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Neb. prisons overflowing

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In a recent report from the Crime and Justice Institute, Nebraska's prison population has increased more than 21 percent over the last ten years and has been over capacity since 1982.

According to KLIN.com, the goal of the report was to identify ways to reduce the prison population, which has reached 149.8 percent of the system's designed capacity.

The report- which has not yet been made public- shows that long sentences and mandatory minimums to certain crimes are contributing to overcrowding. Additionally, it states that low-level, non-violent felony sentences are given consecutively, resulting in a longer prison sentence.

With the increasing population of Nebraska's prisons, guards and other employees are not properly staffed, resulting in longer shifts and an inability to properly do their jobs.

According to Nebraska Public Media, the cost of the overtime pay of employees alone rounds out to \$31 million in taxpayer dollars.

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' (NDCS) annual overtime spending has almost tripled in the last decade, reaching \$15.7 million in 2020.

Aside from the financial cost, the level of safety for both prisoners and guards has dropped significantly as overcrowding makes it difficult to stop assaults on prisoners and staff. It is also harder to search for weapons and drugs, and prisoners are kept in cramped, overcrowded cells for potentially days at a time.

The Diagnostics and Evaluation Center- where

new prisoners begin their sentences- is designed to hold 160 people, but is being used to hold around 500 prisoners, more than triple its intended capacity. For every two-man room in the Center, four prisoners are kept. Prisoners who cannot fit in cells are housed in large rooms, forced to sleep on plastic cots with a thin mat on the inside. The prison gym is also reportedly being used as a location for cots.

During lockdowns, inmates are either confined in their room with three other cellmates or are among one of the hundreds of others locked in a tightly packed dorm.

Former inmate Ryan Shannon- who was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary in 2019- said he was housed in a similar dorm, where 200 men slept in a room filled with rows of plastic cots that were stacked up during the day. Shannon describes feeling "like rats in a cage" during lockdowns because of the lack of space.

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STEVE LATHROP
Nebraska Senator

Debra Johnson- a mother of another Nebraska prisoner- says her son at the penitentiary in Tecumseh is one of three prisoners that moved under a regular three-day lockdown schedule. Her son describes the three-day lockdown as mentally



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and physically exhausting, saying it "is just too much. Even if they'd get it down to two days, anything would help."

This schedule, also adopted by the Lincoln prison and the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center, was introduced in hopes of staff being better distributed throughout the week. As a result of this, every Thursday night, all inmates at these three locations are locked in their cells or rooms until Monday morning.

During the lockdown period, prisoners are not able to exercise because there is not enough space in the cell but also because everyone in the cell would have to live with the smell. Prisoners are typically let out for 20 minutes over the course of the weekend for a shower, but some have resorted to makeshift baths. Doug Koebnick- inspector general of the Nebraska Correctional System- describes prisoners bathing in their cells "like a birdbath using the sink."

Other aspects the weekend lockdowns impact are medication schedules (most notably sleep and psychiatric medications), time for programming and other classes (provided the facility has enough staff to accompany instructors and volunteers) and visitation hours among other things.

Inmates are not able to

see visitors on weekends, a time when most working families have time off and would be able to visit. In total, the inmates at Tecumseh, the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center and the Lincoln Correctional Center comprise around 40 percent of Nebraska's male prison population. According to Nebraska's official Corrections site, in May of 2021, there were approximately 5,304 people in all correctional facilities across the state, but that number is likely higher today.

The lack of staff and resources also impacts the lives of the guards at these places, as they are forced to work extended hours.

Laura Sanchez, a former correctional officer who left the department in July 2021, said she would work anywhere from 70 to 80 hours a week and would sometimes have to work 16-hour shifts with no prior warning. Her mandatory overtime was so frequent that she lost custody of her two children.

"The judge told me that my job was too demanding, he simply said 'I'm sorry that the state is doing this to you,'" Sanchez said.

Both the State Penitentiary and Tecumseh have been on 12-hour shifts since late 2019 in an effort to maximize their small staff. This 12-hour shift was never meant to

be in effect for this length of time, according to Department of Corrections Director Scott Frakes.

In an attempt to provide relief for the prison staff and prisoners, Gov. Pete Ricketts is proposing a 1,500-bed maximum security facility to replace an aging State Penitentiary.

According to KETV, the Nebraska Department of Corrections places the estimated cost at around \$190 million to update the State Penitentiary to adhere to current standards.

While Ricketts believes that "by building a new modern facility we'll be able to help facilitate programming for the inmates. We'll improve the safety for not only the inmates, but for our teammates," others are not as convinced that this is the best way to combat prison overcrowding.

State Senator and Chairman of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee Steve Lathrop believes Nebraska has two options and considers one to be the correct route to go down.

"[We can] take a course where we build and build and build to try and keep up with the prison population or do we want to do what other states have done, which is to look at the system and find out if there's a better way," Lathrop said.

Lathrop, using a study from the JFA Institution

done for the NDCS in 2020, asserts that the current prison population is expected to climb to over 7,300 by 2030.

"As soon as we get done with that [prison], we will be overcrowded and will need to build more space," Lathrop said.

However, Ricketts stated that a new union contract- which boosts corrections wages- is showing promise as facilities have seen an increase in applicants.

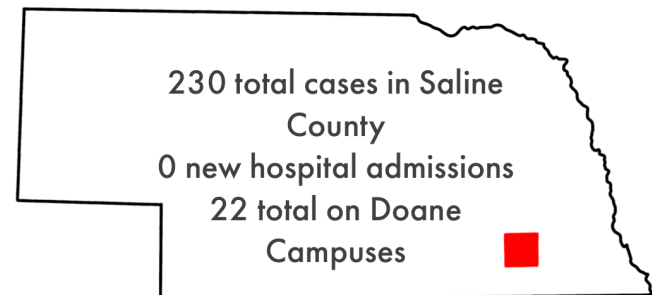
"We're getting about three times the number of applicants that we were before. When we get more staff in, that helps us to be able to do more programming, and that will help make sure that the inmates can reach their parole eligibility date and parole," Ricketts said.

