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Doane shows love to all

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Doane is Love was filled with giveaways of t-shirts and keychains this year. It was filled with Zoom events and yoga. But most of all, it was filled with open conversations and representation.

Despite the current pandemic and all of the restrictions put in place for the safety of students, Doane is Love still took place. Though there had to be creative solutions, such as the Zoom events and yoga done six feet apart, the goal of Doane is Love still remained the same.

“I wish that we had more people for some of the events, but I think overall the point is to say, ‘We are here for you, we are here for love, we are here for equality.’ So I feel like that message got sent out,” Shay Rosseter, President of People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities

(PRISM) said.

The message got sent out as soon as the week started. Before the week started, Rosseter went out outside of Perry Campus Center to put flags up for the upcoming week. There were hundreds of flags representing gay, lesbian, transgender, pansexual and asexual students.

In order to incorporate students in this process, flags were handed out to students during the tie-dye event that kicked off Doane is Love week.

Rosseter said they remember a student who was given the asexual flag. When handed the flag, the student did not realize there was a flag to represent asexual people and was pleased to see themselves in a flag.

“It’s about people seeing themselves represented,” Rosseter said.

According to Rosseter, the flags were their favorite part because it showed students who may not be out yet or who may not have fully accepted



Photo by Kylie Hughes | The Doane Owl

Students showed support through Doane is Love this past week. The goal of Doane is love is to show students who are in the LGBTQ+ community that they are loved and supported on campus. Students who want to join PRISM are welcome to email Shay Rosseter.

themselves that they are accepted at Doane.

The screening and panel discussion of the documentary “Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen,” was another demonstration that all students are accepted. This screening was an important way to end the week, to get ‘back to our roots’ and show that all aspects of the LGBTQ+ community are accepted.

The panel discussion consisted of actor and trans activist, Marquise Wilson; artist and activist, Dominique Morgan; Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vice President, Luis Sotelo; freshman Zeke Krejci-Hyde and Rosseter. The panel was moderated by Suzannah Rogan.

“It brought my heart so much joy just to be able to have a conversation about Disclosure and to see one of the actors from there. I don’t even have words. Representation is so important,” Rosseter said.

After the panel discussion, Rosseter had people

message them to say they felt the conversation was really “productive” and established “perspectives that weren’t their own” that they could empathize with.

Rosseter felt this year did get “back to our roots” with LGBTQ+ representation and acceptance.

“For me, it was putting out the flags, spelling out ‘Love is Love,’ seeing the joy on people’s faces when they saw themselves represented and when they saw there is a place for them on this campus. That is what the point of this week is,” Rosseter said.

For students who enjoyed Doane is Love week or are looking for a place to be accepted, PRISM is always accepting new members. According to Rosseter, PRISM is “for anyone and everyone.”

The meetings are Wednesdays at 6 p.m., and interested students can email Shay Rosseter at shay.rosseter@doane.edu.

Doane: voting for a difference

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Election Day is fast approaching. According to pewsocialtrends.org, one in ten eligible voters will be a member of Generation Z (Americans between the ages of 18 and 23).

On Nov. 3, students and staff are encouraged to use their voice by going out to vote. Nebraska offers early voting via mail as well as in-person voting. If students live out-of-state, they are encouraged to check vote.org to

see their state’s specifics on voting. Make sure to apply for an absentee ballot in time based on your state’s requirements.

Saline County will have multiple polling stations available for voters. There are 12 precincts to vote in throughout the county. If Nebraska students are unsure which precinct they live in, they can call the County Clerk’s office at 402-821-2374. There will be a polling station on Doane’s campus in Butler Gym, available to students registered in Saline County.

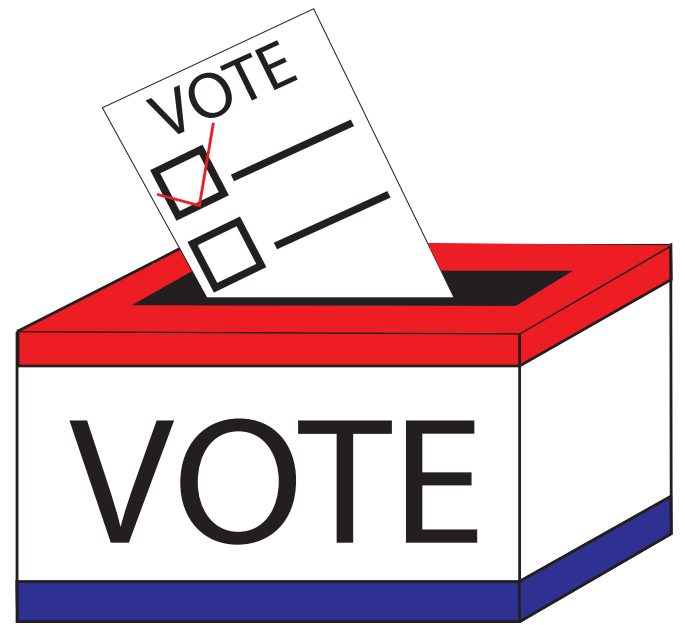
In Nebraska, you can

register to vote up to 11 days before the election date. Early voting in Nebraska begins 30 days before the election. Mail-in ballots need to be post-marked 18 days before the election. Remember to budget enough time for the ballot to get through the mailing process.

For eligible voters who may face a language barrier, do research on your polling place to make sure there are translators available. You can check out each state’s requirements at <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/language-access>.

Voters with disabilities, check with your polling station to see the accommodations available to you. More information can be found at <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/accessible-voting>.

When going in to vote, be sure to bring your state-issued identification and/or voter registration card. Within a 200 feet radius of the polling station, campaign material is not allowed. This includes hats, t-shirts, shirt pins and any other items with a candidate’s name or party affiliation on them.



