

The Isis theatre in downtown Crete to reopen in 2021. See page 4 for more details.

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Sodexo; The wall-e of waste

Increasing waste from Sodexo raises concerns

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

The cafeteria at Doane has implemented several changes to avoid the transmission of COVID-19. Handling food for the entire campus needs to be a clean and structured activity, especially with an international pandemic.

"Masks, hand washing, we take our temps everyday when we come in and they're all recorded and everything," Jennifer Harrod,

a cashier at Doane, said when asked about new sanitation guidelines.

The most notable change, however, is the use of disposable food boxes that students take back to their rooms to eat. This safety measure greatly decreases the amount of contamination risks, but it also is creating significantly higher levels of waste, as many students have noticed.

"We have implemented compostable to-go containers and reusable microwave containers as a backup," Amy Hendrickson, general manager of Sodexo at Doane, said.

"All but the plastic bags and the silverware [are eco-friendly], but the to-go containers are biodegradable," Harrod said.

Hendrickson said all food services at Doane follow lo-

cal and national regulations in relation to COVID-19.

Concerns about the amount of waste resulting from food service changes have risen since the beginning of the semester. Harrod mentioned that the plastic bags and silverware could be used in other ways besides just ending up in the dumpster.

"I'm hoping the art department will figure out some way to reuse them," Harrod expressed.

If repurposing the extra waste is not an option, Harrod hopes that individuals on campus will be more careful to dispose of their trash responsibly. Doane students and faculty have worked hard to make this campus beautiful and sustainable, and she hopes that people will remain mindful to keep it that way.

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Haley Miller
Student Congress President

The president of Student Congress, senior Haley Miller, said that she is planning to have the Food Committee and Environmental Committee work together as the year progresses to reduce the amount of waste coming from the cafeteria.



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If you do choose to eat at the Caf, please remember to properly dispose of your waste and avoid littering.

Zoom to therapy; counselors switch it up

Counseling services to move completely online

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Life & Culture Editor

Counseling services are becoming increasingly valuable across college campuses around the country, especially in the current times with COVID-19 adding onto the already stressful college life.

Doane is one of the schools that offers counseling services to any student on the Crete campus. During previous years, students were able to have in-person sessions with the various counselors provided. However, because of COVID-19, the counseling center has provided new ways for students to still receive the

services while still following the guidelines provided by the school and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The main counselors on Crete's campus this semester are Myron Parsley and Kristal Flaming with Raegan Bartholomew and Emma Stewart as new interns.

All appointments are now being scheduled via email and will be on Zoom. If you are looking to have a session with any of our counselors, please email the counselors directly or email Nurse Kelly for a referral.

Although the location of the service has changed, the quality and time restraints have not. The counseling center will be open for appointments Monday through Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM, with additional time slots available on Thursday from 9 AM until 9 PM.

Before you are able to have

a Zoom meeting, the counseling staff asks that you use a laptop, desk computer or tablet to complete your session. An email will be sent to you beforehand confirming your time and the counselor you will be seeing. A link will be provided for the Zoom room you will be in for your appointment.

Prior to any sessions, please make sure to fill out the informed consent form and provide an electronic signature. While in your meeting, your counselor will have access to your location and phone number in case video interruption or a crisis situation arises.

If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment, send an email to: myron.parsley@doane.edu kristal.flaming@doane.edu raegan.bartholomew@doane.edu emma.stewart@doane.edu

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Appointments will be via Zoom; preferably laptop, tablet, or desktop computer

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- Thurs. 9AM - 9PM

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Custodians face new challenges amidst COVID

MADI WARRELMANN
Communications Manager

Doane's custodians face new regulations and new challenges while understaffed.

As this school year is starting, the usual germ-swapping that happens is more of a problem than normal.

With a new academic year comes many new challenges. Doane University's custodial department is no exception, especially in the midst of a pandemic.

According to Doane's Operations Guide for Fall 2020, "the facilities team

will be providing extra cleaning and disinfecting services in the residence halls seven days a week."

Additionally, public spaces on campus will be cleaned multiple times each day by the Custodial Services team during periods of use. Most of the custodial staff's time will be focused on disinfecting high-touch surfaces across campus.

Jerri Van Horn, manager of custodial and event services, said that several custodians have volunteered to work overtime in order to make sure campus stays as germ-free as possible.

"This saves the University money, as we don't need

to hire additional staff and our current staff have the opportunity to earn additional income," Van Horn said.

Two custodians have retired since last year, so those two positions are the only ones that needed to be covered this year. One person was hired earlier this week, and the interview process is starting for the other position. Once this other person is hired, Doane will be fully staffed in terms of custodians. As long as these custodians are willing to work overtime, there will be no need to hire any more custodians in the future.

Doane's Custodial De-

partment uses guidelines from the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) to make decisions about how many custodians they need for each building. APPA is a leadership organization that specializes in the care of facilities at educational institutions. Many of its guidelines are based on what it calls the "five levels of clean."

When asked about having sufficient supplies and resources available for use, Van Horn expressed there were a few items they'd like to see on campus. Ideally, all classrooms would have disinfectant wipes available.

