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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Fall and winter athletes were given their season of competition back. See Page 8 for more.

Carter drops out of university

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Jacque Carter will resign his position as President of Doane at the end of the academic year.

An email from the President's Office informed the Doane community that Carter has decided to quit his position as President of the university.

"I write today to share with you the news that I have decided to complete my time as President of Doane University at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. My final day will be June 30, 2021," the email said.

Carter announced to the Board of Trustees that he intended to step down on Nov. 9, during the voting process on prioritization.

According to a press release from the university, Carter believes it is "a good time to hand over the wheel to a new President."

After months of working on prioritization, Carter will leave before most of his recommendations are put into action.

"A decision like this is never made lightly," Carter said. "Many considerations, both personal and professional, went into this decision for me."

A committee has been chosen to help select the

new university President.

"The Board of Trustees will be convening a search committee for Doane's next President. Paul Schelstraete will chair this committee. Once the committee is formed, more information about the search will be shared with the Doane Community," the email said. "I want to ensure and commit to a smooth transition for the community and the next leader of Doane University."

During an interview, Carter said he has been thinking about leaving Doane for a while.

"I've been thinking about my life for quite a while-- my work, my family and what we want to do going forward. Ten years is a good amount of time for any president to be at any particular college or university," Carter said.

Carter chose to postpone his resignation until he felt the university was in good standing during the pandemic and budget cuts.

"I wanted to make sure we could get through that pandemic moment that we were in and that we would be able to complete the budget saving process that we started back in February," Carter said. "I thought if I was to make any decision to leave earlier, I would leave in the



Courtesy photo | Ryan Mueksch

President Jacque Carter has recently announced his upcoming resignation as President of Doane University. He will not be stepping down until June 30, 2021, in an effort to help prioritization get underway before his departure.

middle of a situation that Doane needed me there for, so I set it aside."

Additionally, he has children and a grandchild he hopes to spend more time with.

"We're kind of ready now to reconnect as a family, to start that part of our life back up again," Carter said.

After over ten years as the President of Doane University, Carter said he believes it is time to give someone else the oppor-

tunity.

"The typical presidency is ten years. [In the first five years] When you come as a new person to a school, you usually put some big plan into place and have big ideas and big goals. Then you execute those in the second five years," Carter said. "Then you come to a point where you should reassess and reevaluate what to do next. This is the time for me to pass the baton."

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University President

Carter said he has enjoyed his time at Doane.

"I'm very happy with my time at Doane, the people I have met, the students and faculty. I know there have been a lot of moments when it hasn't been so much fun, but overall, I feel really good about having come

here and having had this opportunity. Overall, I hope that I am leaving Doane in a good position as it goes forward so that it will prosper," Carter said.

The next University President will be chosen in the future by a search committee.

Changes made concerning Title IX

Changes to Title IX

- Off-campus assaults no longer covered
- Definitions of sexual assault and sexual harassment
- Hearings now require a live hearing with cross examination
- Limited mandatory reporters with "responsible employees"

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Title IX has been changed as of Nov. 10. Changes were discussed over a virtual panel hosted by Chi Delta sorority. Of the major changes, off-campus assaults no longer being covered by Doane is a major change that students will have to adjust to.

Major changes to Title IX mean Doane students are not protected like they have been before

ABRIANNA MILLER
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As part of their "No Means November" campaign, Chi Delta sorority hosted a virtual panel on Zoom discussing the adjustments made to Title IX on Nov. 10.

Individuals involved in the panel included: Suzannah Rogan, Director of Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Specialist; a Crete Victim Advocate, Andie, from Hope Crisis Center; Laura Northup, Director of Human Resources and Title IX Co-

ordinator; senior Allison Jasso, Lead CAPE Peer Educator; and junior Madi Warrelmann, member of Chi Delta sorority.

Title IX is an amendment prohibiting sex discrimination in education and in federally-funded institutions. This amendment underwent a revision in the past year, resulting in several changes.

"It also has a piece of it that is related to sexual harassment and sexual violence. Basically, it says that everyone should be able to go to a school and an environment where they're not discriminated against based on their sex," Northup said.

The first major change to Title IX is that on-campus assaults are covered by the law but assaults off campus are not. Incidents occurring during study abroad, travel courses or anywhere outside of the United States are also not covered.

"As a university, we recognize that sexual assault, sexual harassment don't just occur on campus and so our... poli-

cy covers anything that doesn't fall in that geographical requirement. So, if something does happen off campus, we are still going to investigate it... but it will look a little different in how the process works," Rogan said.

Title IX has also changed its definitions of sexual assault and sexual harassment. The policy now includes more types of violence in the definition of sexual assault, such as domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Sexual harassment has been changed in that a person must meet all of the requirements outlined in Title IX.

"Previously, sexual harassment had to be severe, pervasive or objectively offensive. And there was that 'or' in there, but now, it's severe, pervasive and objectively offensive," Rogan said.

The grievance procedure process under Title IX has experienced some changes as well. Rogan said a Title IX coordinator will still reach out,

provide resources, schedule a meeting with the victim and investigate the situation.

Changes come into play afterwards, in that when a complaint goes to a special hearing board, a live hearing with cross examination is required. If the victim does not go through the cross examination process, their statement can't be used.

