

# the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Doane's Black Student Alliance held a rally at Cassel Open Air Theater. See Page 2 for more.

## StuCo searches for members

Student Congress searches for three new senators to fill vacant positions

**SARAH DALY**  
Multimedia Coordinator

Doane University's Student Congress is looking for three students to fill vacant senator spots. Earlier this semester, freshman senator spots were filled, and now the group is looking for students of sophomore, junior and senior standing.

Students were instructed to submit their interest in becoming a senator by Thursday, Oct. 8 by 8 PM. From there, students will campaign online or in-person, and voting will take place online from Thursday, Oct. 15 through Saturday, Oct. 17.

Student Congress con-



Courtesy photo | Haley Miller

Student Congress is comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 13 senators. StuCo is currently looking to fill 3 senator positions. Applications are due by Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Any students who are interested can contact Haley Miller or look at the Student Congress website.

sists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 13 Senators. This year's Student Congress President is junior Haley Miller who has been on Student Congress for three years.

"Being a Senator is an opportunity to grow

as a leader and represent your peers. It is an honor, and students gain a lot of leadership skills through their Senator experience," Miller said.

The requirements to become and maintain a position as a Student Senator include holding a 2.5

GPA or higher, possessing an open ear to any and all students and attending all required Student Congress meetings and activities. There are also other expectations based on your specific involvement within the group.

"The time commitment is a weekly meeting, typically on Sundays for about two hours. Senators also meet with their committees at least once a week. There are also outside events they are expected to attend," Miller said.

Any questions students may have can be directed to [haley.miller@doane.edu](mailto:haley.miller@doane.edu). Students can also look at the Student Congress website at <https://stucoactivities.wixsite.com/website>.

## Winter commencement postponed

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Throughout the global pandemic, students have watched events they anticipated get ripped away. From sports seasons, to proms, to graduations; anything students have been looking forward to have been either postponed or cancelled alto-

gether. The newest thing on the chopping block: December commencement.

Due to coronavirus, December commencement, which usually takes place indoors, will not be able to take place due to health and safety concerns. Executive Vice President Paul Savory received a recommendation

from the campus Health and Wellness team to not host the event this winter.

"This December, we would have to hold an event inside-- in Haddix or the Fieldhouse," Savory said. "Having an inside event is more problematic for ensuring the safety of a large group. It does not seem too prudent to invite 1,000 or

more people to campus in the middle of December for an indoor event."

Right now, over 200 students who were going to attend the December commencement are missing out on their graduation at the end of this semester. With many important events already taken from them, those who were going to attend

are upset about yet another event being cancelled, especially one so important.

In response to a survey sent out to students about December commencement, one student said they were upset about the cancellation.

"It's disappointing. I know this is a difficult time but these are one time events in our lives."

Although this may seem like an abrupt and premature decision, the decision could not have been made later than Oct. In order to prevent students and the University from getting ready for graduation, the decision was made early.

"The reason that the decision had to be made now is because graduating students need to order caps and gowns," Savory said. "This order typically takes five to seven weeks and for graduate students, (this) can be quite expensive. We did not want students to incur the cost of buying these if we had serious doubts that we would be able to hold the event."

As of now, the plan is to have the students who

were going to graduate in Dec. to be honored at the May 2021 commencement ceremony. However, this idea is not positively received by all, as some want to be recognized with their own class.

When asked what they would like to see happen for the class of 2020, one survey response said, "Their own separate ceremony. It doesn't have to be in winter, it can be early spring next year, but I don't want to share the same day with the class of 2021."

The coronavirus has ruined a lot of special moments, but one way this can be better is to make sure graduates' accomplishments are acknowledged at the end of this semester.

"The non-residential campuses and the graduate programs have their own traditions to honor and recognize their students," Savory said. "Fellow students, faculty and staff can send a personal note, card or email to a graduate to congratulate them on their achievement."



Cartoon by Kendall Meyer | The Doane Owl

Winter commencement at Doane was recently postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Students who are set to graduate at the end of first semester will not have a ceremony for their graduation, leaving a number of students upset at the decision.

# BSA rallies with students



Photos by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl

Students attended a rally held by the Black Student Alliance on Friday afternoon. The group used the rally to help to inform students about the Black Lives Matter movement and encouraged students to recognize injustice on Doane's campus. President of the BSA group, Brandon Madison spoke about personal experiences with injustice at Doane. Students participated in chants, led by members of the BSA group.

# DULSA celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with piñatas

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated by DULSA through a piñata-making contest

JOSH BUNDY  
Managing Editor

The Doane University Latinx Student Association, known as DULSA, is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through a piñata-making contest. This contest is open to everyone who wants to compete.

DULSA has been active on campus by hosting

Doane's first Hispanic Leadership Conference this past year. They also work with the Admissions Office to help give tours and information to Spanish-speaking students and families who visit campus.

