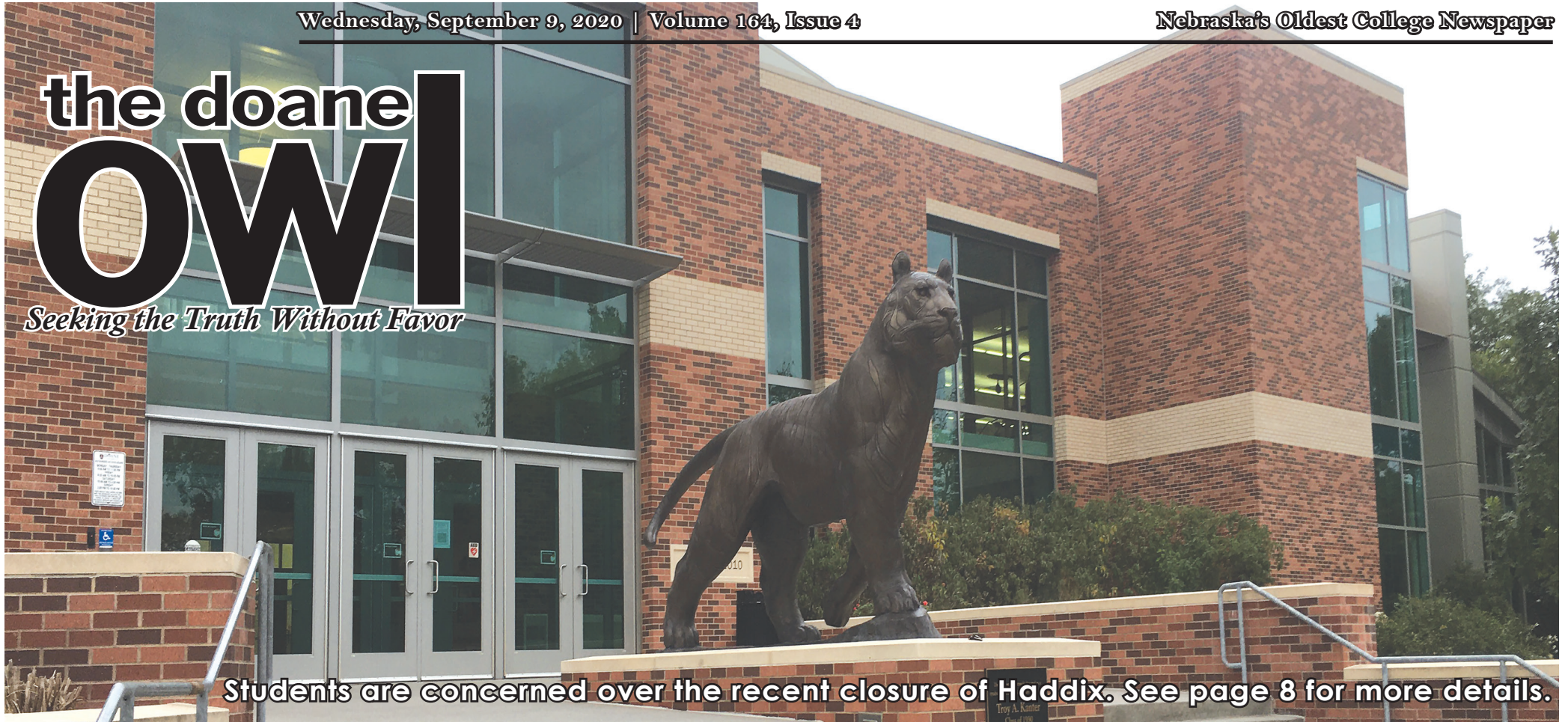


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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Students are concerned over the recent closure of Haddix. See page 8 for more details.

Admissions adapts to COVID

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

It's no surprise that COVID-19 has impacted in-person schooling across the country and Doane is no exception.

Like many schools, Doane was expecting a drop in student enrollment for this year's freshman class, but while the number of students was lower than previous years, the hit was not as bad as some were expecting.

Jake Elswick, who works with Doane's admissions team, is optimistic about the number of new students this year as the projected number was 303 (not including transfer students) and the total number of new students was 273 (306 with transfer students included) which was 90 percent of Doane's goal.

Earlier this year, there was much uncertainty about how hard schools would be hit by a lack of new students but Doane was fortunate enough to

only experience minor losses.

"When COVID first hit, there were a lot of projections that institutions were anticipating missing that incoming freshmen class by 10-30 percent and so to be down only 10 percent, we would have liked to have hit that number but we're still very excited about the students that did enroll and that did decide to come here," Elswick said.

While 90 percent is very good, it is still below the numbers of previous years, with incoming freshmen and transfer student numbers both being smaller than expected.

"In terms of transfer students, we were projecting 46 transfer students and... we ended up with 40, so we did pretty well there," Elswick said.

One of the ways to try and soften the blow of projected missing students was through various virtual events.