"This is not a trauma-informed change. It actually is retraumatizing for a lot of victims. However, the one 'good' thing about it is the... perpetrator cannot actually do the cross examining themselves," Rogan said.

Jasso also said each party can have a representative with them at the hearing.

Mandatory reporters have also experienced a change. They are now called "responsible employees" according to Rogan, and they are not required to report any complaints but are encouraged to refer students to a Title IX coordinator.

New laws pass in election

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Copy Desk Chief

In addition to voting for President and House/Senate positions, Nebraska and Oregon had some controversial laws up for vote, both of which passed.

Recently, Oregon voters approved a measure which decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of hard drugs such as cocaine, heroin, oxycodone and methamphetamines, in addition to using marijuana sales tax to fund payments for drug addiction treatment. The drugs decriminalized are often associated with social decay and crippling addiction, a concern for many.

Proponents say this act favors rehabilitation over incarceration and prevents recovering addicts or users from falling back into the cycle of drug-related criminality.

Additionally, Nebraska passed a law legalizing gambling on all six of the horse-racing tracks in Nebraska.

Sophomore Jacob Patrick said he believes the passing of both of these laws is a positive with

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Jacob Patrick

minimal potential negative consequences.

“I think that this is a step in the right direction of testing the waters of what should and shouldn't be legal... I believe Oregon is taking a bold move in testing to see what will and won't work,” Patrick said.

On the subject of gambling, Patrick said he also fully supports it, as the financial gain from taxing gambling funds is too good to pass up.

“In my opinion, I believe this is a great law to have... I've heard [that] people who [are] in the 'at-risk' area in terms of finance are more likely to fall victim to losing money to gambling, but I don't think there are many people in Lincoln who will be too impacted by it,” Patrick said.

Colton Mitties and

freshman Gage Heithold both share Patrick's views on Nebraska's gambling law. Mitties said he believes it “will hopefully lower property taxes in rural areas”, and Heithold said he thinks “Nebraska can tax the hell out of it and make some money”. However, when it comes to the Oregon

drug laws, Mitties said he is against it because “without a harsh penalty, they will [have] no reason to stop”. Heithold said he fully supports the new law. “[Individuals caught] MUST pay [a] \$100 fine and MUST attend a drug program,” and “over time, I believe it will cost

taxpayer dollars but it will open more job opportunities,” Heithold said. Time will tell as to whether these new laws are successful and pave the way for other states to follow in decriminalizing drugs and gambling, or if they will cause more harm than good.

New Laws

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 - Also includes using marijuana sales tax to fund payments for drug addiction
- Nebraska passed a law legalizing gambling.
 - In all six of the horse-racing tracks in Nebraska

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THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST WEDNESDAY

11/18



HIGH: 71

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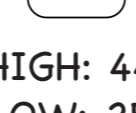


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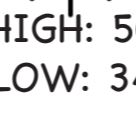


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Student opinions on recent election

Results incite different reactions

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The most recent presidential election saw candidates President Donald Trump with Vice President Mike Pence battle Joe Biden and Kamala Harris for the most votes. In the end, Biden and Harris saw victory over Trump and Pence and are now in line to take office in 2021. This resulted in several different reactions throughout the nation, including students at Doane.

Some students view this outcome as extremely beneficial to the future of the United States. Students like (class) Ashley Marco said she believes that Americans need a change in leadership to improve their state of living. “If they follow through on campaign

promises, the American people will be better taken care of,” Marco said. “Healthcare and human rights are a big deal, and Biden and Harris have made good promises in these areas.”

However, not all opinions are positive ones. Some are worried about the ideas of empty promises, such as junior Matthew Mittlieder, who is concerned about the amount of ideas Biden and Harris have proposed and whether or not they can all be fulfilled.

“I'm most concerned that they won't follow through with any of the things they said they would do,” Mittlieder said. “They aren't nearly as progressive as they need to be to see actual change in the country, so they may just end up being too moderate and changing nothing.”

One promise that some are looking forward to is how treatment of minorities will change in the next four years. Senior Rhegan Fritzier said she believes that with Biden and Harris, relations between all races will improve, and minorities will face

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Junior

better treatment in the United States.

“I believe one of the most important issues in this election is the treatment of minorities in the U.S., and I think the Biden-Harris administration will provide a good foundation to fix race relations,” Fritzier said.

Recently, there has been a lot of demand for social change, leading to riots and protests all across America. Some, such as sophomore Joey Colanino, are worried that with a Democrat on the way to becoming



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Junior

president, people will stop fighting for these changes.

“I'm worried how much Biden will put his money where his mouth was,” Colanino said.

“I'm also worried that because it's a democratic president that a lot of people will overlook the inequalities still present in the United States, and we will have become complacent.”

Although there is a large demand for change, one change like-

ly to occur is economic growth. Many are looking forward to this, such as sophomore Samuel Province.

“Economic growth under democratic presidents tends to be higher than for republican ones,” Province said. “[Biden's] global warming and race relation policy is also wonderful.”

Although opinions differ, one thing is certain: the next four years will pose a different set of challenges.

Representatives keep office

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Nebraska held its general and presidential election on Nov. 3, 2020. The following positions were voted on by Nebraska citizens: President of the United States, Nebraska Senator and Nebraska's First, Second and Third District Representatives. Local elections were also held across the state.