While Ricketts is primarily focused on updating prison facilities, he is not opposed to doing more to assist inmates after they've been released.

"The key is providing supports for people who are leaving the system or who were on probation. So whether that's mental health or housing or something like that, that's one of the things I think we can look at," Ricketts said.

As of this publication, state lawmakers have yet to decide whether or not to approve the new prison and there are no further updates.

Weekly Nebraska COVID update



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News Editor

The level of community transmission remains high for Saline County. As of Jan. 14, Doane has 22 current cases of COVID-19, making a cumulative total of 30 cases throughout the semester

so far. The Doane Crete campus is currently reporting 15 active cases while the Doane Lincoln campus is reporting 7 and Omaha reporting none.

Saline County has reported 230 total cases of COVID-19 over the last seven days as of Jan. 17. No new hospital admissions due to COVID-19 have been recorded within the last seven days.

58.7 percent of the population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County have been fully vaccinated, marking 50 percent of the total population of Saline County as fully vaccinated.

The City of Lincoln has set forth a new local Directed Health Measure (DHM) that includes a mask mandate in effect from Jan. 15 through Feb.

11. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that all people should still wear masks while indoors or in high foot traffic areas. This information was gathered from the Doane COVID-19 Risk Dashboard, the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker and the City of Lincoln Neb. website.

U.S. low on COVID tests

PCR test shortage felt across the country

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With COVID-19 cases on the rise, there has been much demand for at-home tests by Americans around the country. With this demand, many drug stores and pharmacies are struggling to keep their at-home test kits in stock. While many states have promised to provide at-home testing for COVID-19, there has still been a lack of tests

around the country, including in Nebraska.

Kohl's Pharmacy & Homecare, which has several locations around Nebraska, is performing COVID-19 tests on close to 900 people per day on its busiest days between all of the locations. About 20 percent of those tests are positive for COVID-19.

"We're testing PCR, we're testing rapid antigen, antibody; testing strep, flu, and we also do a one-hour PCR that we get results back within the hour, which seems to be a benefit for people across the country traveling or internationally," pharmacist David Kohll said.

However, Kohll's pharmacy and many others are still running out of tests every week. Kubat HealthCare's Tony Schmid says Kubat typically receives five to six calls per day regarding test kits. They have also been selling out regularly.

Short supply for at-home test kits is expected to last for the next several months, as there is a shortage of raw materials and production currenting can't keep up with the high demand.

One hope for more tests comes as the Biden Administration begins to distribute its free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests this month. According to the White House website, the Biden Administration has purchased one billion tests to give to Americans for free, and one half-billion tests will be available for order on Jan. 19 to be mailed directly to households.

Any American needing a test will be able to order their tests online at COVIDTests.gov, and tests will typically ship within 7-12 days of ordering.

The Biden Administration has also announced that starting Jan. 15, private health insurance



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companies will be required to cover at-home COVID-19 tests for free, and an additional 10 million COVID-19 tests will be available to schools nationwide each month.

While there may be a struggle to supply Americans with tests, it's important to remember that the amount of tests and testing sites has generally gone up in the past year.

There are currently 20,000 free testing sites across the nation, includ-

ing four times as many pharmacies participating in the federal pharmacy free testing program as there were in January 2021. There are also nine at-home rapid tests on the market in the U.S., while at this time last year, there were none.

Even with such a strong surge of COVID-19 cases lately, the supply of at-home tests is expected to rise and eventually meet demand.

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

1/19



High: 19

Low: 3

Thursday

1/20



High: 21

Low: 6

Friday

1/21



High: 31

Low: 22

Saturday

1/22



High: 35

Low: 18

Sunday

1/23



High: 46

Low: 23

Monday

1/24



High: 43

Low: 17

Tuesday

1/25



High: 31

Low: 13

Abortion bills introduced

NE legislature to discuss abortion bills

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The start of a new year also brought the start of the new legislative session for the Nebraska State legislature. State senators did not take the new year easy and started the session with multiple controversial bills surrounding the issue of abortion.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, on Jan. 5, Senator Julie Slama introduced LB781, Adopt the Heartbeat

Act. The Heartbeat Act would change Nebraskan law by making it illegal to provide or receive an abortion of any kind if a "fetal heartbeat" is detected. LB781 defines a fetal heartbeat as "cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart within the gestational sac."

Nebraska would not be the first state to pass the heartbeat bill but would

join eight other states including Missouri, Ohio, Alabama, Texas and Kentucky.

The Heartbeat Bill was not the only bill introduced to decrease access to abortion in Nebraska. Senator Joni Albrecht introduced LB933. According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Nebraska, LB933 is commonly referred to as a "trigger-ban" bill which would make abortion ille-

gal in the state if the Supreme Court were to ever overrule Roe v. Wade or if there was a change in federal law.

Advocates of abortion have spoken out against both bills.

"Both seek to ban abortion care before people know they are pregnant and take personal health care decisions away from Nebraskans and their medical providers and place them instead in the heavy hands of the government," the ACLU of Nebraska's legal and policy counsel Scout Richters states.

Senator Megan Hunt counters both of these bills with two other bills submitted that would expand access to abortion. The Lincoln Journal Star reported that the first, LB715, would eliminate current restrictions that prevent health insurance providers from providing abortion coverage unless there is a possibility

of death or life altering health conditions.

