

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 was noted that risk dials home to spend time with for both Saline and Lantheir families for the extended break.

However, it is importadded 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

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 caster Counties remained in the severe category.

91 percent of campus ant to keep in mind the 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.

quired on campus where indoors as well.

and remain safe in their social distancing is not

a high risk area back to keep yourself safe first.

It is also important to family can be risky for the last few days on campus. possible. Masks are re- be aware of how you are health and safety of oth-Wearing masks is still re- quired at all times when feeling, as going from ers. To keep family safe,

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

atively unknown until the al gender roles." first presidential debate The Guardian.

of the Proud Boys have other weapons. begun wearing Make

According to Proud Boys identify their ported. Since 2016, a new group as "a 'Western USA Today reported group has entered the chauvinist' men's club that several Proud Boys American social and po- that believes in ending litical world: the Proud welfare, closing borders have resulted in actions Boys. The group was rel- and adhering to tradition- requiring law enforce-

Both The Guardian flicts. in 2020 when President and the Washington Post Trump asked the Proud cited the violent rheto- Boys met with counter-Boys to "stand back and ric and actions by the stand by," according to Proud Boys at their own rallies and at other, of-In reaction to President tentimes left-wing, rallies fights requiring law en-Trump's statement, The using militaristic gear forcement to step in," the Guardian said members and wielding guns among USA Today article said.

America Great Again rights, against feminism The Guardian said the hats and showing their and gender equality, and group "incorporates elesupport for the President. take a libertarian stance ments of the 'white geno-

the on issues such as wel-Washington Post, the fare," The Guardian re-

> appearances at rallies ment to step into the con-

> "When the Proud protesters in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in August, the tensions boiled over into

The Proud Boys reject "Members are pro-gun supporting racism, but

the white race is 'dying' their website. due to growing nonall of which are delib- ing to USA Today, which

cide conspiracy theory." erately engineered and worries some extremism "'White Genocide' is controlled by a Jewish and nationalism experts. a term coined by white conspiracy to destroy the

assimilation,' dated" the group, accord- ical wing.

While still a small supremacists for propa- white race," the Anti-Def- group, the Proud Boys ganda purposes ... that amation League said on have members across the country and show no The Proud Boys' na- signs of ceasing their efwhite populations and tional attention has "vali- forts against the left polit-

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



The man behind the desk

MEAGHAN STOUT Editor-in-Chief

president Jacque Carter Carter said. announced his decision tion for almost ten years, to move back to the U.S. games. since the summer of to raise their children.

small town in Northern at Bucknell Universi- back in the final game of Illinois with corn and ty in Pennsylvania. He the season in the middle soybean fields as his then moved from there of a snowstorm," Carter backyard. He attended to Maine, where he was said. college as a first-gener- elected as the chair of the In the past few months, ation student. He knew biology department while though, Carter has had a when he was young that on sabbatical he wanted to work with

he wanted to do. "I had three goals. I said.

his time during college, ery three to five years he
In his free time, Carter and after, traveling to would move to another enjoys playing the guitar. study marine life around position. the world.

were new to science, so I ironic, isn't it?" got to go on expeditions in the oceans and in Ec- suggested the job as Do- fishing whenever he can, uador, in different plac- ane's president to him as well as other outdoor es." Carter said. "I was originally. Carter said his activities such as riding sort of the Indiana Jones family was ready for a horses. of the Caribbean for a change, so they decided

Carter has always Nebraska.

fish, later choosing to the job. I guess I did it on than it was towards study marine biology. Be- pretty well because they the end just because of fore that, though, Carter renewed it. Then our the drama and the ishad a few ideas of what dean left and I was hired sues that have come up," to be the dean," Carter Carter said. "But I had

cowboy, an astronaut, or many different academ- what I will remember." I was going to be a ma- ic positions, sometimes Despite facing backrine biologist." Carter as a professor and other lash in recent months. times as the dean or vice Carter remains happy Carter spent most of president. Carter said ev- with his time at Doane.

"I also got interest- even the vice-chair of the coffee shops and "battle ed in naming fishes that faculty assembly, that's of the band" competi-

see students start out as horse out in Wilber and Audubon Center. Carter's wife got preg- freshmen and then hand- I got good enough to ride to leave his position this nant with their first child ing them their diplomas. it," Carter said. "Getting more time working on his uncoming June of 2021. while they were living Another thing he enjoyed on a horse and just riding hobbies after his resigna-Carter has held the posi- overseas. They decided was watching sports around, it's like zen." "[My favorite was] see- gotten interested in art, When he returned, he ing the football team beat

Carter grew up in a began teaching biology Morningside a few years

different experience.

