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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



The Brew House in downtown Crete went out of business recently. See Page 3 for more.

Homebound deal with COVID

Students head home to families amidst high risk of COVID-19 at Doane's Crete campus.

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

The fall semester is nearly finished, and students will be headed home to spend time with their families for the extended break.

However, it is important to keep in mind the added risk that students are at and what they may be taking home to their families.

According to Doane's COVID-19 Risk Dashboard, Crete students are still at a high risk for the virus.

There have been a total of 148 recovered cases of the virus. In addition, there are 20 current positive cases with nine more cases still awaiting results. The figures were updated on Nov. 21 as of the writing of this article.

According to an email sent out on Nov. 20 from University Communications, there were 23 positive cases, 19 of them being students and four being faculty members.

In the same email, it was noted that risk dials for both Saline and Lancaster Counties remained in the severe category.

91 percent of campus isolation space was open at the time of the email.

It is important for students to remember to practice social distancing



Photo by Josh Bundy | The Doane Owl

Students have had to adjust to a different reality at Doane, and it is important that they continue that trend of safety and social distancing when headed home. Given that Doane is at a high risk for COVID, it is possible that some students may end up transmitting the virus to family members.

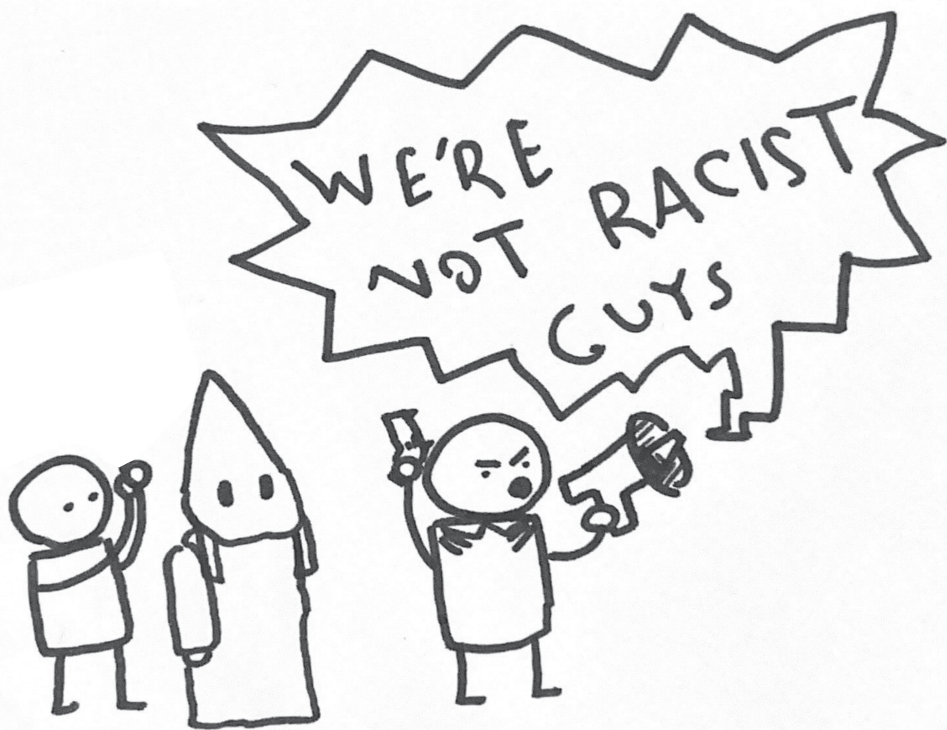
and remain safe in their last few days on campus. Wearing masks is still required on campus where

social distancing is not possible. Masks are required at all times when indoors as well.

It is also important to be aware of how you are feeling, as going from a high risk area back to

family can be risky for the health and safety of others. To keep family safe, keep yourself safe first.

New group creates political rift



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

The Proud Boys is a group that gained popularity when President Donald Trump referred to them at a rally. The group has been involved in numerous altercations at rallies. Though they claim to be anti-racist, they believe in the "White genocide theory".

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Since 2016, a new group has entered the American social and political world: the Proud Boys. The group was relatively unknown until the first presidential debate in 2020 when President Trump asked the Proud Boys to "stand back and stand by," according to The Guardian.

