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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



With fall sports coming to an end, how did the teams end up doing? See Page 8 to find out.

Doane backpedals on budget

Since the initial news concerning Doane Student Media, budget faculty has since changed their answer

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Editor-in-Chief

The budget for Doane Student Media (DSM) has been debated recently. According to Senior Communications Manager Ryan Mueksch, student media was given 80 percent of its budget until further notice depending on the pandemic situation.

"I was told that all budget managers, including Nathaniel [Wilson] for DSM, now have 80 percent of their budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This has potential to increase depending on COVID and the university's financial situation in the spring semester. Nathaniel should have received a message from Jason Cottam on Oct. 14 that outlines this," Mueksch said.

Shortly after sending this message, Mueksch sent a follow-up, saying the student media budget was at 60 percent of the usual amount.

"Budget managers had their budgets initially cut to 60 percent because of COVID and the budget prioritization process. The DSM budget, along with all others, were restored in the most recent iteration by the percentages outlined in the latest budget memo sent to the budget managers," Mueksch said.

Days later, student media was informed that the budget had not been cut at all, but rather, the amount derived from student fees remained unchanged by Director of Budget Jason Cottam after Nathaniel Wilson, Assistant Professor of Practice Communications, reached out regarding the budget.

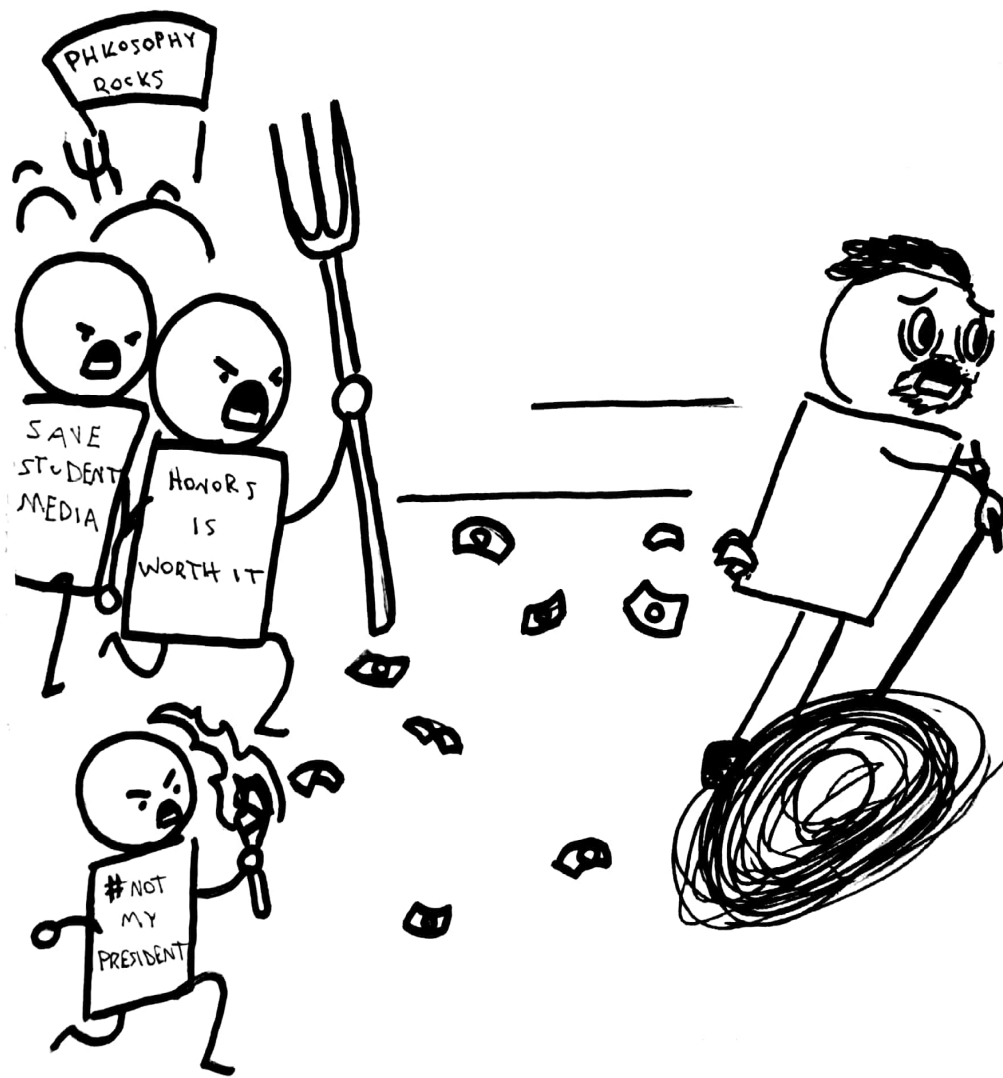
"At the beginning of the semester when I first noticed the significant decrease in allocated Student Fees, I asked Pedro [Maligo] to speak with Julie [Schmidt] about why the allocation was lower than in the past and if the money would be increasing. The answer I was given was that Doane does not guarantee Student Fee allocations and that there was

a chance the amount would increase after the Board approved the budget," Wilson said in the email to Cottam. "After the budget increases were announced and the Owl's budget did not increase, I began conversations with Meaghan [Editor-in-Chief] about finding cost-saving measures. She asked me for the exact budget amount and the quotation in the article comes from my email response to her."

Cottam informed Wilson that the numbers were only for the fall semester and the second half of the budget would be given at the beginning of the spring semester.

"The total collected in 2019-2020 for this line item was \$42,471, this includes both fall and spring semesters," Cottam said. "For 2020-2021, we have only posted the fall semester so far. These postings have been at \$22/student. To date for 2020-2021, we have posted a total of \$21,661 as is shown in your attachment. This is roughly 50 percent of the total posted for 19-20. When the spring semester 20-21 posts, you should see roughly the same amount as 19-20."

No information on this change in protocol was given to anyone



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Doane administration has responded to Doane Student Media students' concerns by clarifying that DSM's budget hasn't been cut. There is still no update concerning whether DSM's budget will be cut in the future, as proposed in the prioritization process.

within student media until after the previous article on the budget issues came out and gained traction. After changing the story of why the bud-

get was so low multiple times, the student media's budget will be close to the same amount as it has been in previous years.