Hispanic Heritage Month ends on Oct. 15, and piñatas are due on that day. Contestants can submit their piñata through Twitter or Instagram by using #DULSAPinataContest. DULSA is also offering to provide some supplies to students who are interested in competing. These supplies include paste, tissue paper and old newspaper.

piñatas, newspaper is pasted to a balloon and left to dry overnight. After drying, the balloon is popped and tissue paper is then pasted onto the newspaper. Holes are made for a string in order to hang the piñata.

There will be three winners selected, with prizes including a twenty-five dollar Amazon gift card for first place, a fifteen dollar Amazon gift card for second place and a Doane t-shirt for third place.

A video including more in-depth instructions and required materials has been sent via email to all students from Doane's Student Programming Board (SPB). Included in this email is a link that contestants must follow to register for the contest. Once this is done, contestants can post their piñatas with the hashtag to enter their work.

In order to make these

**HALLOWEEN PIÑATA CONTEST**

Make a piñata and upload it to Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #DULSAPinataContest so we can find you. All entries must be entered by the 15th of October where we will have 3 winners. (Supplies are listed in the tutorial video and pre-made paste will be available if needed).

1st Place: \$25 Amazon Gift Card  
2nd Place: \$15 Amazon Gift Card  
3rd Place: Doane T-Shirt

Courtesy graphic | DULSA

**THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST**

**WEDNESDAY 10/14**  
HIGH: 78  
LOW: 39

**THURSDAY 10/15**  
HIGH: 57  
LOW: 33

**FRIDAY 10/16**  
HIGH: 59  
LOW: 44

**SATURDAY 10/17**  
HIGH: 59  
LOW: 44

**SUNDAY 10/18**  
HIGH: 52  
LOW: 30

**MONDAY 10/19**  
HIGH: 50  
LOW: 32

**TUESDAY 10/20**  
HIGH: 56  
LOW: 36

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

# Presidential debate disappoints

Students hope for better debates in the future

ABRIANNA MILLER  
News Editor

The first presidential debate of 2020 occurred on Sept. 29 between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden. Memes and criticisms of the debate have been circulating ever since, and Doane students are no exception.

Using a poll conducted from Oct. 6 through

**"Overall, I felt it was a waste of time if that's how the debate is going to be. Constant bickering will get us nowhere. Bring the focus back to the issues and not each other."**

Austin Miller  
Senior

Oct. 9, 25 students voiced their opinions about the debate. Based on a one-ten scale with "one" indicating "not happy at all" and "ten" indicating "extremely happy," most students fell in the middle.

Senior Austin Miller said he is slightly involved in politics, and he was not impressed by the first presidential debate.

"Overall, I felt it was a waste of time if that's how the debate is going to be. Constant bickering will get us nowhere. Bring the focus back to the issues and not each other. Every time the moderator brought up a question, the question was answered after the two candidates had their time degrading each other," Miller said.

Sophomore Claire Carpenter said she follows politics to stay informed, but "with everything else going on in life," it can be hard to stay up-to-date.

In regards to Trump's and Biden's performances, both Carpenter and Miller were unimpressed.

"I feel like no true opinions were put on the table. Most of the time when [Trump] was speaking, he was defending his actions and words instead of telling us how he stands on topics... I also feel like we didn't get many opinions from

**"I hope [the mediator] can keep them in a debate about the status of the presidency and that both men can keep their composure and actually inform Americans on what we want to know."**

Claire Carpenter  
Sophomore

Biden as he spent most of his time speaking back to Trump for the interruptions," Carpenter said.

Miller said he was not surprised by Trump's performance, but he said he was hoping for more substantial information from Biden.

"President Trump acted just as expected, immature and incoherent... [Biden] was more mature about the debate, but his ideas didn't seem realistic," Miller said.

Miller also said he is worried about changes in Biden's campaign.

"It also seems like

the status of the presidency and that both men can keep their composure and actually inform Americans on what we want to know," Carpenter said.

The second presidential debate was originally scheduled for Oct. 15 but has been cancelled since Trump contracted COVID-19. Trump has refused to participate in the debate virtually.

That leaves the third, and final, debate remaining on Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. CST which can be viewed via livestream from your preferred news network.



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# Devastation from wildfires rages on

Wildfires continue in California

ABRIANNA MILLER  
News Editor

The wildfires ravaging California have not let up over the past couple weeks.

According to the CapRadio website, there have been 8,400 fires and 31 deaths since the beginning of the year. The website also stated that over four million acres of land

have been burned.

"A return to dry and warm conditions begins Sunday as high pressure strengthens across the state," CapRadio said.

This could cause another bout of wildfires in the coming days. Dry conditions combined with warm temperatures have the potential to make grasses more susceptible to catching fire.

CapRadio also reported "breezy conditions," a further risk combined with the accompanying weather conditions.