In reaction to President Trump's statement, The Guardian said members of the Proud Boys have begun wearing Make America Great Again hats and showing their support for the President.

According to the Washington Post, the Proud Boys identify their group as "a 'Western chauvinist' men's club that believes in ending welfare, closing borders and adhering to traditional gender roles."

Both The Guardian and the Washington Post cited the violent rhetoric and actions by the Proud Boys at their own rallies and at other, oftentimes left-wing, rallies using militaristic gear and wielding guns among other weapons.

"Members are pro-gun rights, against feminism and gender equality, and take a libertarian stance

on issues such as welfare," The Guardian reported.

USA Today reported that several Proud Boys appearances at rallies have resulted in actions requiring law enforcement to step into the conflicts.

"When the Proud Boys met with counter-protesters in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in August, the tensions boiled over into fights requiring law enforcement to step in," the USA Today article said.

The Proud Boys reject supporting racism, but The Guardian said the group "incorporates elements of the 'white geno-

cide' conspiracy theory." "White Genocide" is a term coined by white supremacists for propaganda purposes ... that the white race is 'dying' due to growing non-white populations and 'forced assimilation,' all of which are delib-

erately engineered and controlled by a Jewish conspiracy to destroy the white race," the Anti-Defamation League said on their website.

The Proud Boys' national attention has "validated" the group, according to USA Today, which

worries some extremism and nationalism experts.

While still a small group, the Proud Boys have members across the country and show no signs of ceasing their efforts against the left political wing.

Winter Break

Things you need to know

- Residents must leave 24 hours after their last final or by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.
- Residence Halls will be closing at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and will re-open on Jan. 17.
- Winter Break Room Checks will be held on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

These things will be checked:

- Smoke detector/fire alarms
- Windows are properly shut and locked
- Trash is removed from the room (this includes trash in trash cans)
- The fan unit is set on low
- Electronics unplugged: If you own a fridge, it must be unplugged, open and clean/defrosted
- Floors are clean
- The room is reasonably clean, including the smell
- All items in the room follow the Doane Housing Policy

Fees for garbage/food removal and cleaning fees can range from \$50 - \$500

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Courtesy photo | Jacque Carter

The man behind the desk

MEAGHAN STOUT
Editor-in-Chief

Doane University president Jacque Carter announced his decision to leave his position this upcoming June of 2021. Carter has held the position for almost ten years, since the summer of 2011.

Carter grew up in a small town in Northern Illinois with corn and soybean fields as his backyard. He attended college as a first-generation student. He knew when he was young that he wanted to work with fish, later choosing to study marine biology. Before that, though, Carter had a few ideas of what he wanted to do.

"I had three goals. I was either going to be a cowboy, an astronaut, or I was going to be a marine biologist," Carter said.

Carter spent most of his time during college, and after, traveling to study marine life around the world.

"I also got interested in naming fishes that were new to science, so I got to go on expeditions in the oceans and in Ecuador, in different places," Carter said. "I was sort of the Indiana Jones of the Caribbean for a while."

Carter has always

been interested in nature, especially fish.

"One thing kept leading to another, but there was always a fish in it," Carter said.

Carter's wife got pregnant with their first child while they were living overseas. They decided to move back to the U.S. to raise their children. When he returned, he began teaching biology at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. He then moved from there to Maine, where he was elected as the chair of the biology department while on sabbatical.

"I came back and I did the job. I guess I did it pretty well because they renewed it. Then our dean left and I was hired to be the dean," Carter said.

Carter worked in many different academic positions, sometimes as a professor and other times as the dean or vice president. Carter said every three to five years he would move to another position.

Carter said, "I was even the vice-chair of the faculty assembly, that's ironic, isn't it?"

A friend of Carter's suggested the job as Doane's president to him originally. Carter said his family was ready for a change, so they decided to pick up and move to Nebraska.

After almost ten years at Doane, Carter said one of his favorite parts of working at Doane has been the ability to see students start out as freshmen and then handing them their diplomas. Another thing he enjoyed was watching sports games.

"[My favorite was] seeing the football team beat Morningside a few years back in the final game of the season in the middle of a snowstorm," Carter said.

In the past few months, though, Carter has had a different experience.

