high numbers to begin with.

Doane's football season is still planned to continue because Franzen feels that "...we have a good plan that we've worked with our league and our local health-care professionals [on]."

If any player tests positive for COVID-19, Franzen

says the athletic department is requiring that student to do a regular two-week quarantine, an additional 14 days of being asymptomatic and to be cleared by a cardiologist before being allowed to play again.

Franzen feels the pressure of Doane being one of few schools in the state that is continuing to hold their fall sports but said, "I don't fault any of the administrators for the decisions they're making because we've had a lot of tough decisions to make too."

He believes Doane has a safe and appropriate plan in place that will keep all players and spectators safe this fall. He recognizes that it may not work as it should but he is ensuring that any developments to the existing plan will be made in the best interest of players and their health.