Those have been on back-order since the spring, so Custodial Services has had to get creative. Instead, there are spray bottles of cleaner and paper towels in classrooms throughout campus.

One purchase the department has been able to make are electrostatic sprayers. These will be used by custodians to clean high-touch surfaces quickly and often.

A small thing students can do to help custodians do their jobs efficiently and effectively is to dispose of personal trash in the correct way. Custodians have had to remove students' trash from meals in bathrooms and laundry rooms in residence

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Manager of Custodial Services

halls. It is more important now than ever for students to throw their trash away in dumpsters, rather than putting it in shared residential spaces.

21 day pledge hopes to slow COVID

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

Doane's Greek life is taking a stand to be proactive in limiting the spread of COVID-19 on Doane's campus.

Through the 21 Days to Stay Pledge, members of Greek life are doing what they can to be safe, social distance and avoid unnecessary interactions.

Junior Sigma Phi Theta member Markus Pieper believes that if students are able to limit interaction for the first few weeks of the semester, it will be a much safer campus overall.

"The 21 Day to Stay Pledge is encouragement for Done students to not go out and risk spreading Corona within the first 3 weeks of school. Faculty and more believe if we can get through the first 3-4 weeks of school with minimal cases, that the rest of the semester we wouldn't have to worry as much because we won't be having an influx of new people anymore," Pieper said.

Senior Alpha Pi Epsilon member Quinn Martin added the importance of keeping everyone on campus safe.

"Many Greek groups are participating in this pledge because they want to stay on campus for this whole semester and to keep people safe! Since Greek groups typically carry a lot of social capital on campus,



Courtesy photo | Sigma Phi Theta

The Sigma Phi Theta pledge class of 2020 poses in front of their newly acquired Greek letters.

many feel it is their responsibility to step up and use their platform to promote a positive message and hold their peers accountable," Martin said.

The inspiration for this pledge originally came from the Sigma Phi Theta fraternity but the entirety of Greek groups joined the cause.

Senior Syerra Watson, the Gamma Phi Iota Pres-

ident, said Sigma Phi Theta had reached out to the rest of the Greek community about the pledge.

"The key to making the pledge effective is that people follow it, as Sophomore Madison Hickok of Omega Psi Theta stated.

"It is important that during a time like this people are refraining from gathering without masks/social distancing. By pledging to

stay home, we are limiting people's exposure to outside interactions that could be potentially spreading the disease," Hickok said.

Martin added that this pledge can only be effective if people stay true to it and encourage others to do the same.

"I do believe that if people actually commit to this pledge and hold their friends accountable, THEN

we will have a proper shot of stopping the spread on campus and reaping those rewards. We can't just talk about it, we need to be about it," Martin said.

Pieper also emphasized that the pledge was never intended to affect school or attendance in class.

"The 21 Day to Stay Pledge was never meant to keep students from attending class but instead to keep them from going out to socialize with groups. [...] This pledge was to help us to be able to keep attending class in person and it sucks some people won't do what it takes to make that happen," Pieper said.

Watson added the importance of refraining from parties that can put the community at risk.

"Specifically not having parties can make a big difference because if we aren't having those close intimate atmospheres with a mixture of people from all around the country, then the chance of it spreading is lessened," Watson said.

COVID PREVENTION TIPS:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds before rinsing.
- Wear a mask when in public or with groups of people in a confined space.
- Do not share drinks, food or vapes.
- Stay 6 feet away from people as much as possible.
- Cover your face when you sneeze or cough.
- Disinfect high contact surfaces.

Do all these and we can make it possible to finish this semester here together.

Courtesy graphic | Sigma Phi Theta

Professors try to find balance amidst COVID

SARAH DALY
Multimedia Coordinator

As the first week of classes conclude, students have experienced a variety of classroom modalities already.

Dr. Courtney Bruntz, assistant professor of Asian religions, and Dr. Dan Clanton, associate professor of religious studies, are two of the many educators around the world that have been faced with modifying their classrooms to accommodate this unprecedented time.

This semester, Bruntz's classroom is a hybrid format, a mix of in-person and virtual instruction. When in-person classes occur, stu-



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ly distanced. "Doane is not perfect but it has given faculty the option of choosing the modality that would work best for their classes. And, so, when I decided to do distance learning, there was no push back. Doane has been very supportive," Clanton said.

Access to technology was a factor in deciding which modality to use but there are other factors both professors took into consideration.

"The central factor for me was health- student health, my health...to protect our family as well,"

Professor Clanton said. "We were able to consider both content, what's best for content delivery and then also what you personally feel comfortable with health," Professor Bruntz explained.

On a brighter note, both Doane faculty members were able to find positive elements in this new realm of education.