Hunt's second bill, LB716, would expand the type of medical practitioners that would be able to provide abortions to include registered nurses, midwives, physicians assistants and osteopathic physicians.

According to Planned Parenthood of the Great Plains, Nebraska's current law allows for abortion up to 22 weeks after fertilization for cases that are not life threatening or do not severely compromise health. Patients must receive state-directed counseling and wait 24 hours before the procedure. Second trimester abortions are prohibited as well as medical abortions provided via telehealth.

Nebraskans should expect change in the state's abortion laws. However, they will not know how it will change until March 2022.

"Flurona" co-infection sighted

Slim chance COVID and flu occur in one time

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With flu season well underway, the United States is beginning to see flu cases rise across the country.

With that being said, experts at Mayo Clinic are saying that this is mainly due to the population being closer together in comparison to 2021.

"We're all a little bit more back together than we were a year ago,"

Mayo Clinic family medicine physician, Dr. Stephen McMullan said. "The kids are back in school, and we have more events that people are attending, which could explain why we're seeing flu cases rise."

Going along with this, this year, far fewer doses of the influenza vaccine have been given out since the start of 2022. According to the CDC, as of the second week of January, there has been a difference of 22 million doses for the 2022 season with 173 million doses distributed, compared to 2021 with 195 million by this same time.

What is especially worrisome this flu season is the discovery of co-infection between influenza and COVID-19, dubbed "flurona."

"Co-infection is rare with COVID-19 and the flu, or COVID-19 and other types of infec-

tions that you might get as far as upper respiratory infections because COVID-19 tends to take over," McMullan said. "Once COVID-19 is in your body, it's going to be the predominant virus, but there are some rare cases where we have seen people getting both COVID-19 and the flu. So it is possible, but it's certainly not common."

Although co-infection can be rare, the Mayo Clinic recommends looking out for the symptoms of both as they are fairly similar and to get tested as soon as possible if any symptoms do develop.

Both influenza and COVID-19 tend to exhibit symptoms like nasal congestion, coughing, difficulty breathing and much more; however, some easily distinguishable symptoms between the two viruses are that the flu tends to exhibit higher fevers and targets

muscles to create aches and fatigue more than COVID-19.

"If you do contract the flu, Dr. McMullan recommends isolating from those in your household to prevent further spread, and he says that most people will be able to self-treat with symptomatic medications such as anti-inflammatory, cough suppressant and fever-reducing medications," the Mayo Clinic reported.

If someone has yet to become infected and has not been vaccinated against influenza and COVID-19, the best way to prevent infection is to vaccinate when possible. The sooner someone vaccinates against both illnesses, the better chance they have of avoiding infection.

For any health questions or concerns, it is recommended to reach out to a health care provider.

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Ricketts gives State of the State address

Ricketts
commends
health care
professionals

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Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts delivered his annual State of the State address on Jan. 13. According to KETV,

Ricketts began the address by praising the state for its handling of COVID-19 over the past two years and for continuing forward despite the challenges posed by the virus.

"Nebraskans don't need to be mandated to do the right thing. They just do it. Without lockdowns or mandates, businesses were able to stay open. Parents were able to return to work, and their children were able to return to school," Ricketts said.

The Nebraska Gov-

ernor acknowledged the state's health care workers for their efforts during the pandemic and praised their work in combating the virus.

"We must also recognize all the doctors, nurses and health care professionals, whose stalwart selflessness and excellent care has helped us weather this pandemic," Ricketts said.

Ricketts also celebrated North Omaha's Carmen Tapio, CEO of North End Teleservices, Pastor Ralph Lassiter, a leader with the North

24th Street Business Improvement District, and David Briggs, CEO of Sustainable Beef, for their work in supporting and strengthening their communities.

Ricketts also commended Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson for his work in fighting human trafficking in the state. During his tenure, Peterson has prosecuted 76 sex trafficking crimes.

Ricketts then announced his major priorities for the state- tax relief, protecting public

safety, replacing the Nebraska State Penitentiary and securing Nebraska's water resources. He also introduced a plan for distributing the money provided to the state from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Of the over \$1 billion, \$200 million will go towards public health emergency response, and \$500 million will be used to help communities that were financially impacted by the pandemic.

Ricketts also proposed a tax cut for corporations and for the nearly

419,000 residents whose income reaches the state's top bracket, according to WWT.

He hopes to lower the top rates from the current 6.84 percent for individuals and 7.25 percent for corporations down to 5.84 percent by next year.

This plan would reduce the taxes collected by the state by \$178.8 million by the 2025 fiscal year.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

Bronx families displaced by fire

Space heater
cited as
cause of fire

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Jan. 9, the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) responded to a call in the Bronx, N.Y. for what is now being called the deadliest

fire in the city in over 30 years and the third-worst residential fire in the United States in 40 years, The Guardian reported.

Over 200 firefighters responded to an apartment building in the Bronx after a space heater in one of the apartment units malfunctioned, spreading fire and smoke throughout the stairwells and other units via an open door.

With dozens of residents being evacuated from various parts of the

building, many were sent to surrounding hospitals for injuries, with 32 in life-threatening conditions.

In total, around 60 people were counted as injured-persons, and 17 were killed in the fire, including 8 children. Those hospitalized were treated for injuries ranging from light to severe burns and smoke inhalation, while the main cause of deaths was attributed to smoke inhalation leading to cardiac and respiratory arrest.

In the days after the fire, investigations began in order to look into how the fire managed to get as out of control as it had, CNN reported.

Investigators mentioned examining potential issues with fire alarms and the self-closing doors remaining open, allowing the fire to spread as much as it did.

Built in 1972, the apartment building was found to be federally funded, thus not having

to adhere to New York City fire code and could have been built outside of code. Although important to note, New York City Fire Commissioner Dan Nigro believes this was not a determining factor in the spread of the fire.