There has been no of-

ficial change to Doane's recommendation to cut the DSM budget and to discontinue paying student-workers.

Student areas open for business

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

During the week of Oct. 26, ResLife made the decision to open up one lounge per residence hall.

At the start of the school year, ResLife anticipated students being quarantined and testing positive for COVID-19. They partnered with facilities and made the decision to start the year with closed common spaces so they could better understand how to operate under the conditions.

In recent weeks, with the Doane risk dial being relatively low, ResLife once again met with facilities to go over potential options for students.

They examined the number of cases on campus, the capability of staff members and the recent behavior of students. Those factors allowed ResLife to make the decision to open up select common spaces.



Photo by Abrianna Miller | The Doane Owl

Student areas were recently reopened within the residence halls. Students were quick to go play foosball in Hansen, which has been unavailable until now.

"We want our residents to be able to build community, and we want them to be able to meet people from their floor but still gather in a safe manner. So, we opened these lounges to hopefully encourage community building in our residence halls but also [keep] our policies in place to slow or stop the spread," Grace Mosier, commu-

nity director of Hansen Hall, said.

Within ten minutes of sending out the email alerting students of the decision to open the Hansen Hall lounge, Mosier saw residents in the lounge playing foosball.

"It was so great to see such a quick turnaround of the lounge space open, [and] see the liveliness aspect of our residence

halls," Mosier said.

Mosier also said the lounge spaces have become a common area to study as well as an area to gather and watch television. Each lounge offers slightly different amenities, but they are a great place to "study and grow together as a community," Mosier said.

With the opening of these common spaces,

there are also regulations that must be enforced. Masks are required at all times, there is a capacity number, the furniture may not be moved and social distancing must continue to occur.

ResLife staff will keep an eye on students to ensure regulations are being followed in order to plan for the possibility of opening more common

spaces in the future. If regulations are not followed, the common spaces will have to be closed again.

"You all are adults, and we want to treat you as that, but we also understand that there are larger issues at hand like the Coronavirus pandemic. All of your safety is more important to us than having a lounge space open in the residence halls," Mosier said.

However, if the risk dial remains low and students are vigilant in following the rules, ResLife will examine factors over winter break to see if there is a possibility to open up more amenities next semester.

Mosier stressed that student safety is most important, but also explained the goal of the common areas is to provide students with a "sense of community" and help the residence halls feel like students' homes.



Courtesy photo | Julia Damme



Courtesy photo | Macy Due

First-generation support

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Nov. 8 was National First Generation Student Celebration Day. According to an email sent out by the Writing Center on Nov. 6, "If neither of your parents have received a four year degree, then you are a first-gen student."
Sophomore Macy Due said her most pressing struggles as a first-generation student have been filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and completing college applications.
Freshman Julia Damme is also a first-generation student. She said the process of applying to

college was challenging. "It was really difficult for me to figure out the college process when I first started applying to places. I didn't get a ton of help from my parents, so I had to be self-sufficient a lot of the time. Luckily, they've been supportive of me after getting to college," Damme said.
First-generation students have access to many resources on campus, including the Writing Center, the Academic Success Center and the TRiO Program.
"TRiO has been a great support system for me. Knowing that I can go to talk to them when I am struggling is very comforting to know," Due said.

According to Doane's TRiO Program website, the TRiO Program provides outreach and assistance to students from disadvantaged backgrounds: first-generation students, students with disabilities and families with a low-income status. The Program also provides training for faculty and staff.
Damme said she has not encountered any "super pressing" issues since she came to Doane, but she said the resources available have helped meet her needs.
"With the pandemic, it's been more difficult to utilize the resources that Doane gives the first-generation students. However, I hope to start

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Macy Due
Sophomore

using them in the future," Damme said.
Due said she encourages first-generation students to go to the TRiO Program for assistance with anything they need. "Knowing that I can go in there with questions that may seem stupid to some people but I have no idea about, will be answered without judgement is very comforting. [TRiO] made my

first year at Doane feel like home, and they are an amazing support system," Due said.
Due also wants other first-generation students to know their needs should not be overlooked. "Don't think of yourself as any less if you are a first-generation college student. It is not a setback; it is a learning experience, and you will learn as you go," Due said.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST WEDNESDAY

11/11
HIGH: 54
LOW: 29
THURSDAY
11/12



HIGH: 42
LOW: 22
FRIDAY
11/13



HIGH: 48
LOW: 38
SATURDAY
11/14



HIGH: 62
LOW: 38
SUNDAY
11/15



HIGH: 56
LOW: 33
MONDAY
11/16



HIGH: 57
LOW: 35
TUESDAY
11/17



HIGH: 62
LOW: 42

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Strides made in COVID battle

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

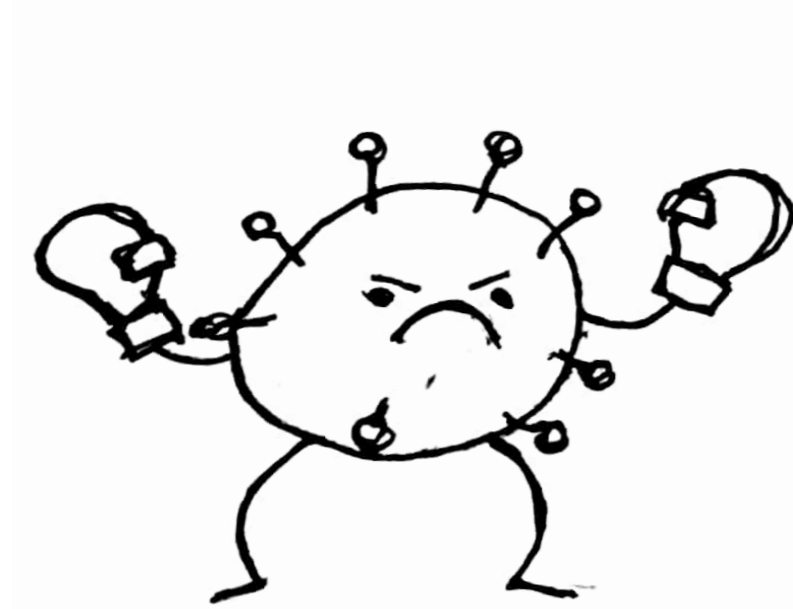
COVID-19 is as prevalent in Nebraska as ever, but with the world's top researchers working on vaccines for the virus, there have been significant strides in the right direction.