"It was easier earlier on than it was towards the end just because of the drama and the issues that have come up," Carter said. "But I had a whole lifetime full of those better parts. That's what I will remember."

Despite facing backlash in recent months, Carter remains happy with his time at Doane. In his free time, Carter enjoys playing the guitar. When he was younger, he played in garage bands in coffee shops and "battle of the band" competitions.

Carter also enjoys fishing whenever he can, as well as other outdoor activities such as riding horses.

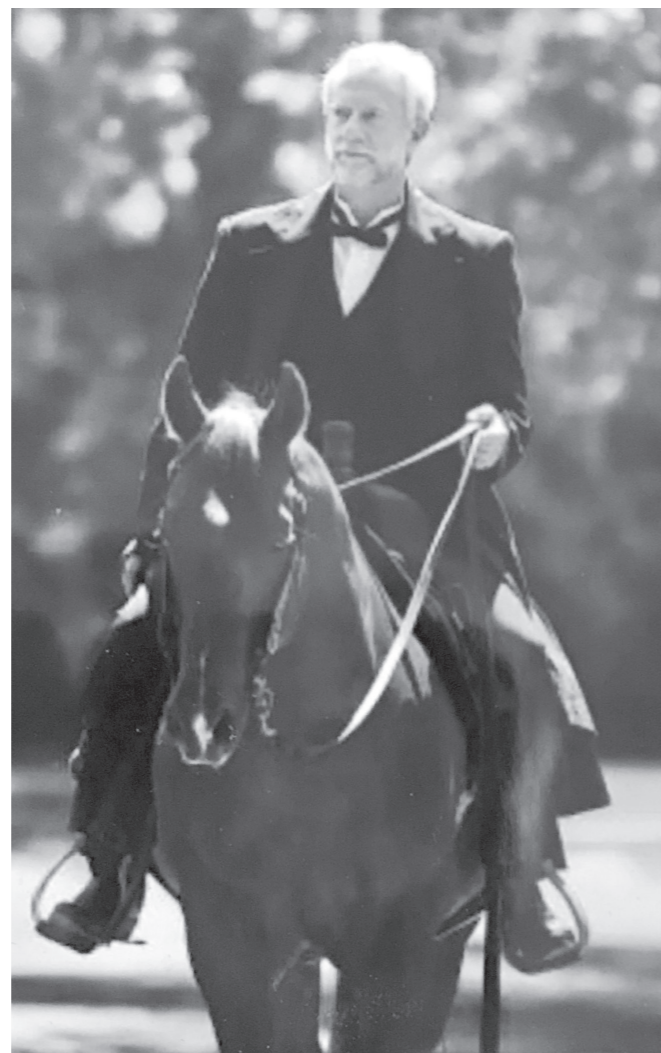
"I was in the Great Plains where the buffalo roam, so I figured I

should learn how to ride a horse. [For my inauguration] I rode into Doane on a horse. I practiced learning how to ride a horse out in Wilber and I got good enough to ride it," Carter said. "Getting on a horse and just riding around, it's like zen."

Recently, Carter has gotten interested in art,

specifically chalkboard art. For Halloween, he made a fish costume to wear while helping out at the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center.

Carter intends to spend more time working on his hobbies after his resignation in June.



Courtesy photo | Jacque Carter

Carter rode a horse into his inauguration in 2011. This is among one of his hobbies along with fishing and art.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST WEDNESDAY 11/25



HIGH: 45
LOW: 28
THURSDAY 11/26



HIGH: 49
LOW: 24
FRIDAY 11/27



HIGH: 50
LOW: 25
SATURDAY 11/28



HIGH: 54
LOW: 33
SUNDAY 11/29



HIGH: 45
LOW: 20
MONDAY 11/30



HIGH: 42
LOW: 22
TUESDAY 12/1



HIGH: 44
LOW: 24

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COVID hits a new high in the U.S.

Virus numbers reach record highs across the country as holiday season begins

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

Nov. 21 saw 171,980 new Coronavirus cases and at least 1,428 new deaths, according to The New York Times.

The United States has seen a drastic increase in cases, leading to the governors of some states, like Iowa and North Dakota, who opposed masks

mandates to order residents to wear masks.