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Going home for winter break



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Junior Sean Murray is one of many international students who is faced with the question of where to go for winter break, given the lack of options Doane has provided.

International students unsure of winter plans

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Many Doane students are looking forward to the extended winter break, but it does pose challenges for international students. They are now in a position to find somewhere to stay for almost two months before returning to campus in

January.

As of Oct. 17, the University has not sent any correspondence regarding changes to the residence hall policies. An email was sent out outlining when students need to vacate the halls, but nothing was said about international students.

Junior Sean Murray is from Panama City, Panama. He said he usually does not stay on campus during breaks; he either stays with friends or flies back home.

“There has been no change up to now. Doane hasn’t reached out

to international students about any change on the policy,” Murray said.

For the time being, Murray plans on flying home to Panama over winter break.

Freshman Krismar Williams is also from Panama, and she said she will also be returning home for the break.

“My plans are still not 100 percent accurate, but what I’ve talked about with parents is probably leaving to Orlando... to visit my family... and probably then go to Panama and stay there the whole winter and come

back,” Williams said.

Williams also said she would prefer not to stay on-campus even if it was a regular-length break. She said she misses home and needs time with her “dogs and family.”

For winter break, ResLife staff will be conducting room checks after students leave their rooms.

Students should leave campus 24 hours after their last final exam or by 8 p.m. on Nov. 25. More detailed information is available from your residence hall directors.

Prioritization: getting involved

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Manager

After the proposed list of cuts to academic programs was released earlier this month, many students are feeling frustrated and confused. The list of programs slated to be cut, including Political Science, Criminal Justice, Philosophy, German, Religious Studies and the Honors Program, numbers 18 programs in total. The programs come from both undergraduate and graduate programs.

According to the email sent out from the President's Office, the Board of Trustees will be voting on these proposed cuts, along with other unknown administrative cuts, in November. This leaves students and faculty members with some time to voice their concerns about the prioritization process and the proposed cuts.

One of the best ways students can make their voices heard is by writing a letter describing their experiences, concerns and opinions on the cuts and sending it to Board members.

Here is the list of Board of Trustees members and their email addresses that has been circulating around campus (pictured right):

If students have any questions or concerns they would like to share about prioritization, they should reach out to their respective Dean.

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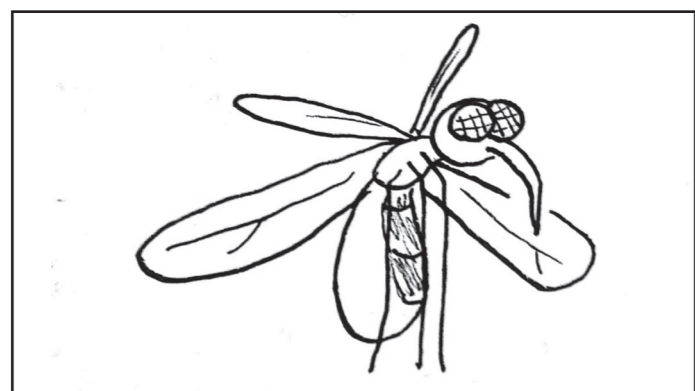
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Pictured above is the contact information for Board of Trustees members and Deans at Doane. This information has been circulated around Doane amidst the Prioritization plans released by the President's Office earlier this month.

West Nile virus appears in Nebraska

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Nebraska has recently been hit with the West Nile Virus in addition to COVID-19. As of Oct. 17, 11 people have contracted the West Nile Virus according to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of Nebraska.

The DHHS reports eight people contracting the West Nile Virus directly, with three additional individuals contracting it through blood donation.

"Mosquitoes acquire West Nile Virus from infected birds and then pass it onto other birds, animals and/or people," the DHHS said.

In 2019, several cases of the West Nile Virus were reported as 1011 News stated.

"Last year there were 28 human cases in Nebraska and one death," 1011 News said.

There is no known treatment for the West Nile Virus, according to the DHHS, except for

symptom management. However, there are several methods to avoid the virus altogether.

"The best defense against West Nile Virus is protecting yourself with repellent and not giving mosquitoes a place to lay eggs and develop," the DHHS said.

This not only includes wearing effective mosquito repellent but also wearing long-sleeve shirts and socks, avoiding being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active and limiting environmental factors attracting mosquitoes (1011 News).

Many people with the West Nile Virus do not contract any symptoms that raise warning signs.

"Most people with West Nile Virus will have no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms such as a fever and headache. Those over 50 and anyone with weakened immune systems are at increased risk for a more severe infection," 1011 News said.

Monitoring any symptoms after a possible exposure to the virus is highly recommended, as the virus can become deadly if your body is not equipped to fight it.

In order to prevent the transmission of the West Nile Virus, please follow the guidelines above and visit the DHHS's website for more detailed information.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST

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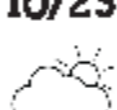


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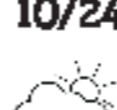


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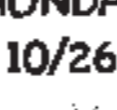


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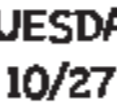


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TUESDAY

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Voter Information

Nebraska General Election

November 3, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR EARLY VOTERS

October 23 Last day to request a mail-in ballot

October 27 USPS recommendation date if you are returning your mail-in ballot by mail

November 3 Mail-in ballots have to be returned by close of polls

The polls will be open November 3rd
8:00 am (CST) – 8:00pm (CST)
7:00 am (MST) – 7:00 pm (MST)

3 WAYS TO RETURN MAIL-IN BALLOTS

- > By mail
- > Drop box located outside each Election Office
- > Drop it off in person at your county election office



Every polling site will receive kits to protect poll workers. Social distancing standards will apply.

For more election information, visit sos.nebraska.gov

Class registration opens this week

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Life & Culture Editor

With the Spring semester steadily approaching, registration for Spring 2021 classes is right around the corner.