"I came back and I did "It was easier earlier a whole lifetime full of was either going to be a Carter worked in those better parts. That's

When he was younger, he Carter said, "I was played in garage bands in

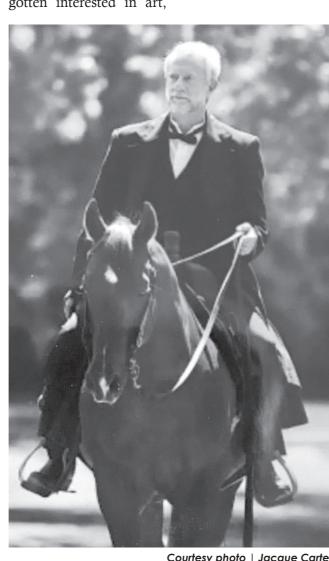
A friend of Carter's Carter also enjoys

"I was in the Great to pick up and move to Plains where the buffa-Nebraska.

Plains where the buffa-lo roam so I figured I among one of his hobbies along with fishing and art. lo roam, so I figured I

been interested in nature, After almost ten years should learn how to ride specifically chalkboard at Doane, Carter said a horse. [For my inaugu- art. For Halloween, he "One thing kept lead- one of his favorite parts ration] I rode into Doane made a fish costume to ing to another, but there of working at Doane on a horse. I practiced wear while helping out at Doane University was always a fish in it," has been the ability to learning how to ride a the Spring Creek Prairie

Recently, Carter has



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

LOW: 22 **TUESDAY** 12/1

HIGH: 44

LOW: 24

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Weather data retrieved

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

"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.

Heritage Native 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

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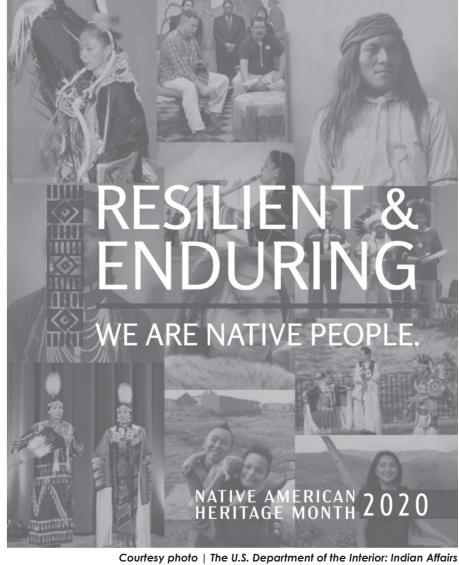
ple."

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 depart-

mystery.

Koch



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

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

be the best option.

"I am sad that it is happening. I enjoyed

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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 thought they would

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

like," Jensen said.

"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

"Please do your best to support small businesses during this time. Small businesses need customers to continue to operate during these times."

Leslie Jensen

the space remains a to visit a place with nesses during this time. great food similar to mentioned the Brew House, they that they were thankful should stop by Cafe on for the support of Dothe Square in Seward,

ane students and their which is also owned by families over the years Koch. they were in Crete. If students ever want

"Please do your best to support small busi-

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 vour homework with you, and invite some friends along," Jensen



Photo by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl

COVID hits a new high in the U.S. Virus numbers mandates to order residents to wear masks.

North Dakota

New Cases

reach record Federal officials have highs across the country as holiday season begins tention.

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

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 at-

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 **Total Cases** 12.4 Million

Total Deaths 257 Thousand

South Dakota

New Cases

160	140	124		
New Mexico	Minnesota	Nebraska		
New Cases 120	New Cases 118	New Cases 117		
lowa	Montana	Wisconsin		
New Cases 114	New Cases 114	New Cases 113		

Wyoming

New Cases

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Theater auditions postponed

KYLIE HUGHESLife & Culture Editor

On Nov. 16, auditions for the upcoming theater "Lonely production, Planet" written by Steve Dietz, were to be held. However, due to a variety of factors, the auditions were postponed until spring.