Federal officials have also urged Americans not to travel for Thanksgiving, as hospitals are already close to capacity and would not be able to assist those who need professional medical attention.

As of Sunday Nov. 22, more than 12.1 million people in the United States have been infected, and at least 255,000 people have died, according to a database from The New York Times.

North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana, in particular, are seeing the most growth in Coronavirus cases.

Total Cases		Total Deaths	
12.4 Million		257 Thousand	
North Dakota	Wyoming	South Dakota	
New Cases 160	New Cases 140	New Cases 124	
New Mexico	Minnesota	Nebraska	
New Cases 120	New Cases 118	New Cases 117	
Iowa	Montana	Wisconsin	
New Cases 114	New Cases 114	New Cases 113	

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Education through celebrations

The first Native Heritage Month begins

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

November is designated as Native Heritage Month in the United States.

Native and non-Native Americans have been petitioning for a federal observance day of Native heritage. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior: Indian Affairs, "Native American Heritage Day" was established in 2009 by the government as the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.

"The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories and to acknowledge the important

contributions of Native people," the National Congress of American Indians' website said.

According to the U.S. Department of the Interior: Indian Affairs, the theme for 2020's Native Heritage Month is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." President Trump issued a statement on Oct. 30, 2020 to establish November as Native Heritage Month, as published on the White House website.

Native Heritage Month isn't just about celebrating the contributions and traditions of Native people, it is also about educating the public on Native people's hardships.

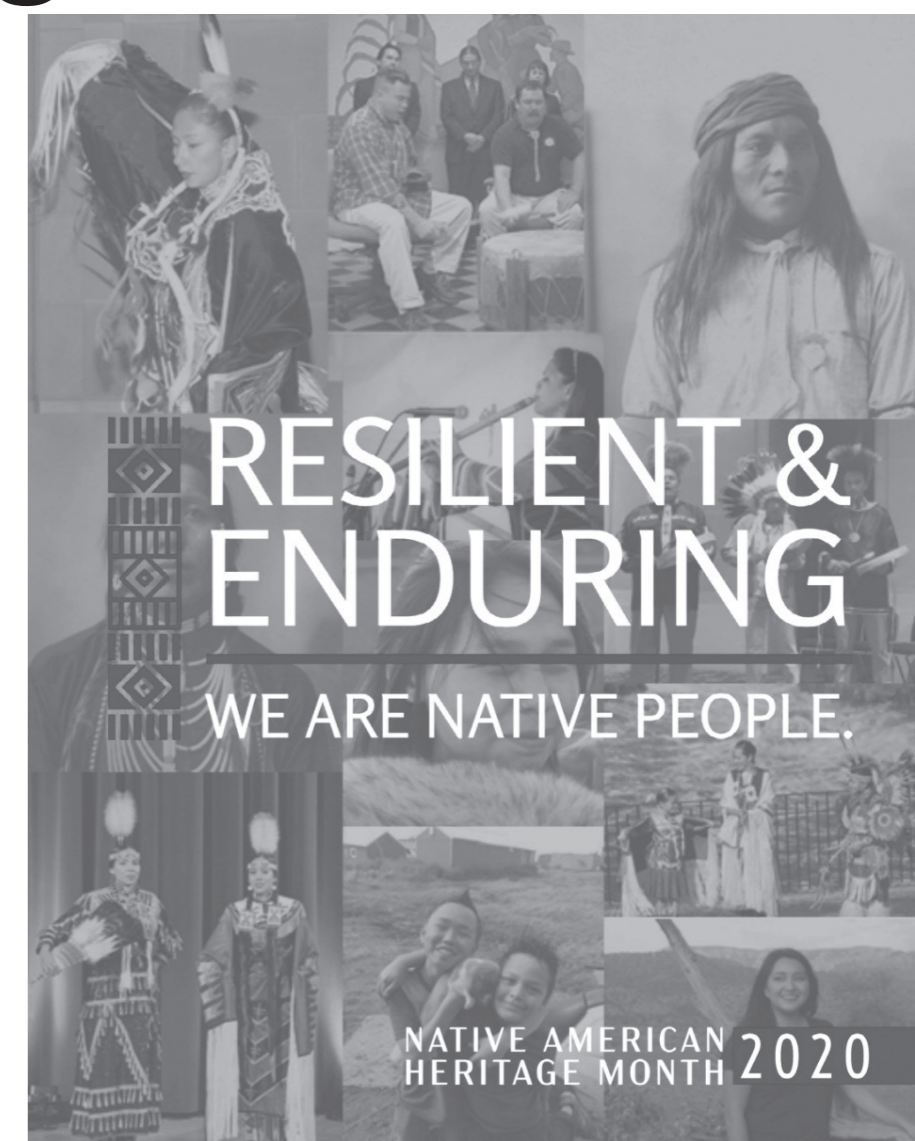
"Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens

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National Congress of American Indians Website

have worked to conquer these challenges," the National Congress of American Indians' website said.

The U.S. Department of the Interior: Indian Affairs has graphics on their website that can be used on social media posts. Using the hashtag "#NativeAmericanHeritageDay" is also encouraged by the department.



Courtesy photo | The U.S. Department of the Interior: Indian Affairs

Brew House closes its doors in Crete

Beloved local business closed on Saturday

MADI WARRELMANN
Communications Manager

A staple business of the Crete community closed on Saturday, Nov. 21. The Brew House, "Crete's favorite place to relax and unwind," according to their website, shut their doors for business after eight months of surviving as a small business during a pandemic.

One of the owners of the Brew House, Lacey Koch, was able to provide some insight about the decision to close.

According to Koch, after being open in downtown Crete for about two years, it just wasn't working anymore. Koch said it has been difficult to keep consistent staff and hours; they were still trying to build clientele, and the COVID-19 pandemic had taken a toll as well. Considering all of these factors, it was decided that closing down the Brew House would be the best option.

Leslie Jensen, a junior at Doane who worked at the Brew House, had some thoughts on the matter.

"I am sad that it is happening. I enjoyed

being a cook (there) and having the freedom to create new, fun dishes to post on the Facebook page. I also liked it when my friends would come in to eat and would tell me to "surprise them", and I could create any dish for them that I thought they would like," Jensen said.

The Brew House was an important place to many Doane students. Students would get coffee and work on homework at the Brew House as a quick way to get off campus for a bit. In addition, the Brew House provided many employment opportunities for students.

"I would say the majority of employees (were) Doane students," Jensen said.

It is uncertain what will become of the Brew House's location. Both Jensen and Koch said the building space has been purchased, but what will be done with

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Leslie Jensen
Junior

the space remains a mystery.

Koch mentioned that they were thankful for the support of Doane students and their families over the years they were in Crete. If students ever want

to visit a place with great food similar to the Brew House, they should stop by Cafe on the Square in Seward, which is also owned by Koch.

"Please do your best to support small busi-

nesses during this time. I know it is easy to just go through the drive through at Burger King or grab a slice of pizza from Casey's when you are hungry, but small businesses need customers to continue

to operate during these times. Check out other local businesses, bring your homework with you, and invite some friends along," Jensen said.



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Cheering for new team members

SARAH DALY
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On Nov. 18 and 19, the Doane Cheer and Dance teams held a recruitment event on Doane's campus. Incoming and current students were given the opportunity to practice with the current squads and showcase their skills to Coaches Ashley Lyon and Alexis Determan. In total, 20 students attended the recruiting event

(eight current and 12 incoming students).

"It can be very intimidating to walk into a setting where you don't know what to expect. Maybe you don't know anyone else or if you have the ability to do the task. I commend anyone who is willing to put themselves through a process like this, so we were very happy with the turnout," Lyon said.

Lyon is optimistic about the future of both teams. The current team

is also excited about the incoming teammates. Lyon said both teams have done well with creating a welcoming environment that accepts everyone.

With the prioritization process putting pressure on both teams, Lyon said she believes this recruiting event helped build a sense of security by increasing the amount of incoming students interested in dance and cheer compared to other years. "Hopefully, they could

see themselves here at our university and make a commitment to us for next year to help reach this goal," Lyon said.

Lyon said the teams will be accepting video auditions over the break for anyone who would still like to be considered. Lyon encouraged students to act urgently, as the competition season is just around the corner.