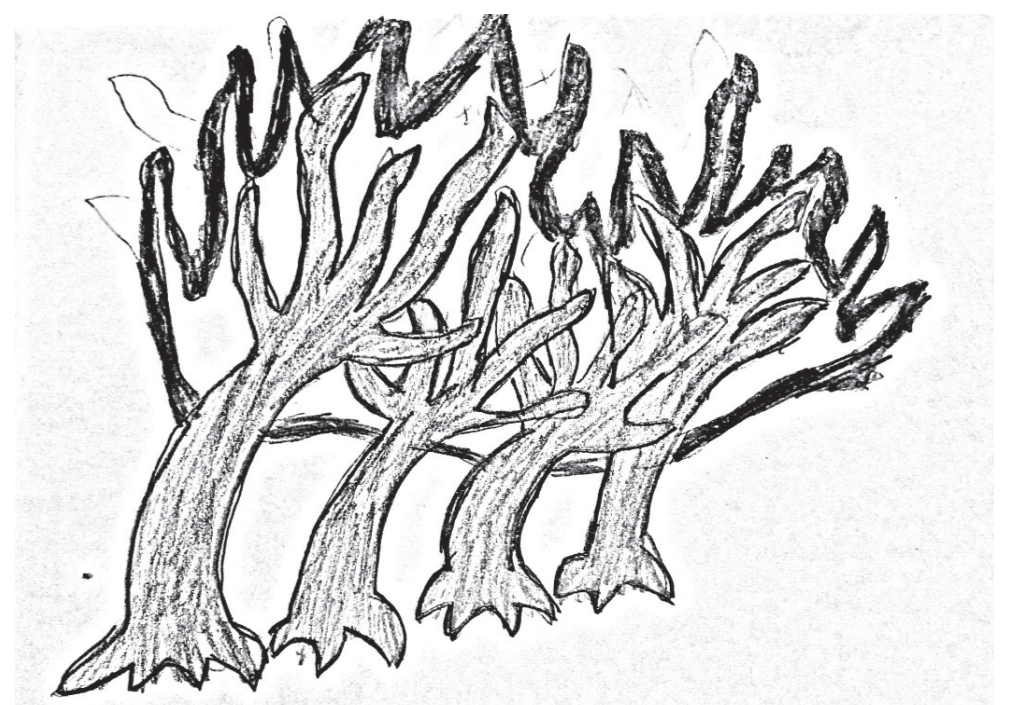
NBC News reported certain areas of California being under mandatory evacuation orders.

"As many as 20,000 firefighters, some coming from as far away as Israel, have responded to scores of major fires across the state this year," NBC News said.

There are still thousands of firefighters battling the wildfires in California today.

"More than 13,400 firefighters are working to contain 21 major wildfires across [California]," CapRadio said.

The latest news on California's wildfires can be found using a Google search or by visiting the news sites mentioned in this article.



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**Doane Crime Log**

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 include:

- 10/07 Disturbance - Crete
- 10/09 Fraud - Unknown
- 10/10 Larceny/Theft - Crete:

Haddix

# Doane is Love: back to its roots

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

Five years after Westboro Baptist Church protested Doane, the counterprotest, Doane is Love, is still going strong as an annual event.

In 2015, the Doane Owl published an article supporting its LGBTQ+ students with the upcoming Obergefell v. Hodges Supreme Court decision to legalize same-sex marriage. A Kansas church, Westboro Baptist, protested Doane based on the articles and a counterprotest was formed-- Doane is Love.

While the original counterprotest only lasted one day, it has since evolved into a week-long celebration that kicked off this past Sunday, Oct. 11.

"It's just about being there for each other and expressing our love for [the LGBTQ+ community] because a lot of people come from families or places that don't accept them," senior Shay Rosseter, president of People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM) said.

Last year, Doane is Love was scheduled for March; however, due to the pandemic, it was moved to June in a virtual format.

Suzannah Rogan, Campus Advocacy, Pre-

vention and Education (CAPE) Project Director and Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Specialist, played a large role in setting up Doane is Love this year.

When Rogan and Rosseter discussed when it would occur this year, they felt a sense of urgency as they "didn't want it to go by without happening" again, according to Rogan.

They wanted it to be this semester, and they felt this week would be best as Oct. 11 was National Coming Out Day.

Doane is Love kicked off on Oct. 11 with tie dye t-shirts as an homage to the original Doane is Love counterprotest when students wore tie dye t-shirts.

This week will also include a Dialogue Panel on Wednesday, Oct. 14 where Eric Reiter, one of the people who started the counterprotest five years ago, will be speaking about their experiences as an LGBTQ+ activist. It will conclude on Oct. 16 with a viewing and panel of the documentary "Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen," as a way to make sure transgender, non-binary and gender queer students are included, according to Rogan.

While the DEI and PRISM play a large role in preparing for Doane is Love, other groups and programs collabo-

rated as well. The Student Programming Board (SPB) helped with several events, and the Writing Center partnered to create Write Out Loud where LGBTQ+ students can share their experiences.

Rosseter explained the importance of various groups helping with this event and stressed that this event is for everyone. "It's for everyone. You do not have to be gay to be a part of it. Just like any minority, we all have to come together to fight for any injustice that we see," Rosseter said.

According to Rogan, this event is about inclusion. She said students can learn about the LGBTQ+ community during this event without having to put the "emotional stress on the students we are celebrating."

Rogan wanted to make sure this event made LGBTQ+ students the focus. The last few years of Doane is Love became "a little washed in terms of the LGBTQ+ focus," so Rogan wanted this year to focus on why Doane is Love started in the first place, going "back to our roots." Hence the name: Back to Our Roots.