According to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS), there have been just under 84,000 total positive cases in Nebraska. Of those cases, 710 people have died due to COVID-19.

In the past 14 days in Saline County, there have been 194 new positive cases of COVID-19.

Researchers, however, have been able to test a possible vaccine that is said to be 90 percent effective. This vaccine, developed by the pharmaceutical company Pfizer and the biotech company BioNTech, has been more successful than researchers had hoped for.

An article published by The Guardian said



COVID may be nearing an end as researchers have developed a vaccine with a ninety percent success rate in their trials. This vaccine would help to end lockdowns in nations all over the world.



Graphic by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

the vaccine works by protecting the body from the transmission of COVID-19.
Trials conducted with this vaccine have involved over 43,000 people globally, with tests showing that black and minority populations are not more susceptible to the virus, contrary to previous claims.

Assuming the vaccine continues to show effectiveness, Pfizer claims they will distribute 50 million doses of the vaccine in 2020, with that figure rising to 1.3 billion in 2021.
With limited resources available for the vaccine at this point, countries around the world are planning to prioritize

who to vaccinate against the virus. In the UK, the joint committee on vaccination and immunization plan to vaccinate the elderly and social workers first and then individuals from eldest to youngest.
The vaccine has not shown any safety or health concerns so far, meaning that there have been no serious side-

effects reported due to the vaccine.
With a return to normalcy on the horizon, many scientists are meeting the results with caution.
U.S. President-elect Joe Biden spoke about the value this vaccine brings but noted that the battle is far from over. "It is also important

to understand that the end of the battle against COVID-19 is still months away ... a mask remains a more potent weapon against the virus than a vaccine," Biden said.
With continued societal concern, an announcement like this gives billions of people hope in the battle against COVID-19.

Doane faculty meet to halt prioritization

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

Doane faculty held a meeting on Nov. 5 to discuss the administration's prioritization recommendations, which were released to faculty and administration on Oct. 5 concerning academic programs and on Nov. 2 concerning administrative programs.
Faculty members met to vote on whether or not

to petition the Board of Trustees to halt their voting on the prioritization process. Efforts to stop the Board's vote were motivated by job cuts, program eliminations and concern for fellow faculty members.
The Board of Trustees was scheduled to vote on the administration's recommendations on Monday Nov. 9. By petitioning the Board, faculty members hoped to

stop them from voting on Nov. 9, thus postponing the prioritization process entirely. The vote was not postponed, however.
One faculty member was not present at the faculty meeting, but 63 other individuals were present.
One out of the 63 faculty members voted "no" in response to asking the Board to halt their proceedings, meaning that individual did not wish to postpone the prioritiza-

tion process.
The other 62 faculty members voted "yes" to petitioning the Board to halt their proceedings in the prioritization process.
A source said those who voted "yes" are also encouraging the Board to allow the faculty to create their own solutions for the budget deficit before voting on the administration's recommendations. Faculty members have been trying to compile a

cohesive plan in place of the administration's recommendations, and they hoped the Board would consider their ideas.
Faculty members are planning to present the Board with alternatives to the prioritization recommendations if the Board allows them to.
The faculty board submitted the resolution reached at the meeting to the Board of Trustees

shortly after the meeting convened. The Board did not respond to the faculty's petition, and faculty members were left without answers until the official prioritization report was released.
The Board's vote on the administration's prioritization recommendations were not released at the time of this publication.

Music to send virtual holiday cheer

Holiday music to be sent out over break

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The Music Department is working on creating a virtual holiday concert before Winter Break, using recorded performances and virtual holiday cards.

Kurt Runestad, Music Department Professor, Director of Choral Activities and Music Department Chair, said the band and choir recorded several performances on Wednesday Nov. 4 in Cassel Outdoor Theatre.

The Choir recorded "A La Nanita Nana," a Spanish carol, and "Carol of the Bells" before joining the Band.

Together, the Band and the Choir recorded "Silent Night."

The Band recorded the "Navy Hymn" and the "Armed Forces Salute" for a future Veteran's Day program in addition to holiday music.

Runestad said the Music Department chose "Silent Night" because its arrangement worked for both band and choir. He also said Jay Gilbert, Professor of Music, "wrote a cool intro to it, as well, that used "Merrill," the Doane school song."

The other carols were chosen because they are considered classic holiday songs and are popular, according to Runestad.

As for "A La Nanita Nana," Runestad said three guitars are featured in the song, and it "is one of the classic Spanish carols" the Department selected to add diversity to the program.

"Variety is always good. The world is a huge place, filled with a wide variety of traditions, languages, cultures and holidays, and we wanted to showcase music from more than one of those," Runestad said.

Executive Director of Alumni Engagement Anne Golden Ziola said the Alumni Office looks forward to sharing the recorded music "with alumni, friends and donors."

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Ziola also said the virtual holiday card including the music will be sent out closer to the holidays.

"It may also be used on social media and other places where we can reach our audiences during this strange time of not gathering," Ziola said.

These virtual holiday cards are the latest development the Music Department has made in order to combat COVID-19 and its associated risks.



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Students showcase talent at nationals

Students represent Doane at competition

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Coordinator

Doane University has a rich history of musical talent walking through the halls. This semester is no exception.

Each year, the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) hosts multiple competitions to showcase talented singers across the country.

The state is divided into districts, and each district has its own competition. In a normal year, this competition is held in-person. Participants prepare solo works and perform

in front of a panel of judges. Then, comment sheets are given back to the performer.

This year, the competition was moved online. The students who participated prepared pieces and recorded performances to be sent off to judges online.