"Teaching outside is just the jam," Professor Bruntz expressed. "If we work really hard to make it great, it might be great. It could turn out to be great because there are things that we can do online that we can't do in person," Professor Clanton remarked.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY 8/26

HIGH: 93
LOW: 66

THURSDAY 8/27

HIGH: 94
LOW: 69

FRIDAY 8/28

HIGH: 89
LOW: 62

SATURDAY 8/29

HIGH: 82
LOW: 62

SUNDAY 8/30

HIGH: 84
LOW: 66

MONDAY 8/31

HIGH: 78
LOW: 57

TUESDAY 9/1

HIGH: 76
LOW: 55

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Cardinals staying safe this school year

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Crete Schools is currently open for the 2020-2021 school year with extra safety measures in place

So far, all efforts have been successful, but Joshua McDowell, Superintendent of Schools, said the faculty are prepared to transition online if necessary.

Sanitation and cleaning practices have been increased in an attempt to combat COVID-19. Hand sanitizers have been added to each classroom and students and faculty alike are required to wash their hands several times a day.

According to McDowell, even playground equipment is sanitized after each use. During recess periods, students are required to wear face masks or social distance. This new policy is strictly enforced by faculty.

Face coverings are required for all faculty, staff and students as well as social distancing.

Students attending Crete Schools in the spring had to do e-learning to finish the last school year, so teachers are already prepared to have a hybrid learning experience to accommodate all students if needed.

McDowell hopes this school year will not have to transition online for the sake of the students, the parents and the teachers.

"Our kids want to be in school. They want to be with their friends. They want to be with their teachers," McDowell said.

Because they want to physically attend school, McDowell said the students are following all safety precautions and doing an excellent job wearing their masks. He said the students' dedication to staying in school is what is keeping their positive COVID-19 numbers low.

Crete Schools offered professional training to teachers who wanted and/or needed to learn



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Joshua McDowell
Superintendent of Crete Schools

more about e-learning in mid-July. The training included instruction on Crete Schools' education platforms and provided a comprehensive guide to helping their students succeed with e-learning.

Teachers had the opportunity to receive a quality and comprehensive education from professionals

about what they could expect transitioning online.

"We've really focused in on three platforms for our families and our kids. We utilize Zoom, Google Classroom and Seesaw," McDowell said.

The entire staff at Crete Schools have been working hard to make sure the school buildings are safe,

clean and ready for students to use.

As of now, Crete Schools does not require any donation of additional cleaning or protective supplies because they have been stocking up on necessities since the pandemic began.

They said they always welcome volunteers who

are willing to help keep the community's children safely in school, though.

To learn more about volunteering at Crete Schools, visit their website or call any of the schools for more information.

Doane welcomes new faculty members

New Hires

Teresa Perkins
Assistant Professor of Practice in Education; University of Nebraska, B.S.;
Doane University MED; University of Nebraska, Ed.D.

Jennifer Sturgeon
Instructor in Education; University of Nebraska, B.S., M.S., Ed.D.

Pete Poppert
Assistant Professor of Practice in Agribusiness; University of Nebraska,
B.S., M.S., JD

Bethany Burr
Visiting Assistant Professor of Video Production and Digital Media; New York University, B.A.; University of Utah, M.F.A

Doane welcomed eight new faculty members this semester. The filled positions were in the education, agribusiness, video production and digital media, leadership, economics, journalism and english departments. Each individual has an impressive educational background, attending universities all over the country.

Their contact information can be found on the faculty page on the Doane website.

Jared Cook
Assistant Professor of Leadership, Rochester Institute of Technology, B.S.;
Fort Hays State University, M.S.; University of South Dakota, Ed.D.

Inoussa Bouabacar
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics; University du Benin, B.A.; University of Nebraska - Omaha, M.S.; University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Ph.D.

Eric Tucker
Visiting Assistant Professor of Journalism; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A.; University of Oregon, M.S.; University of Nebraska - Omaha, M.F.A

Asher Gelzer-Govatos
Visiting Assistant Professor of English; University of Tulsa, B.A.; Washington University, St. Louis, M.A., Ph.D.

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The Conservatory sits empty, awaiting for theater students to be able to perform once again. Photos by: Luke Urbanavicius | The Owl

Fall 2020 theatre cast released

Casting calls for new shows this semester

FELICTY RAMSEY
Graphic Designer

Starting off the week, an email was sent out about who had made it through auditions and onto the cast of two productions here on Doane's campus. Congratulations to all who auditioned and to those given positions. Even through COVID-19, the theatre department is working hard to provide everyone with new shows. One production will be "(dis)connection" in which Samuel Province, Julia Damme, Logan Capek, Maya Mohr, Boston Reid, Persephone Earle, Christo-

pher Ramirez, Jezz Belchat, Brayden Rocha and Emma Woods will all be cast. "Making the cast for a show is always a really wonderful feeling. It just means I get to have a lot of fun with a lot of good people for a month or two while also becoming a better actor and a better person. I'm only a sophomore but my time in theatre at Doane has always been fun and always pushed me to work harder. I'm excited to start rehearsals whenever we can and get to work for Doane theatre," said sophomore Samuel Province. "With COVID-19 ending so many shows earlier this year, I think everyone is just ready to get back on the stage. As a freshman, I'm stoked just to be acting in a new environment. Add a worldwide pandemic, mask restrictions, and social dis-

tancing precautions? It's a little nerve-inducing but very exciting," said freshman Julia Damme. The second production is called "WWZ: A Survivor's Tale of the Great Zombie Pandemic." The cast includes Nicole Carraher, John Celesky, Jean Chevalier, Bailey Cordwin, Anna Harveson, Kinsey Knorr, Mason Morrill, Jimmy Nguyen, Mitchell Norris, Trey Porter, Nick Schickert, Calvin Schlaudman, Alias Schumacher, Dalton Specht, Lauren Walther and Abby Weber. "I am very excited to be a part of this show and I am intrigued to see what the theatre department is going to create with the situation at hand. Theatre has always survived whatever it is put up against and it always will. Since this will be a different time for the