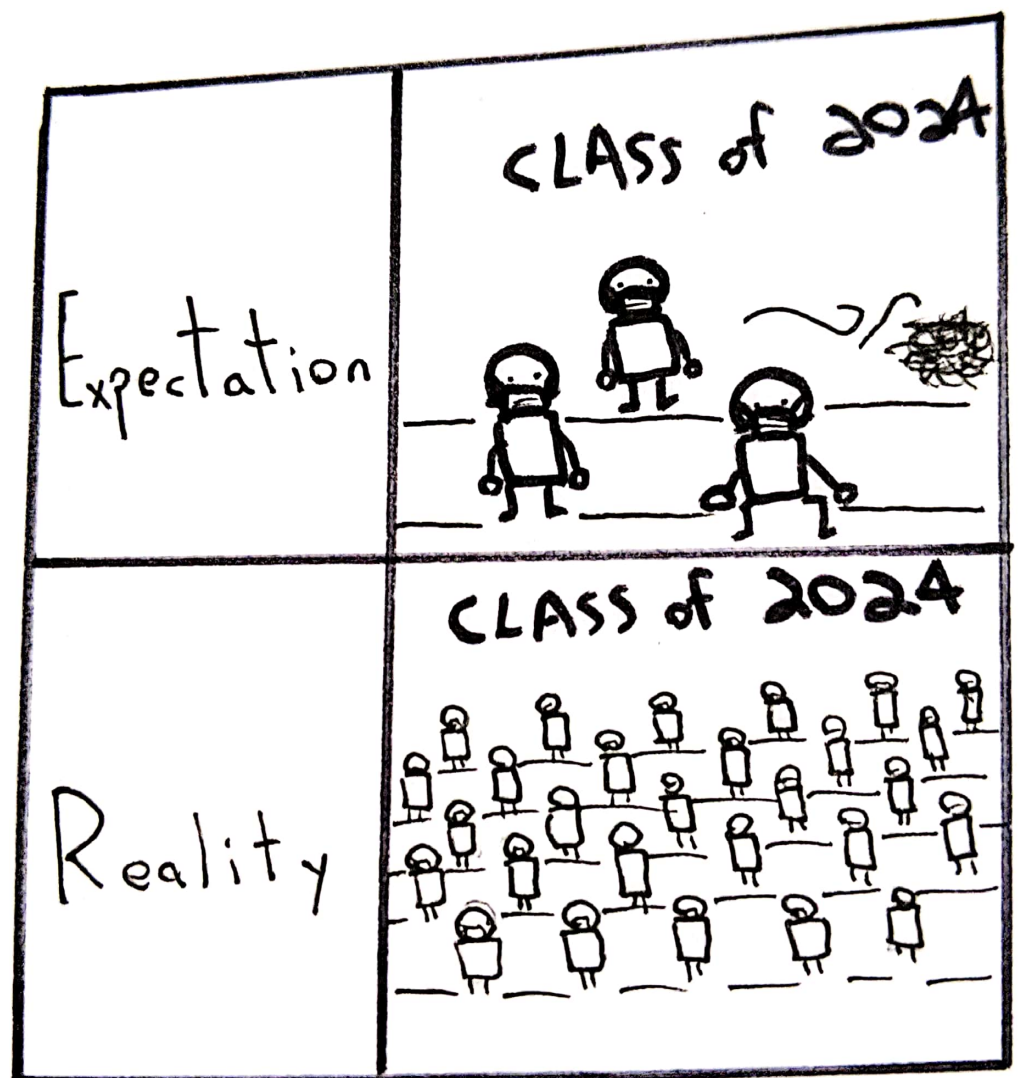
"One of the things we missed out on was some of the in-person events

that we would use to close out the recruitment cycle. Those didn't happen this year; we did have some success shifting to virtual events though," Elswick said.

Although virtual learning and recruitment is probably not anyone's first choice, there were certain advantages it gave to the recruitment team.

"We were able to connect with students more regularly because they weren't in school all day and they weren't at practices after school...our contact rates were higher than in previous years and so that was encouraging," Elswick said.

It is undeniable that colleges across the country were experiencing anxiety over a diminished freshman class population. While there are certainly some schools that experienced significant drops in numbers, Doane emerged relatively unscathed.



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

Doane's Admission Office was expecting a steep dropoff in incoming students. Prospective students were unable to attend in-person events that are usually used to help close out the recruitment process.

Tours continue with strict guidelines

Tours aim to bring in students while remaining safe

MADI WARRELMANN
Communications Manager

The Admissions Office is continuing its campus tours for prospective students despite the on-go-

ing pandemic. However, there are many more rules and regulations to be followed now.

Suzy Cochnar, Visit Coordinator for the Admissions Office, said one of the major changes has been on the number of prospective student visits that happen each day.

There are four to five spots for each time slot, and time slots are at 9 AM and 1 PM so there is no overlap between the people visiting in each time slot. In total, there are eight to ten visits each

day.

There are a few guidelines about COVID safety on Doane's "Visit" page on the Doane website. The guidelines include a few questions prospective students and their families should ask themselves before coming to campus, such as, "Have I had contact with any persons with known COVID-19 or close contact with anyone under observation for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?" as well as a list of symptoms of COVID-19.

The guidelines are followed by a message encouraging prospective students to choose another day to visit if any of the questions or symptoms apply to them.

In addition to these guidelines, there are other rules in place once the prospective student actually gets to campus.

Cochnar said they now have "hosting rooms" around campus for when visiting students and their families arrive.

In these rooms, their temperatures are checked

and disposable masks are distributed if necessary. Professors and coaches then go to hosting rooms or Zoom in to the room to talk with the prospective student. The visitors stay in their hosting room throughout the entire time they are on campus with the exception of their campus tour.

"I think everyone's being pretty good [...] You know, we've had no pushback from visitors or coaches or anybody on required masks," Cochnar said.

For the campus tours, prospective students are still allowed to walk through each residence hall and see a showroom in Frees Hall. Otherwise, the tour is the same as it has been in the past. Usually, morning tours end with a chance for the prospective student and their family to get lunch at the cafeteria. However, because of guidelines in place across campus about the cafeteria, visitors don't get the chance to do this now.

Visitors being unable to get lunch at the cafeteria on campus has been understood by those who are visiting.

"Everyone knows there are limits now," Cochnar said.

Recently, there have

been a few cases of COVID-19 on Doane's Crete campus. These cases caused President Jacquie Carter to temporarily suspend athletics and other extracurricular activities from Aug 20 to Aug 31, according to an email from the President's Office. While there were still tours happening during this time, they were permitted because the University didn't shut down.

"We are so strict on what they do and don't do and where they go and don't go," Cochnar said.

The Admissions Office will continue to offer tours on campus until they are told otherwise. Cochnar is not certain that their operations are based on the University's risk-dial for COVID-19 but she believes that makes the most sense. Virtual tours are still offered and will continue to be offered for students who feel more comfortable visiting that way.

While nothing is certain about in-person activities during this time, hopefully prospective students will continue to be able to visit Doane's campus.



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Doane ambassadors are still hard at work during COVID. Following stricter guidelines, they are still showing prospective students around campus while remaining safe. Photo taken of ambassadors in 2018.

Tabitha keeps residents safe

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has been trying for everyone but living in an assisted living facility has presented several unique circumstances and trials.

Crete has two separate Tabitha assisted living facilities: Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care, and The Gardens Assisted Living. Both buildings have been in lockdown off and on since the beginning of the pandemic.