"Certain federal buildings can be built under different standards. But to be perfectly clear, the fire itself -- other than getting in the hall because the door was open -- never extended anywhere

else in the building, so that was not a factor," Nigro said.

As for the displaced residents, many were initially housed at the middle school near the apartment building while longer-term housing was being found for them. Some 22 families received assistance from the Red Cross, while those who could, sought out nearby hotels or other forms of housing and others received assistance from other sources.

Holmes charged in Theranos fraud

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In 2014, a blood-testing company called Theranos, created by Elizabeth Holmes, was gaining popularity due its revolutionary idea of taking one sample of blood and testing it for several different diseases such as cancer and diabetes through one small machine.

However, the company had some inaccuracies that later led to much bigger problems. One of these problems is fraud.

According to BBC News, Holmes originally raised over \$900 million from different investors, such as Rupert Murdoch and Larry Ellison, on the premise that this technology would change the entire healthcare industry. However, prosecutors say Holmes intentionally lied about the logistics of Theranos's technology and its ability to work.

"But these claims began to unravel in 2015 after a Wall Street Journal investigation reported that its core blood-testing technology did not work," an article from



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BBC reported.

Holmes recently faced 11 charges. On Jan. 3, she was found guilty on four different counts of fraud including three counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Holmes was found not guilty on four other counts. For the remaining three counts, the jury failed to reach a unanimous verdict.

United States District Judge Edward Davila set Sept. 26 as the date for Holmes's sentencing.

"The maximum possible penalty 37-year-old Holmes faces is 20 years in federal prison, accord-

ing to how judges typically sentence defendants in similar cases. But legal experts say Davila will likely hand down a far less severe punishment," an article from National Public Radio (NPR) said.

The article goes on to state that Holmes will remain free for the 8 months leading up to her sentencing in her \$135 million Silicon Valley estate with her partner Billy Evans.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Dec. 19 through Jan. 18 include:

- 12/19 **Trespassing: Unauthorized Entry** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Athletic Facilities: Simon Field
- 12/19 **Vandalism** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Residence Halls: Hansen Hall: First Floor
- 01/11 **Disorderly Conduct** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Academic Buildings: Perry Campus Center: Lower Level: Common Ground
- 01/13 **Fire: Fire False Alarm**- Campus Property: Doane Crete: Athletic Facilities: Fuhrer Fieldhouse: Indoor Track
- 01/14 **Harassment/Threats: In Person** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Residence Halls: Frees Hall

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Students honor MLK with service

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On Jan. 17, some schools across the country closed their doors in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day. Students at Doane University were still expected to attend classes unless their professors made the choice to cancel.

MLK Day was signed into law as a national holiday by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. It is the only federal holiday that is designated as a nation-

al day of service.

According to Ameri-Corp, a leader in community service, MLK Day is a day where “Americans across the country step up to make our communities more equitable and take action to create the beloved community of Dr. King’s dream.”

For Doane students, it can be hard to balance a day dedicated to service and community engagement with a full day of classes.

“We did take up the conversation of canceling

classes this past fall with students, faculty and the board of trustees. The big question really became ‘is it being observed as a holiday or do we turn this into a day of service and engagement where we minimize activities that are not in honor of Martin Luther King Jr?’” Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Luis Sotelo said.

For Sotelo, the biggest concern was that students would not be present on campus to engage in the

activities available if they were given a long weekend. The Faculty Council passed a resolution that gave professors the opportunity to cancel classes and encourage students to participate in the day’s activities.

“In the spirit of the day, if it did not impact the professor’s syllabus, they are allowed to cancel classes to give students that opportunity,” Sotelo said.

Some students view the day in a different way. “If we were able to

implement the day into the curriculum as a structured education it would make sense to continue to have classes. But because we don’t do that, I think it would be best to have the day off to be active in the community and learn about the day,” speaker at Monday night’s address junior Majesty Maxwell stated.

The theme for MLK Day on campus culminated in the keynote address held Monday night titled “In this Together: The Importance of Ally-

ship for Racial Justice” led by Shelina Williams. Maxwell and Sotelo encouraged students to take the day to learn and engage in the community.

“To me, I think about it as a day of service. That was one of the issues I had with the DEI meeting because they did not see our perspective of it not as a day off but a day of service and being involved in the community and educate the community because the work is still not done in 2022,” Maxwell said.

COVID boosters recommended

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As students and staff deal with the on-going pandemic, Director of Student Health Services Kelly Jirovec encourages students to consider receiving their booster vaccine, if eligible.

“Getting the vaccination and booster protects against severe infection and hospitalization,” Jirovec said.

There will be a booster vaccine clinic on Doane’s Crete campus in February. More information on the details of the clinic will be emailed to students when finalized.

Incentives to receive the vaccine and booster include shortened quarantine times. Students with up-to-date vaccination status will not need to quarantine as long as they are not

symptomatic.

Up-to-date vaccination status means having received one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine a minimum of two months ago or two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine a minimum of five months ago. Students who have received a booster vaccination are considered up-to-date. Additionally, students who are ineligible for the booster will be considered up-to-date on their vaccination status, according to Jirovec.

Any student or staff that tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to quarantine.

However, students do not need to wait for the Doane booster clinic. Students who are eligible can receive a booster vaccination at Public Health Solutions in Crete. Pub-

lic Health Solutions is located at 830 East 1st Street, Suite 300. There are walk-in appointments available on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jirovec asks that students bring their vaccination card and ID.

Students can also receive the Moderna booster at the Crete Walmart by making an appointment online.

Once students receive their vaccination or booster, Jirovec asks that you upload a picture of your vaccination card to the online student health portal.