This year, sophomores Boston Reid, Sophia Coniglio and Julia Ramirez surpassed the first round and made the NATS finals. Normally, they would have to perform again, but this year, singers picked their best video and submitted it for finals.

"I am very much a person who loves the live experience - who loves singing for people, performing for people and having that sort of feedback. So it was weird recording," Reid said.

Coniglio was the only Doane student to place in nationals. She placed

second in the competition within her treble voices division.

Coniglio said she spent the first part of the semester diving deep into the pieces she performed. She devoted time to her voice lessons but did the majority of the work on her own time.

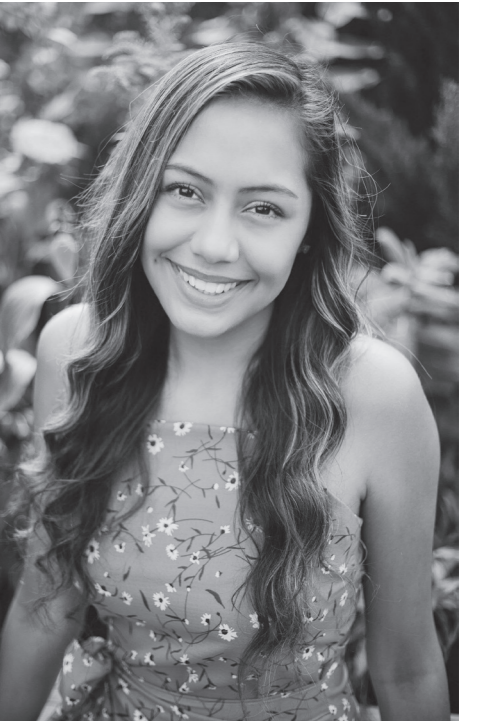
In the music world, especially at the collegiate level, NATS and similar competitions can become a battleground for other universities to go head-to-head.

"We [Doane students] come in, and we just want to sing and get feedback and share our passion. And it goes to show you how great Doane is. We facilitate love in what we do instead of competition, and we share that with people," Reid said.

Coniglio received a small monetary prize for winning second place.



Courtesy photo | Boston Reid



Courtesy photo | Julia Ramirez



Courtesy photo | Sophia Coniglio

Prioritization Decisions

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED ON THE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DOANE ADMINISTRATION ON MONDAY. FINAL DECISIONS WERE RELEASED ON TUESDAY.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE DOANELINE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FINAL DECISIONS.

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Doane Crime Log

- 10/29 Emergency Alert: Test - Crete
- 10/29 Disorderly Conduct - Crete: Frees Hall Basement
- 11/02 Vandalism - Crete: Hansen Hall Basement
- 11/06 Harassment/Threats - Crete
- 11/09 Sex Offenses - Unknown

Students opt-out of election

MADI WARRELMANN Communications

The past week has been filled with talk about the 2020 election cycle, which included the presidential election. For many Doane students, this was the first presidential election they have been able to participate in, and many of them were eager to do so.

According to a poll sent out to all students, 82.3 percent of those who responded said they

voted in the 2020 election. This leaves a smaller, but still significant, chunk of students who did not vote.

Elijah Smith, a sophomore Business Administration major, did not vote in this year's election. He had been planning to vote and even requested an absentee ballot, but he wasn't able to return it on time.

"I filled it out, but then I just got distracted by school and forgot to send it in. It wouldn't have gotten back to town in time

for it to actually matter," Smith said.

Smith said he also relates to the notion of not feeling like your ballot matters.

"I also come from a pretty red state, and I voted Biden. So I knew anyways that my vote wasn't gonna do much, so I didn't worry a whole lot about it," Smith said. "Even if I voted, it wasn't going to do anything for me or for the state since I live in a pretty conservative area, and I was voting Democratic."

Sometimes a person's reasoning behind not voting is simple: they may be unable to. Whether they are too young, have a felony conviction or are not a citizen, they may not be legally allowed to vote.

For those who are allowed to vote, there still may be some obstacles that make it difficult or impossible to vote.

They may not have the identification required to vote in some states, they may not have access to transportation or they

may be facing financial barriers that make getting registered to vote or actually voting more difficult. Additionally, age, gender, education, socioeconomic status and race can affect whether or not someone will vote.

At the same time, Election Day is on a Tuesday and is not a federal holiday. The time requirement that comes with voting means people who work jobs with inflexible hours have very little time to cast their vote.

According to Global

Citizen, there are several common reasons as to why those who can vote may not. People who can vote might choose not to because they feel that none of the candidates reflect their views. Citizens might also not vote because they do not feel that their ballot will really matter.

Voting is a constitutional right given to all American citizens and it is critical that everyone be given the opportunity to cast their ballot to help shape the future of the United States.

Honors Program to add new members

SARAH DALY Multimedia Coordinator

Recently, Doane students were notified that the Honors Program opened up for a second round of applications. They were due Friday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m.

Courney Bruntz, Director of the Honors Program, said she is looking for applicants that have a passion for learning.

"What makes Doane's Honors Program special are the students enrolled in the program and faculty offering diverse courses introducing interesting and

engaging perspectives," Bruntz said.

Bruntz and the Honors Program committee decided to open another application process because students may have been confused as to whether or not the Program was available to new students. Bruntz believed that after the potential program elimination report came out, students could have misunderstood what that meant for this year's Honors Program class.

"We wanted the student body and first year students especially to know that the committee, the director and the Hon-

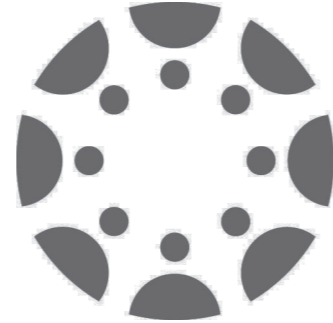
ors Program faculty are fully invested in their academic pursuits and interests, in excelling in their academic career, and we are completely supportive of ensuring that students are able to fulfill their goals," Bruntz said.

There are many benefits to the Honors Program including study abroad opportunities and classes only available to students in the Honors Program. Bruntz also mentioned the peer relationships are also a perk. Students have the chance to meet other people that value academics in the same way.