Sherris Due, Administrator of both Tabitha and The Gardens, said all staff members are required to wear personal protective equipment like surgical masks and eye protection. She said there are special marked zones that require additional safety precautions.

“We currently have to follow guidance from Public Health Solutions as to where Saline County’s COVID percentage rate is. As the numbers decrease, then we

can move into different phases that loosens some of the restrictions we have in place,” Due said.

Junior Sheeah Norval has worked as a medication aide at The Gardens for almost a year.

Norval said only employees are allowed in the building when a lockdown is in place. All employees must have their temperature checked and wear masks. Residents are confined to their rooms to reduce the risk of contamination as well as residents wearing masks whenever they are allowed out of their rooms.

Senior Sadie Finnegan has worked as a CNA at Tabitha for almost a year. She said an additional safety measure being taken is a symptom questionnaire which includes questions about recent travel and possible exposure.

According to Norval, residents are having a difficult time adjusting to



Photo by Josh Bundy | The Doane Owl

Assisted living centers in Crete have had to make serious adjustments to keep those in their care safe. This has included a lengthy hold on visitors for the residents.

these new precautions, especially not being able to interact with their loved ones and fellow residents.

“Imagine being in lockdown for months without being able to hug your family or friends and having to stay in your room by yourself all day, everyday. That would take a toll on anyone,” Norval said.

Due, Finnegan and Norval worked at Tabitha

throughout the summer but they do not feel it is threatening to their health.

“I have learned much more about the coronavirus and safety precautions to take than I would have if I did not work in a healthcare facility,” Norval said.

Due agreed with Norval’s view on health and safety as the facilities had “infection control pro-

cesses” in place before the pandemic.

Residents and staff in Tabitha facilities are trying to make the best of a difficult situation. Staff are doing their best to interact with residents as regularly as possible even though it couldn’t possibly have the same effect as spending time with their loved ones.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY
9/9



HIGH: 49
LOW: 44

THURSDAY
9/10



HIGH: 58
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9/11



HIGH: 66
LOW: 53

SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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HIGH: 75
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MONDAY
9/14



HIGH: 78
LOW: 51

TUESDAY
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HIGH: 80
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Student petition to spark change

Students collect their used plastic bottles to show waste issues

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

After going through 49 plastic water bottles between two people in half a week, it was evident that something needed to change. Roommates and sophomores Jarod Wenger and Logan Tackett initially started keeping their empty water bottles because they were purely interested in how much they go through in a week.

With the start of this school year being during a pandemic, Doane had to make many adjustments to protect students and faculty from getting sick. One of these adjustments included turning off the water fountains in buildings to prevent students from drinking

out of them and possibly contaminating the fountain.

Therefore, students can either get drinking water from the bathroom sink or from plastic water bottles.

However, the goal of Wenger and Tackett is to bring light to a problem that goes along with using these plastic water bottles: waste.

It started off as collecting their empty water bottles for fun. Yet, when they realized how much waste they were causing, they started lining the water bottles around their door frame.

Wenger said the original goal was just for students to see the weekly affect of the waste produced between two people.

In the short amount of time that they had their water bottle waste display up, they had received various questions and interest in what they were doing. One student who stopped by to ask about the cause suggested they start a petition to make



Courtesy photo | Jarod Wenger

Jacob Wegner and Logan Tackett collect plastic bottles on their door to spread awareness of unnecessary waste.

some change around Doane.

What once started as a project to catch the attention of Doane students eventually evolved into a petition.

The petition that now has over 50 signatures is

to get water bottle fillers into Smith Hall with the hopes of gaining enough attention to bring it to other residence halls.

“I think the attainable goal is to draw enough attention to it to the point that it happens. [We will]

not only talk to admin but also get as many people on campus to know about it so we have the numbers to back our idea,” Tackett said.

After talking with their residence hall’s CD, they were told that the water bottles around their door were a fire hazard and must be taken down. However, since the lobby is not being used at this current time, they got permission to take the empty water bottles and put them in the lobby of their residence hall.

Wenger said they are “hoping that, internally, each student can see their own effects.”

In addition to showing students the waste one week at a time, Wenger and Tackett have been in communication with various Residential Life staff as well as a plan to submit a proposal to the Green Committee.

While this project has taken off in a different direction than originally intended, Wenger and Tackett are happy to see this issue gaining atten-

“It is important to see how many water bottles we all go through. It’s more about spreading the awareness of how out-of-hand this is for our first-world country,”

Jarod Wenger
Sophomore

tion. On the petition, they bring light not only to the money going into buying these water bottles but also the amount of waste they cause and where the water bottles will end up after use.

“It is important to see how many water bottles we all go through. It’s more about spreading the awareness of how out-of-hand this is for our first world country,” Wenger said.

For more information or to see the petition, students can go to change.org/smithhallwater

Lincoln police officer killed in action

RILEY SOUCHEK
Art Editor

Officer Mario Herrera of Lincoln was shot on Aug. 26 while members of the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force, the department’s gang unit, and The Criminal Division were serving a warrant at a house near 33 and Vine Streets after getting information that seventeen-year-old Felipe Vazquez was wanted for second-degree assault in connection with Edward Varejcka’s stabbing death in March. Vazquez was at the scene of Herrera being injured. Herrera was shot in the chest by Vazquez as he and Orion Ross were making their escape.

On Monday Sept. 6 at 3:30 AM, Officer Mario Herrera succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Oma-



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A funeral procession was held for Lincoln Investigator Mario Herrera. He was shot in the line of duty on Aug. 26.

ha, Nebraska.

Later that day, a motorcade procession took place in order to bring Herrera back home to Lincoln. Dozens of people lined the overpass-

es between Lincoln and Omaha to show their support for the fallen police officer.

Investigator Herrera is the seventh Lincoln Police Officer to die in the

line of duty. Before him was an officer named George W. Welter.

Welter died on Feb. 9, 1968 by his police motorcycle colliding with a car at 27 and W Streets as he respond-

ed with lights and siren to an emergency call.

An effort has been underway to build a memorial to honor the fallen officers.

Open racism spotted in Nebraska

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

On Sept. 5, a truck was spotted driving down O Street in Lincoln with an obscene statement written on the back windshield with “Trump 2020” underneath it. The derogatory statement was targeted toward African Americans.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, professional basketball player Rex Chapman was the spark that made the post viral. Chapman quoted a tweet about the truck and others began retweeting the post as well.