For students interested in taking part in Doane is Love: Back to Our Roots, the links to the virtual events were attached in an email sent out to all students.

**DOANE IS LOVE**  
-2020-

**Wednesday 10/14:**  
12pm: (virtual)  
Doane Dialogues: The Beginnings of Doane is Love with Eric Reiter  
6pm: (virtual)  
Inclusive Sex-Ed with Planned Parenthood

**Thursday 10/15:**  
11pm-1pm:  
Giveaways in the Cafeteria Hallway  
6:30pm:  
Thoughtful Thursday with SWAT Rainbow Yoga at Cassel Theatre  
\*wear your best rainbow gear to practice yoga\*

**Friday 10/16:**  
10am-1pm  
Giveaways in the Cafeteria Hallway  
6pm:  
Screening of "DISCLOSURE: Trans Lives on Screens" in Heckman  
8:15pm: (virtual)  
Panel Discussion after the screening will feature activists, students, and staff. For details, use QR code

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## Condom Club comes back

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Condom Club delivers safe sex supplies to mailboxes on Oct. 5

**JOEY WINTON**  
Copy Desk Chief

The Condom Club is offering its services to students once again, with condoms, lubricant and other products being delivered to students on Oct. 5.

This Club is a free and anonymous delivery service giving students access to products designed to facilitate safe

and low-risk sex by delivering products right to students' mailboxes.

If you want to sign up, simply search your inbox for the Condom Club email sent out by Tiger Wellness, and click the link or scan the QR code to sign up.

Students who sign up for the service are required to fill out a brief questionnaire regarding their age, sexual orienta-

tion, gender identity and other relevant information.

Unfortunately, those who live off-campus will not be able to receive the service as this year, Condom Club can only serve students on-campus.

However, Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) will have pick-up days for off-campus students to get free safe sex supplies and information. There are also free condoms available in the fish bowl outside of the Director of Campus Wellness's office, Perry 130.

## Red Flag event week two begins

Students learn about relationships and win prizes in Red Flag event

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. In honor of that, the Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education Project (CAPE) is hosting a three-week long Spot the Red Flag event. This event will work to educate students about healthy and unhealthy relationships.

The idea behind this event is that every week there will be a set number of red and green flags hidden around campus for students to find. The flags are hidden Sunday, and at the beginning of the week, a "treasure map" is shared on social media. The "treasure map," as CAPE Project Director Suzannah Rogan calls it, is a map of campus marking the buildings in which flags are hidden.

The first week of Spot the Red Flag event kicked off on Monday, Oct. 5. Twenty-four red and green flags were hidden across six main buildings on campus. On the back of each flag, there are statistics, information and resources about various interpersonal relationship topics.

The goal is to collect the most flags and turn them to Rogan's office in Perry Campus Center. Winners will be announced each week as well as winners of the

Flag Campaign, which focuses on bystander prevention strategies based on warning signs.

Rogan was also looking for an event that would reach a lot of people without necessarily requiring high engagement. She recognizes that "everyone has Zoom fatigue," and this was a good way to get students out and gaining more knowledge.

"A difficult part of our work is it's hard information to deal with, and it can sometimes feel negative, so it's nice to have some positivity and do a fun activity," Symonsbergen said.

Rogan said this event is important because many people learn relationship habits from their parents, which may not have necessarily been healthy. People also learn habits from the media, which can teach terrible habits.

"These are basic things we need to know but don't learn... It's not just applicable to intimate relationships but healthy relationships such as friendships, roommates [and] acquaintances," Rogan said.

To see the "treasure maps" or for upcoming events that the CAPE Project will be holding for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, students can visit the CAPE Project's social media.

Instagram: doanecapeproject  
Twitter: @DoaneCAPE  
Facebook: @DUCAPEProject

Noah Symonsbergen  
CAPE Project Peer Educator

## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Take time this week to find something new that can be a distraction when things get difficult.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Get out of your comfort zone this week. Meet new people and try new things.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** This may be a difficult week. You may face some self-doubt but focus on things that you are good at and take pride in that.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** You are going to feel pulled in many directions this week. Remember that you cannot do it all.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** This is going to be an experimental week for you. Take some risk and explore yourself.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** You may face disagreements with those closest to you. Be open-minded to new ideas.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** The stress of everyday life will unfortunately not let up this week. Make sure you have a way to relieve the stress.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Take time to recognize what is important to you, whether it is people, goals or values.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Your relationships may feel like they are near their breaking point. Find things to do to strengthen them.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** You may have been relying on others for various reasons lately, this week take charge and be independent.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Remember that positivity can go far even when this week gets rough.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** You may face challenges this week, but know that nothing lasts forever.

## Faux Jacques tweet about prioritization

**MEAGHAN STOUT**  
Editor-in-Chief

Two Twitter accounts under the name "Jacque Carter" have begun to tweet about the prioritization process.

The Twitter account accredited to Doane's President Jacque Carter, with the handle @DoanePresident, has been active since April 2020, with five followers as of now.