opportunity to audition, the production. as they will join students

many reasons. Senior next semester. and Director of "Lonely Planet," Mason Morrill, duction is a two-cast pro-situations said he got the infor- duction. This means the mation out to students actors will have signifi- unknowns as they come later than he had hoped cantly more to memorize to me," Morrill said. which led to some con- than in a typical producfusion among students. tion. Part of the reason able to have the produc-In addition to this, the Morrill decided on this tion with some form of auditions were to take production was because it live audience; however, place the week before would be feasible to keep he is hopeful just to get to finals, and Morrill rec- cast and crew safe, as it present his show. ognized the exhaustion is relatively small in size. and burnout students Morrill also thought this shutting down and going

Morrill feared there pandemic was a lack of engage-COVID cases also forced Morrill said.

"I'm just hoping that this is a show that lands with people. I hope that people come away with an appreciation for those we potentially leave behind and, specifically, what we leave behind and what we want our memory

During the first week the auditions to move to a

until the and memorize the script on the mainstage. semester for before rehearsals start

"The play is really Morrill said. ment and wanted to about the monuments postpone it so students and memorials that we ter is in-person, Morrill had more time to pre- leave behind when we looks forward to getting pare and more excite- die, as well as the peo- to direct this production. ment about the semester. ple that are left to deal He said he has always The growing number of with those empty chairs," loved "telling stories," the production. He will thing from it.

Mason Morrill

back in the spring semes- virtual platform anyway, rected smaller shows in ter, students interested in so Morrill felt that post- the past, this is his first gaining a part in "Lone- poning was in the best in- show on Doane's mainly Planet" will have the terest of the students and stage. Given this is his first large-scale produc-The reason the audi- tion and all of the unauditioning for various tions were originally in- known, there was stress other theater product tended to be the week be- involved, especially last tions in a larger-scale fore finals was to give the spring, when Morrill selected actors a chance found out he would have The auditions were to utilize the long break the opportunity to direct

knowns, Morrill has to This particular pro- account for all types of

"I'm trying to take the

He is optimistic to be

"It would take Doane idea was relevant to the entirely online to stop this show from happening,"

As long as next semes- just being part of one.



Courtesy photo | Mason Morrill

Mason Morrill, Director of the upcoming production, "Lonely Planet," is directing for Dogne's mainstage for the first time.

Over the break, Morwork on that aspect of hopes they gain some- what we leave behind and and there is something then hold auditions once

rill will work with pro- audience has to view the we potentially leave beduction and design to show, Morrill said he hind and, specifically,

"I'm just hoping that ory to say," Morrill said.

"fulfilling (in) telling an school is back in session, this is a show that lands entire story" rather than and rehearsals will begin with people. I hope that people come away with In whatever way the an appreciation for those

Black Friday plans impacted by COVID

Multimedia Coordinator

The holiday season is safe. approaching, and after Sophomore Ben Thei-Thanksgiving, millions ler is not planning on of Americans would normally pile into shopnormally pile into shop-ping centers to kick off ping this year because of the pandemic. Theiler's

their holiday shopping. Black Friday has been nationally recognized since 1952. In the past, on changing it up this family usually particistores have started their year. This year, Theiler pates in online shopping, deals as early as Thanks- will be participating in and the looming pandemgiving night. No matter Cyber Monday. when the sales started, people would flock by Black Friday shopping is think it was safe to shop the masses to try and

as possible. pandemic continues, most years," Theiler said. torious for large crowds. Americans will have to Sophomore Nathan Cyber Monday is much make a decision for their Batt agreed with Theiler's easier than fighting 27. Cyber Monday is on safety around Black Frithought process. Batt's

Doane students are changing their normal shopping plans to stay

going Black Friday shopfamily has a tradition of going shopping in a small group but are planning

snag as many hot deals people will not be socialyear.

demic, and Black Friday is notorious Walmart, have taken pre-Cyber Monday is much easier than fighting through checkout lines."

> Nathan Batt Sophomore

ic confirmed their plans "Personally, I think this year. Batt did not not safe this year because during Black Friday this

ly distant to get the deals "We're in a pandemic, As the COVID-19 [and] fights break out and Black Friday is no-

Many stores, such as

cautions during the shopping season. Walmart's Black Friday sales are going on all month long. Many other stores are running more online deals and are trying to comply with safety regulations.