Registering for Spring courses has three parts according to Assistant Academic Dean, Becky Hunke.

"It's a three-step process: the student picks classes, the advisor approves the classes and then the student hits register," Hunke said.

The first step for planning classes is on Webadvisor under the 'Student Planning' tab. Webadvisor gives students the ability to see the classes and credits they have completed and what they will need. Students who have declared a major will see the required Doane

Core Courses as well as courses for their major. Undeclared students will only see their Doane Core Courses.

Undeclared majors have the option to select a new program and see what classes they would have to take within a particular major.

Students should plan out which classes they want for the Spring semester and confirm that it fits in their schedule based on the dates and times offered.

"Each student needs 15 credits a semester to get out of Doane on time. So I tell students to take 15 or 16," Hunke said.

Since freshman and sophomore students choose after upperclassmen, Hunke recommends they plan 18 or 19 credits. That way they have extra classes in case they cannot get

Class Registration

Seniors:

October 21 and 22

Juniors:

October 23 and 26

Sophomores:

October 27 and 28

Freshman:

October 29 and 30

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Students are able to register for classes based on their credit standing and the dates above.

Electoral college raises concerns

Students split on electoral college effectiveness

the electoral college should work and whether it should still be used. Some Doane students are in support of the concept, such as senior Patrick Vrba.

"I am in favor of the electoral college because it gives equal representation to all Americans," Vrba said. "If it was not in place, presidents would be able to leave certain states behind and just campaign in the big cities."

The point of the electoral college is to make sure all voices are heard, and some students, like sophomore Vincent Lauenroth, believe this process does a good job of making sure everyone has a say.

"Without the electoral college, those people with needs and lifestyles completely different than mine would have more of a say just because they live in a city," Lauenroth said. "It also controls the fact that people who live close to each other in communities spread their political beliefs."

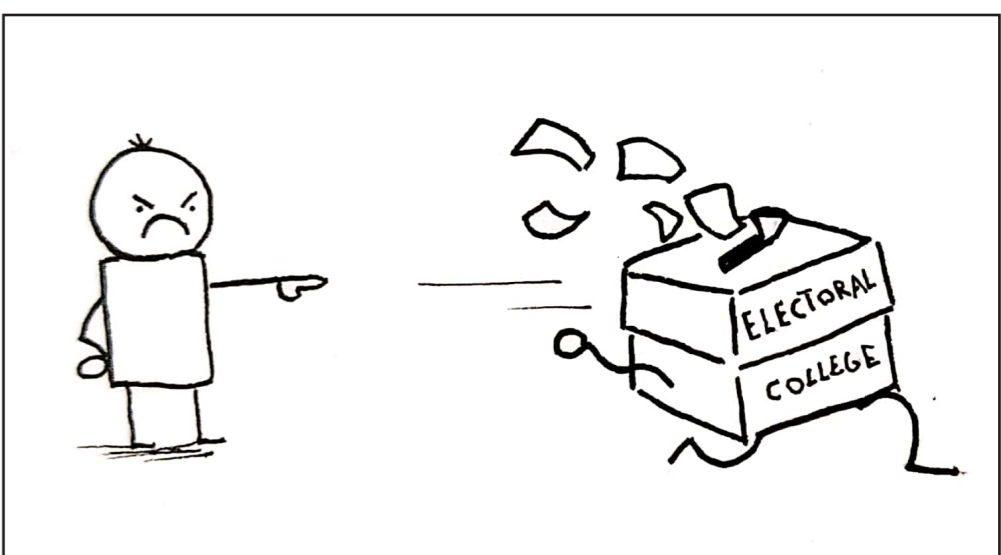
However, not all per-

ceptions of the electoral college are positive ones. Julia Damme said the electoral college is outdated and is no longer necessary.

"We as an American people have progressed past the need for the electoral college," Damme said. "The electoral college was created because Americans didn't understand the implications of an election and how important it truly is. However, we don't need people voting for us anymore."

In contrast, senior Kenneth Weber does not necessarily support the idea that the electoral college represents every person's voice. Instead, he said more people's voices may be heard if the electoral college did not exist.

"I think that the majority of people's voices could be heard more without the electoral college for sure," Weber said. "Some ideas that I suggest include having every state use their electoral votes to correctly represent the percentages of the popular



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vote in the state so that it is more accurate of the people's voices."

Junior Grant Hrabik said there could be more voters if people believed that their voices were heard. But because of the electoral college and

the way their votes go, sometimes it can make voters feel as if they are voting for no reason.

"... it would finally allow for every person to see that their vote counts. I think more people would vote if

they truly believed their vote counted," Hrabik said.

You can vote with a mail-in ballot, early in-person voting or by going to the polls on Nov. 3.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 include:

- 10/13 Disturbance - Unknown

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FACE DROOPING
Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven or lopsided?

A

ARM WEAKNESS
Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S

SPEECH
Is their speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand?

T

TIME TO CALL 9-1-1
If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately.



www.stroke.org

Greek groups host s'mores event



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Greek groups hosted an annual s'mores night on Oct. 14, where prospective students had the opportunity to learn more about the individual groups.

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Greek groups at Doane host an annual s'mores night in the fall to meet prospective members. This year's event on Oct. 14 was modified for COVID-19 guidelines, but the turnout was still high.

Junior Maddie Shoemaker, member of Phi Sigma Tau, said she hopes the number of interested students continues to grow as Greek life hosts more events.

"I am so pleased with the turnout that we had. We were really worried because, obviously with Corona, we didn't know what people knew of Greek life, and it's been

really awesome that we had this big of a turnout," Shoemaker said.

Other members of Greek life thought there were not as many students as there had been in the past.

"I hope that more people see that there are events going on so that they show up, [and should] not be scared to show up," junior and member of Sigma Phi Theta Anthony Wallander said.

There were an estimated 40 students at this year's s'mores night, held at the patio of Sheldon Hall.