Freshman Jacob Fry said he has enjoyed his time so far with the Honors Program. He also said he understands the hesitation students may feel due to the potential budget cuts.

"The one experience I had with the Honors Program was amazing... what I would have been doing, it all sounded amazing. I would encourage people to do it," Fry said.

If students have any questions or concerns about the Honors Program, they can contact Courtney Bruntz at courtney.bruntz@doane.edu.



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Professors weigh in on Canvas

MADI WARRELMANN Communications

"I know there is even more I could learn to further customize my courses and use the platform to its full functionality."

Bethany Burr Visiting Assistant Professor of Video Production and Digital Media

Now that Doane University has been using Canvas instead of Blackboard for nearly a full semester, professors have been able to develop opinions on the switch.

Mark Orsag, Chair of the History Department and Professor of European History, did not enjoy the switch to Canvas at the beginning of the semester because he said it is not as intuitive and user-friendly as Blackboard.

Now that he has been using Canvas for nearly a semester, Orsag said he has started to understand it more. He said he is confident that he will eventually be able to work as effectively on Canvas as he did on Blackboard.

When asked whether or not he would switch back to Blackboard, Orsag said he would but brought up additional things to consider.

"The University also needs to look at a bunch of factors, such as comparative cost versus comparative utility, that are above my pay grade. I completely trust Vice President of Finance and Administration Julie Schmidt and Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Savory to make those decisions professionally and intelligently. They do that routinely," Orsag said.

Bethany Burr, Visiting Assistant Professor of Video Production and Digital Media in the Communication Department, also had some opinions on Canvas. This is her first semester at Doane, but she is familiar with Blackboard because

she used it as a student.

"Personally, I was delighted to hear that Doane was switching to Canvas. I used Canvas at my previous university, and thus it was the platform I was most comfortable using," Burr said.

Burr also said she believes Canvas is well-suited to teach remotely and being able to format her courses using modules has been effective for her this semester. Overall, Burr said she prefers Canvas as an instructional application.

When it comes to the idea of switching back to Blackboard, Burr said her preference would be to remain with Canvas.

"I know there is even more I could learn to further customize my courses and use the platform to its full functionality," Burr said.

It seems that most colleges and universities are beginning to take the same route as Doane on this issue. According to an article from Edscoop from 2018, Canvas had surpassed Blackboard as the most popular learning management system in U.S. colleges and universities.

For the past 20 years, Blackboard has been the most popular system for colleges, but now it is clearly not the only option.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): While this week may seem challenging, establish a game plan. Stick to it and you will solve your problems.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): The relationships in your life, romantic or platonic, may seem to be falling apart. Work to communicate your issues to each other.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): You may feel that the things you do this week are being criticized. Remember to take the criticism and then move on.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): This may be a good week for you in your school or work life. Be on the lookout for good grades or possible raises coming your way.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Be on the lookout this week for positive people and events going on and be grateful for them.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): This week provides a good opportunity to think about your goals and hopes for the future and how you will achieve them.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): In recent weeks, you may have felt as though you have been facing more challenges than normal. This week could be a turning point.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): With all of the things going on in your life, try to look at it from a new perspective and see what you learn.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Big changes are coming in the near future, so take this week to get things in order.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Use your free time this week to learn something new or do something that you've always wanted to try.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): While you may feel as though you are facing challenges now, look toward the future when things will get better.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Take some time this week to focus on yourself. Things can get stressful and you need time to destress.

KDNE: Something everyone can enjoy

CASSIE KESSLER Staff Writer

Getting in the car, turning it on and finding the perfect radio station to listen to for your drive is a daily routine most people experience. But what if the perfect radio station was run and produced by the people you go to school with? It might just be at KDNE.

KDNE is a radio station run by students on Doane's campus and is easily accessible through station 91.9. They have several different shows on air that cater to almost every interest, such as "Message in a Bottle, The Daily Vibe and Logan's Unnamed Show".

Zach Swiec manages the students on staff, is the engineer for all equipment used by KDNE and assures that it is very easy to get involved with the radio station.

"You can either work for KDNE as a student worker in a management position or do a show or help out in some other way," Swiec said. "You don't need to be a certain major or anything like that; you can just email me and let me know what you're thinking about, and we can go from there."

There are a lot of opportunities available to students working for the radio. Students have the ability to create whatever they want, make a show that is truly what they want it to be and put it on air for all to hear.

"Everything is student-run, so we have a bunch of different shows. For example, if students are into sports, they want to talk about sports, they want to do play-by-plays, things like



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that, they're certainly able to. In the future, we plan on having radio theater. We have a student working on radio theater, like sound effects and casting and writing scripts and things like that, for the future," Swiec said.

The reason students enjoy listening to KDNE is because of the variety they offer. There is something for everyone. Junior Leslie Jensen enjoys the musical aspects from the station.

"I just enjoy the tunes," Jensen said.

Many of KDNE's listeners recommend this station to other students, such as (class) Jessica Jensen, who appreciates the fact that KDNE caters to almost every taste and interest students have.

"There is music played that everyone can enjoy," Jessica said.

KDNE relies on word of mouth to make others aware of when to tune in. However, this is not the only way people find out about them. Swiec said the staff participates in events to spread the word about KDNE.

"The Daily Vibe did a lot of work with Nurse Kelly back when we were pre-Covid. They did goodie bags with Nurse Kelly for staying healthy and things like that," Swiec said. "Usually during Club Craze we have a booth set up there. The shows usually put up posters for their shows promoting that way."

Whatever you listen to, KDNE has something for everyone and provides students with an outlet to show their creativity.

Tune in to KDNE to hear the different radio personalities and to also hear a wide variety of music.

Doane Players look toward Spring term

KYLIE HUGHES Life & Culture Editor

The challenges and setbacks caused by the pandemic are affecting all departments; however, the Doane Theater Department is facing a unique set of challenges.

Due to the in-person nature of theater, finding safe alternatives has been a challenge. The recent and upcoming productions have been moved to a virtual platform. In addition, the theater student organizations have been forced to stop meeting in person.