The first and second tweets from the account appear to be attacking senior Student Congress President Haley Miller and senior Vice President Quinn Martin. The two tweets are from April 15 and 16 of this year.

"I personally find the account to be pretty entertaining because I know it's satirical and as long as it remains light-hearted I don't see a problem with it existing. Humor is a common coping mechanism to stress and there are plenty of reasons to be stressed right now, so I can't see why not engage in some light-hearted fun, as long as it's appropriate and stays classy," Martin said.

One tweet says "Doane is closed."

The next says "touch my salary and ill cut every program lol."

The latest tweet says "thomas the tiger has been sold".

After a long period of inactivity, the account began tweeting again on the prioritization process going on at Doane.

Recently, the account has replied to faculty members' twitter accounts on the topic of

prioritization, specifically replying to political science professor Tim Hill's account, @poliscihill and Religious Studies professor Dan Clanton's account, @DanClantonJr

Martin believes the account is for humor but did not approve of the way the owner of the account replied to Clanton's tweets.

"I do not approve of the account's rude comments/responses towards Dan Clanton," Martin said.

Not only that, but the account has tweeted in reply to

another presumed fake account, impersonating Carter, with the twitter handle @fauxjacque. The account states "Chasing that paper. Not affiliated with Jacque Carter".

The @fauxjacque account is more recent, having been active only since this month.

The @fauxjacque account has 26 followers as of now.

The owners of the two accounts are currently unknown. However, they have been gaining more attention this week as the controversial prioritization process continues.

Photo by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl

## Tiger Timeout

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Courtesy of Doane Computer Science Department

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

The answers to last week's issue's Tiger Timeout

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Flag photo by Meaghan Stout

- STAFF EDITORIAL -

## Students need safe space

"Doane is Love" is a good space for spreading awareness of and showing support for students who identify as LGBTQ+. Each day is split into various activities from tie-dyeing shirts to writing to senators about LGBTQ+ rights.

The Doane OWL would like to show its support for the LGBTQ+ student community at Doane. We should

all strive to be a more welcoming and accepting community, and events like "Doane is Love" provides an opportunity to do so.

The DEI's mission "to ignite institutional transformation that empowers all to thrive as our authentic selves and effectively engage in the global community" is exemplified in these events. With

the possible appointment of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, there is the potential that the Supreme Court could be much less friendly to issues regarding gay and trans people.

The flags in the ground leading up to Perry are a beautiful sight, and it is good to know that there are many

who choose to be allies and will join the fight against intolerance and prejudice against people who are not heterosexual.

Now more than ever, it is vital we embrace diversity and celebrate the differences between people and do not discriminate against them for who they are.

- LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

## Reconsider reckless cuts

Dear Editor,

Doane University declares its mission is to offer a "world-class liberal arts and sciences education."

If Doane cuts the liberal arts programs as currently proposed, then Doane will no longer meet its stated mission.

How can Doane be a liberal arts leader if it cancels key liberal arts programs? Philosophy, political science, physics, German and others are foundational to the liberal arts mission of Doane's undergraduate education.

Doane faculty worked hard for many years to include an honors program in our curriculum. The Honors Program was designed to attract academically talented students and provide them with enrichment through specialized coursework.

Students seeking the additional academic challenges offered by the Honors Program will lose this opportunity if the program is killed. They will lose the opportunity to create a bond with other academically talented students and the faculty who teach in the program. High-quality liberal arts institutions offer an honors program.

The particular course cuts and resulting faculty dismissals recommended by the current administration diminish the quality of education at Doane by restricting the liberal arts majors and minors. The reputation of Doane University will suffer from these cuts as fewer programs are available to incoming students.

Doane's extraordinary Fulbright Scholars record is endangered by these cuts. German has long been a gateway to obtaining a Fulbright Scholarship.

There are other ways to meet budgetary demands. As a former administrator at Doane, I can see that the current administration has become top-heavy and needs to be reduced.

Restructuring the administrative positions will allow funds to be invested in the academic curriculum as opposed to administration. Many positions can be eliminated and/or

consolidated. For example, I served for 12 years as the combined VPAA and Dean of Faculty. In addition, I taught French and advised Fulbright applicants. Today's administrators could certainly take on more duties.

More efficient external fund-raising would help maintain the needs of the University as well as more effective student recruitment strategies. Slashing liberal arts courses and programs will be self-destructive.

As the University becomes less academically vibrant, it will be more difficult to raise funds from granting agencies and more difficult to recruit students.

I urge President Carter and the Board of Trustees to reconsider these reckless cuts. The integrity of our distinguished liberal arts institution deserves to be preserved for future generations.

Maureen Franklin  
VPAA, Dean of Faculty emerita

- LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

## Administrative changes needed

Dear Editor,

The Doane University faculty received devastating news on Monday, Oct. 5. President Carter recommended eliminating academic programs that are central to any liberal arts institution, such as philosophy, religion, physics, foreign languages, and political science. This will transform Doane into a mere shadow of its former self and belies the notion that we are a liberal arts institution. If the trustees approve these changes then it will indicate a fundamental shift in the mission of the university. Most faculty are simply horrified at this development. If the trustees approve of these cuts then their vision for the university is truly moribund and bereft of intellectual respectability.