Several people ended up identifying the individual who owns the truck, but they didn’t stop there. The individual’s address and place of work were discovered and shared as well.

The owner of the truck is 21-year-old Austin J. Cordis of Ohio, Nebraska. He denies writing the message on his vehicle and claims it was vandalized while he was in Gateway Mall, although Lincoln police have no

records of vandalism reports nor was there any suspicious activity reported.

Individuals at the mall at the same time as Cordis claim he never entered the mall. Instead, he left after being confronted in the parking lot. These claims do not match Cordis’ statement and are still being disputed.

Cordis has received several death threats since the image surfaced on social media and his identity was discovered. His now-ex-girlfriend also received threats toward her and her 15-month old child, of who Cordis is

the father. She promptly dismissed any involvement in the situation and hopes people will leave her and her child alone.

Cordis is currently facing “felony charges of operating a large marijuana growing operation, possession of a firearm while manufacturing marijuana and being in possession of a firearm while committing a felony” in Fillmore County according to the Lincoln Journal Star.

Cordis said he believes it is possible that someone may be trying to get him into more legal trouble.

Cordis continues to deny writing the message on his own truck as he said he doesn’t even vote, so political messaging would not be a large concern of his.

The mayor of Lincoln as well as other state officials have released statements condemning the kind of behavior displayed in this case. They state that the people of Nebraska do not tolerate this vile behavior and that whoever did write the message should be very ashamed of themselves.



Courtesy Photo | @doctor_rpm on Twitter

A truck with an offensive and racist message was seen driving down O Street in Lincoln. The image has been partially blurred due to the offensive nature.

Visiting policies don’t work unless you do

New on-campus visiting policies affect students differently

SALEM KESSLER
Staff Writer

Many new policies have been put in place on the Crete campus this semester in regards to COVID-19.

One new set of regulations involves the visitor policies. This semester, no visitors from off campus are allowed for thirty days after classes start; students are also expected to stay in only their dorm buildings and in their personal rooms to slow the spread of COVID.

These policies are a

stark difference from Doane’s usual community feeling.

“Last year I had the ability to bring over friends who go to other universities or live in other halls but this year the restrictions and morals related to COVID make it harder to be social,” said sophomore Samuel Province.

Living on Doane’s campus is one of the easiest ways to find a close community and to make connections. However, there are not many places or events to try and get those connections this year.

Although some students have been finding it difficult to not have guests on campus, others are not that worried about this aspect of it.

“It really hasn’t been that difficult to not bring guests. Just hang out with

people on campus but follow all the guidelines of course..we just need people to actually follow them (policies),” freshman Corina Grimaldo said.

Province had a similar stance on other students on campus who he thinks aren’t taking the guidelines as seriously as they should.

“It feels like everyone is trying to rush to the

“They can put policies in place, but they are not effective when it comes to keeping the campus safe if others aren’t following them as well,”

Jessie Kysar
Sophomore

finish line with COVID instead of abiding by the restrictions for a month to let everything cool down,” Province said.

Myah Keenportz, junior, lived on Doane’s campus her first two years but now lives in a house in the Crete area. Students off campus are also struggling with the new policies.

“I feel so isolated here when I am on campus. I have nowhere to sit when I’m here and I can’t go in anyone’s dorm so I end up back home while waiting for another class to start,” Keenportz said.

Though the policies are difficult to deal with for some students, the same students also believe they are in place for the greater good of the community.

“I think Doane is doing their best,” says Province.

Face masks are required in all campus buildings and in any other area where social distancing is not easily done.

Other students generally agree with this; they mostly feel the policies are not helpful if people choose not to follow them.

“They would be more effective if all the students cared enough to follow them. They can put policies in place but they are not effective when it comes to keeping the campus safe if others aren’t following them as well,” said sophomore Jessie Kysar.

“If things don’t get better on all ends, from Greek Life, students and the administration, then Doane will just be another news story about a few hundred students getting COVID then getting sent home,”

Samuel Province
Sophomore

For Doane’s campus to stay open and continue to allow students to be in classes, the rules and regulations set in place must be followed.

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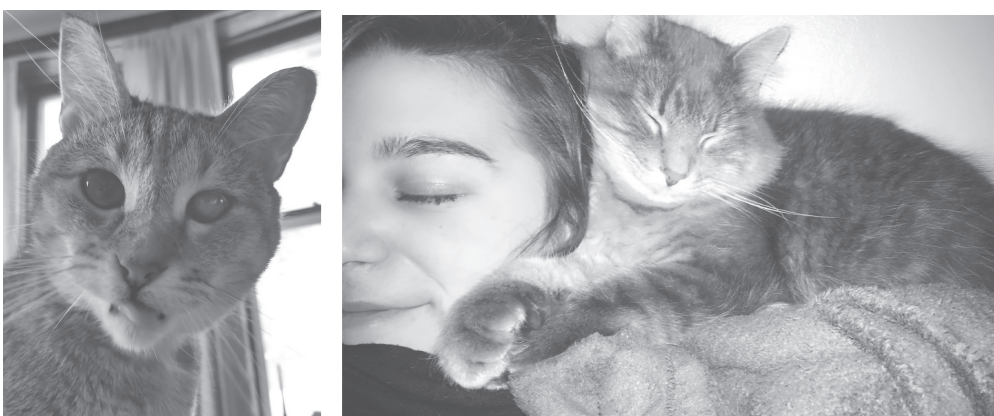
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Students show off their emotional support animals (ESAs).

Students comfort from ESAs

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

Many people love pets, from energetic dogs and snuggly cats, to chill lizards and bubbly fish, domesticated animals can provide joy and lighten any mood. However, this comfort and joy can be in short supply once school starts.

Classes, tests and homework causing stress and leaving one feeling tired and anxious.

Some students have registered for an emotional support animal (ESA) to alleviate some of the negative mental energy and receive pet therapy. Gabby Push, sophomore, uses her kitten Caribie that she adopted from the Nebraska Humane Society to help with her anxiety.

"I decided to get an ESA because of my anxiety. It was something I had been thinking about for a while and I actually wanted to get a dog at first but figured a cat was a lot easier," Push said.