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JEAN CHEVALIER
Junior

particular piece is going to be primarily digital, I don't have too many concerns and overall, I'm elated to be a part of it!" senior Jean Chevalier said. By being "primarily digital," Chevalier meant the theatre department will be hosting Zoom meetings to run through scripts since social distance protocol will be in effect. This will be a different time for the

theatre department to get behind but something they will definitely be able to overcome when working together.



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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Working with colleagues in a harmonious ways will come naturally to you this week.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Prioritize having a lovely opportunity with your lover or dear friend. Letting your daydreams lead the way and getting caught up in the moments brings you even closer.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): You'll do well to prepare for frustrating moments this week. You might find it difficult to express exactly how you feel, but take a step back and think about why you feel this way.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Get out of your comfort zone, broaden your horizons but don't forget to work hard and not fall behind on your tasks.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): If you're feeling like pouring your thoughts and inspiration into a creative medium, you'll have the fuel to do that now.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You might be craving downtime with your love or someone special this week and while this is a good idea, make sure you have all your ducks in a row beforehand.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Get in touch with what you truly want by taking time for self-care and then feel free to share some deep feelings to whatever extent you're most comfortable.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Have an one-on-one with someone close in your life this week.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Do your best to not bite off more than you can chew so you can most out of the opportunities you have.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): You feel driven to get out of your mundane routine, but you'll do well to make sure you've crossed your T's and dotted your I's.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Allow yourself to get creative, imaginative and playful while day-dreaming.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Lean into your joyful feelings this week and have fun with your time.

Downtown Crete updates

Businesses downtown undergoing changes

MADI WARRELMANN
Communications Director

Several businesses in downtown Crete have been making big improvements over the past few months.

One of these businesses is Diaz Bros Barbershop. Diaz Bros has been cutting hair, grooming beards and serving as Crete's local barbershop hangout for the last nine years.

The barbershop, owned and operated by Julian Diaz and his brother, has recently experienced a location change.

Rather than renting out their location, the Diazes now own their workspace.

"We're a lot more comfortable, as well as our customers [...]. We definitely improved; we definitely have a lot more space," Diaz said.

Originally located on 13th Street, the barbershop is now located at 1329 Main Avenue.

Along with a basic haircut, clients at Diaz Bros can receive shaves, tapers, line ups, ear piercings, perms and cornrows.

Due to COVID-19, all customers and employees are required to wear masks while inside and beard trims aren't currently being

offered. As of this week, Diaz Bros will be accepting walk-ins once again. Of course, appointments can still be made online or over the phone. Diaz Bros are open from 10 AM to 6 PM, Tuesday through Saturday.

Another business undergoing changes is New Beginnings, a non-profit thrift store. New Beginnings changed locations earlier this year in February. Now, they are located at 1302 Main Avenue.

Amy Schwisow, store manager, said they moved because it was difficult for them to keep up with all of their donations with a limited number of volunteers and several floors to maintain.

In their new location, there is a single main space with clothing and antiques and a basement with books and other items.

New Beginnings' hours have changed as well. Now, New Beginnings is open from 9 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. They offer a 20 percent discount for Doane students who show their ID.

The Brew House is another popular business in downtown Crete, offering coffee, all-day breakfast and a variety of other foods, the Brew House is a staple of Crete cuisine.

The Brew House established new hours recently according to their Facebook page. They are open every day from 9 AM to 1 PM, with additional hours from 5 to 7 PM on Fridays and Satur-