We were told the prioritization process would improve communication across the institution and be a transparent process. However, nothing about the process, once the PIFs were submitted, has been transparent. Some departments not rated in the lower quintiles, including philosophy in quintile 1, are proposed for elimination with no explanation. Of the 15 out of 18 programs with financial data, 14 showed a profit. Two programs, the MAC and Physics, showed a sizeable profit for the 2018-2019 year. One must conclude that saving money was not the reason for these program eliminations.

The College of Arts & Sciences programs historically associated with the Crete campus operate in an ecosystem involving significant interdepartmental support. The departments are individually small, some with only one dedicated faculty member, but that perspective is very misleading due to the significant interactions among faculty in different but related departments and the significant use of cognates to create viable programs. Eliminating these CAS programs will wreak

havoc on the liberal arts ecosystem. As noted, any financial savings will be minimal. The main result will be to make the job of Admissions more difficult since eliminating these programs will effectively limit the pool of prospective students.

Doane's mission statement claims our programs are grounded in the liberal arts and prepare students for lives grounded in inquiry, ethics, and a commitment to lead and serve in a global community. The recommended eliminations run completely counter to achieving this mission. Cultural diversity from a global perspective virtually disappears from the strategic plan. A serious study of ethics becomes impossible.

Based on my observations of reified policy at Doane I must conclude that our higher administrative officers have an incredibly facile understanding of liberal education and a consistent inability to execute decisions, even reasonable ones, constructively. The program elimination recommendations are evidence of the first conclusion. The recent establishment of the commercial Cannabis Testing Lab in the Lied Building illustrates the second conclusion. The creation of the enterprise may have merit as a possible source of revenue, that is a judgment I cannot yet make, but the implementation was extraordinarily crude and destructive. With no forewarning, the Chemistry Department and I were ordered on June 9 to vacate the Lied 209 Research Lab. This effectively destroyed my ability to conduct bench level research involving undergraduate students. Taking another teaching space away from academic program facilities exacerbated an extreme space problem currently experienced by several STEM academic programs. It was what I have come to recognize as a typical Jacques Carter decision: enthusiasm for an unusual idea, show contempt for most faculty by not getting feedback

on consequences, implement the decision, and make the faculty not part of the inner sanctum deal with the mess.

We must both control things on the cost side, particularly the administrative cost side, and find additional non-tuition dollars to support our programs. We have the wrong president for achieving both of these objectives.

The first two presidents I served under, Fred Brown and Jonathon Brand, sought to work with a lean administrative structure so resources could be more directly used in educating students. Jacques has created a top-heavy organizational structure that does not reflect the financial reality, or needs, of our institutional landscape. While Nebraska Wesleyan University recently completed a \$67.5 million capital campaign Jacques continues to struggle with raising money for a \$15 million performing arts building.

I believe that most faculty at Doane have no confidence in our senior leadership. That is an impolite thing to say, but it is just being honest. The number of faculty with any enthusiasm for senior leadership, in particular, Jacques Carter, probably can be counted on one hand. This hypothesis is easy to test.

My recommendations for the trustees are

Suspend any judgment about the academic program eliminations. Allow the faculty and administrators an opportunity to look at budget reductions that will balance this year's budget. We have done this before and can certainly accomplish the task again.

Develop a plan to transition to a new president. This person will need to be able to relate easily to people, particularly Doane alumni. The main job of the next president will be to increase contributions to the university from Doane trustees and alumni.

Yours sincerely,

*Christopher D. Wentworth*  
Christopher D. \ Wentworth  
Professor of Physics

## Columbus; a praised villian

MEAGHAN STOUT  
Editor-in-Chief

Stop celebrating Christopher Columbus day.

It isn't cause for celebration. Thousands of Native Americans were forced out of their homes, raped and murdered. It is not a joyous "holiday".

The notion that we should all be celebrating a man who started it all is horrifying. I have no intention to ever celebrate someone who allowed his own foolish mistake to result in the death of thousands.

Indigenous People's Day has been adopted on the same day, the second Monday in October, in many places. However, there are too many places that have not adopted the holiday at all. For example, Nebraska has not adopted Indigenous People's Day at all.

According to Wowt.com, Nebraska will adopt the holiday in time for next year.

The article states that "State Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks (District 28) introduced the bill to make Indigenous Peoples' Day

a state holiday, but the law won't go into effect until Nov. 13."

Regardless, Indigenous People's Day will not replace Columbus Day in Nebraska. It will only be added, celebrated in addition.

I don't understand why people are so adamant about celebrating Christopher Columbus. All he did was royally mess up and land on the wrong continent. Yet he is praised as the father of America? No. He was just a Spaniard with no knowledge about anything outside of his own experience.

Christopher Columbus did nothing of value, so why do people continue to act as if he is a "trailblazer". He did not "discover" America. He found a place that was already inhabited.