Coming from a household with two dogs and a cat, Gabby noticed the lack of any pets in her life at college was having a negative impact on her. She started thinking about getting an ESA in the spring semester of her freshman year.

Once she got her cat, she noticed a world of difference. "I'm having her there makes it feel more like home and more like I have somebody anytime I need them," Push said. This sentiment of a pet being there for you when your mental state is in decline is shared by junior Taylor Ball as her mini-golden doodle Wesely is "a constant source of entertainment and joy for [her]." "If I'm having a bad day or if I'm having a hard time, he just knows and comes over and snuggles with me [...] He will sit on my lap for a really long time and just sit with me until I feel better," Ball said. She also stressed the importance of routine and, with Wesely, she finds herself taking better care of herself because of him and his need for routine. "He provides me with a stable routine. With anxiety and depression, it's really easy to let that stuff get on top of you [...] I have to get up every day by nine o'clock [a.m.] to feed him breakfast and take him outside [...] I am outside a lot more because I take him for walks and take him to the dog park [...] taking him care of him makes me take care of myself a lot more," Ball said. The benefits of companionship and love from an emotional support animal were also mentioned by senior Teresa Goodwater about her cat Bama, who she's had since her sophomore year.

"It's really good for me to play with her instead of picking at my nails [...] or being anxious and depressed [...] There's psychology behind it that when an animal sits on you it makes you happier," Goodwater said. Sophomore Elijah Smith and freshman Shelby Rickard echo Push's, Ball's and Goodwater's statements when talking about the benefits of their emotional support animals as well.

"I live alone as a CA [...] late at night when I feel alone because I have all sorts of mental issues like depression, it's nice to have somebody there, especially now with COVID because I can't invite people or go over. It's nice to have something to help with that," Smith said about his cat Kitten. Rickard's cat Fran "...is very affectionate and she can tell [if] I'm a little stressed out and she'll snuggle up to me and calm me down [...] It makes me feel better when I know she's there for me," Rickard said.

Whatever the reason, emotional support animals can be the difference between having a good school year and struggling immensely. If you are someone who needs an ESA, be sure to register it as soon as possible.

start the process," Push said. Goodwater's experience was not nearly as streamlined. "[...] your first time applying for it, it takes a really long time to get it to go through because you have to get a doctor's note and they have to write the letter to the specifications of Doane, so my doctor had to rewrite the letter 3 times before it went through. So it was [the middle] of my first semester of my sophomore year before I got her and I started the process within the first two weeks of my sophomore year," she said. Rickard was not even able to take her cat with her this year. "They [Doane] told me I wasn't going to have her in my dorm, so I didn't bring her but now that I know that I could have, I'm going to try to get her here for hopefully the rest of this semester and next semester," Rickard said. For some, having a pet is merely for the sake of having an animal to take care of and play with. For others, it can be a constant source of light and happiness at times when other sources seem to have vanished. "Who really wants to watch it that bad that they can't wait 3 months," Daudt said. "I feel like 30 dollars is kind of excessive," Hickok said. Neither of them were very aware of the "Mulan" remake and both expressed little enthusiasm for the movie. "Who really wants to watch it that bad that they can't wait 3 months," Daudt said. "...I feel like you could probably rent it on anything [other streaming services] cheaper than that," Hickok said. The \$30 charge to watch the new live-action "Mulan" on Disney+ appears to be too expensive for most people, and it appears many will be waiting for the holiday season to watch it for free.

High time to address legal marijuana

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

The legalization of marijuana has been a highly debated topic over the last few years. Many people are in favor of legalizing it for medicinal and/or recreational purposes but others are strongly opposed. In a poll conducted from Sept 2 through Sept 5, 97 percent of the 85 Doane students who responded said they supported the legalization of marijuana for medicinal

purposes. However, only 82 percent of students said they supported the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes. Sophomore Drew Pennington said he supports the legalization of marijuana for both medical and recreational use. "It's a lot safer than alcohol. I think alcohol does so many things to your body... I don't think that works the same with marijuana," Pennington said. Senior Kenneth Weber said he supports the le-

galization of marijuana strictly for medical purposes. He worries some people will abuse the substance if it becomes widely available. "Similar to any other drug or medication, when taken in moderation and for the proper reasons, it can benefit the user tremendously but when used incorrectly, it very much will cause more harm than good," Weber said. In regards to recreational use, Weber is opposed to marijuana le-

galization because he is concerned about individuals using the substance for reasons it should not be used. The range of side effects also concerns Weber as some reactions to marijuana use can lead to less-than-ideal consequences. Sophomore Macy Due said she is somewhat impartial to marijuana use. She said its medical benefits are especially useful for cancer patients, an illness that has personally affected her life. Pennington and Weber were unaware that the

"Mulan" requires moola



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Disney has released the live-action "Mulan" remake to those willing to pay 30 dollars for early access

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

While it is under ten dollars and all the movies, TV shows and documentaries owned by Disney are there, some decisions made by the House of Mouse have been questionable. Aside from digitally altering/censoring certain scenes in some movies (a scene from 1984's "Splash" involving Daryl Hanna's character comes to mind), there have been controversies surrounding the release of the live-action "Mulan" remake. Sophomores Kaydi Daudt and Maddy Hickok both shared the opinions held by Pennington and Hummel. "I feel like 30 dollars is kind of excessive," Hickok said. Neither of them were very aware of the "Mulan" remake and both expressed little enthusiasm for the movie. "Who really wants to watch it that bad that they can't wait 3 months," Daudt said. "...I feel like you could probably rent it on anything [other streaming services] cheaper than that," Hickok said. The \$30 charge to watch the new live-action "Mulan" on Disney+ appears to be too expensive for most people, and it appears many will be waiting for the holiday season to watch it for free.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): This week others may frustrate you but remember that meaningful communication can solve a lot.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): You may be feeling a little lost this week. Make sure that you know what's important to you and cherish it.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Your mental energy is running low. Slow down and take time for yourself.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): You are going to want to make impulsive decisions this week Taurus. Think it through before acting.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Interactions with friends may cause you to question if you are surrounding yourself around the right people. Communication is going to be vital.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Your busy schedule will not let up this week. Take pride in what you will accomplish.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Take advantage of the new energy you've been feeling lately. Get projects done that you've been putting off.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Watch out for budding romances. You'll find yourself wondering if this is the right time, so be cautious.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): You may feel the urge to take out everyday frustrations on friends. Remind yourself to take a deep breath.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): The energy that you've been feeling lately will start to fade. Don't be hard on yourself for needing a break.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Take notice of the positive people in your life and let them know you appreciate them.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Do not forget the importance of patience. Remember that things in life will not always go smoothly.