"I'm definitely hoping that we continue to have the type of turnout and interest that we had tonight, and we're just hop-

ing to have another big pledge class this year," Shoemaker said.

Students interested in Greek life at Doane had a chance to socialize with members from each Greek group for a maximum of two hours. Registration was originally required, but students who had not seen the emails about the event were able to attend.

"The people are very friendly, very welcoming. People are pretty social here, so I appreciate that," freshman Blair Soucek said.

Many students expressed how happy they were to be able to socialize and get to know new people, Greek and non-Greek.

"It's going great. Peo-

ple are conversing, getting to know non-Greek life and Greek life so it's pretty cool," Wallander said.

Freshman Parker Opat said he is excited for future Greek events and enjoyed familiarizing himself with everyone at s'mores night.

"I just love interacting with new people and learning about the Greek life on Doane's campus... I hope to rush one of these amazing fraternities this spring," Opat said.

Greek groups are currently organizing their open houses, which interested students can register for online. Days and times differ depending on each group, but specific information is available on the groups' posters and emails.



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Students lack study spaces

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but other residence halls still have restricted access.

The library, a popular place for studying among students, has limited space available for students to use upstairs and in the basement; it is by appointment only.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Doane University has made changes to room availability and capacity. Because of this, many students are changing the location of their typical studying spots. Some students are shifting from studying in public spaces, such as the library, to their personal dorm room or apartment.

Junior Riley Spicer has had to change his study habits because of these changes. "COVID has altered my study habits a bit. My two favorite spots to study on-campus were the basement of the library and the third floor of Art and Ed," Spicer said. "With the new COVID policies, both of those places are closed."

Spicer lives off-campus this year, which changes his studying environment and study habits. "On campus, main spaces in dorms are modified to allow limited student access, if any at all. Recently, the Hansen Hall computer lab opened up,

Some students are having difficulty with this, as many students feel as if limited access to their academic progress.

Spicer said he has been able to study in the lower level of Perry Campus Center and the upper half of the library.

"[The] upper library has limited seating and has become a place for people to be in Zoom classes, so it is no longer quiet," Spicer said.

Spicer said the placement of the library and the third floor of Art and Ed, Spicer said. "With the new COVID policies, both of those places are closed."

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Doane University has COVID-19 regulations in place to protect students. Students are learning to make adjustments while looking for places to have quality study time.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You may find yourself with some extra cash this week, fight the urge to spend it all and plan for the future.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): This will be a stressful week for you. Take time for yourself and focus on the important things in life.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): You may be facing a wide range of emotions this week. Take note of how you feel but do not dwell on it.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): You may find getting the right amount of sleep a struggle this week. Remember to take care of yourself.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Take advantage of your motivation this week. Get things done that you have been putting off for a while.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): This week you may find yourself connecting with people that you have not spoken to in some time. Embrace the connections.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): There may be events or people that remind you of past experiences. Acknowledge your memories and what they are telling you.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): This may be a busy week for you. Find methods that you can use to assist in time management.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): You may feel like you are losing touch with the things that matter to you. Find these things and rekindle the passion.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): This is a great opportunity to be outgoing, meet new people, and spark new friendships.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Use the time you have this week to figure out your long term goals and what you want out of life.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): This week is a good opportunity to try new experiences and put yourself out there.

Improvising amidst a pandemic, or not

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

Clubs and activities around campus have seen a dramatic shift in how they operate this semester due to COVID-19.

From music groups rehearsing outside with masks, to multicultural events meeting via Zoom, to Greek groups having minimized open houses, every extracurricular activity has experienced change in one way or another.

One such group is Doane's Improv Team, "Absolutely Unprepared", which has not and will not meet this semester.

Senior Wyatt Jorgensen is President of the group and postponed all further improv meetings over concerns of safety for participants.

"I couldn't think of a way for us to practice safely," Jorgensen said.

Once in-person meetings were cancelled, the group briefly tried to hold online Zoom meetings but soon stopped.

"We attempted online Zoom practice, but there [are] very limited things you can do for improv when not in-person," Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen believes that in order to properly engage in improvisational activities, the people participating need to be in the same room and be able to read the facial reactions of each other. However, both of those elements are major potential dangers for spreading COVID-19.

"There is no way to do au-



Courtesy photo | Wyatt Jorgensen

Pictured here: Senior Wyatt Jorgensen

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Wyatt Jorgensen
President of Improv Team

ditions. You really need people in a room together to see group synergy. That is really hard to gauge over the Internet," Jorgensen said.

As of now, there are no plans for Doane's Improv Team to be active this semester. Despite that and the lack of new participants to fill the holes left from last year's seniors, Jorgensen is optimistic about the future.

"Right now, we are just playing it by ear, as I'm sure many other organizations are doing. Hopefully interest will still be around after the pandemic so Doane Improv can come back stronger than ever," Jorgensen said.

If you have any questions regarding Doane's Improv Team, reach out to Jorgensen at wyatt.jorgensen@doane.edu.

Pumpkin patch outing a success

Pumpkin patches change with COVID guidelines

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

Last weekend, some pals and I ventured over to Roca's Farm and Pumpkin Patch as the Fall season is incomplete without a visit to a pumpkin patch.

Admission was around \$20 per person, but the price covered several activities available in the pumpkin patch.

The "Psychopath", a looping trail about a mile long where costumed employees hide and jump out at you, was one such attraction.

This was probably my favorite activity we did as

the entire thing requires you to walk through it and get spooked by every person hiding just out of sight. Some of us found ourselves huddled together and moving as a collective unit, much like something out of "Scooby Doo."

Another enjoyable activity was the haunted house.

It took about 10 to 15 minutes to complete with a surprising level of detail going into it. Each room had its own theme, from a creepy nursery to a dining room filled with gross-looking food and body parts strewn about, there was no shortage of variety.