One of these student organizations is Doane Players. Doane Players is the most general group out of the three theater organizations that are open to anyone, according to their president, senior Mason Morrill.

Doane Players encompasses a wide variety of Theater majors, minors, scholarship students and

students with a passion for theater. They often volunteer at productions, host recruitment events and expand outreach for theater students and the Doane community.

"Doane Players can be the opening of doors to invite the greater Doane community into the Theater Department," Morrill said.

However, due to the pandemic, Morrill made the decision to not hold any in-person Doane Player meetings this semester. They held one meeting over Zoom, but due to various conflicts like the lack of events for Doane Players to participate in and Zoom exhaustion, there have not been any more meetings.

"Speaking for myself, [there is] also some Zoom exhaustion. I'm tired of Zoom. Theater people especially [feel this] because it demands collaboration, and it de-

mands person-to-person conversation and contact. There is so much artificiality, at least for me, with Zoom that it's exhausting," Morrill said.

Because of these factors, Doane Players and Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honor society that Morrill is also president of, are currently "on hiatus" for the semester.

Morrill said it is disappointing that they are unable to "interact with [their] art."

Doane Players is also left unable to hold their biggest recruitment event, the Doane Drama Conference in which high schools from around the state bring students to Doane to participate in various workshops, see a Doane production and learn about the Theater Department.

In the past, the Doane Drama Conference always brought in the biggest audiences and helped

SPB hosts drive-in movie

The Doane Student Programming Board (SPB) hosted a drive-in movie event on Friday, Nov. 6. Students had the opportunity to park in the back parking lot of Hansen Hall and watch the movie Step Brothers. SPB offered popcorn, candy and drinks. They also gave out five gift baskets. According to SPB member, Junior Ariel Ortiz they did everything they could to "make it a memorable event". SPB will be sending out a survey to hold more events students want.



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Tiger Timeout

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The answers to this week's Tiger Timeout will be in next week's issue

The answers to last weeks issue's Tiger Timeout

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Sex-Ed shouldn't be taboo

This whole month of November is being observed as a time to learn about sexual assault and how to better combat it.

The importance of accountability cannot be overstated. Sexual assault and sexual violence are issues that plague most, if not all, places on Earth to some degree.

Teaching what consent is, what it means and all the intricacies that go along with

consent is critical to building a society where the threat of sexual violence is lessened.

Consent is broadly defined as a definite, clear "yes" that is ongoing during any activity and can be revoked at any time. Should the flow of consent stop, the other member(s) involved must immediately cease all activity.

Having consent be defined as an ongoing sign of affirmation is something that not enough people know about

and society should take bigger steps to better educate people, young and old, about what a healthy sexual experience is.

Discussing sexual activity is somewhat of a taboo subject and while respecting a person's boundaries are important, it is more important that society as a whole is educated.

Society needs to remain aware of sexual violence along with how to prevent it and how to help those who

have experienced it.

We cannot continue to shy away from talking about sexual assault. If we allow the subject to remain taboo, we are sending a message to victims that we don't want to hear about it.

We, as a university and as a society, need to create a safe and welcoming environment for victims. Education will be a large factor in creating this safe space.

To leave or not to leave



ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

There is no reason for me to stay at Doane. I have other opportunities elsewhere, some better than those at Doane.

I have been wrestling with that thought since I first learned of the prioritization process. I know several people who have already decided to transfer, so why don't I do the same?

If the Honors Program is cut, I really don't have a specific reason to stay at this university. Without the support and trust in administration, I don't feel confident in my decision to come to Doane. The list goes on and on.

A little over a year ago, I decided to come to Doane for a few reasons: the scholarships available to me, the Honors Program, the Psychology program and the overall environment. To me, Doane stood for academic excellence and personal growth through a challenging curriculum.

This past semester has not lived up to my expectations. Yes, the pandemic sucks, but that's not what I'm referring to.

Doane used to have an inviting environment, but campus has felt desolate and detached. I don't feel connected to my peers like I used to. I don't feel the same pride of

being a Tiger that I did last year.

In a way, I feel embarrassed. I feel embarrassed about the prioritization process. I feel embarrassed about the way the administration is treating faculty and students.

I don't have to stay here. Many students and faculty don't have any other option than Doane. I'm lucky enough to have flexibility in my choices.

So, do I abandon the school I once loved or fight for the university's integrity?

I don't have that answer; I feel stuck between two daunting situations.

At this point in my academic career, I need to decide whether I'm going to stay at Doane or transfer for the sake of my own learning and success.

When the administration officially releases their prioritization decisions, I will be on

the edge of my seat waiting to see which path my future will take.

My rationale for leaving is simple: I leave if there is no Honors Program, I leave if the administration doesn't prioritize faculty and students, I leave if Doane is no longer Doane.

I'm not alone in these thoughts. Like I said before, many people have already decided to transfer, but the number of people I know looking at other schools is at least double that.

For now, I am anxiously waiting for a final decision to be released. A decision that won't only affect the people in the cut programs, but also the people, like me, that came to Doane for what it stood for.

And right now, I'm not sure what Doane stands for. But I know it's not what I pay thousands of hard-earned money for.

Hot takes; bird is the word

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Copy Desk Chief

S Tier: (The Best)- Parrot, Flamingo, Peacock, Toucan
A Tier: (Second Best)- Dove, Penguin, Bluejay, Cardinal, Duck, Hummingbird
B Tier: (Average)- Eagle, Chicken, Woodpecker, Owl, Hawk, Swan

C Tier: (Below Average)- Robin, Sparrow, Thrush, Crow, Stork

F Tier: (Garbage)- Pigeon, Ostrich, Emu, Turkey, Vulture, Goose

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

Birds, the closest living relative to the dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth, now roam the skies above.

This week's ranking will focus on the bird species and make a definitive list of the best birds, using objective facts and statistical data.

Unlike previous rankings, there are only two criteria a bird is judged on: appearance and how irritating they are.

Judging a bird on its appearance is pretty straight forward. If it looks butt-ugly,



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it ranks lower. I don't care if they're supposed to look ugly to help blend into the environment; if it's not pleasant to look at, it ranks lower in the list.