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Zoom University, students teach tricks of the trade

Zoom classes have inspired students to find new, unique ways to focus

CASSIE KESSLER
Staff Writer

Sitting in a classroom and trying to stay awake during a lecture is already hard enough but having the option to lay in bed makes it even harder. As the number of classes opting to meet via Zoom increases, students have found new ways to pay attention and stay focused.

For some, classes via Zoom calls are no more difficult than regular classes but for others, staying focused becomes much harder.

Freshman Payton Cooley knows it can be very difficult to pay attention when there are plenty of distractions around.

"It's hard for me to stay focused during the Zoom classes. If I'm in my room, I have roommates and sometimes I'm talking to them while I'm also trying to listen and take notes so there's a lot going on that I need to separate myself from," Cooley said.

Another challenging aspect can be the workload since most class work that would be done is now individual work. Junior Emma Ryan believes

Zoom calls are actually more intense than a normal in-person class would be.

"A lot of times, teachers are giving you PowerPoints outside of class to watch and then you're discussing them in the Zoom, so you're doing more work than you would be doing if you were to actually be in class," Ryan said.

However, sitting and paying attention to a lecture is difficult for some, regardless of location. While it's not simple to be very entertaining on a Zoom call, there are ways to encourage more student interaction and make it a bit easier to want to pay attention.

"I don't know how much professors are into games like Kahoot or Quizlet Live but I know my high school used to do that over Zoom when we had to go online," Cooley said.

So while it may seem impossible at times to stay in tune with what is going on during the Zoom call, there are some tricks that students have found useful for paying attention. Sophomore Sean Hummel discovered it's all about eliminating any possible distractions.

"Put the phone in the drawer if it's a really important class and headphones are a necessity. It also helps if you figure out a specific spot in your room or on campus that is just specifically designed for studying and condition it in your brain so you don't think about picking up your con-

"Condition it in your brain so you don't think about picking up your controller and playing a game or pick up your phone and check Snapchat," Hummel said.

Sean Hummel
Sophomore

roller and playing a game or pick up your phone and check Snapchat," Hummel said.

However, this doesn't mean you have to isolate by yourself to stay focused. Some have found that finding classmates and working together is a way to force each other to pay attention to the call.

"Most of my roommates are in the same classes as me, so I usually do the Zoom with them and so we both stay focused and we make sure we're paying attention and taking good notes," Cooley said.

With Zoom not going anywhere anytime soon due to the pandemic, many are adapting to this new way of learning. Although Zoom calls won't get any simpler to pay attention to, students are constantly finding new ways to stay focused.

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 -

Extracurriculars are vital to students

The pandemic has taken a lot from everyone, forcing some to give up what they care for.

It is no secret that adjustments must be made to keep everyone safe. Yet, what many need to understand is that adjusting is not the same as completely forfeiting something.

Right now, especially if there is a repeat hold of extracurriculars, the Doane Owl believes it is important that students adjust and not forfeit their group involvement completely.

Extracurriculars, such as clubs, sports and student organizations are the foundation of the college experi-

ence. Not only do they keep campus lively, but they are a support system for students.

During this time, more than ever, students need a support system.

Mental health among students is declining. Socialization benefits mental health, making it more important now than ever to stay in (so-

cially distanced) contact with others.

So, whether it be meetings outside six feet apart or over Zoom, students should creatively adjust because clubs, sports and student organizations are what make Doane feel like home.

Unwelcome guests in dorms

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor



We pay \$10,100 for room and board at Doane. That is a ridiculously large amount of money when every surface in the residence halls is covered in bugs.

In the few short weeks I have been at Doane this year, I have gotten out of bed in the morning with an extra friend on multiple occasions. Each time, a spectacularly gleaming and healthy cockroach or beetle lands on the floor with my feet.

Tell me why we are paying so much money when scores of bugs are living here for free? If I sneak in the window or cracks in the founda-

tion, do I get free room and board too?

I understand that Doane is probably losing a lot of money with the pandemic and having to provide additional technology for faculty but come on. I did not come to Doane to live with bugs.

There has to be some amount of money somewhere in the budget to spray for bugs. Who knows, Orkin may even give Doane a discount for the sheer amount of money the company would earn. When I pay Doane for room and board, I assume that cost covers pest control and prevention. Apparently, my assumptions have been wrong.

At this point, I might as well camp out on the edge of the lake. I would argue there would be less bugs under my covers if I did that and maybe I wouldn't have to pay either.

I'm just disappointed that a school that provides such a quality education would allow this problem to persist. Doane has amazing professors, resources and curriculum. So why are bugs crawling out of every crack?

Luckily, my roommate has an ESA cat who likes to catch bugs but it is disgusting



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

every time she presents me with a new find.

It's hard to believe but my dorm room this year has less bugs than my room last school year. I watched spiders, crickets, flies, roaches and God knows what else crawl out of the A/C unit in my old dorm room every day. I assumed it was because my room was located in the basement, so low the window was functionally useless.

My windows have a

purpose this year, though, and the bugs never cease. I should not be worrying about whether I'm going to wake up with a new spider bite; I have enough to worry about.

Doane needs to address this issue to help students' peace of mind, to ensure the quality of living and to provide students with what they were expecting to pay for.

Joey's hot takes; poptart flavors

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

S Tier: (The best)- S'mores, Chocolate Chip, Cookies & Creme

A Tier: (Second best)- Blueberry, Strawberry, Chocolate Fudge, Raspberry

B Tier: (Average)- Cinnamon Roll, Brown Sugar Cinnamon, Strawberry Milkshake, Cherry

C Tier: (Below Average)- Unfrosted Blueberry, Unfrosted Strawberry, Chocolate Mocha, Pumpkin Pie

F Tier: (Garbage)- Jolly Rancher Cherry, Jolly Rancher Green Apple, Jolly Rancher Watermelon, Unfrosted Brown Sugar Cinnamon

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

The breakfast pastry that is held near and dear to our hearts- it's time Poptarts received a ranking of its flavors.