Donald Trump won the presidential election against Joe Biden by popular vote in the state of Nebraska. According to NBC News, Trump won four electoral votes, and Biden won one electoral vote in the second electoral vote district encompassing the Omaha area.

All other seats up for election were won by incumbent candidates, individuals who held their respective positions in the prior election cycle.

The incumbent Senator Ben Sasse won the Senate race again this year with 64.7 percent of the state's votes, according to NBC News.



Courtesy photo | Office of Jeff Fortenberry



Courtesy photo | Office of Adrian Smith

Nebraska voted in majority for President Donald Trump, awarding four electoral votes to the President. One electoral vote was given to President-Elect Joe Biden. All incumbents in Nebraska retained their seats.

According to Congress' website, Sasse has served as Nebraska's Senator since 2015, sponsoring and pushing for bills to help Nebraska's farmers and rural areas.

Nebraska's other Senator, Deb Fischer has held her seat in Congress since 2013 as detailed on Con-

gress' website. Senator Fischer was not up for reelection in this cycle, so she will retain her position in the Senate.

In the House of Representatives, all three incumbent Representatives won their elections. According to KETV News, Jeff Fortenberry won the

first district of Nebraska, Donald Bacon won the second and Adrian Smith won the third. As listed on Congress' website, Fortenberry has served as a Representative since 2005, Bacon since 2017 and Smith since 2007.

The first district of Nebraska is comprised

of Lincoln and the surrounding areas, with the exception of Omaha. The second district includes Omaha and the areas left out of the first district. Nebraska's third district encompasses all other areas not included in the first or second districts, generally stretching west

from Lincoln throughout the rest of the state.

All winning candidates are registered Republicans in the state of Nebraska.

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Slavery officially outlawed in Nebraska

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Nebraska voters officially outlawed all forms of slavery on Nov. 3.

Nebraska has only allowed slavery and indentured servitude as punishment for convicted criminals.

Known as the “Remove Slavery Exception,” the wording within Nebraska's Constitution allowed criminals to be forced to work for their crimes. Amendment 1 repealed this wording and made it explicit that slav-

ery would not be allowed in any sense.

68.2 percent of voters voted in favor of removing slavery and indentured servitude as a punishment, while 31.8 percent were against the Remove Slavery Exception.

The outlawing of slavery has caused some confusion in what was being voted for, as many people were confused as to how slavery was still legal in Nebraska. Before the vote, only those convicted of crimes were eligible to be subject to free labor for the state.



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Vice President-Elect causes controversy

Students have mixed feelings about Harris in the White House

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On Nov 7, Senator Kamala Harris presumed the role of Vice President-Elect. She will be the first woman and person of color to be Vice President of the United States (VPOTUS).

In 2017, Harris was sworn in as a California Senator. Since then she has served on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on the Budget.

“While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities,” Harris said in an interview with The Washington Post.

Doane students have mixed feelings about the newly-elected VPOTUS. Junior Alec Oberhauser said he did not feel that Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris is qualified to be the VPOTUS.

“Not a fan,” Oberhauser said when asked about his opinion on a woman being in the White House.

Senior Amanda Insalaco said she denies that Harris will be the next Vice President. She believes that “when everything settles, Trump will still remain in office.”

“The President is Commander and Chief of the Army; his primary responsibility is pro-

tecting us from threats. Thus, the Vice President is his second-in-command. Accordingly, there should be no women who have to make those tough decisions. It is the women's responsibility to help nurture children and raise the next generation, but the man's responsibility to protect and provide,” Insalaco said.

Not all Doane students were against Harris being in office.

Junior Blaine Wood said he thought Harris wouldn't be able to make a lot of political change due to the controversy in the election.

“In a couple years if Biden-Harris do well in office, I believe it will allow many women to have more confidence in politics,” Wood said.

Senior Alicyn Olson echoes Wood's belief that Harris' victory will call women to strive for bigger opportunities. Olson called attention to the representation of minorities that Harris presents.

“I feel like this is a very big step for not only women in politics, but women and young girls all across this country,” Olson said.

The inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will occur Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

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Kamala Harris
U.S. Vice President-elect

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PRIORITIZATION UPDATE

The news of President Jacque Carter resigning at the end of the year will not affect the prioritization processes approved by the Board of Trustees.

Academic programs will still have until March 10, 2021 to file a report on faculty plans to cut down costs.

Administrative reports approved by the Board will continue as planned.

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Doane Crime Log

- 11/10 Sexual Harassment - Crete
- 11/14 Trespassing - Crete: Frees Hall First Floor
- 11/14 Liquor Law Violation: Minor in Possession - Crete: Frees Hall First Floor
- 11/15 Sexual Harassment - Crete: Off Campus
- 11/15 Trespassing - Crete: Off Campus
- 11/15 Assault - Crete: Off Campus
- 11/15 Disturbance: Domestic Situation - Crete: Off Campus

‘WWZ’ makes art in unique way

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

The Doane Theater Department presented their most recent production, “WWZ: A Survivor’s Tale of the Great Zombie Pandemic,” last week on Nov. 12 and Nov. 13.

This production was available through a streaming site, Twitch, while the actors performed it live.