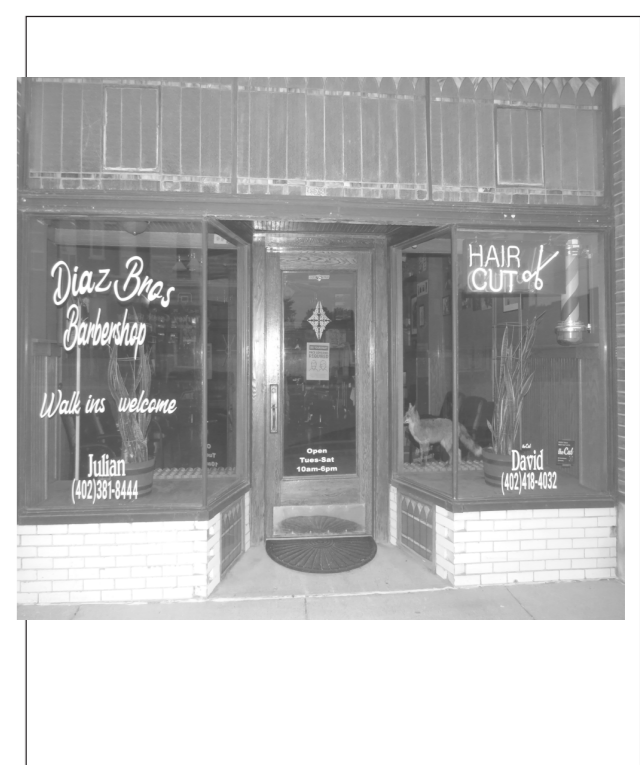


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days. Discounts are available for Doane students who show their Doane ID. As a whole, downtown Crete may look different than it has in the past. There was a Downtown Revitalization process undertaken by the city of Crete in 2016 and the results are now starting to become noticeable.

According to the information on the city of Crete's website, over \$500,000 will be spent to update the facades of businesses in downtown Crete. The goals for this project include "improving the appearance of downtown, creating a sense of place, and promoting and preserving

the historic character of downtown Crete," according to the City of Crete's description of the project. More specifically, this involves removing metal awnings, getting new fabric awnings, replacing windows and restoring brick. Whether it's location changes or building facelifts, downtown Crete is thriving.

Isis theatre makes updates

Arts council working to reopen theatre

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Isis Theatre in downtown Crete has undergone many changes since August 2018 when it initially closed for reconstruction. Since then, the Blue River Arts Council has been working tirelessly to reopen the theatre through donors' support, grants and volunteers committed to bringing the Crete community together.

The Council announced a fundraising campaign back in February, but their plans were soon halted because of COVID-19 outbreaks.

"We have been focusing this summer on community building events instead of fundraising," said President of the Blue River Arts Council Shaylene Smith.

Recently, the council has begun to reopen their fundraising campaign to hopefully reopen the Isis Theatre by fall 2021. Smith said an architectural study has been done and the theatre was completely torn apart last summer. The council is hoping to accumulate enough funds so renovation can resume as soon as possible.

"Well, ultimately, when we do get to reopen, it'll be like a non-profit, all-volunteer model," said Smith despite several setbacks.

She hopes to set aside one weekend a month to exclusively give Doane students the opportunity to help build and interact with the community at Isis Theatre. Students would be able to help serve food or sell tickets and watch the movie screening for free.

Isis Theatre will continue to host outdoor theatre events as they did this summer in the high school parking lot. New dates and locations will be determined soon but they do plan on having a showing during Crete's Pumpkin Fest in the downtown area. Smith said they plan on showing children's movies/shows during the day and featuring a horror film in the evening.

"The ultimate goal is to involve the community in stuff every weekend that way," Smith said about her hopes for the Isis Theatre.

On August 28, the Council will be having popcorn sales on Main Street and behind City Hall between 6:00 and 8:00 PM for \$5 for a large bucket of popcorn.



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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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Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down included cartoonist.

- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Pedophilia is not a sexual orientation

The staff of the Doane Owl has seen information circling around claiming pedophilia as a sexual orientation. We are going on record to state that we do not recognize such a gross, misleading idea.

Sexual orientation is not an excuse to get away with

gross behavior and it should not be treated as such. Saying that pedophilia is a sexual orientation frames any discussion about sexuality in a disgusting and vile way. It demeans the entire conversation about sexuality.

Pedophilia is not a sexual orientation. It is an awful

choice that some abusers choose to make towards vulnerable children. It is a crime and it should be treated as such. There is no innate sense of attraction towards young children and to say so would greatly underscore the trauma of victims' experiences.

We do not believe that pe-

dophilia has been, is or ever will be acceptable. We support those who identify with any sexuality. That said, pedophilia is not a sexuality and we as a community cannot permit it to be treated as if it were.



Staff writer Luke Urbonavicius shows off his tattoos



Photos by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl

Tattoos are less taboo at work

LUKE URBONAVICIUS
Staff Writer

Whether it be a small one on your ankle or a large piece that covers most of a limb, a tattoo is a form of expression with meaning in every line.

Tattoos can convey a variety of emotions or may be a personal token, only important to the individual whose skin it's embedded in. Whatever the case, it's there and it's not goin' anywhere anytime soon.

With that in mind, what do employers think of tattoos? Does it affect your

chances of being hired?

A tattoo can be hidden under clothes in a professional environment but, as I said before, it may be a form of expression. Some people want the world to know that they wear their heart on their sleeve and have a tattoo that shows it.

Most employers (91 percent) say that workplaces are much less formal than ten years ago (Office Etiquette Survey: Bad Language, Pets, Political Décor Remain Biggest Offenses).

What does that mean for a young prospective employee with an ankle tattoo or a

full sleeve of tattoos?

It means that they're probably in luck. In my own experience, my tattoos have been excellent conversation starters. They tell my story, one piece of art at a time.

Other studies show that inappropriate behavior or how an employee represents themselves are much bigger red flags than a visible tattoo.

As long as the individual shows professionalism in work ethic and dress code, a tattoo shouldn't be an issue.