“Follow safety precautions to prevent the spread of illness, wear a mask in indoor spaces on and off campus, social distance, stay home if you are sick and contact Student Health and get vaccinated and boosted,” Jirovec said.

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Crete at

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When:

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CA applications open

Application
available via
Google form

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Life & Culture Editor

Applications to be a Community Advisor (CA) for the next academic school year opened on Jan. 17. Students will have the opportunity to apply until Feb. 1.

An informational session for those interested was held on Jan. 13 in the Sheldon Hall classroom.

In an email sent out to students by Doane

Residential Life and Education (ResLife), this is a great way to showcase leadership skills and be a role model on campus. ResLife also emphasizes what a rewarding experience this position is.

“Being a Community Advisor is a rewarding and honorable opportunity on campus, you have the ability to make a difference in the lives of our students,” the email stated.

ResLife professional staff are looking for students who are “dedicated, compassionate, motivated and committed to Doane’s mission statement and values.”

In addition to the op-

portunity to work with various other CAs and Community Directors, this position also offers free room, a monthly stipend, reserved parking spots and various other experiences.

Students interested in applying to be a CA for next year will need to apply via a Google form. This form can be accessed through a QR code found on posters around campus and emailed out by ResLife.

The application process involves obtaining personal information, providing a resume, answering short essay prompts, providing references, etc.

ResLife professional staff will examine applications and select those who qualify for an interview. Students who qualify will be notified via email by Feb. 2. The interviews will take place on Feb. 19. Anyone who cannot attend on Feb. 19 will have the opportunity to be interviewed on Feb. 20. Interviews will be both group and individual formats.

Any questions can be directed to Frees Hall Community Director Eric Jones at eric.jones7890@doane.edu. Students can also reach out to their own CAs with any questions about the position.

SPB hosts viewings for films

Indie movies
presented
monthly

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Doane’s Student Programming Board (SPB) is hosting an Indie Movie Series on campus on the last Tuesday of every month. These movies will be shown in Frees Hall Theatre from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Each month will feature a different director. January 25 will feature Quentin Tarantino’s “Kill Bill.” February will highlight Charlie Kaufman. March will showcase Greta Gerwig. April will present movies from Wes Anderson.

All students are invited to attend. These events are free of charge, and snacks will be provided.

Students adjust to new semester classes

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With the first week of classes under students’ belts, the Doane Owl is curious about how students are feeling so far.

In a poll sent out on Jan. 12, the majority of the 20 respondents felt that their first few days of class are going well even if they are stressful.

“Once professors lay out the semester’s worth of work, my stress level

definitely goes up,” senior Claire Carpenter said.

Only one student said they did not get into every class that they wanted to, but the student indicated that they are on the waitlist.

Half of the respondents said they are nervous for their classes, with an almost equal portion of students saying that they are not nervous.

Since it is just the beginning of the semester, Carpenter shared how she manages her work-

load in order to help other students get an idea of what they can do too.

“I combat [stress] with a laid out list of due dates so that I can see it over time. This helps me feel prepared for the semester and ready to cross assignments off the list,” Carpenter said.

If a student would like to get a tutor for one or all of their classes, they can find information at the Academic Success Center or by emailing the office at academicsuccess@do-

ane.edu.

The Writing Center is also available to help students in the Perkins Library; their email is writingcenter@doane.edu.

In the event that a student would like to receive counseling to manage their stress or any other issue, contact Director of Counseling and Health Services Myron Parsley at myron.parsley@doane.edu.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Make sure to take your work-life balance into consideration this week. Many opportunities from both sides may just present themselves to you soon, the choice is yours.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): The arts are your best friend this week. Try out some drawing in your free time or listen to music, it'll be needed relaxation.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Take this opportunity to branch out from your usual pattern. Try talking to new people or ordering a new drink at your local coffee shop, you never know how it might go.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Take a second to relax. Go out and get your favorite comfort food. You deserve the break.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Your sense of worth should be top priority this week. Don't let the occasional negative thought bring your whole day down.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Be careful this week. Your emotions may begin to rage rampant, so it is important to try and maintain control.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Some time alone may be just what you need. A lot of people have been seeking your attention, taking a step back will help you reset.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Your social groups may seem like they are on a rocky path right now, but it is important to keep trying for those you care about.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): People may begin trying to test your patience this week. Be careful not to let them get to you.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Keep your heart on your sleeve. Situations this week may just need a compassionate approach to better deal with them.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Secrets reign supreme this week. Many old or forgotten secrets may just spring back up into your life soon, it is up to you whether you let them.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Partnerships will remain important this week. Whether you

Greek groups prepare for rush

JOHN DAWES
Staff Writer

Greek Life's rush season has begun, as groups from across campus are opening up their doors for new members to join.

On Jan. 20, students from any grade level can attend an 8 p.m. event at either the Frees Hall Theater or the Sheldon Hall Classroom. There will also be a session at the Smith Hall Garden Lounge at 9 p.m. At these events, students can learn about Greek Life from the prospective groups.

Each location will provide food, offer introductions to each group and detail membership benefits for anyone interested. After this Greek informational event, all the Greek groups will begin hosting rush parties for students. The rush parties are meant as a way for students curious about or interested in Greek life to get to know each of the groups and their members.

"I would encourage everyone to go through the experience of rushing and checking out all the groups to find the one they connect with. For me, it has been a great experience. Going through the rush process and joining Greek Life helped me find my family and truly made Doane a home away from home," sophomore and Omega Psi Theta sorority member Sydney Erickson said.

Greek Life Rush Season

On Jan 20. students across campus can learn about Greek life.

8P.M.: Frees Theater and Sheldon Classroom

9P.M.: Smith Hall Garden Lounge

Graphic by PJ Ramsey | The Doane Owl

Erickson speaks to the benefits of the Greek system, saying it has helped her form lifelong friendships, helped her academically, connected her to the Doane community and given her a great support system.