Kohl's, amongst other stores, is closing on Thanksgiving day. Kohl's will open on Friday, Nov. 27 at 5 a.m. Kohl's is also offering some of their Black Friday sales Nov. 22 through the 27 in hopes of slowing the foot

traffic within the store. This year, Black Friday will take place on Nov.



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

Pandemic affects holidays

forced to change plans for safety

News Editor

is quickly approaching, even if it is over Zoom. and students are wres-

ter said she is planning participate in large gathto celebrate Thanksgiv- erings," Reestman said.

my older family mem- seen them since August. friends and family or thinks COVID-19 cases amount of people," Car- he is hopeful that the situpenter said.

Corina future. Freshman Grimaldo said she will Years Day this year with family in Mexico. significant adjustments.

this year. It's too risky, siderate," Grimaldo said. and I'm really sad about No matter how you that," Grimaldo said. plan on celebrating this

Grimaldo also said holiday season, please she usually goes Black make sure to be safe Friday shopping, but she and cautious as the may not go this year if COVID-19 pandemic there are large crowds continues.

and people not wearing their masks properly.

Sophomore Noah Reestman said he will also be celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day over the break. He said he plans to stay ABRIANNA MILLER home instead of travelling to see family in person but looks forward to The holiday season seeing family and friends

"I'm not super wortling with whether or not ried (about getting to change their plans be- COVID-19) for myself, cause of the pandemic. but I am worried for the Junior Claire Carpen- people who choose to

ing, Christmas and New Carpenter said she Years Day with her im- thinks COVID-19 casmediate family. She said es will spike over winter she wants to restrict cele- break, but despite her brations to her immediate concerns, Carpenter said family to hopefully avoid she is still excited to see spreading COVID-19. her family and her girl-"I am worried about friend, as she has not

bers getting COVID from Reestman said he also from the stores' increased will spike over break, but ation will improve in the

Grimaldo said she celebrate Thanksgiv- shares the same attitude ing, Christmas and New but will miss visiting her

"COVID cases will "Well, every Decem- definitely be going up ber I go to Mexico to vis- because people want to it my family for the hol- spend time with their idays. Due to COVID, family. I understand it, I will not be doing that but people should be con-

Weekly Horoscopes

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Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Take some time this week to stop and think about what you are wanting out of your future and plan how you will get there.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): New and innovative ideas are coming your way whether it is for work or another aspect of life. Be on the lookout.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): This week may be the start of a good period for you in many ways. Embrace new ideas and experiences.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): The decisions you make in the upcoming days will possibly have a large impact on your future so proceed with caution.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Sometimes you are likely to make a big deal out of nothing, Gemini. So this week work to take things as they come and don't read into it.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Take time this week to check in with the people you care about and make sure that they are doing alright.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): This week may surprise you in unexpected ways. Do not fear change and instead think about all of the positives that could arise.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Over the last few weeks you may have neglected your physical, mental and emotional health. Check in with yourself this week.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Lately, it may have seemed like things were not panning out the way you thought. Be prepared for that to change this week.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Take some time this week to be more open and honest with the people that you care about and see what comes from it.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Use your new-found confidence this week to do something unexpected and exciting.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Take some time this week to reflect on how your life has been going lately. Write down your thoughts or tell someone who is close to you how you feel.

Pandemic affects Thanksgiving plans



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KYLIE HUGHES Life & Culture Editor

Thanksgiving is a chance for students to go home for the holiday and meet with extended family as they bond around the dinner table, usually with a turkey or ham at the center. However, this year, with COVID-19 rates higher than they have ever been, Thanksgiving is going to pose a challenge.

As hospitalizations rise and death tolls increase, public health officials urge the public to take precautions especially around the holidays, according to the Washington Post. With Thanksgiving being a holiday where so many people travel and meet with family members, public health officials stress that plans change.

While many students at Doane are looking to celebrate a potentially smaller celebration for the holiday, there are many others who have no intention of changing their plans. Junior Lillie Bowman re-

cently changed her Thanksgiving plans due to her current circumstances. However, she said people should be able to celebrate however they are comfortable. "We have chosen to call off

Thanksgiving and hope for a healthy Christmas. If someone were in a position where they had nothing to worry about, then there is no reason you should do anything differently," Bowman said. Many other students agree

that it depends on the situation and comfortability of those involved. For many people across the nation, deciding what is best is not an easy task.