While we all had a lot of fun, there were some things that were less than stellar about the experience.

For starters, the food was quite expensive. While this is to be expected, having to pay close to \$10 for a medium-sized

sandwich and nothing else seems a little ludicrous.

Secondly, as the night went on, the lines for the attractions got longer and longer, and by the time we were done waiting for our last activity, close to 90 minutes had passed.

The final thing I believe could be improved is the mask policy.

Masks are required for entry, and while you are told that unless you are eating they must stay on, there are no employees walking around policing the mask mandate. More often than I would like, I found myself looking around and realizing my friends and I were the only ones wearing masks.

All in all, the pumpkin patch outing was pretty successful, and despite a few less-than-stellar situations, it was not enough to dampen my nor my friends' moods.



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In the weeks before Halloween, many students find themselves going to Roca's Farm and Pumpkin Patch.

Tiger Timeout

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

The answers to last weeks issue's Tiger Timeout

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Learning above grades

School is about education. On this, I think we can all agree. However, it seems that school has become more about grades and deadlines than content. How are students expected to retain content when they are rushing through assignments, too stressed to do anything but re-gurgitate information?

As soon as an assignment is done, that is the end of it.

If a student does poorly on an assignment, they live with the initial grade and are rarely given the opportunity to learn from any failure. Failing and trying again is essential for the learning process.

As students, if we are given feedback on an assignment but are not given a chance to apply the feedback to do better on the assignment, it can feel worthless.

Our education system should be based on the idea of learning from our mistakes, not suffering the consequences of not understanding something the first time around.

There are professors who share this philosophy of trying again, however, it is generally not the case. Everything is about how quickly you can get something done and how

well you can spit information onto a piece of paper with little room for mistakes.

Not only does this lack of second chances hinder students' ability to retain and understand information, but it also deters students from wanting to put in more than the bare minimum effort.

No one can have a love for learning if they aren't learning in the first place.

- LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

Objection to eliminations

Dear Editor,

In response (and objection) to President Jacque Carter's proposed elimination of courses, departments, and faculty:

"The oldest liberal arts college in Nebraska," bragged Don Ziegler, former Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He was interviewing me for a position in the English department at Doane in 1983.

I was happy to be selected for the job, one that led to a thirty-year career. My literature courses were deeply satisfying, especially teaching books by minority authors, such as seminars in the works of James Baldwin and Toni Morrison.

While the English department escaped extermination, the proposed cuts to the liberal arts by the current president represent a complete rejection of the central purpose of Doane University as represented in its mission statement: "To create distinctive educational experiences, rooted in the liberal arts, to prepare our students for careers and lives grounded in inquiry, ethics, and a commitment to lead and serve in a global community."

For most of its recent history, Doane bolstered its promise to promote International education.

At first there was the Interterm, a three-week period in January of on-and off-campus unique learning opportunities including intensive workshops such as filmmaking, pottery, and dance as well as travel, both domestic and abroad. My first travel Interterm (my daughter and son accompanied) was to The Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. I followed with trips to Greece (2), Italy, India, Egypt, and Kenya.

Because these travel experiences were profound for the students and for me, I embarked on a project to expand the three weeks to a semester-long teaching/learning travel semester. With the support of then-dean Maureen Franklin and

then-president Fred Brown, I started the semester in Africa: four months of intensive study and travel, beginning in 1998 and continuing until 2012. Ask any of my Africa alums and they will tell you what they said and still say to me: "I learned more in four months than I did in all of my previous years of education." I led five four-month semesters as well as several three-week experiences in Africa, including a Doane alumni trip.

Doane administrators, colleagues, and staff over those years helped make these semesters possible.

How can a university committed to global community propose to eliminate Asian Studies, the Fulbright program, International Studies, and German?

How can a university committed to education eliminate philosophy, the basis of intellectual inquiry; political science, the basis of participatory government; physics, the basis of science?

These course cuts will reduce the lifeblood of the institution: the faculty.

Former president Fred Brown habitually raised his arms and intoned, "the faculty, the faculty." I can hear it now. The next president, Jonathan Brand emphasized academic standards and study abroad. He raised salaries and adjusted workloads----all the while challenging faculty to dig into their projects and research.

And now President Carter proposes to solve his financial challenges by tearing down the building blocks ardently constructed by his predecessors. He spends money adding administrators and hiring consultants, and "saves money" by slicing the heart of the curriculum, a destructive and not life saving maneuver.

Financial exigencies are a wretched excuse for blood letting, for gutting the absolute core of a diverse, intellectually challenging education. I blame poor management, weak fund raising, and a serious diminishment

of ethical values. Doane's strong, capable presidents of the past---Phil Heckman, Fred Brown, Jonathan Brand--- excelled at raising adequate money and building the endowment. I ask, why is President Carter unable to do the same?

I was proud to teach at Doane. I happily met with prospective students and their families, bragging about our commitment to the liberal arts, the Honors program, our Fulbright, successes, and International exchange. When parents asked why they should choose Doane over other Nebraska colleges and universities, I promoted the specialness of a school where faculty and students actually work together to create the best choices and find the perfect opportunities for each student's goals and talents.

With a curriculum that provides important intellectual foundational classes (physics, philosophy, political science, German, Honors, and international studies), students can build a strong transcript to support their applications both for future jobs and for graduate/professional opportunities such as law school, medical school, veterinary science, Peace Corps, Fulbright). These were my recruiting pitches; selling Doane was easy.

And yet, these foundational courses, departments, and talented faculty are on President Carter's chopping block.

Responding to President Carter's cuts, one of my Doane colleagues despaired, "I don't know what I can say now or how I could honestly promote an education at Doane." Obviously, when faculty members feel handicapped to recruit students, Doane is in serious trouble.

To save Doane, the Board of Trustees must reject Carter's wrong-minded proposals.