"For me, it has been a great experience. Going through the rush process and joining Greek Life helped me find my family and truly made Doane a home away from home. I can wholeheartedly say that rushing has drastically enhanced my time here at Doane academically and socially. My sisters support me

and help me to be the best person I can be," Erickson said.

Members from each Greek group will be at the events. Doane's sororities consist of Chi Delta, Gamma Phi Iota, Kappa Phi Zeta, Omega Psi Theta and Phi Sigma Tau. Fraternities include Alpha Omega, Alpha Pi Epsilon, Delta Kappa Pi and Sigma Phi Theta.

All groups will give specific dates and times for their rush parties at the Jan. 20 event for any students who are interested in joining.

SPB prepares for 3-on-3 basketball



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Basketball intramural sign-up now open

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Starting in February, the Student Programming Board (SPB) will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball intramural tournament every Sunday afternoon.

The structure of the tournament will depend on the number of teams that sign up. One potential idea is to do pools of four teams, playing other teams in their pool. The intramurals would conclude with a round robin tournament, according to freshman Remi Freeman.

If there are under eight teams signed up, the plan is to do brackets to organize who the teams play.

"Ultimately, we'd like as many teams as possible, so just spreading the word about it is great," Freeman said.

For these intramurals, SPB is really focusing on promotion to get the word out. They are also making sure to promote the fact that it is for both students and staff members at Doane.

High levels of promotion is something that needs to be improved, as Freeman learned from intramurals last semester.

Another aspect that Freeman hopes to improve upon with these intramurals is communication with all of the teams and keeping everyone updated.

"It's just about communicating with our team captains as well, for the basketball teams and keeping everybody up to date," Freeman said.

So far, there have already been a handful of teams who have signed up. There is a wide range of students signing up for the basketball intramurals.

"I think we are just getting a mix of anyone who wants to destress, relax, have that competitive atmosphere, but at the end of the day they are just here to have a good time," Freeman said.

For students interested in signing up, they need to find a team of three and then scan the QR code found on posters around campus or in their emails. This QR code will take interested parties to a Google form allowing them to sign up as well as select any dates that do not work for them to participate.

Freeman encourages any students who are in-

"There's no con to signing up if you have the time and you know you want to play some basketball and you want to have a good time with your friends."

Remi Freeman
Freshman

terested to sign up. She said that it is going to be "competitive on the court" just like any sport, but the overall goal is to just have a good time.

"There's no con to signing up if you have the time and you know you want to play some basketball and you want to have a good time with your friends," Freeman said.

For students not wanting to play but still wanting to get involved, they can attend the tournaments all throughout February. SPB is also looking for volunteers to referee the games.

Anyone interested in volunteering to referee the games can email Freeman at remi.freeman@doane.edu. Any questions about the upcoming 3-on-3 basketball intramurals can also be directed to this email.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Tips to survive the semester

As the second week of classes begins, the DSM staff would like to remind everyone to take some time to relax.

We know that it gets very stressful, especially in these first few weeks, but your mental health is just as important as your academic success.

Schedule time to read a book for fun, take a nap, go on a walk, whatever it is that you can do to de-stress. Even

20 minutes can make an impact.

If you are struggling to find motivation for studying, we recommend creating a study schedule. It can be time consuming to make, but after a couple days of following it, you will thank yourself.

Don't be afraid to reach out to friends, family, professors, counselors or anyone else you trust if you need help. Odds are, everyone else is strug-

gling just as much as you are.

There are resources available through Doane to ensure your success, including the Counseling Center, the Academic Success Center, the Writing Center and countless other programs.

Make sure to ask questions for clarification and set up a meeting with your professors if you still need information.

Everyone on DSM staff has met with a professor at

one time or another. It is nothing to be ashamed of, and it has made a real difference in each of our lives.

Again, plan time to relax, whatever that looks like. You can't succeed academically or in other activities without peace of mind.

Just to reiterate, don't be afraid to reach out for help, take a moment to yourself and remind yourself that success is possible.

Hot takes; made in the gade

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

What is it called when a veterinarian specializes in taking care of big aquatic reptiles? Gatorade (Gatoraid).

If you couldn't tell by that expertly crafted pun, this week's Hot Takes is going to rank the various flavors of everyone's favorite electrolyte replenishing beverage-Gatorade.

As is the standard with food or drink tier lists, each flavor of Gatorade is going to be graded based on its flavor; however, because flavor and rarity are really the only two things that distinguish the different types of Gatorade, those will be the only metrics used to grade the 'ade.

Taste is pretty obvious, as if a gatorade flavor tastes like dog water, it goes down on the list; if it tastes real good, then it goes up on the list.

The second grading metric is rarity, which basically means how common is the flavor of gator and how likely are you liable to encounter it in a gas station, store, etc.

Based on these two elements, each flavor is painstakingly and methodically tested, and the list below was put together by my team of trained professionals.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Frost Tropical Mango, Tropical Cooler, Frost Icy Charge

A Tier: (Second Best)- Orange, Citrus Cooler, Fierce Strawberry, Frost Glacier Freeze

B Tier: (Average)- Lemon-Lime, Strawberry, Strawberry Raspberry, Strawberry Watermelon

C Tier: (Below Average)- Fruit Punch, Frost Glacier Cherry, Fierce Fruit Punch + Berry, Cool Blue, Frost Arctic Blitz

F Tier: (Garbage)- Cool Grape, Fierce Grape, Fierce Green Apple, Lime Cucumber, Fierce Blue Cherry

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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Theaters versus staying home



MATTHEW MITTLIEDER
Staff Writer

Over break I did a combination of watching films in both theaters and at home, and I noticed some differences in my experiences. So this week I thought I'd take a break from reviewing movies and talk a little about going to the theater and how it's changed over time.