"I am conflicted with this because for many, this could be the last Thanksgiving they could have. So it would be nice for them to have a normal one, but to be safe, you probably should stay away from the large family gatherings," said

freshman Zack Perez.

Senior Jean Chevalier is spending Thanksgiving with her immediate family and taking precautions. Due to the unique semester schedule, Chevalier said this will be her first Thanksgiving she is able to go home for in three years.

Chevalier said her family has already been quarantining themselves to take extra precautions. While she feels safe with her family's holiday plans, she worries about other families on Thanksgiving and Black Friday.

"I will say, I'm not as concerned about my own family as I am about others," Chevalier

Despite the precautions, students like Chevalier are excited to have the opportunity to go home, see family and celebrate in whatever way possible.

No matter what, public health officials urge families to take the safest route possible.

Tiger Timeout

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The answers to this week's Tiger Timeout

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Stay safe over the holidays

home and see their family susceptible to COVID-19 braska. Try to avoid travel if Safety regulations exist for and friends they haven't seen than you could be. That doesn't mean your or your family's health ing where you are, quarantine ence between life and death.

family members may be im- her life. muno-compromised or sim- COVID-19 cases contin- being exposed to the virus or

COVID-19 safety is no lon- over the holidays, play it once you reach your destina- Don't let selfishness take ger important. The virus will safe. Zoom or video calls are tion. could save a life.

Remember to wash your Seeing your grandma face- Large crowds coupled with if you really care about the hands frequently and wear to-face cannot be replaced a pandemic is never a safe people you want to visit, you your mask around people that by a video call, but it is well idea. Instead, participate in will wait just a little longer to you do not live with. Some worth it, if it means saving Cyber Monday. That way, make sure you are all healthy

at all possible, and if you do a reason; do not take them in If you are concerned about not have the option of stay- vain. It could mean the differ-

you have less of a chance of and safe.

Everyone is excited to go ply elderly. They are more ue to rise, especially in Ne- of spreading the virus.

over and put the lives of those not be going on a break just always a viable option that In regards to Black Friday around at risk. COVID-19 shopping, try and avoid it. will be gone eventually, and

- LETTER FROM THE EDITOR -

tended to go to college. My and when I got here, I spent there will be new challenges I have met some wonderful plan consisted of staying at hours in my car crying and for me to face. The one thing people that have helped me my job as a server in the mid- begging my parents to let me that I feel has most prepared along the way. Whether it be dle of nowhere Nebraska un- go home. I didn't settle down me for moving forward in my in journalism or in life, they til I died. As far as plans go, until a while into my class- life, though, is student media. have mentored me. I have it wasn't "shooting for the es, but I still felt like Doane For the past two years, worked with people who I moon", but I thought I was wasn't for me.

not approve of my plan. After at Doane. I questioned my learned how to work on a Student media taught me they both grew up bouncing major several times, chang- deadline to get stories done how to conduct interviews, from group homes to foster ing it back and forth until I in time to be edited, to get how to break out of my comed more for me. Both of them triple-major and two minors. ish my pages so that the paper and not get discouraged. It dents with my dad eventually you're indecisive, I guess. I

visits to Hastings and Doane, It depends on the day. my father's alma mater. Honestly, I was leaning towards two: ??? going to Hastings, especialended up here.

In high school, I never in- I accepted Doane's offer activities, god-willing, but more, they do less.

My parents, though, did find what I wanted to do the Editor-in-Chief. I have itive.

be fewer group orientation work more. If you work

It took a while for me to & Culture Editor and then isn't necessarily always a pos-

getting his Master's degree. questioned my goals for after ience. Even if it means stay- hate it. But overall, student They made it clear that they college, and I still do. I have a ing up until 5 a.m. working, media has taught me how to weren't going to let me skip few days before I am official. I have to get my work done, be the best me that I can be college to go straight to work- ly done with college, yet if otherwise, there is no paper by continuously working to you ask me what I want to do for the week. I have learned do better I finally agreed to go on now, I will just laugh. Or cry. the importance of working I will miss it, especially bewith others. When one per- ing the boss, but I know it has Step one: Graduate - Step son on staff doesn't do their prepared me for the life I have job, the rest of the staff has waiting for me. Leaving college is terri- to work even harder to make ly since my boyfriend at the fying. Maybe even more so up for it. Everything you do time, now ex-boyfriend, was than coming to college was when on a team affects the going there. Yet somehow I my freshman year. There may others. If you do less, they