An employee shouldn't have to feel like they're walking on eggshells while

at work. Of course, if you're going to get a tattoo that might be inappropriate in certain situations, it might be worth covering up. A certain level of self-awareness can go a long way.

If you're thinking about getting some new ink to start a new collection or adding to one you already have, choose something important to you. You're the one that's going to be seeing it everyday, so make it something that you won't regret.

The right tattoo might take you further in your career, not hold you back.

Minority Voices

The Doane Student Media team is proud to present a new section that will be added within

our paper and our website, Doaneline, dedicated to hearing the voices of our minority students.

If you are interested in sending in your thoughts for this section, please

send an email to either meaghan.stout@doane.edu or to owl@doane.edu with the subject title

"Minority Voices."

We want to hear from all of our students!

If you do not want to be included in this section, feel free to send us a "Letter to the Editor" to the previously stated email addresses with your thoughts on current events. Stay involved with your school media!

the fruit tastes by itself, nothing else- just the plain fruit.

Texture is scored on how the fruit feels while you are chewing it. If something tastes good but feels like you're chewing microwaved sawdust, it ranks lower than a fruit that is not as tasty but has a better texture.

Versatility in this context is how many different things you can do with the fruit. For example, you can make a lot of different foods with a banana (banana bread, banana muffins, banana split, etc.), so it will rank higher than grapefruit in that area.

Consistency for this list equates to how often one would find a really good piece of that fruit in the store. Let's say you're comparing pears and oranges on consistency. If you bought 100 pears and 100 oranges, of the two, which would have a greater number of REALLY good ones?

For the ranking itself, S Tier is the best, meaning the fruit in that category is always tasty, has a nice texture and can be used to make a lot of things. Basically, you could eat this fruit all day, every day until you die.

A Tier is the second best, meaning the fruit is still good but one or multiple of the above-mentioned criteria is not as strong as



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the fruits in S Tier. If you saw this fruit at the store, you would wander over to browse it and you would more than likely walk out with one or more of them in your bag.

B Tier is average. You have no strong feelings about it but you're not going to turn it away if someone offers it to you as a snack. Basically, it's good enough.

C Tier means you'd rather not have it but in certain instances, you find yourself enjoying it. You can only have it once in a while to fully appreciate it, otherwise, you tend to avoid it.

F Tier fruit should never be allowed to be sold. It would be better if someone spat in your mouth than if you had to eat the fruit in this tier. It is a crime against nature that these fruits exist and proof that there is a Hell on earth and it is any store that sells these fruits.

New Doane, same old community

SALEM KESSLER
Managing Editor

2020 has been a year of stress, anxiety and a lot of uncertainty. COVID-19 pulled the rug out from underneath our feet and turned our lives upside down.

A large part of Doane's appeal to students is the small community feeling: plenty of events and clubs to join, close relationships between students and professors and an education that feels extremely personal for you. However, because of this pandemic, the spring semester of 2020 was cut short.

I felt the effects of this particularly hard; as an out-of-state student who has grown roots in Crete, I wasn't sure what to do. Moving out, not being able to say goodbye to my friends, switching abruptly to an online curriculum and losing my on-campus job brought on a whirlwind of emotions.

I've spent the last six months trying to look at

things from a different perspective. Having hope that we would be able to come back to campus, even if a few things might be slightly different.

The excitement of moving back onto campus was also cut short once I real-



Life and Culture Editor Salem Kessler posing in the Perry Campus Center

Photo by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl

ized the small community feeling of Doane was gone. There won't be any late nights in Lakeside, trying to study in the library or groups of people watching The Bachelor in the lobby of different buildings.

Although I am more than

grateful to be back on campus and to be able to attend my classes partly in person, it is a jarring experience to look at our new normal. I feel that keeping an open mind, having positive attitudes and working to make sure we all follow our new

guidelines will help us get back to what we are used to, even if it's just partially. It feels odd to think of us not being able to have that same community that Doane has had for over a hundred years, but it is important to realize that change is going to happen within our

school and the rest of the world. We must be willing to do our part to help and to make sure we are able to continue being a school that all of us enjoy being at.

Wear your mask. Wash your hands. Be kind and remember we are stronger together.

Review: New Beginnings Thrift Store

SARAH DALY
Multimedia Coordinator

Need a costume for your Halloween Greek function, a new fall sweater or even some old Doane gear? Go to New Beginnings Thrift Store in downtown Crete and find something "new" for yourself!

After New Beginnings' recent location change, fellow Doaneline staff member, Madi Warrelmann and I took a trip to see the new layout for ourselves. As we entered, we were greeted warmly by the staff present.

One of the biggest surprises was the selection of

books the store had on display. Many different genres and authors were represented at New Beginnings. One title that stuck out to me was "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie, which was a required textbook for one of my education classes last semester. I could have saved myself some money if I would have checked New Beginnings first.

If you look hard enough, you may even find a used Doane textbook!

By the cash register, Warrelmann and I found a basket full of DVDs. In this



The large book selection at New Beginnings in downtown Crete.