Obviously these past couple years have been different when it comes to actually going out and viewing a movie in a theater. With the pandemic making it such a risk to go out in public places, I've found myself watching movies at home on a TV or

computer much more often.

Some benefits of watching at home is that you can pause a movie whenever you want, and you can have your own snacks, without having to pay for the overpriced concessions at a theater. You can also invite as many people over as you want to watch a film, without paying for extra tickets.

There's also the fact that home theaters are becoming much more easily attainable than ever, with high quality screens and sound systems becoming cheaper as technology advances. This allows for the same quality screening that one would get at a theater but in the comfort and privacy of your own home.

However, I find there are sometimes more distractions when viewing at home than at a theater, and personally, I like to be able to watch films all the way through without having to pause all the time to do other things.

While there may sometimes be inconsiderate people talking or making noise at a public theater, I think it's often easier for me to focus on a movie when at the theater.

There's also the fun of watching a film with other people who get excited about what's happening in the mov-

ie. Say what you will about big "event" type movies, but I don't actually mind hearing other people react to the film and get hyped up watching it, as long as it isn't too distracting.

At home it can be a bit awkward watching a film by yourself, or even with others if they aren't reacting or responding to what's in the film.

When I saw the new Spider-Man movie over break, there were people laughing, cheering and generally getting excited for what was happening. It felt good to be around people having a good time with the pandemic minimizing or restricting those sorts of events.

I also saw the new Matrix film while on break (it wasn't very good), but I saw it in a 4D format. This meant seats moving and vibrating, fans blowing, water splashing on your face and a number of other gimmicks to try and make the film more immersive and exciting.

Personally, I found it to be completely the opposite of immersive and was more distracted than I'd ever been trying to watch a movie. But it did add a level of excite-

ment I wouldn't have gotten while at home.

I know theaters are trying everything to get people to keep attendance up, and while I don't think 4D movies are necessarily the way to go, I think they can work with the right genre.

Overall, though, I wouldn't rule out going to the theater entirely, and I don't think they should be allowed to die out just yet. Going to an actual public place to watch a movie can be a bit of a gamble on whether it will actually be worth it over just staying home, but every now and then there is a real magic to being in the movie theater and experiencing a film with other people.

Reminiscing on the good times



EMMA RYAN
Multimedia
Coordinator

I think the first few weeks of the semester always give me a funny feeling. This is primarily due to the fact that everyone is starting a whole new schedule and trying to remember class times, where to go and what to do.

Change is exciting; taking new classes with

different people to learn new things is good. However, this semester feels a little unusual.

For those that don't know me, I am a senior and will be graduating in May. I am currently applying to graduate schools across the country and patiently (maybe a little anxiously) awaiting responses about where my future will take me.

I have heard many seniors before me say how they wish they were in the freshmen's shoes and could do it all over again. It sounds cliché, but there is some truth to it, so if you're an underclassman reading this, make use of every moment you get here.

Looking back at my time here at Doane, it's crazy to think it is almost all over. It seems to have gone even faster considering half of my college career was spent during a global pandemic that is

just as unpredictable as ever.

As of right now, I am feeling very uneasy about this semester. The pandemic has a big part to play in this. More and more schools are shutting down campuses and going virtual for the semester due to the rise in cases. I truly hope Doane does not follow suit.

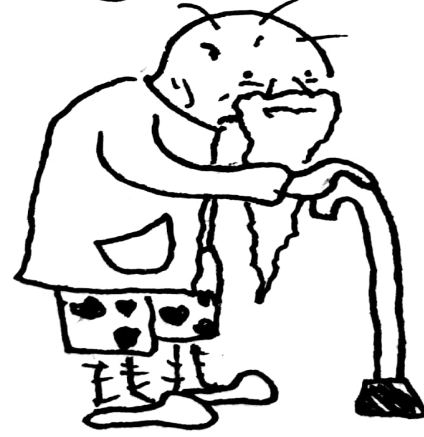
I am certainly not an expert and I know it may be inevitable for public health concerns to take things completely virtual, but I think the mental dissociation caused from isolation has more of an impact on young adults than the virus itself.

Whatever happens this semester, I hope myself, students and faculty find this semester to be a step forward in the right direction in whichever way is needed for everybody.

Starting College



Ending College



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Excited for new "Euphoria" episodes



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

The first episode of season two of "Euphoria" was released last week, and I am psyched.

"Euphoria" is one of my favorite shows, and I

have been planning and anticipating this new season for the past year. It was delayed due to COVID-19, but it's finally here.

I won't spoil the episode, but let me just say, wow. Wow. Wow. Talk about a rollercoaster of an episode.

Some of the things that happened were totally expected, but the plot twists blew my mind. If you have seen the episode, you know exactly what I'm talking about with Cassie and with Fez.

The end of the episode was honestly my favorite. I waited through all of the last season for that to happen. Whether or not you like Nate, you've got to admit that it was crazy.