I have worked as the Life will never forget, though that

care to the street, they want- somehow ended up with a photos in on time, and to fin- fort shell, how to be timely were first-generational stu- That's what happens when can be sent off to the printers. taught me how to live without I have learned about resil- the oxford comma, though I

Meaghan Stout Editor-in-Chief Doane Owl, Doaneline





Photos by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl Sophomore Joey Winton posing with his

Hot takes; music divides

JOEY WINTON Copy Desk Chief

S Tier: (The best)- Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, A Tier: (Second Best)-

Clarinet, Tuba, Bass Clarinet, French Horn B Tier: (Average)- Flute, Baritone Saxophone, Bass

C Tier: (Below Average)-

Soprano Saxo-Bassoon, F Tier: (Garbage)- Oboe,

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

The hills are alive with the sound of music, but some instruments are better left

For the final ranking of this semester, I will be documenting which band instruments (excluding percus-

sion) are great, and which ones are not.

As a saxophone player, there is the potential for inherent bias to come out, but I tried my hardest to make this list as objective and unbiased as possible.

Each instrument is graded on a series of characteristics that I deem to be important and most telling of an instrument's quality which are: sound, versatility and how

well it blends. Sound is pretty simple, as there are some instruments that have a divine sound while others have a sound that induces feelings of pri-

mal rage. Versatility in this context means how well the instrument works in a classical setting, a jazz setting, etc.

final quality, as having a rich

and complete sound is key

The ability of the instrument's sound to blend is the

to any successful musical group, and some instruments have a sound that sticks out to a degree that is beyond ac-

S Tier- These instruments are creations from the heavens. Their sound, blending ability and versatility allow them to be used anytime, anywhere to a high degree of success.

A Tier- While not as incredible as the ones in S Tier, the instruments here still have a lot going for them and are a respectable choice for second best.

B Tier- Instruments in this category are a prime example of average and are easy to overlook. Their qualities are not good enough to be praised, but not bad enough to be condemned, leading them to be the barrier between the better instruments and the worse ones.

ities these instruments have outweigh their positives, and it is a mystery why people actively choose to play these instruments or include them in music scores.

F Tier- Prolonged exposure to the sound these instruments produce will cause rapid brain cell death and will cause people to resort to their most primal instincts. Anyone who claims to enjoy these instruments is a troglodyte.

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

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

C Tier- The negative qual-Correction: In our previous story, "Doane faculty meet to halt prioritization", from Nov. 11, we wrote that "One faculty member was not present at the faculty meeting, but 63 other individuals were present." We have since been informed that there were around 30 full-time faculty members who were not present at the meeting.



Muppets bring perspective to classic tale

JOEY WINTON Copy Desk Chief

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Of all the versions of Lewis Carroll's story "A the Muppet version, as between young Scrooge, Christmas Carol", none Michael Caine shows Belle and old Scrooge. even come remotely close Scrooge as a deeply bro- Watching Michael Caine to being as good as "The ken and empty man who during this segment is

Released in 1992 and starring Michael Caine as Scrooge, this version uniquely charming and have yet to see in any oth-mosphere. er iteration.

All other film versions of "A Christmas tween a young Scrooge adults is why "The Mup-Carol" (not including and his love interest pet Christmas Carol" is

over-indulge in Scrooge carries with him. being a soulless husk and Not only is the song itdon't give him any other self a banger, it never fails traits until the end.

tells the story of Scrooge is top notch, with each can feel the regret and delearning the values of song being memorable spair, and you empathize giving and caring for his and catchy, and adds a with this cold shell of a fellow humans, but in a whole extra layer of tone man. and richness to a movie heart-warming way that I already dripping with at- that caused Scrooge to

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Muppet Christmas Car- has lost all joy in life, save quite heartbreaking befor the piles of money he cause as he watches his

sic found in this movie from leaving him, you

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"Scrooged" because Bill Belle, that really captures the best interpretation of Murray is a gem) seem to the sorrow that Scrooge the story hands down.

to get me worked up be-This is not found in cause of the performance younger self do nothing Additionally, the mu- to try and keep this girl

Knowing the events be like he is, but present-There is one song in ed in a way that's fun for particular, the song be-children and engaging for