Continuing to celebrate Columbus Day is basically spitting in Native's faces. If you want to celebrate America, wait until the fourth of July. But don't celebrate Columbus messing up and accidentally ruining the lives of thousands.

## Stay safe at home



ABRIANNA MILLER  
News Editor

As the days go by, I can't help but appreciate the fact that Doane is still open. I love being on campus, being able to physically attend some classes and being able to be on my own.

I am worried, though. The other night when I got back to Hansen, I saw a group of students congregating in the parking lot- without masks or social distancing.

See, I get it. You want to see your friends and hang out, but do you really think that is going to keep us on campus? Spoiler alert: it's

not.

I feel bad for the freshman who have never been able to experience an authentic college atmosphere, but these are unprecedented times.

Quit going out to parties. Quit trying to "stick it to the man" by not wearing a mask- you're not Hyde from "That 70's Show."

I want to stay on campus, just like most of the students here. But if a population of the students don't quit making a stupid decisions, we're all going to be back home and seeing our friends won't even be an option.

As if the situation wasn't tricky enough the way it was, a protest over prioritization was recently organized. Protests are a great way to voice your opinion; that's not the problem. The problem is the health risk associated with groups gathering, like a protest. Most of the people I saw protesting were wearing masks and social distancing which is great.

But I'm a logical person, and I know not everyone was being as cautious.

If you attend a protest,

a class, a group meeting, a study group or literally anything else that involves anyone except the people you live with, please be careful.

There seems to be an attitude on campus that the worst of the coronavirus is over, but that can change quickly. Look at Spain: they thought they had the situation under control, so they relaxed their restrictions, and according to the New York Times, their number of cases shot up.

Please don't make everyone on campus go home because you want to dance in a dirty house with minimal lighting. Don't make everyone leave because you want to play video games with Garrett on the third floor.

We're all making sacrifices; you're not special. This past year has been beyond strange for everyone, and it's a miracle we're even still on campus.

Don't mess this up. If you want a quality Doane experience, do the things. Wear the mask. Social distance. Wash your hands. It's not that difficult.

## Outside seating for students, please

JOEY WINTON  
Copy Desk Chief

To say COVID-19 has impacted close to every aspect of daily life is an understatement. From reduced class sizes and online learning, a shorter fall semester, pre-packaged meals and other such changes, Doane's campus has taken many steps to ensure the safety of its students and faculty.

However, recently there has been a decision made regarding Lakeside that I find interesting: many of the tables outside Perry are still closed and unable to be used by anyone, yet tables and booths in Lakeside are

fully open.

The tables are spaced apart to maintain the social distancing requirement of a 6-foot minimum, but every time I walk through Lakeside I usually see students sitting at tables eating which requires them to take their masks off.

On paper, there is nothing wrong with allowing students to eat inside so long as there is social distancing and masks are put on once they finish eating, but the choice to allow tables inside to be used before tables outside perplexes me.

We have heard time and time again that if at all possible, eating outside is the safest way to

eat if one is not eating at home as the aerosols have a harder time congregating in the open air.

While I understand not wanting the patio of Perry to become the social gathering place it was before COVID, allowing students to sit and eat inside is more of a risk than letting them eat outside.

The decision to open seating inside rather than outside presents greater potential health risks than opening the outdoor seating first.

So long as the outdoor tables are spaced to keep the minimum 6-foot distance, does it not make more sense to encourage students to eat outside?

## ...THUMBS UP

Horror Movies



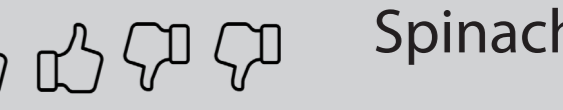
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The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in 'Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down' every week.

## THUMBS DOWN...

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!

# Shotgun Sports shoots for the stars

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
News Editor

Doane's Shotgun Sports team has only been around for a short while, but they have already made their mark.

This year, the team has 19 competitors ranging from freshmen to seniors. Rick Marshall is coaching the Shotgun team for the fifth consecutive season.

Junior Lillie Bowman said the team has only been to two shoots this season, with their first meet going well and the second leaving room for improvement.

"At the Midland shoot, Junior Jack Olsen tied for 8th overall with a score

of 369. Olsen also tied for 3rd in Doubles Skeet with a 48/50. Freshman Karlie Muff got 1st overall in Super Sporting with a score of 49/50. Freshman Skylar Clark tied for 8th in Trap with a score of 97/100. The team did not bring home any awards from the Concordia shoot," Bowman said.

While Bowman said she has not earned awards at Doane, she said she is grateful to be part of such a supportive team.

Luckily, Shotgun Sports is not an inter-active sport, so competitors have had less to worry about in terms of COVID-19. That does not mean the team has been untouched, though,



Courtesy photo | Lillie Bowman

The Shotgun Sports team goes out to eat at Buffalo Wild Wings together.

**"Not knowing this summer if we would be able to all come together and do what we love was scary. Being back and doing what we all on the team are passionate about has taken a lot of stress away during this crazy time."**

Lillie Bowman  
Junior

Bowman said she worried the team would not even be able to practice together this year.