B Betty Levitov, Ph.D.
Professor emerita

Do your part, don't quit

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

I was raised to be a hard-working and selfless person. I like to think that other people were raised the same way, but that assumption continues to be debunked daily.

When you accept a job position, that means you are making a commitment to whoever you are working for. Making money is an obvious benefit of having a job, but so much more comes with any position.

Other people are counting on you to do your part-- washing dishes, cleaning the workspace, doing your share of a project, etc. When you do not fulfill your duties, you are not just losing out on some extra money, you are letting your

entire team down.

I have never been on a sports team, but I imagine the sentiment carries over. The people on your team depend on you to receive the kick, pass the ball or set the ball correctly. The same goes for a job; the setting may be different, but the principle still applies.

The idea of carrying your own weight within a group extends past monetary benefits. When you show others that you are dependable and trustworthy, you will be granted additional opportunities. Opportunities to grow, develop your skills and make new connections.

By not showing up, not completing your tasks or rejecting constructive conversations, you are hurting yourself

more than you even realize.

Teaching yourself it is okay to quit when things get tough is an endless cycle that will only end in your own demise. You will never get as far in life as you want to. You can't expect to do and receive great things if you are not willing to put in the work for it.

Walking away from a position can be the right option sometimes but not always. Sticking with a challenging or a not-particularly-fun job will only help you in the long run. It probably won't be easy, but there is something to say about being able to adjust your mindset.

All too often, I see people quitting their jobs because they are avoiding a challenge or are scared of failure. That's life! You're not always going

to win, but the point of losing is to learn how to get back up again.

Now, some roles are simply inappropriate for a person's skillset, and that's perfectly fine! Evaluate your strengths and decide if the job you are contemplating really is that difficult, or if you just don't want to have that responsibility on your shoulders.

I have messed up my fair share during my lifetime, and I can confidently say it has helped me grow into the person I am today.

Don't quit something out of laziness, but don't half-ass a job because you decided not to care. Remember that other people are depending on you, and the least you can do is finish your part.

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Prioritize health over everything

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

When I came into my senior season for soccer, I knew things were going to be drastically different than any other year I had played. With COVID being prevalent, I had many concerns when it came to playing the sport I love.

I had gone back home to Montana for the summer, knowing that being in a less-populated area would be safest for me. I got a job cutting grass which put me in little-to-no contact with other people so I could remain healthy. When I turned

21, I stayed home. I took the virus seriously and coming back to Doane was a concern for me.

At the beginning of the season, I was stuck on whether or not I should even play. Given that I have respiratory issues to begin with, I was at an increased risk to not only get COVID, but I knew I'd be dealing with more severe symptoms if I contracted it. My mindset was simple: either I bite the bullet and risk getting COVID to play, or I stay away from the game and losing my last year of competitive play. I decided I would play despite

the health risks I knew were prevalent.

Given my incredible luck, I contracted COVID. I had been following all regulations, and the only time I would leave my house was to go to practice.

For the first week, I was completely drained. It was a struggle to get up to eat, and breathing was incredibly difficult for me. I would cough for ten minutes straight, catch my breath, then continue coughing for another few minutes. I couldn't move because of the muscle aches I experienced, and I would shift from extreme fevers to being

freezing cold.

The next week, I felt better, but the coughing was still an issue. I didn't realize it, but my ability to focus was completely gone. I couldn't focus in class for more than a few minutes at a time, and homework was even worse. I fell multiple weeks behind in all of my classes (I'm still trying to catch up in many of them), and it took a toll on my mental health.

After dealing with the virus and still feeling the aftermath nearly a month later, I decided to opt-out of the remainder of the fall season. The fall season, for soccer, is the

most important. We play the games that determine who we will play in the playoffs. After missing out on them last season, I wanted to be back and prove to the conference that our team has the ability to play with anyone.

This decision has been difficult for me, which is why I wanted to talk about it in this article. For those of you who are struggling with the health risks associated with playing sports, I know how you feel. I would practice with my mask on as much as possible, but everyone knows that's easier said than done.

For athletes who are facing the same decisions as I am, know that you are not alone. Know that no matter what decision you make, your team should be supportive of you. With this being my last year in college, I know how difficult the decision can be for seniors. Continue making the decision that is best for yourself. Don't push yourself into something you are uncomfortable with to try to please others. Your health and safety is the most important thing and it should be your main priority.



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Joey's hot takes The Monster Mash

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

S Tier: (The best)- Godzilla (1954), Cloverfield (2008), Xenomorph (Alien 1979), The Thing (1982), King Ghidorah (1964)

A Tier: (Second Best)- Vampires (Dracula, 1931), King Kong (1933), Werewolves (The Wolf Man, 1941), Yautja (Predator, 1987), Rodan (1956), Zombies (Night of the Living Dead, 1968)

B Tier: (Average)- Jason (Friday the 13th Part 2, 1982), Freddy (A Nightmare on Elm Street, 1984), Michael Myers (Halloween, 1978), Crawlers (The Descent, 2005), Mummies (The Mummy, 1932), Pennywise (It, 2017)

C Tier: (Below Average)- The Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954), The Shark (Jaws, 1975), Frankenstein's Monster (Frankenstein, 1931)

F Tier: (Garbage)- Mothra (1961), The Invisible Man (1933), The Blob (1958)

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

Following up last week's ranking on horror movies, this week I will be categorizing the horror movie villains and monsters that we all love to fear.

While there are hundreds of other horror antagonists not on this list, I chose ones that I felt classified as monsters.

Each monster is judged based on a series of criteria deemed as important in order to determine how good of a monster the thing really is.

The first aspect judged is how much damage this

monster could inflict on the world if it were ever to be real. If a creature could wipe out most of humanity in any amount of time under six months, it places high on the list.