Fifteen students made up the cast, and they adapted their characters from a piece of literature into around a seven-minute monologue telling their stories.

The idea behind “WWZ” is that a United Nations (UN) cor-

respondent is putting together a chronicle of survivors’ stories and what they did to survive.

“At its heart, it’s a human interest story about the survivors who have very harrowing stories, but some of it is just heartbreaking how they survived,” Co-Director of the Theater Department and Director of “WWZ” Robin McKercher said.

McKercher chose this piece because he felt that many of the ideas tie into the COVID-19 pandemic. “At its core, it is not about zombies,” and is instead about “how people survive pandemics and the heartache” that occurs.

“WWZ” incorporated many of the issues the world is currently facing. It depicts the effects of

not taking the pandemic seriously, the people who tried to fight the virus, people who lost loved ones, etc. However, it also ties into military conflict and the effects of war on a person, according to McKercher.

“It shows how strong humanity can be. It also shows how in the future, we may have those traumatic events and effects related to this pandemic,” cast member and freshman, Kinsey Knorr, said.

The characters ranged from a housewife, a teenager, doctors who discovered the outbreak, to military personnel. The stories encompassed how they survived, what they saw and how they will never be the same. According to McKercher,

these are characters who are just trying to put their lives back together. He said it makes the audience assess how life will be different after this current pandemic.

“For us in the performing arts, how are we going to be different? So, doing a project like ‘WWZ,’ it is definitely making an adjustment so we, as artists, can still be making universal beauty and doing it in a unique way,” McKercher said.

While the majority of the show was monologues, there was a small amount of dialogue between the different characters and the UN correspondent. The live stream that audience members saw only consisted of two actors at a time: the

survivor and the UN correspondent. Projections were used in the background to help depict where the character was located in the world.

McKercher and the crew had to learn about projections, using Twitch, new sound techniques, cameras and microphones to keep everyone safe. According to stage manager and senior, Autumn Galloway, the production went well as far as the tech side, something that they worked hard on.

For Knorr, using the camera instead of having an audience was a challenge to adapt to.

“In theater, we have to make things big and expressive but with a camera you have to be more

subtle. It [made] me key in more on my emotions and my delivery,” Knorr said.

End of college causes concern

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

With the fall semester coming to a close, senior students are nearing the end of their undergraduate experience at Doane and feeling a mix of emotions.

The majority of seniors are graduating after the conclusion of the spring semester in May. Some are graduating at the end of the summer term, and there are a few who are graduating early after the fall semester concludes.

For many seniors, the past three to three-and-a-half years have gone by fast.

“It is crazy to think that as a freshman, I looked forward and thought I had all this time, and now that I’m so close to graduation, I feel like that was yesterday,” senior Rhegan Fritzier said.

While the idea of graduating and leaving the Doane has many seniors feeling sad, others do not feel as sad due to how

the year has turned out. COVID-19 has negatively impacted all college students, as get-togethers are not safe, events are not as common around campus and classes are a mix of in-person and online.

“I’ll miss my friends and professors [when I graduate], but I haven’t seen much of anyone this year anyway, and it’s just been draining to have so much work to do without any of the usual positives of being in the community,” senior Ryleigh Gebbers said.

While leaving Doane has created some mixed feelings about leaving, many are excited about their future.

Out of the almost 30 seniors who responded to a survey emailed out, 23 percent have a job lined up, almost 35 percent are continuing their education and 43 percent are sending out applications and considering their options.

Senior Kenneth Weber, who is part of the 43 percent sending out applications and considering his options, is look-

ing forward to graduating and experiencing a life outside of school. However, he is also worried about living life outside of school.

“Once I leave this place, I will be jumping head-first into a new reality and world that I have not been part of before. I will no longer know that I have perfected the craft of living life without being a student,” Weber said.

For many students, being a student is all they know how to do, like Weber. The thought of moving into the “real adult world,” as Weber described it, is both a nerve-racking and exciting experience that will come with many struggles.

“I know that there is a good chance that I am going to have barriers and obstacles and plenty of things that will knock me down and push me off my path, but I also know that I will be learning and growing in my ability to live a life of an adult without being a student,” Weber said.

New Haddix schedule

**HADDIX FITNESS CENTER
WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE**

Monday, Nov. 23 - Tuesday, Nov. 24:
6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25:
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 26 - Sunday, Nov. 29:
CLOSED

Monday, Nov. 30 - Friday, Dec. 4:
6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Sunday, Dec. 6:
CLOSED

Monday, Dec. 7 - Friday, Dec. 11:
6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12 - Sunday, Dec. 13:
CLOSED

Monday, Dec. 14 - Friday, Dec. 18:
6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19 - Sunday, Jan. 3:
CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 4 - Friday, Jan. 8:
6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9 - Sunday, Jan. 10:
CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 11 - Friday, Jan. 15:
6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16 - Sunday, Jan. 17:
CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 18:
REGULAR HOURS RESUME

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Students plan for upcoming break

COVID leaves students questioning plans

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

With Doane’s winter break right around the corner, students across campus are engaged in all types of planning to keep themselves occupied over the month-and-a-half long break and to keep themselves and their loved ones safe from COVID-19.

Junior Max McKeown said he is planning on spending most of his time at home but is also hoping to find work somewhere.