News Editor

three years. My ex couldn't han-

the holidays el at all due to having no other choice than

Managing Editor

As Thanksgiving rapidly approaches and at Doane who will not to invite people into your distance, it is an exciting their loved ones. time for many people many people won't be not go home for Thanks- a memorable one. able to spend time with giving or Christmas, so I, personally, will be

Some people will not be able to go home or visit family due to COVID, ity to, offer to include welcome to contact me. as elderly family mem- fellow students, wheth- The holidays are not bers cannot risk being ex- er they're your friends meant to be spent alone,

to go home because they can be enough to make hand to those who have live overseas, or some any student's week. After nowhere to go.

At the end of the day, alone. there are plenty of people I am not at all saying

community we are.

to spend their holidays

Christmas looms in the have the luxury of seeing house because COVID is The point of this story the United States. Howwho get to forget about is to be aware of those ever, something as simschool for a while and who don't have the lux- ple as offering food or spend time with family. ury that you have. There someone to talk to can But what many people are plenty of students at be enough to turn someoften don't realize is how Doane who simply can- one's lonely holiday into

their families for one rea- in these times, it's best staying in Crete, and anyto show how tight-knit a one who reads this article and is without anyone If you have the abil- to spend the holidays is or not, in your celebra- and I hope that everyone Others may not be able tions. The simple offer realizes that and offers a

Pets are living beings, not gifts



ABRIANNA MILLER

four years ago with my now-ex-boyfriend as a joint Christmas gift. Now, people forget that when hicle that sounds like her Sophie is four-and-a-half they decide to buy their former owner's, and it years old, and she hasn't cousin or aunt a pet for breaks both of our hearts seen her other owner for

dle the responsibility and dedication it takes to have Present a decorated card please think about geta dog as a pet, especially or box with the propoting someone a gift that not a 130-pound dog at that. He didn't want to it over with that person. commitment and anothput in the time to train her and love her, so one money and ability to han- so many great things you day, I loaded Sophie up dle a pet for several years. give to someone as a gift and never looked back.

All that is to say, don't

get a pet for Christmas es to have a pet, so then without seriously consid- offer an alternative gift. ering the commitment It's not that difficult. you are making for your- If that person really

ing gifted a little puppy Year." adorable. But it would that pets aren't disposbe much less enjoyable able, but it seems like

off at a pet shelter.

Christmas. If you really want to him get someone a pet as a

have the time or resourc- life of an animal.

self or for the recipient. does want a pet and can We've all seen the manage it, great! You've videos of someone be- just won "Best Gift of the or a fuzzy kitten; they're What I'm getting at is

to know that many gift- many people believe they ed animals end up being are. I know my ex didn't abandoned, neglected or, realize how much of a if they're lucky, dropped responsibility Sophie was going to be when Pets are living, breath- we adopted her, and I ing things; they aren't don't want other pets to I got my dog Sophie toys. They require love go through what Sophie and attention for years on has. To this day, she perks end. And I think a lot of up when she hears a vewhen she realizes it isn't

> With the holiday seagift, ask the recipient first. son approaching soon, sition of a pet, and talk doesn't involve year-long Make sure they have the er living thing. There are That person may not without endangering the

> > Clarinet

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Cheering for new team members

SARAH DALY Multimedia Coordinator

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

incoming ating a welcoming envi- this goal," Lyon said. ronment that accepts ev-

With the prioritization process putting pressure on both teams, Lyon said creasing the amount of incoming students intercompared to other years.

is also excited about the see themselves here at teammates. our university and make Lyon said both teams a commitment to us for have done well with cre- next year to help reach

Lyon said the teams will be accepting video auditions over the break for anyone who would still like to be considered. she believes this recruit- Lyon encouraged stuing event helped build a dents to act urgently, as sense of security by in- the competition season is just around the corner.

"It's our hope that we ested in dance and cheer do so well this competition season that we can't "Hopefully, they could go unnoticed and gain

"It's our hope that we do so well this competition season that we can't go unnoticed and gain enough recognition to remain a permanent program here at the university,"

> Ashley Lyon Cheer and Dance Coach

enough recognition to or cheer, they can congram here at the universi- Coach Ashley Lyon at ty," Lyon said.