The second attribute I judged each Monster on is its level of durability. If a monster is extremely dangerous to the human race but can be taken out by conventional, easily-accessible means (bullets, knives, etc.), it ranks lower than something that would take longer to wipe out humanity but is essentially unstoppable.

The third trait it is judged on is how easy it is to escape/avoid them. There are some monsters that can only survive in specific environments, thus limiting their potential maximum damage to humans.

The fourth and final aspect of a monster I judged was its level of recognizability/how aesthetically pleasing its design is. While less important than the previous two categories, this is still a trait I find important to a monster's success. If something is going to eradicate most of the human population, the least it could do is be cool-looking.

These qualities together form the ranking you see above, and after reading my thought process, hopefully you can understand why I made the choices I did. If not, whatever, I don't care; if you want to be mad, then by all means go for it.

S Tier: The monsters in this tier are unstoppable forces that, if real, would certainly have no trouble destroying humanity/ causing "monstrous" (get

it?) amounts of damage, and because of how cool they look, I wouldn't really complain.

A Tier: While not as destructive to the whole of humanity, these monsters could still do some heavy damage to a large area and have the potential to spread chaos to other parts of the world. And it would look pretty darn good doing it.

B Tier: Anything that inhabits this tier is as middle-of-the-row as they come. They focus more on individuals or smaller groups of people rather than collateral damage. Additionally, while it would be challenging to kill/stop them, it can be done, and their less-than-impressive appearance certainly does them few favors.

C Tier: The monsters in this level are underwhelming in all the categories used to judge them. Their mediocre damage to large groups of people paired with a decent-at-best design puts these monsters in the below-average range.

D Tier: If any person is killed by a monster in this tier, they have no one to blame but themselves because only fools would be dumb enough to allow a monster that occupies this level to add them to its body count.

Again, let me say: no amount of debating with me will change my mind so please save yourself the time and energy, you have better things to do than argue with a college kid about tier lists.

Not quite a fright

MEAGHAN STOUT
Editor-in-Chief

Earlier this month the Netflix original "The Haunting of Bly Manor" was released.

The series functions as a second season to "The Haunting of Hill House" that came out on Netflix in 2018. The cast of Hill House came back as new characters for this new haunting tale.

"The Haunting of Hill House" is quite possibly my favorite TV series of all time. I have watched the series all the way through countless times. That being said, "The Haunting of Bly Manor" fell short in comparison.

I loved all of the actors in Hill House. Since they were also the cast of the Bly Manor series, I assumed I would love the show just as much. That was not quite the case.

This isn't to say I didn't like the series, it just wasn't what I expected.

I expected to be thoroughly frightened. Instead, the series was just sad. There was maybe one jump scare, but otherwise, it was fairly tame for a show that claims to be "horror".

After watching Hill House, I spent hours awake, wondering if the shape in my closet was a jacket or one of the ghosts from the show come to life. I fell asleep while watching the new Bly Manor season, which is saying a lot. I have to watch cute kid's shows after watching things even remotely scary in order to fall asleep. The fact that I fell asleep while watching Bly Manor is not a good sign.

Not only was it less scary than I had hoped, but some of the acting was less than ideal as well. Now,



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I liked all of the actors in the Bly Manor show. I did not like the forced accents of some.

Dani, the main character, is from America, while the other characters are English. Her voice is obviously forced, which shattered a lot of the illusion.

The plot was interesting enough, but there were a lot of things that were left unanswered, if not completely forgotten. The show did not always feel cohesive, which was disappointing.

I enjoyed watching the show, but if you want to be scared, I suggest picking something else. If you want to feel confused and sad, though, then this is the show for you.

If you've watched the show, I am sure you will know what I mean when I say it was not "perfectly splendid".

I would give "The Haunting of Bly Manor" three and a half stars out of five.



...THUMBS UP

Caramel Apples

Saxophones

"Hoodie Season"

Lobster

Costume Parties

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...

Men's Tennis has hope for Spring

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

The Men's Tennis team has finished their competitive play for the fall. The team is planning to return to action in the spring, COVID permitting.

Junior Henrique Sakoda said he was happy just to be able to play and compete this fall given all the variables coming into the season. He also noted how there was very little difference when it came to practices and games.

"We were fortunate enough to be back on campus and to be able to practice and play matches. Apart from wearing a mask when indoors and maintaining social distancing, the daily routine with practice and the tournaments felt somewhere normal," Sakoda

said.

Sakoda, originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil, noted how helpful the coaching staff was when it came to players not feeling well.

"Our coach and grad assistant were very flexible and able to adapt whenever someone was feeling sick or not comfortable attending practice," Sakoda said.

Sophomore Brandon Linhart agreed with Sakoda, noting how the coaching staff makes him feel safe.

"The coaches have abided by the rules and are still applying these rules. I am always excited to go to practice every day knowing that I am going to be safe from COVID-19 with all the precautions Ed and Ignacio are taking care of," Linhart said.

The Men's team had success in their tourna-

ments, of which were the GPAC Invite and ITA Regional.

Sophomore Jorge Chavez was able to claim his second straight GPAC "A" Division title at the GPAC Invite. He then followed his victory up by winning the ITA Regional Tournament a week later. With his win, Chavez was given an automatic berth to attend the ITA Cup in Rome, Georgia.

Sakoda was quick to praise his teammates and the Women's team for their success over the two tournaments, noting both teams had players reaching the finals in both tournaments.

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Henrique Sakoda
Junior

as a team that we made the most of every practice and tried to enjoy as much as possible," Sakoda said.

Linhart talked about the success the team had at their first home match, noting that despite the loss, he felt the team did great overall.

"We had our first home match a few weeks ago and I thought the team played great. We might have lost, but it was a fight against a Division 2 team with us

only losing by 1 match," Linhart said.

Both Tennis teams are preparing to play in the spring, as it is their main season, and they will look to build on their positive start from the fall. The spring season is heavily reliant on the weather, according to Sakoda, which can make playing matches and practicing difficult.