“I’m probably trying to get a job of some sort, probably one that’s fairly safe COVID-wise because my dad is [immuno] compromised, so I wouldn’t work at a job

that’s high-risk,” McKeown said. Junior Kasey Johannsen said he is in the same boat as Max, hoping to find work somewhere but not too optimistic about his chances.

“I’ll probably go try and find a job somewhere, but it’ll be hard because employers aren’t really looking for part-time employees who work for a month and then leave. I’ll probably just end up hanging out and relaxing,” Johannssen said.

In terms of the holiday season, McKeown said his family is currently planning on visiting extended family, but it is still up in the air.

“We’ll probably go to my grandparent’s house [for Thanksgiving], and we’re going to have masks on and eat before we go as to not expose anybody. As for Christmas, my family will celebrate Christmas Eve at our house and then go to my grandparent’s

house for Christmas day celebrations,” McKeown said.

Johannssen said he will also be visiting family, and his plans do not hinge on COVID, as the family he is visiting live quite far from other people.

“[For] Thanksgiving, [we’re] going up to Shadrin, Nebraska to see family. They live 95 miles away from the closest person, so COVID risk is relatively low,” Johannssen said.

While Johannssen’s Thanksgiving plans are set in stone, his Christmas events are not quite as sturdy.

“We might go on a vacation somewhere, COVID permitting, but it’s up in the air,” Johannssen said.

COVID-19 has certainly altered people’s plans for the holiday season. Most students seem to be planning for rest, relaxation and staying indoors to avoid the virus.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Use a game plan to help get you through the following weeks but acknowledge that things are subject to change.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Use any extra time this week to prepare for the future. Instead of just getting caught up, try to get ahead. You will be surprised by how stress-free you will feel in the future.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): This may be an easy going week for you. Take advantage of this and get things done because next week will get busy again.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): The interactions that you have with friends and family are going to be extra important this week so proceed with caution.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Be on the lookout this week for challenges that are teaching you something and notice what you learn.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Take time this week to get all of your things organized. Prepare for upcoming stressful projects and future events.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): This week provides good timing to look for extra opportunities to succeed. They will be there if you look hard enough.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Exciting things may be in the future for you. You may feel the desire to keep things private but share things you are proud of.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): This is going to be an eventful week for you. Make sure to have time in your schedule for yourself.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Notice all of the positive things in your life. Sometimes it is easy to look at the negatives and not think about the good things.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You may feel an interest in new and unusual things this week. Embrace your newfound interests.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): You may feel as though you are starting to isolate yourself lately. Use this week as an opportunity to actively get involved in school or work.



Mini Fridge



Wifi Router

VS

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Playstation vs Xbox

Students share opinions about new gaming consoles

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

The next-gen consoles have arrived, and just in time for the holiday season.

Sony and Microsoft released the Playstation (PS) 5 and Xbox Series X respectively, and in addition to the internet labeling them as “the wifi router” and “the mini fridge,” they come with some impressive features.

Each console is priced at \$500, and although in the past each console has had relatively similar specs, this year is a little different.

The PS5 has an 8 core AMD Ryzen that runs at 3.5GHz. Basically, the CPU allows

chip manufacturers to get more computing power from a smaller chip, and the PS5’s chip is more than four times faster than the CPU chip used in the PS4.

It also has a GPU of 10.28 TFLOPs, meaning the PS5 is capable of displaying 8K graphics or over 33 million pixels.

In addition to these upgrades, the PS5 has an internal storage of 825 GBs, and a 4K UHD Blu-ray Drive.

These main changes, in addition to other upgrades, allow the PS5 to be a worthy upgrade to the PS4 and well worth the price.

This is also true for the Xbox Series X.

The new Xbox has an 8 core processor that runs at 3.8 GHz, .3 more than the PS5.

It also has a GPU of 12 TFLOPs, a 1 TB internal storage and a 4K UHD Blu-ray Drive.

Long story short, the new Xbox has better specs all

around than the Playstation, but that is not everything gamers take into account when deciding on a console.

In terms of games, the Playstation has the Uncharted series, the God of War series, the new Spider-man games and the Last of Us series to name a few exclusives, while the Xbox has the Halo series, the Gears of War series, the Forza Horizon series and others.

Freshman Danielle Jackson said she feels “Playstation is more reliable than Xbox and has more to offer [in terms of games]” but is going to wait on buying the PS5.

Sophomore Noah Reestman is also choosing the PS5.

“It’s the console I’ve played on since I’ve played console games, and I’ve gotten used to the layout, and the games are better,” Reestman said.

Whether you’re buying the new consoles or holding off, we all can expect a flood of new games and a new standard of console specs in the future.

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 -

Title IX revision has its flaws

Title IX was recently revised with some extremely beneficial components and other questionable ones.

The most important part of Title IX is protecting those who have been assaulted. However, the most recent revisions to the bill do not seem to reflect that priority.

Making cross-examination necessary after submitting a formal complaint seems reasonable at first glance, but it is not.

By requiring cross-examination, victims of assault are essentially being retraumatized in front of a live hearing. Yes, victims can have support with them, but that does not diminish the effect of reliving one's trauma.