The second piece of criteria is how annoying the bird is. The behavior it exhibits towards other animals and people is crucial to determining the chillness of the bird. If the bird is a general nuisance to others, it ranks low on the list because there is no reason an animal with the power of flight (discounting penguins, ostriches, chickens and other idiot birds who

didn't ever learn how to fly) should be annoying to other creatures.

S Tier- The birds that nest in this tier are the cream of the crop, the absolute Chads of the bird kingdom. They are beautiful to look at, kind and compassionate. They are the type of bird to let you crash in their nest if times are tough.

A Tier- While not as good overall as the birds above, these fellas still have plenty to offer and are easy to get along with. They're also pretty easy on the eyes, but not nearly to the extent that

the birds above are.

B Tier- These birds are true neutral. Neither strongly good nor strongly bad, they have a decent enough appearance and temperament.

C Tier- Birds that occupy this level contribute more negatives to the world than they do positives. They're not super pleasant to look at most of the time, and their behavior is less than stellar. It's not that they're bad; it's just that they're a disappointment to bird-kind.

F Tier- The fact that these birds exist is a travesty to all other living creatures on Earth. They are as hateful as they are ugly, and their cruelty and malice towards themselves and others is unmatched.

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!

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JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

With the recent announcement and ground-breaking of a Scooter's Coffee drive-thru here in Crete, I have renewed hope in the town I have called home for the past four years.

After living here for so long, I can honestly say I have completely exhausted each and every restaurant in town. Dairy Queen has been eaten so much that when I go home for breaks, I stay as far away from the fran-

chise as possible.

The possibility of a new product in Crete is something we should be excited for, for more than one reason.

I'm not going to talk about the food that Doane offers, mainly because I think we can all agree it's lackluster at best. What we should be excited for is the potential doors opening for Crete with a new food business arriving.

Coffee and college students are synonymous, so having a drive-thru coffee shop makes things even easier for students.

I'm sure there are a few people who remember the heartbreak when McDonald's decided not to open a location in Crete, and that is something that definitely needs to be kept in the back of our minds. It's perfectly fine to be excited about some new amenities, but it's not time to go all-in.

There are certainly negatives when it comes

A disappointing ending to college

MEAGHAN STOUT
Editor-in-Chief

This semester has been stressful for everyone, I'm sure, but as a senior who is graduating at the end of this month, it's not only stressful but heart-breaking as well.

My Spring semester was stolen from me due to COVID-19 and now my Fall semester has flown by with little to no

time to truly experience my senior year.

I never got my senior Stop Day. I never got my final Fall Break. I won't get to celebrate Christmas before finals with my friends. I won't even get to celebrate being a 2020 graduate. I'm missing out on all of my lasts.

By the time I am done with finals, all of my friends will already be on their way home. I won't

be able to give them a proper goodbye. I could come back in May for the replacement commencement ceremony with the class of 2021, but who knows what might happen in the next six months.

With the sped up semester, I haven't had time to look at jobs for after school at all. I have no plans on where I'm going to live or what I'm going

to do. Not only that, but I make most of my income through on-campus jobs. In two weeks, I will go from four jobs and a concrete living situation to one job and no clue where I'm going to go.

My final memories of Doane will be of the administration tearing apart everything I loved about this university. The professors who have become my mentors and friends

will be gone and every single one of my majors will likely be cut. Student Media will fall apart after I spent years devoting all of my time to building it up.

Don't get me wrong, I'm excited to be done with classes. I just expected my senior year to feel differently. It doesn't even really feel like I will be a graduate in two weeks. I'm sure it won't hit me

for a while, but it feels like I should have more time to actually celebrate.

My senior year has been full of isolation and disappointment. I can't be proud to be a Doane graduate. I can't look back on my senior year fondly because all it brought me was stress and heartbreak.

As far as senior years go, this one feels like a bit of a letdown.



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to the introduction of a chain in a small town like Crete. What happens to the local businesses like Artisan Mark, who are now directly competing

with a huge corporation? What could this mean in the future for food businesses if chains like Scooter's set up shop in Crete?

Personally, I'd rather buy a Keurig and deal with coffee myself. However, I know a lot of people who would rather go spend five dollars on a

Fashionably warm



SARAH DALY
Multimedia Coordinator

Trends change every minute and have an effect on many. My closet and fashion sense is no exception to those changes.

As winter approaches, I am finding it increasingly difficult to put together outfits with pieces that match my personality and the weather. Here is some advice (from a female perspective) about dressing for winter.

Recently, I have really enjoyed pairing long, patterned skirts with solid

sweaters. This way your legs are covered from the cold, and you can still wear expressive prints. If you want an extra layer, you can wear a pair of leggings underneath. The best part of a long skirt is that you don't have to worry about crossing your legs when you sit down. The sweater on top is for warmth, but I tuck in the front to add dimensions. Finish the look with a pair of chunky boots and a fedora!

Layering is very basic and not a new concept in fashion, but I really like the look and functionality, especially in the colder months.

If you are like me and don't own a lot of "winter" pieces, you have to learn what to add to your existing wardrobe. Adding trench coats to a shorter dress with boots keeps you cute and cozy. Personally, I think that adding turtle necks under dresses is super cute!

As the fall colors leave Doane's campus, the color scheme shifts from

oranges and browns, to more greys and blues. Matching the color scheme of the environment really emphasizes your wardrobe.

In those times of "in between", dark jeans and toned-down browns work well. Jeans and a nice sweater are a staple in my closet because of the functionality and comfort they possess.

Accessorizing is something I am still experimenting with. As someone who has a baby face, I tend to wear jewelry to look a bit older. Hats are out of my typical wheelhouse, but I believe they can really tie a look together, while keeping you warm.

Styling scarves and gloves can be a challenge to some, but the key is to pick the correct color scheme. Your gloves, hat, and scarf do not need to be the same color. Play around with color schemes. As long as your colors are cohesive with your coat, you will look good all winter long.

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Fall sports come to a close

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

With temperatures dropping and the beauty of fall quickly disappearing, fall sports at Doane are coming to an end quickly.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) has had their work cut out for them with scheduling and rescheduling due to COVID, and the season has looked completely different than it has in past years.