Photo by Sarah Daly | The Doane Owl

time of staying-in, getting a new movie for cheap could be a fun activity for any new Doane student and their roommate. One of my favorite movies, "Dirty

Dancing," was even on sale! Unfortunately, at the time of our visit, Warrelmann and I were unable to see the entire store due to

some building damage in the basement. From what we were able to see, there was plenty of children's clothing available. There were also a few business ca-

sual pieces hanging on the racks. If you are looking to up-cycle or find something to DIY, go to New Beginnings. Madi and I saw some great picture frames, decorations and other potential craft materials. There were plenty of shirts that you could bleach dye or redesign to fit the needs of your style.

To shop in the store, you are required to wear a mask. This made Madi Warrelmann and I feel much safer during our shopping experience. It was an overall 4 out of 5 stars experience. Try to save some money and check out New Beginnings.

College is an elective, not a requisite

MEAGHAN STOUT
Editor-in-Chief

Going to college is a big decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in what is expected of us that we don't give ourselves time to truly work through our decisions.

When I was in high school, I did not plan on coming to Doane. I wasn't even planning on going to college. I never made the conscious decision to come to Doane; I was just sort of

pressured into it by my parents.

Once I got here and acclimated, though, I found that I really wanted to stay. I had found my place. But there are people who are

pressured into going to school when it isn't the right place for them. They are pressured into staying, no matter how they feel about it.

Our society puts such an emphasis on higher education that we feel insufficient

when it isn't the right fit. While I find solace in higher education, others find themselves struggling. They have other dreams that they try to ignore.

I am telling you to pursue those dreams. If college isn't for you, don't waste four years of your life for a piece of paper that you never wanted to begin with. College is expensive and it isn't the end of your life if you don't go.

We as a society need

to stop telling young people that they need to go to college in order to succeed in life. There are plenty of directions young people can choose to follow. If they pick the wrong one for

them, they can always turn and change directions.

While college can help you figure out what you want to do with your life, when you know something isn't for you, don't spend

thousands of dollars just to reaffirm that belief. Stay open to possibilities but don't close yourself off to those that don't fit in with your family's expectations for you.

...THUMBS UP

Rompers

Hamsters

Webkins

Canvas

Pitbulls

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...

DeFord nominated for A.O. Duer award

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

Junior cheerleader Olivia DeFord was nominated as the Great Plains Athletic Conference's (GPAC) female nominee for the A.O. Duer Award on August 19.

In the words of DeFord, "One male and female athlete are nominated from each college and then each athletic conference selects one male and female to nominate."

In an article from Doane Athletics, DeFord was also recognized this past year as the 2019-20 Bill Bayer Junior Scholar-Athlete.

She is involved in her sorority, Chi Delta and is serving on the Greek Council this year, and was also an NAIA All-American selection this past year.

DeFord noted that her nomination was the culmination of many things she is involved in, one of which being Project SERVE, a program that helps future STEM educators by sending them to at-risk high schools to teach.

She also attributes her selection as Doane's Junior Scholar-Athlete this past year as the reason she got the initial nomination from Doane. It was the letters of recommendation that she believes got her the GPAC nomination.

DeFord has shown her value both in athletics and in academics. She has earned a 3.98 GPA to go along with her NAIA All-American selection.

DeFord was grateful to those who wrote letters of recommendation for her nomination.

"Reading all their kind words really gave me a confidence boost and made me realize what the people I look up to think about me. Some of the things they had to say about me I never would have thought to say about myself," DeFord said.

DeFord had to get five letters of recommendation and an additional letter from her coach to be considered for the GPAC nomination.

With her success, DeFord took a humble approach, noting that it's important for everyone to believe in themselves.

"Don't underestimate yourself or think that people don't notice the good things that you're doing. And try to form as many relationships as you can with staff and professors. They love to say amazing things about the students that they know," DeFord said.