One of the few decent parts of the new cross-examination policy is that the accused person cannot personally cross-examine the victim. This protects the victim to some extent, but it is still not

enough. Off-campus assaults are no longer covered under Title IX. While it would be difficult for an institution to maneuver outside conflicts, this change does not have the best interest of victims in mind.

People can still report off-campus assaults to advocates at their institutions, but the process of investigation will look significantly different.

We believe victims should

have the most valuable resources available to them without the uncertainty of how a situation will be handled.

The new adjustments made to Title IX are moving in the direction of benefitting and protecting all parties involved, but we believe there is still a lot of work to be done in order to guarantee victims the kind of support they need.

Unity amidst changes



JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

With the recent announcement from President Jacques Carter saying he will be resigning at the end of the Spring semester, now is the time for students to really voice their concerns in an effort to make

Doane better than it has been.

For me, it is a bittersweet announcement. Being a senior, I will not be around to see things change at Doane. However, that does not mean I will shy away from the opportunity to make the conditions at Doane better for those who will still be here next year.

This is an opportunity for every student to fight and stand up for what they want to change at Doane. I have talked many times about improvements that can be made at Doane, but the important thing is that this is an opportunity that hasn't come around in a decade.

With the prospect of a new President at Doane, students should be just as nervous

as they should be excited. Change can be for better or for worse, and input from the student body can help sway that change in the right direction.

Doane is a tight-knit community, and, even with COVID running rampant and altering our lives, we have remained a community through it all. It is time to use that to our advantage and begin demanding change that has been put off for too long.

Doane is here because of us, the students. We pay to attend this school to earn an education to prepare us for our future. That doesn't mean we have to live in below-average conditions. Our voices combined can create a huge wave of change at Doane, both ac-

ademically and in our day-to-day lives.

Reach out to StuCo, reach out to professors and faculty. If you're not sure where to go to voice concerns, everyone at Doane is here to help, including myself. College is supposed to leave everyone with lasting memories and great times.

With all of the news going on at Doane, it is an opportunity to create change that benefits us, the students. Whether your program is proposed for cuts or not, support the students who have a passion for learning within the programs on the chopping block.

We truly are all in this together, and I encourage everyone to voice their opinions to make Doane the place we all came to love.

Better options than driving



SARAH DALY
Multimedia
Coordinator

I passionately hate very few things in my life-- being in the car is one of them. I hate driving and riding in the car. The worst is when you are in the car for longer than two hours. All I can think about in the car is how I could be productive doing something else. How am I using my time while "in-transit?" Normally it is performing the Hamilton soundtrack for myself. See! Not productive. There are

many times I feel that I spent more time on the road than actually sleeping. Though my productivity doesn't define my worth, my to do list does not shrink when I'm driving. Think of how much time

you spend in the car each week? Imagine you had to commute one hour everyday round trip. If you worked five days a week for thirty years, you would have spent around 7,800 hours in the car. That is insane!

Driving is also not the best for the environment. Air pollution is the most dense in areas where everyone drives. Walking is a far better solution. Driving and being in a car is also dangerous. The winter time brings sleet and slick roads. The summer brings deer crossing dangers.

Overall driving is not my preferred mode of transportation. I would rather stay home or fly. Road trips make me carsick. When I spend long amounts of time in the car, my back starts to hurt and I get a headache. What I like about flying is that you can be on your laptop or phone while moving. To be fair, you can work on your laptop if you are in the passenger seat. That just isn't fun.

Riding and driving in the car has its pros and cons, but it will never be a highlight in my book.

Joey's hot takes; Oh, nuts!

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

S Tier: (The best)- Peanut

A Tier: (Second Best)- Pistachio, Macadamia

B Tier: (Average)- Cashew, Pecan, Hazelnut

C Tier: (Below Average)- Pine, Brazil, Walnut

F Tier: (Garbage)- Almond, Chestnut

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

At nuts. We all knew it was only a matter of time before nuts were put on the chopping block that is 'Hot Takes.'

As is the case with most of the food ratings I do, each nut will be ranked based on select criteria that I deem most important for determining its worth.

Taste, texture, versatility and ease of access are the four elements each nut is judged on.

Taste is the simplest of the four, as some nuts are just plain yucky and aren't worth



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the effort of eating.

Texture is also relatively simple. If a nut is chewy or too crunchy, its score suffers because of it, as nuts are supposed to have a nice crunch to them but not so crunchy that it becomes a hassle to chew.

A nut's versatility is determined by its ability to be put in other dishes. Some nuts can be used in the cooking of just about anything, while others cannot be put in nearly as many things.

Finally, ease of access means how easy it is to extract the nut from its shell. If

you can break the shell with your fingers or teeth, the nut ranks higher than one that requires a nutcracker or some other device to open.

S Tier- These nuts are the best of the best, the creme de la creme. They have an exquisite taste, a wonderful texture, are extremely versatile and are so easy to access a baby could get to it.

A Tier- While not as good as the nuts above, these are still quite worthy of praise and have their own merit to them.

B Tier- The nuts that come from this tree are extremely

average. Neither great nor horrible, they are the barrier between the high-quality nuts and the low-quality nuts.

C Tier- This level is occupied by nuts whose negative attributes outweigh the positives. One or more of their qualities are mediocre enough to have it be a chore to eat them, and if you were to find them in trail mix or some other food, you would eat around them.