Sakoda believes the team had a lot to prove after the cancellation of their spring season. The

team will continue to work during the winter through strength and conditioning. He stated the importance of remembering the past season and the joy this season brought to the players.

"Now with the fall season being finished, I can say we got the most of every practice and match and enjoyed a little extra every single day after the bittersweet feeling from last season," Sakoda said.

Linhart echoed Sakoda, believing the team has everything to prove, especially after the let down the spring season had last year.

"Overall, from my perspective, the team is doing great and can not wait until the spring season and hopefully, take home the GPAC Conference title for Men's Tennis," Linhart said.

Women's Soccer continues struggle

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

The Women's Soccer team has struggled this season, currently holding a 0-7-1 overall record. They are 0-5-1 in GPAC conference games.

On Oct. 10, they were held goalless by Dakota Wesleyan University in a 0-4 loss.

The goals scored were split between halves, with a penalty being one of the goals in the first half. Sophomore Hannah Drolshagen compiled nine saves on the day in net.

They were again held scoreless four days

later against Hastings College, where they also lost 0-4. Two goals were scored in each half again, with an own goal in the first half hurting the Tigers as Hastings took a 2-0 lead going into halftime. Hastings outshot Doane 12-2 in the game, with sophomore goalkeeper Madidy Merideth posting nine saves in net for the team.

In their most recent game against College of St. Mary (CSM), the Women were able to get on the board but still lost 1-2. The Tigers were outshot by a margin of 29-10 on the day, with a 15-4 deficit

with shots on goal. The game remained scoreless until late, when CSM scored in the 76th minute. The second goal came in the 82nd minute. In the 90th minute, sophomore Makenna Klug was the one to finally score for the Tigers, lobbing the keeper off of a pass from senior Kendall Meyer. However, it was too late for the Tigers who would lose the game soon after.

Drolshagen was back in net for the game, and she collected 13 saves on the day.

The team has been scored on 29 times and only scored twice this

season, as the team has been struggling to get their footing.

The team's past three games all came within a one-week span, but sophomore Liz Torok does not believe that has affected their ability to play with intensity in each game.

"Playing three games in a week is very exhausting and does take a lot out of the players. I think it helps increase the team's stamina and doesn't really affect the way we play in the next game," Torok said.

Despite the record, Torok is confident in the team and believes they are able to contin-

"A positive we can take from the season is still having a season. I am very grateful that we are still on campus and that I am still able to play the sport I love,

Liz Torok
Sophomore

ue improving and playing their game.

"We are preparing by practicing the simple things such as passing and our first touch. We are very hopeful to get the results we would like and are staying positive," Torok said.

Including their last five games of the 2019 season, the Women's team has not been able to get into the wins column. However, Torok mentioned the impor-

tance of even having a season with COVID around.

"A positive we can take from the season is still having a season. I am very grateful that we are still on campus and that I am still able to play the sport I love," Torok said.

The Women's team returns to play on Oct. 21. They will play Midland University in Fremont, with kick-off scheduled for 5 p.m.

Huskers resume with modified season

LUKE URBONAVICIUS
Content Producer

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln have their season opener this coming weekend on Oct. 24 in Columbus, Ohio against Ohio State.

The Big 10 Athletic Conference recently reversed their decision to cancel their football season, as fans from all over the state and across the nation looked forward to this event as a sign of normalcy returning to everyday life.

This revised athletic schedule has a series of pros and cons for the team's performance and

the potential threats as well.

Penn State, a top-ranked school for football, has already opted out due to a spike in COVID-19 cases, so the Husker's chances of going further in this conference have already increased due to that school's decision.

The Huskers were quarantined earlier this summer due to a spike of COVID-19 cases on the team, similar to Penn State.

The Huskers have since resumed their regular training and practices.

Many athletes have al-

ready opted out of playing this season due to personal concerns about the pandemic. This trend can be seen in almost every school across the country.

The shortened itinerary has put teams in a hurry between games, as they now have less time

to prepare game plans for upcoming events.

"I think everyone is very excited about the return of Husker football; it's a huge morale boost to the state and other colleges around the country," senior Richard Dover said.

As the city of Lincoln

prepares for the upcoming game, many bars and restaurants are also preparing for the massive wave of college students and Husker fans that will show up on game day.

"Turnout should be huge, but there are risks with that, as there are risks with anything,"

Dover said.

The Railyard in Lincoln will be set up and expecting guests as the excitement continues to grow. More precautions are being evaluated and examined with each passing day and will be for the remainder of the season.

Student access re-granted

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

Students now have a new way to get into sporting events at Doane that differs from the previous method of registering for tickets.

In an email sent out to Doane students on Oct. 19, the first few students to show up to sporting events will be allowed in with their student ID. The number of students allowed differs depending on the sport they are going to watch.

Basketball and Volleyball are allowing the first 40 students to attend the game, while Football and Soccer will allow the first 50 students to attend. The difference in the number of students allowed is based on whether the sport is taking place indoors or outside.

This new procedure will begin this week, with different sporting events for students to watch. Men's and Women's Basketball play on Oct. 21, with the first game starting at 5 p.m. Volleyball takes place on Oct. 23 starting at 6 p.m.

Students who attend Friday's Volleyball games will also be given a bracelet that gives them admittance to the games on Saturday, Oct. 24. Saturday's games will begin at 3:30 p.m.

On Oct. 24, Football and both Men's and Women's Soccer will also take place. Football begins at 1 p.m. Students who attend the game will be given a bracelet that will allow them to attend the soccer games that begin at 5 p.m.

Masks will still be required for all spectators and any students who are granted access.

THE HUSKERS ARE BACK

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Athlete of the Week



Hannah Drolshagen
Soccer

Finished Saturday's game against College of Saint Mary with thirteen saves



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