If students are still in- for more information. terested in joining dance

remain a permanent pro- tact a current member or ashley.lyon@doane.edu

Wrestling for highest rank in GPAC

JOSH BUNDY Managing Editor

has been voted first in the rankings in the 174 history. The news was season.

Numerous wrestlers are highly weight class. Rounding wrestlers were pion this past year. ranked overall. Both The Tigers also have The Tigers will not

NAIA national cham- Dobler,

pion in the 141 weight Triston Zamilpa, Bradwrestling Michael Scarponi tops well and Ben Hughes. class after finishing reigning Doane third last year in the 285 Grand View.

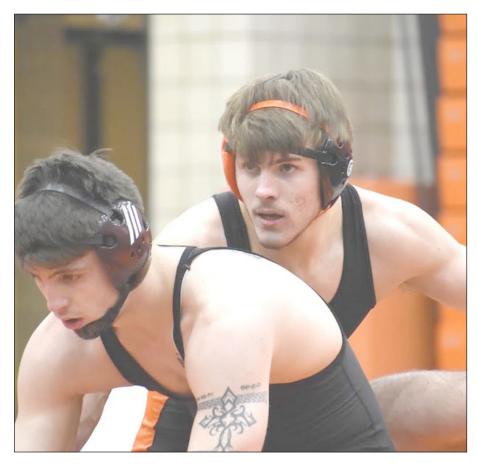
figures are the highest a number of other be in action until they in the program's histo- wrestlers ranked in the take on York College Junior Baagi Bold- conference, including; will be at home and is reigning freshman sophomores p.m.

class, is the first of the ley Antesberger and Tigers' first ranked Samuel Peterson, and wrestlers. Sophomore juniors Garrett Corn-

The Tigers' most re-GPAC rankings for the weight class after mov- cent action came on first time in program ing up a class from last Nov. 7 at the Grand Sophomore View duels. They would announced on Nov. 10 Brandon Antesberger defeat Benedictine and with the release of the is also the projected top Oklahoma Wesleyan, first conference rank- finisher in his weight but lose to the NAIA champions

Notable finishers ranked in the confer- out the first place pro- for the Tigers included ence, with four wres- jections is junior Dan- Boldmaa and Bradley tlers ranked No. 1 in iel Vargas, who was an Antesberger, who both their weight classes. NJCAA district cham- went 3-0 on the day for the Tigers.

> top six for the GPAC on Dec. 3. The meet Benjamin scheduled to begin at 7



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 able to run its course. coaches but from the athletes themselves. With seasons going unfinished a lot of desire to perform well to make up for the

last season.

has since their season of runners together in a ka said. was cut short last spring.

"A lot of us have been ky said. working hard since we 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 will be an interesting sea- team," Sladky said. preparing for the season son for sure," Ortiz said. through her involvement in cross country, but she how impressed he was teams would be putting noted her concern in be- with how hardworking up some new decorations lieving the season will be the team is, and he be- in Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

"I was confident that great results. the season would play out, but with Doane's hardest-working last year, there has been campus getting heavy since I got here. We are next year," Hruska said. with cases again, (it) kind ready to show everyone

small, stuffy place," Slad-

Sophomore heard the news that we Ortiz agreed with Sladky, nothing less than a chamwere not coming back to saying how it is not the pionship. school last year. It has best case scenario to be preventing COVID.

lieves it will lead them to

Indoor track is kind of huge freshman class that Junior Jacob Hruska a bad pair with COVID wants to show everyone noted the drive the team just because it's a bunch what they can do," Hrus-

> All three runners were in agreement that the Daniel team was competing for

"Doane track and field been showing a lot with inside for the purpose of always has a conference championship in their "It will be a lot more mind. We are expected difficult to stay six feet to give 100 percent efapart with the limited fort everyday, and everyspace, but I'm sure masks one does an amazing job will still be required. It cheering and pushing the

> Hruska took it one step Hruska talked about further, stating that the

> "The success that I see us having is gonna be "This is by far the shown on some banners team in the Fieldhouse come

The season for the of makes me hesitate. what we have. We have a teams has two different

Women's dash, long jump, javelin Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

start dates. The Hap- and 800-meter run. The py Holidays Men's and Happy Holidays Invite is Heptathlon scheduled for Dec. 6 and will begin on Dec. 4, with will involve all track and 100-meter hurdles, high field athletes. Both events jump, shot put, 200-meter will be held at home at