F Tier- The fact that any farmer wastes valuable water to nourish these nuts is disgusting, and they should be ashamed of themselves. Why would anyone choose to eat these nuts when literally anything else would be better.

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

Do you have a topic you want me to make a ranking of? Email me at joey.winton@doane.edu with the subject line Hot Takes and I might write about it!

Thanksgiving Working towards story is a sham a better year



MEAGHAN STOUT
Editor-in-Chief

Maybe I'm a cynic, but... I hate Thanksgiving. Honestly, I'm not too crazy about holidays altogether, but Thanksgiving is just as terrible as Columbus Day. It's a lie-- a sham made up by white people to make themselves feel better.

The entire day is supposed to celebrate the supposed peace between the colonizers and the Indigenous people living on the North American continent. But there wasn't peace. Natives showed colonizers how to grow food and then got brutally beaten, raped and murdered.

White people "thanked" Indigenous groups by forcing them to assimilate. In other words, they took away

their language, their culture and their families. Natives were beaten for speaking in their own language instead of English. They were stripped of their names and identities, just to make white people more comfortable.

Sure, over-eating and watching football isn't that bad. As far as traditions go, it's not a terrible one. But pretending you're celebrating peace is ignorant. Either you actually have no idea what actually happened after that day, or you choose to ignore it so you can be more comfortable and carve your turkey.

The entire narrative of the day is a lie. I wish it wasn't, I really do. I would love to celebrate a peaceful coexistence between the indigenous groups and those who came here to colonize, but that's not how it went.

If we're being truthful, there still isn't peace between the white majority of North America and Indigenous groups. According to a report done by the Lakota People's Law Project, Indigenous people are at the highest risk of being brutalized by the police.

"Proportionally, Native Americans are the

most likely racial group to be killed by the police," the report says.

Native women, especially, are assaulted at higher rates according to culturalsurvival.org.

"Native American women are murdered and sexually assaulted at rates as high as ten times the average in certain counties in the United States-- crimes overwhelmingly committed by individuals outside the Native American community," the site says.

The only thing Thanksgiving does is give white people a pretty lie to cover up the truth so they don't have to think about how their ancestors murdered millions. They don't have to think about the fact that it is still a problem.

At least Columbus Day is pretending to celebrate Christopher Columbus' "discovery" of America, though that's a whole other issue. Thanksgiving celebrates colonizers eating the food of Indigenous people and then murdering them and millions of others like them.

Being thankful isn't an issue. Pretending that Thanksgiving has any historical basis as something to celebrate is, though.



ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

As the semester winds down, I can't help but reflect. Personally, I have not been impressed with myself over the past few months, but that gives me a baseline with a low bar so any progress is still good.

I started the semester feeling very optimistic-- an attitude that quickly faded. Procrastination became a regular occurrence, and I dreaded going to class. All I wanted to do was sit on my phone or watch Netflix. Not a great start.

Then I moved into the second phase of the semester: overload. Any

task, assignment or opportunity thrown to me, I took. Eventually, that resulted in an overwhelming workload that I had no one to blame on but myself. It all got done but with many breakdowns and tears.

It was about this time I had to quarantine due to significant exposure to COVID-19. Just as I began getting myself on the right track, I had to adjust to doing everything from my room. To say the least, it was not productive. Once I completed everything for the day, I did absolutely nothing, or I started craft projects that somehow took precedent over my course work.

Finally out of quarantine, I got back into the groove of things. I started doing my work at a reasonable pace and made sure not to overwork myself. Then I decided it was too much and gave up.

That's where I am now. Having just boosted my grades and gotten my life together, I'm back to square one.

I have been under significant stress this semester, but that is not a val-

id excuse for me. Over break, I am going to sit down and dedicate time to creating a plan for next semester. I cannot continue as I am.

Here's what I have in mind: a homework schedule, time carved out for relaxing and a stress-management plan.

If I have to guess, I don't think I will stick to it. Life is just too unpredictable, but I'm trying. And I think that is something we all forget to give ourselves credit for. Even though things aren't perfect, we are trying.

As long as I keep trying to improve myself, I know I will come out okay. I can't allow myself to pass the accountability of my actions onto external sources. They are my decisions, my conscious actions. So, the only thing I can do is to grow from here.

In a sense, I'm lucky to have a lot of room for improvement. Academically, I will improve as well.

With active effort towards progress and my fingers crossed, I'm praying for the second semester to prove itself as better for me and my mentality.

...THUMBS UP

Thanksgiving



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Athletes given extra season

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

Recently, it was announced that all student-athletes competing during the Fall and Winter seasons would not be charged with a year of eligibility.

This means that seniors who are supposed to be playing their last year can return and play one final season next year. Additionally, students who are not seniors will also be given the opportunity to return as fifth-year seniors to compete.

Athletic Director Matt Franzen spoke about how other na-

tional athletic divisions' decisions affected the NAIA's decision to follow suit.

"NCAA Division I, Division II and the junior colleges had all early on decided that they were not going to charge all the Fall and Winter sports athletes this year with the season of competition. When that happened, it was really only a matter of time before the NAIA followed suit and did the same thing because we were really the only national organization that hadn't decided to do that," Franzen said.