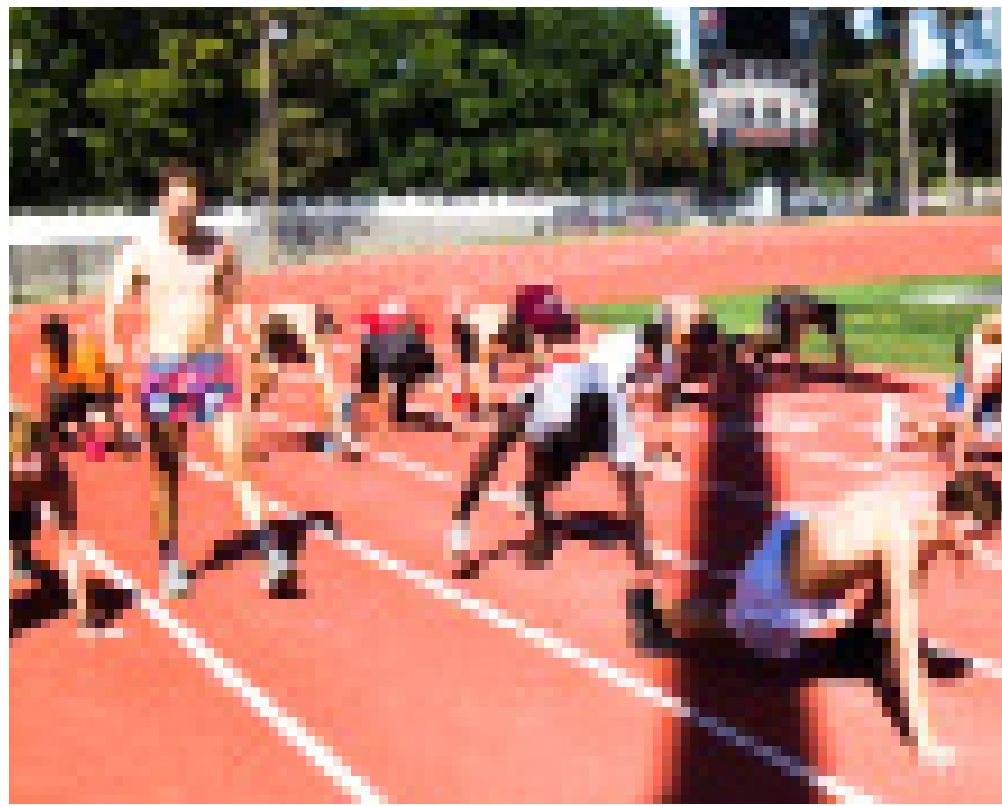
The A.O. Duer Award winner will be announced in Sept. DeFord will look to join Brittany Price, 2003, and Marissa DeWispelare, 2017, as award winners from Doane.



Courtesy photo | Olivia DeFord

Junior Olivia DeFord has been nominated for the A.O. Duer Award. The award has only been won by a Doane student-athlete twice in the past.

Practicing through postponement



Courtesy photo | Andy Mcallister

The cross country teams have adapted to the postponement of sports at Doane. Through their ability to run in pairs, they are able to limit the spread of COVID-19, while also being able to continue preparing for their upcoming season.

Meet the coach; Jennifer Kennedy-Croft

SARAH DALY
Multimedia Coordinator

Doane University Athletics has many faculty and staff that you may have seen around campus but may not know. This week's featured coach is Coach Jen Kennedy-Croft.

Coach Jen Kennedy-Croft is the Head Coach of Doane Women's Soccer. This coming year will be her fifth year at Doane University. You can usually find her in the George and Sally Haddix Recreation Center or on the field at practice with her student-athletes.

Before coming to Doane, Coach Kennedy-Croft grew up in Iowa and then moved to Portland, Oregon. There, she started playing soccer around the age of 11 in a club soccer team. From there, Kennedy-Croft's pas-

sion exploded!

When she graduated high school, Coach Kennedy-Croft went to the University of Connecticut to be an English major while playing soccer. She chose the University of Connecticut because a few of her club soccer teammates played there.

While in University, Kennedy-Croft played in the NCAA National Title game. Some of the people who inspired Coach Kennedy-Croft in the soccer world include her club soccer coach, Michelle Akers and Janet Rayfield.

"I think, for me, the best part of coaching is getting to know student-athletes and seeing what they do, not just on the soccer field but in the world," Coach Kennedy-Croft responded when asked about her favorite part of the Doane

community.

Coach Kennedy-Croft is joined on staff this season by Patrick Smith, Assistant Coach (2nd season), and Erick Sturm, Graduate Assistant (1st season). To support the Women's soccer team from the comfort

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

The cross country team has made adjustments to their practice in order to protect their teammates from contamination.

Cross country is a relatively individualistic sport to begin with, but that does not exclude it from COVID-19 safety guidelines. Runners must still follow social distancing rules while honing their skills.

Sophomore Luci McKeag said members of the cross-country team must socially distance and wear masks while warming up.

"We also have little pieces of tape in the field house where we have to put our bags and those are spaced six feet apart, as well," said McKeag.

Senior Alec Wick said all athletes run in pairs to aid with social distancing and reduce the risk of exposure.

Doane's head Cross Country coach Brad Jenny said he had implemented several safety measures before the season was put on hold.

"We used to start the men's and women's practice at the same time. This year, we split them just so that we can screen the men's team and then get them out the door, and then screen the women's team and get them out the door," Jenny said.

Despite the postponement of fall sports until September, McKeag, Wick and Jenny anticipate the season going well for the cross country team. McKeag said the entire team's mile-run times are already better than the previous year and Jenny mentioned that the athletes are able to run and practice on their own.

Jenny and Wick expressed the biggest challenge for the team will be switching their mindsets back to running alone like they did

this summer instead of as a whole team.

"I think it will be a good season. It's just going to be weird not having as many meets," McKeag said.

"Our first meet is at Hastings on September 12, so we're excited to go there. Hopefully nothing happens and we're just looking forward to competing and getting back on the course again," Wick said.

As disappointing as the postponement is, Jenny feels hopeful for the future because his teams are motivated to stay together.

"If that's what it takes to get us back together, then they'll do it," he said in regards to his teams' attitudes after the cancellation of practices.

The cross country team will attend Bronco Stompede on Sept 12 in Hastings. Men's competition begins at 10:45 AM and women's begins at 10 AM.



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Athlete of the Week



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