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Ashley Lyon
Cheer and Dance Coach

enough recognition to remain a permanent program here at the university," Lyon said. If students are still interested in joining dance or cheer, they can contact a current member or Coach Ashley Lyon at ashley.lyon@doane.edu for more information.

Wrestling for highest rank in GPAC

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

Doane wrestling has been voted first in GPAC rankings for the first time in program history. The news was announced on Nov. 10 with the release of the first conference rankings.

Numerous Doane wrestlers are highly ranked in the conference, with four wrestlers ranked No. 1 in their weight classes. Ten wrestlers were ranked overall. Both figures are the highest in the program's history.

Junior Baagi Boldmaa, the reigning NAIA national cham-

pion in the 141 weight class, is the first of the Tigers' first ranked wrestlers. Sophomore Michael Scarponi tops the rankings in the 174 weight class after moving up a class from last season. Sophomore Brandon Antesberger is also the projected top finisher in his weight class after finishing third last year in the 285 weight class. Rounding out the first place projections is junior Daniel Vargas, who was an NJCAA district champion this past year.

The Tigers also have a number of other wrestlers ranked in the top six for the GPAC conference, including; freshman Benjamin Dobler, sophomores

Triston Zamilpa, Bradley Antesberger and Samuel Peterson, and juniors Garrett Cornwell and Ben Hughes.

The Tigers' most recent action came on Nov. 7 at the Grand View duels. They would defeat Benedictine and Oklahoma Wesleyan, but lose to the NAIA reigning champions Grand View.

Notable finishers for the Tigers included Boldmaa and Bradley Antesberger, who both went 3-0 on the day for the Tigers.

The Tigers will not be in action until they take on York College on Dec. 3. The meet will be at home and is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.



Sophomore Michael Scarponi during a wrestling meet last year. Scarponi currently tops the rankings in the 174 weight class.

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Track; running straight into new season

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

With the fall semester coming to a close, indoor track and field is just about to begin.

Both teams have been the ones to beat in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) in recent years, with the men's team winning titles every year since 2015. The women's team has not won the GPAC championship since 2018; however, they had won the seven years prior.

With such success coming from the team, it is natural to have high expectations, not only from coaches but from the athletes themselves. With seasons going unfinished last year, there has been a lot of desire to perform well to make up for the

last season.

Junior Jacob Hruska noted the drive the team has since their season was cut short last spring.

"A lot of us have been working hard since we heard the news that we were not coming back to school last year. It has been showing a lot with every practice that we have now. We are pushed by the fact that our season was stolen from us," Hruska said.

Fellow junior Maddy Sladky said she has been preparing for the season through her involvement in cross country, but she noted her concern in believing the season will be able to run its course.

"I was confident that the season would play out, but with Doane's campus getting heavy with cases again, (it) kind of makes me hesitate.

Indoor track is kind of a bad pair with COVID just because it's a bunch of runners together in a small, stuffy place," Sladky said.

Sophomore Daniel Ortiz agreed with Sladky, saying how it is not the best case scenario to be inside for the purpose of preventing COVID.

"It will be a lot more difficult to stay six feet apart with the limited space, but I'm sure masks will still be required. It will be an interesting season for sure," Ortiz said.

Hruska talked about how impressed he was with how hardworking the team is, and he believes it will lead them to great results.

"This is by far the hardest-working team since I got here. We are ready to show everyone what we have. We have a

huge freshman class that wants to show everyone what they can do," Hruska said.

All three runners were in agreement that the team was competing for nothing less than a championship.

"Doane track and field always has a conference championship in their mind. We are expected to give 100 percent effort everyday, and everyone does an amazing job cheering and pushing the team," Sladky said.

Hruska took it one step further, stating that the teams would be putting up some new decorations in Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

"The success that I see this is gonna be shown on some banners in the Fieldhouse come next year," Hruska said.

The season for the teams has two different

start dates. The Happy Holidays Men's and Women's Heptathlon will begin on Dec. 4, with 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin

and 800-meter run. The Happy Holidays Invite is scheduled for Dec. 6 and will involve all track and field athletes. Both events will be held at home at Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

Athlete of the Week



**Olivia
Nall**
Basketball

Led the team with 24 points and seven rebounds in the game against Concordia



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