He compared this decision to what happened this past March when Spring sports were shut down. The NAIA made their decision on season eligibility quickly, which allowed senior athletes whose seasons were cut short to return if they wanted to.

This decision is unlike anything seen before, as athletes who competed entire seasons, such as soccer, football, volleyball and cross country, will be allowed to return if they choose to do so. Normally, there is a set percentage or number

of games an athlete has to compete in that determines whether they keep their eligibility.

The GPAC was one of a handful of conferences that decided to play in the Fall, according to Franzen.

"Some of the schools in the KCAC basically called their sports off before they could begin the season because they were having too many issues. The Winter sports are just starting. With so many unknowns, are Winter sports going to make it? They might only get through half of their season, and I think

what has happened now is the NAIA has given themselves a really big safety valve to say 'whatever happens with the Fall sports and the Winter sports to come, all of the athletes are going to be given their season of competition back,'" Franzen said.

Franzen also mentioned the issues this brings up from an administrative side, with registrars having to keep track of how many years of eligibility each individual student-athlete has. He did emphasize his belief that this was the right decision

and believes it is a great option if sports are continually affected by the pandemic.

"It's the right thing to do because this is nobody's fault, and to penalize athletes and say 'you can't finish' or 'you have to lose a season because this happened'. I think it would be the wrong thing to do," Franzen said.

A handful of Spring athletes from Baseball and Track are taking the opportunity given to them last Spring to compete again, and there is a possibility they will be given another year of eligibility.



Above: Photo of Doane's dance team posing with Doane mascot, Thomas the Tiger.
On the Right: Photo of Doane's cheer team posing and showing off some moves.

Courtesy photos | Ashley Lyon



Cheer, Dance recruitment days

SARAH DALY
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The Doane cheer and dance teams announced they will be hosting recruitment days. The dance team recruitment day will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the dance studio. The cheer team recruitment day will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. in Fuhrer Field House. Recruitment days are open to incoming and current Doane students.

During the recruitment events, students will be able to participate in

a typical practice. There will be warm-ups, stretching and time to focus on skills and techniques. After that, there will be time to meet potential teammates and have any questions answered.

For students who are planning to attend the recruitment events, it is recommended to dress comfortably in workout attire and bring a water bottle. Students interested in Cheer should bring clean athletic shoes. Students interested in Dance should bring jazz shoes, dance slippers or something similar.

The cheer and dance

teams' Head Coach Ashley Lyon and Assistant Coach Alexis Determan said they are looking for students who are coachable. Lyon said she wants athletes who have a positive attitude and are willing to learn skills. Working in a team setting is also important to both coaches.

"It's an excellent way to get involved in a team sport while at the same time supporting your school. You get to stay active and discover the importance of teamwork and develop skills that help you learn how to work well in a group,"

Lyon said.

There is no additional cost for current and incoming students to join either team. Uniforms, gear, travel and meals are provided for students. Team members will also have access to the Team's strength and conditioning coach and athletic trainer for the complete season.

The Doane prioritization process has affected both teams this year. There are set benchmarks the dance team must meet by May. If the team does not meet the requirements, the program could be eliminated. Lyon said this news was

"It's an excellent way to get involved in a team sport while at the same time supporting your school. You get to stay active and discover the importance of teamwork and develop skills that help you learn how to work well in a group."

Ashley Lyon
Cheer and Dance Coach

not what they wanted to hear, but "ultimately, it has brought us closer together."

If students have any questions about the recruitment process, they can contact any current

member of the cheer and dance teams or Lyon at ashley.lyon@doane.edu. Students can follow the two teams on their Instagram pages: doanecheer and doane_dance.

Doane alumn comes back to coach

SARAH DALY
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Ed Hubbs started volunteering for the Doane tennis program about four years ago. This year will be his second season as the Head Coach of the men's and women's tennis teams.

Hubbs is a Doane graduate. He was involved in the tennis program and Concert Band during his time here. Hubbs was a major part of the powerhouse tennis teams in the 1970's.

During his four years of playing, Hubbs went undefeated in conference play in both doubles and singles play. He was a three-time NAIA National Qualifier and four-year district and conference champion. From



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1997 to 2016, Hubbs was the Director of Tennis in Omaha public schools.

Hubbs was inducted into the Nebraska Tennis Hall of Fame in 2003. He was also inducted into

the Doane Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. Hubbs is one of two Tennis players to be inducted.

Hubbs said he had a lot of inspiration to coach from a young age.

His own mother coached in Hubbs' hometown until she was 83 years old. Other coaching inspiration came from his tennis coach here at Doane, Robert Travnicek. Travnicek built a great tennis dynasty during his time coaching at Doane.

Hubbs is joined on staff by Graduate Assistant Ignacio Morell. This is Morell's second season with the Tigers.

Hubbs is looking forward to the Spring season. He said he felt there was a lot of promise shown throughout the fall season.

"If we get to play, we should be much improved. We've been working hard and progressing. That is my main thing-- get a little better every day," Hubbs said.

Students can support

the men's and women's tennis teams by coming to games, supporting their online fundraising efforts and buying from the concession stands

they run for winter sports. Students can also be on the lookout for the team's summer events that will help provide funding for the upcoming season.

Athlete of the Week



**Katie
Ellard**
Volleyball

Had a career-high of 27 digs in Friday's game against Saint Mary



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