With fall semester being shortened drastically, sports teams had

to make adjustments to their seasons, of which affected each and every team.

It is now time to take a step back and check on all of the teams that have and are competing this fall season.

Doane's Football Team currently sits 2-5 on the season, not earning a win since Sept. 26 against Hastings. They sit in seventh place out of ten teams in the GPAC. They have two games remaining in the season, playing Morningside College on Nov. 14 and the University of Jamestown on Nov.

21. The Team has no remaining home games this season.

Volleyball has a 5-12 overall record, while being 3-12 in GPAC play. They are in eleventh place out of twelve teams in the standings, only topping winless Mount Marty. They will be looking to end their season on a high note when they face the College of St. Mary at home on Nov. 13.

Men's Soccer is currently 4-6 overall, with a single game remaining in the season. They are in eighth place out

of the twelve teams in the conference. As it stands, the Team is in a position to make the playoffs, unlike last year in which they narrowly missed out. Their final game will help boost their placement in the tournament, as they will play their final regular season game on Nov. 14 against Morningside College at home. Assuming the Team makes the playoffs, they will be back in action sometime in the spring when conference playoffs occur.

Women's Soccer is

entering their last game of the season winless after 13 games. They are currently 0-10-3, sitting in twelfth place out of 13 in the GPAC. They will close out their season Nov. 14 against Morningside College.

Men's Cross Country finished their season strong at the GPAC Men's Cross Country Championships in South Dakota on Nov. 7. Sophomore Shawn Kiptoo won the individual championship, placing first overall. The team is ranked

tenth in the nation, and they are waiting to see if any additional National Qualifiers come from the Team. Nationals will be held on April 9 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Women's Team ended in sixth place at the GPAC Championships. Senior Jaci Parriott led the Team with a fourteenth place finish at the meet. The Team will also be waiting to see if they can earn any qualifiers for Nationals, which will also take place on April 9 in Iowa.



Left: Number 21, freshman Kyla Miller dribbles down the court during the season opener on Oct. 21.



Right: Number 43, senior Haylee Heits holds onto the ball during the Women's season opener on Oct. 21.

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Women's Basketball bounces back

JOSH BUNDY
Managing Editor

The women's basketball team has won their last two games after dropping their season opener at home.

Their second game of the season was played at home against Peru State College. They won the game by a tight score of 87-83.

Both teams started off hot, making the first five combined shots in the game, with Peru State

leading 8-5. The first quarter would come to a close as Peru State was ahead 29-21.

Doane's hot streak wore off in the second quarter as Peru State jumped to a 19 point lead with a little under five minutes left.

Peru State led by 17 at the break, but the Tigers bounced back in the second half. The third quarter was the turning point for the team as they would go on a 17-0 run to take a two-point lead with under nine minutes

remaining in the fourth.

The game would be put on hold as a lengthy scoreboard issue paused the action. Thanks to some spare equipment, the game was able to continue.

The contest would go back and forth for the remainder of the game, but the Tigers would be able to take home the win thanks to Peru State missing four shots in the final minute.

Sophomore Ashley Teten would lead all scorers with 22 points and

added a team-high 8 rebounds.

The team held a significant advantage from points in the paint, outsourcing Peru State 46-20 when in the lane.

The Tigers would have a game the next night against Barclay College, which was less of a battle than the first.

Starting the game off on a 8-0 run, the Tigers would stay red hot throughout the game. They led 22-17 after the first quarter, but thanks to a 27-9 advantage in the

third quarter, the team pulled away from the opposition.

The Tigers would take a 49-26 lead going into halftime, which they would only build on in the second half.

They would have a couple of big runs in the third quarter, and would continue to run away with the game.

They would go on to win 99-52.

Leading the team in scoring was senior Haylee Heits, who had 24 on the day. She also added six

rebounds. Junior Azalee Johnson recorded a double-double in the game with her 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Five Tigers would score double figures. In addition to Heits and Johnson, freshmen Olivia Nall and Kyla Miller, as well as junior Ragan Nickless, would join the double digit club.

The Tigers will look to bring the momentum when GPAC play begins against Mount Marty at home on Nov. 11. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Cross-country athletes make nationals

ABRIANNA MILLER
News Editor

According to the GPAC Conference website, the Men's Cross Country Team is ranked number ten in the nation for the 2020-2021 season.

The men's team competed in the Conference meet on Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. The women's team competed at 10:45 a.m. that same day. Both meets were in Yankton, SD.

The men's team placed third, with sophomore Shawn Kiptoo coming in first, which qualified him for Nationals. The women's team placed sixth, with senior Jaci Parriott placing fourteenth, qualifying her for Nationals. Neither Team qualified for Nationals with the exception of Kiptoo and Parriott.

Senior Alec Wick said he is hopeful for the men's team to have success, as no athletes are currently injured, sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.



Senior Jaci Parriott



Sophomore Shawn Kiptoo

Courtesy photos | Doane Athletics

"We're really going to try and go after it. We're sitting second in the Conference and then tenth in the nation," Wick said.

The National Cross Country meet has been moved to the Spring due to COVID-19 concerns. Wick said several teams across the nation have been unable to compete at all because of the pandemic, so moving the meet was one of few viable options to even have a national competition.

"We'll be in the middle of Outdoor Track season. If we qualify, we'll just have to go straight to the national championship in track season," Wick said.

According to Wick, most of the athletes in Cross-Country also participate in Track, so the adjustment in April shouldn't be detrimental to the teams' success.

As for the success the men's team has seen this season, Wick said he attributes much of it to the

team's dynamic.

"We're really focused on getting better and bettering ourselves. So, it seems like the whole team has a common goal of trying to get to Nationals and hopefully to get the Conference title," Wick said.

Despite setbacks, Wick said the team remains positive, willing to learn from each meet.

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Alec Wick
Senior

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Wick said.

Cross-country Nationals will be held April 9, 2021 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Athlete of the Week

Haylee Heits
Basketball

Led the team with 24 points and six rebounds in game against Barclay College



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