The criteria for this list is broken down into four main categories: taste, how good the tart is untoasted versus toasted, how good the pastry is by itself with no milk (because let's face it, if you don't drink milk after eating Poptarts, what are you even doing), the quality of the Poptart when eaten in bites versus breaking pieces off individually to eat (breaking off pieces of a Poptart versus eating it in bites does make a difference, trust me) and finally, how much the general public seems to like the

pastry.

Taste is pretty straightforward, it is a fact that there are some Poptart flavors that are objectively better than others.

How good the pastry is toasted versus untoasted is also a factor because if a Poptart tastes great toasted but untoasted is icky, it will rank lower than a tart that is maybe not as tasty but can be enjoyed without needing a toaster.

Milk is another factor to consider because having a glass of cold milk with a Poptart boosts the quality of any flavor by a decent amount. If a Poptart is only good with milk, then there's a fundamental problem with the taste itself.

The final category is how people react when seeing you have the Poptart flavor in your possession. If whenever a person (whether it be friend or stranger) sees you

eating the flavor of Poptart, goes up to ask you for a piece or starts eyeballing you as if to consider how much of a fight it would be to take it from you, the score of that flavor will be higher than one that does not elicit such reactions from people.

S Tier: The flavors in this tier are the best of the best, the cream of the crop- whether toasted or fresh out of the packaging, whether eaten as a whole or in small pieces broken off, regardless of the presence of milk. These are the Poptarts that have the power to divide families and end friendships if one is not careful.

Again, let me reiterate: 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!



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Friends are fun, COVID is not

SARAH DALY
Multimedia
Coordinator

When asked "Why do you love Doane?", most students will respond with something to the degree of "the people". Starting in August, many upperclassmen started reconnecting with friends they have not seen for six months. No one is denying the fact that we, the students, are excited to be back on campus.

Yet, we should make

sure we know there is a level of responsibility we, as students, have to take precautions so we can stay on campus. We have heard and seen the horror stories of universities across the country closing down after two weeks because students did not take COVID seriously. Do you really want to be another headline?

Please do some self-reflection and see if you think that girls' trip next weekend is necessary. Try to do one trip to the gro-

cery store for your suite/quad. Instead of going out to the bars, invite your friends for a Netflix Party. Go on a socially-distanced picnic. I know it is not the ideal semester but think of what we can do in the Spring Semester if we do our best now.

Wear a mask now so we can cross the bridge during Weeks of the Greeks. Wash your hands now so we can watch and play spring sports. Do not go out now so we can all watch the canoe races on

Stop Day.

To be "Tigers Together", we have to hold each other accountable. It is our duty to our professors and to each other to do all we can to eradicate COVID-19 from our campus. Before you go to that party off-campus next weekend with 30 of your "closest" friends, please consider the risk. The risk to your friends' lives, your life and the lives of all the people you come in contact with back on campus.

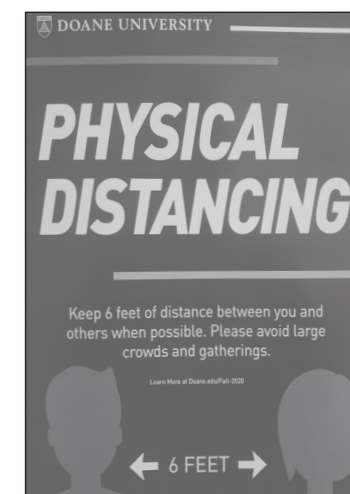


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Signs to promote distancing are hung across campus within buildings.



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Students practice activities outside in Cassel to follow social distancing guidelines.

Outside classes face challenges

FELICITY RAMSEY
Graphic Designer

Since coming back to campus, classes have been a petri-dish for COVID-19, with large classes such as choir, band and FAKs, activities like sports, and even getting food from the cafeteria brings in so many students. With that, classes and practices have had to devise a plan in order to stop the spread of the virus by changing to hybrid, moving online and for some, taking the class

Even with the weather being as hot as it has been, it is so nice to be outside rather than cooped up in a classroom. This week looks promising with an amazing cold front waiting for you but most of us know how Nebraska weather is; if not, you might just find out soon.

Now, we use Cassel Theatre for our practices and that has had so much more shade but the bugs have been worse than ever. I've had a few

end up in my mask while singing and it is such a weird feeling, trying to clean them out is also an issue. But hopefully with the weather changing, they won't be much of an issue.

I will say this is the best way to go about dealing with such a big group during the pandemic. Everything can't be perfect but we are making the best use of what we have and I know that the professors also feel the effects of it too.

Even with the weather, I am very glad to be back with the choir and singing like before, no matter if the bugs are distracting or the sun is beaming right down on our heads.

I continue singing with my group.

Going hungry

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

College students often don't have time to cook but in Crete, it is often either to cook or grab a snack to eat for busy students.

Many students will remember the pain of not-so-long-ago when there was supposed to be a McDonald's coming to Crete. This supposedly broke down in the last stages and is a sore reminder to many of the lack of food options that Crete has to offer.

Crete is by no means a big town but with a college campus, there is an immediate demand for fast food. With the limited options that are available for students looking to get a meal in between their responsibilities, there is a clear need for more options for students.

When I was still in high school looking for colleges to attend, I never really considered the food options that were available to me. After being in Crete for over three years, I can say that it is something I definitely should've considered. I enjoy Dairy Queen and De Leone's as much as anyone else but when you only have a handful of options, you begin to get sick of them.

When I go home for the summer, I can't go to



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

Dairy Queen because I cannot eat it after two semesters of going there on a regular basis.

Many students have noticed that Cristina's is occupying what used to be a Sonic, one of my favorite fast-food restaurants.

Students can't always drive to Lincoln just to get some food. And for many students on campus, they get sick of the cafeteria food quickly- I know I did.

Doane can certainly have a say in this matter, as almost all of the other schools I looked at had food options either on campus or nearby. Additionally, for some schools, there was an

ability to use their equivalent of Doane dollars at local restaurants.

If Doane was to implement a system like this, it would not only benefit Doane by potentially bringing in more students but it would also help out some local restaurants in town.