"Not knowing this summer if we would be

able to all come together and do what we love was scary. Being back and doing what we all on the team are passionate about has taken a lot of

stress away during this crazy time," Bowman said.

Shotgun Sports finished their season at their third shoot on Oct. 10

and 11 at the Hastings Invitational, not scoring the first day of competition but scoring third out of six teams on the second day of competition.

## Cheering for Doane's coach Ashley Lyon

**SARAH DALY**  
Multimedia  
Coordinator

Coach Ashley Lyon is the Head Cheer and Dance Coach here at Doane University. She has been coaching here since 2015.

Growing up, Lyon was put in dance classes and was a Varsity cheerleader for four years in high school. She attended Doane University and was on the Doane Dance Team for four years. During her undergraduate time at Doane, Lyon was in Phi Sigma Tau Sorority, an Orientation Leader, a Doane Ambassador and a member of the Greek Council.

She cites her parents

as the reason why she is so successful in her life today:

"First and foremost, my parents have always been my biggest supporters and cheerleaders for all that I have done so far in my life," Lyon said.

After earning her degree, Lyon became a member of the Kansas City Chiefs (KCC) Cheerleading Program. She also coached Competitive Cheer at The Barstow School (an independent K-12 school).

"When I think of someone else who has inspired me, it would be the director of the KCC Program, Stephanie Judah. She was tough; she pushed me to work harder than I ever had before.



Courtesy photo | Ashley Lyon

At the same time, she was also super supportive and taught me so much about my own abilities, made me a better performer and taught me to believe

in myself," Lyon said.

After moving to Iowa from Kansas City with her husband and cheering for The Iowa Barnstormers (Arena Football

**"First and foremost, my parents have always been my biggest supporters and cheerleaders for all that I have done so far in my life,"**

Ashley Lyon  
Head Cheer/Dance Coach

League), Lyon moved back to Nebraska. She was the head cheerleading coach at Lincoln Southwest High School for three years before accepting a job at Doane. Lyon was named GPAC Cheer Co-Coach of the Year in 2018.

Joining Coach Lyon on the coaching staff is Assistant Coach Alexis Determan. The Captains for the Cheer Team are Brandie Schmitt and

Kelsey Brady. Students can support the Cheer Team by coming to the Team's competitive events or games they are performing at. The Team is also fundraising through eTeamsponsor.com. Students can find out more information about the fundraiser and how to donate at <https://ets.rocks/31v8t3W>.



Picture on the left: Maggie Garbin, a senior from Lincoln, looks down the field as her teammates are setting up to move the ball into Presentation territory.



Picture on the right: Daniela Frey, number 14 from Barcelona, Spain, battles a Presentation College player for the ball. Doane tied the game 1-1.

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## Women's Soccer pushes through cancellations

**Women's Soccer team has cancellations due to COVID**

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
News Editor

All Doane athletic teams have experienced disruption because of COVID-19. Over the past couple of weeks, many meets, games and tournaments have been postponed or even cancelled.

The Women's Soccer team was supposed to play against Mount Marty University on Sept. 16, but the game was postponed to Oct. 5. As the date drew nearer, it

was, once again, postponed for Nov. 2.

The same happened for their game against Morningside which was originally scheduled for Oct. 3 but has since been postponed to Nov. 14.

"We recently postponed our games against Morningside and Mt. Marty due to COVID, and it is tough, both physically and mentally, to stay focused and ready for the next contest. We are on a three-day stop and hope to play against Dakota [Wesleyan] this weekend [Oct. 10]," fifth-year coach Jennifer Kennedy-Croft said.

Players have been taking the cancellations in stride, making the best out of the situation.

"[It has] been a whirlwind of whether or not we will get to play the

**"[It has] been a whirlwind of whether or not we will get to play the next game, or if practice will be allowed."**

Makenna Klug  
Sophomore

next game, or if practice will be allowed. [We are] making the most out of every practice and game we do get to play in. Right now, we are postponed for the second time, and our games are slowly getting limited. I'm excited to hopefully get to finish out this season," sophomore Makenna Klug said.

Klug also said she is excited to practice and play as a team once

again, but she said that she is glad the proper precautions are being taken for COVID-19.

Kennedy-Croft is also keeping her spirits high despite the many challenges she and her team is facing.

"All of this presents many challenges for our student-athletes, but we are trying to remain positive, healthy and mindful of how great it is to be back out on the field. We are taking it one day at a time, as that is all we can do for now," Kennedy-Croft said.

As for the rest of the team's season, Klug said she hopes there are no more cancellations, but that option is always in the back of her mind.

"While I hope it doesn't get cancelled again, we can't rule it

out. We have to give every game and practice as if it could be our last," Klug said.

The Women's Soccer team is scheduled to play Hastings College on Oct.

14 at 5 p.m. in Hastings, Nebraska. Hastings will be providing a link to a livestream that will be available for the game on the Doane Athletics website.

**Athlete of the Week**



**Kennedy Scheele**  
Volleyball

Had 13 kills and 4 aces in the game against Briar Cliff