At the end of the day, students cannot be expected to enjoy only having a handful of options for food. We deserve to have options and enjoy the food in the town that we go to school in. That is not to say that the food options here are bad but it certainly wouldn't hurt to have a few more options for students.

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THUMBS DOWN...

Women's soccer hopeful despite loss



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Despite their 5-0 loss against Bellevue, the women's soccer team is still taking positives from their loss. They return to action on Sept. 13, taking on Dakota Wesleyan in their home opener.

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

The Doane women's soccer team opened their season at Bellevue University on Saturday, losing the matchup 0-5.

It was the first time since 2014 that the two teams had played each other.

Bellevue was up 2-0 at halftime with goals from Marilia Lages and Cola Bielski. The second half wouldn't get any easier for the Tigers as they gave up three more goals. Goals in the second half came from Bielski, Sinai Bernal and Kaycee Driver.

Junior Danielle Dubovy recorded five saves throughout the game. Bellevue outshot Doane 14-4 over the contest.

Despite the outcome, many players were just happy to be on the field.

Sophomore Payton Schelin was happy to play for the first time in nearly five months.

"All of the odds were against us and the fact

we even got to have one game was amazing. This whole COVID scenario makes me appreciate the sport so much more and makes me feel so blessed that I could even play," Schelin said.

Fellow sophomore Jenna Tardiff echoed Schelin's comments, saying that it was nice to be able to forget about everything and just play.

"Throughout the crazy pandemic we've been stuck in, it was nice to forget for 90 minutes and play with the intention that we might not be able to for a long time," Tardiff said.

Something new for the players is the new implementation of limited fan sections. Schelin noted how different it was, with the few fans they had were wearing masks and socially distancing.

"It's a little different since no one really cheers anymore but it felt good to have some supportive fans," Schelin said.

Tardiff also noted that there were no bleachers present, so the fans that were at the game were

spread out around the field so there was no single point of cheering like normal.

Tardiff mentioned how well their freshmen have jumped into the team, with their lack of nerves and willingness to give it their all.

"I think that our new players have done a great job of not having those first-year/first game nerves to where they already look like seasoned players on the pitch [...] our freshman this year have done a great job overcoming those nerves," Tardiff said.

Both Schelin and Tardiff praised the team on their work rate, saying how well the team pressures the opponents as a whole. They also stated the speed of the freshman and how beneficial it is to have them on the team.

Doane will return home for their next game on Sunday, Sept. 13 against Dakota Wesleyan.

Students concerned about Haddix closure

LUKE URBONAVICIUS
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During Doane's temporary shutdown of extracurricular activities and suspension of group activities, many students were left with nothing to do. Routine was welcomed back into many students' lives and then taken away almost just as quickly.

One such student was Rebecca Jerina, a senior studying Exercise Science here at Doane.

Living in Crete and recalling to when classes were moved online in March, Jerina was taken back by the closures Doane enforced.

"The initial shock wasn't as bad, as I had been living the entire summer in quarantine, but it was the speed of how it happened that bothered me," said Jerina.



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Some students have expressed concerns in finding alternatives to Haddix for fitness, with few options available in Crete for students to use and pay for.

With a campus closure happening only a week into classes, concerns over the rest of the semester were prioritized. The essential resources that Doane had been providing were suddenly taken away.

Jerina had said one of these essential resources was Haddix.

"Many students don't have the time or money for a different place to work out. The added stress of having to find a new outlet for a release of energy or having a good workout isn't helping the community at all during these times," Jerina said.

She recalled a time

during the postponement where she felt uncomfortable and times unsafe having to leave campus for a workout.

"I was going on a run off-campus and noticed the same car, multiple times, where I had been running. It wasn't even dark out yet. The car seemed to be trailing me

at times so I headed in the direction of campus and eventually the car had disappeared," Jerina said.

Though, she stated, the scenario might've still happened if Haddix was open. It's the fact that it wasn't and she had to find that alternative that led to the incident.

Students were concerned about having the availability of a resource that they are paying for taken away without group consensus of the campus and the future of the programs that they're involved in.

Jerina and many other students expect Doane to provide an alternative if the weight room isn't accessible.

"I'm paying for it, and I understand why it (Haddix) had to be shut down, but there has to be an alternative in place. Some kind of plan B or C. Otherwise what's the point of paying for it," said Jerina.

With many student athletes and non-student athletes alike utilizing Haddix and other campus resources, they are concerned with what they're paying for and who gets to make the decisions on what they can and can't use.

Meet returning coach Ryan Baumgartner

SARAH DALY
Multimedia Coordinator

The Doane Athletics staff welcomes back Coach Ryan Baumgartner, who will be starting his second year with

the women's basketball team.

As the Head Women's Basketball Coach, he will be joined by Gene Steinmeyer (first-season Assistant Coach), Bailey Heinen-Colby (first-season Graduate Assistant) and Hannah Delabarre (fourth-season Student Assistant).

Originally from Holyoke, Colorado, Coach Baumgartner came to Doane as a student in 2010. Baumgartner earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Master's degree in Business Management at Doane University, in addition to playing for the Men's Basketball team.

While completing his Graduate degree, Baumgartner was involved with the men's and women's basketball teams.

"I haven't left since I came out here in 2010.

I think that shows how special of a place that Doane is and the people that are on this campus," Baumgartner said.

Coach Baumgartner started playing basketball around the age of two and discovered his love for competition through sports. Baumgartner heavily believes in using sports to teach life lessons. He has been a part of athletics from a young age and sees the benefits of it with young minds.

"Many of the guys that my Dad coached at the high school level as I was growing up were always role models to me in my younger years," Baumgartner said.

Baumgartner has three seniors on the team this year. He is looking forward to having a fresh start and a full season with a group of athletes that are excited to compete and to be coached.

"Be thankful for each

day that you get to be on campus, as a student and as an athlete, especially in times like today. Your time here at Doane will go by in the blink of an eye so each chance you get to go to class, be around your peers and compete in the class-

room and on the playing field," Baumgartner said to underclassmen.

We wish the Women's Basketball team a safe and successful season and good luck to Coach Baumgartner and his support staff.



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Athlete of the Week



Kennedy Scheele
Volleyball

Had 20 kills and 11 digs in a five set win over Mid-American Nazarene University



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