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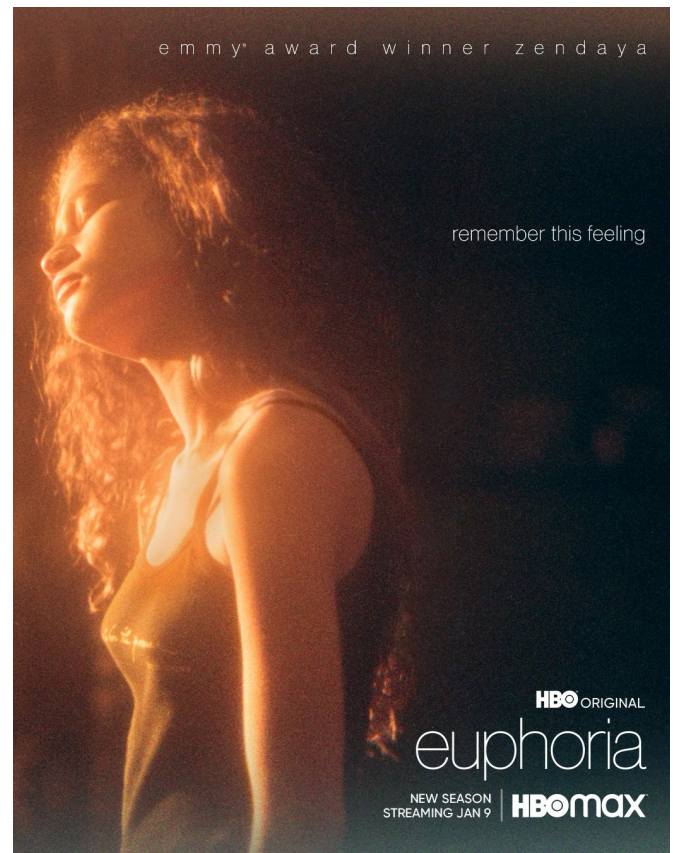
"Euphoria" is always something to highlight. Labrinth is one of the main artists involved in the show. It was absolutely genius of the show's producers to use some of the music from the first season to allude to flashbacks and feelings that have carried over.

I have yet to see the second episode of this new season, but I can only imagine how wild it is. I'm interested to see what angle they take Cassie because her character wasn't necessarily an important part of the first season, and it seems like much of the first part of season two is all about her.

Either way, I am clearing my schedule each week to see the new epi-

sodes. I would highly recommend "Euphoria" but be aware that the themes are very serious and may make you uncomfortable.

With that in mind, watch a trailer and see if it's something for you, and if not, come talk to me and I'll fill you in.



Courtesy photo | @euphoriaHBO on Twitter

Spring semester is off to a busy start



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

I'm not quite sure if anyone else feels the same way that I do, but I feel like we've really hit the ground running with the beginning of classes.

Now that the semester has finally kicked off and we have all come back from our first weekend since starting classes, I can safely say that I started the semester off with a fair bit of work already needing to be done for almost all of my classes.

From the multiple group discussions, long readings, essay-length papers and looking into research from previous semesters in preparation

for this one, it has absolutely killed my free time last week.

I pretty much knew that this semester was going to be a harder one from the get-go seeing as how it's one of my last semesters here, but I didn't expect so much immediately.

Thankfully the work is still manageable, I'll just need to change around my usual habits in order to manage the new workload if the rest of the semester keeps going like this. Whether that'll be an easy or hard thing to do in actual application, we'll have to see.

My only problem with that is that I feel I get accustomed to a specific "schedule." I say that loosely because I never usually have an actual set schedule that I abide by when it comes to working on things or doing something aside from work or studying, I just do it whenever.

Now, I feel like I'm going to legitimately need a schedule so that I can always manage to get whatever needs to be done, done on time and make sure that there won't be

any bad setbacks if I've had to wait until the last minute to get it done.

For anyone in my same boat, trust me, you're not alone on this. It may take some extra work and compromise on our part, but once it comes down to it, most of the time classes are going to have to take a little priority over our precious free time.

I'm already trying to cut down on my phone and pc time outside of doing homework, so we'll see how that goes.

No matter what, though, I plan on trying my best to combat the workload put upon me for this semester in an easier way than I have tried doing in the past.

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The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in 'Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down' every week.

THUMBS DOWN...

Men's Basketball wins back to back

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

This last week, the Men's Basketball team found victory both at home and on the road. The team started with a win at home over Dordt University, 82-80, before finding another win during overtime against Morningside University, 72-71.

The team had several games over the break that allowed them four full weeks of focusing only on their game play. Senior Jaxon Harre and his teammates had several opportunities to sustain their development and growth.

"The four weeks of games and practices over break were great," Harre

said. "We got a chance to take a team trip and bond together as a team, and although we had a couple games that didn't go our way, we became a stronger team because of it."

The game against Dordt University was the first opportunity the team had to be back playing in their home gym. Senior Ben Moxness and the team were finally able to play in an environment that they are all very accustomed to and familiar with.

"The game went well and we ended up beating Dordt," Moxness said. "It was nice to finally get back to Haddix and not have to constantly drive three or more hours to a game."

Both games in the last week allowed the team to see things that were working well and brought to light what could continue to be built upon. Both offensively and defensively, the Tigers were on top of their game and played very well despite missing players for their first game back.

"We played an overall great game offensively and defensively," Moxness said. "We limited Morningside's best players and made their supporting cast step up. There's still some adjustments we need to make to make our offense better, but we still played one of our better games offensively both against Dordt and Morningside."

Coming off of two wins, the team sits in a good position as they face a ramp up of conference play. Now is the time to focus on sustaining this success so that they continue to hold a good position within their conference.

"We are going to continue to get better as a team everyday, and when we continue to make progress, we are going to like where we are at the end of the season," Harre said.

The Men's Basketball team will have two game days back-to-back on Jan. 21 and 22. Jan. 21 will see the Tigers take on the University of Jamestown before playing Dakota Wesleyan University on Jan. 22.



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl
Senior Alec Oberhauser prepares to shoot a three-point basket over his opponent's contest.

Track and Field rake in top marks

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

On Jan. 15, Doane Track and Field competed in their own Scott Nisely Memorial Classic, walking away with nine athletes hitting NAIA qualifying standards across six events.

On the Women's side, freshman Alivia Baucom set the standard for the entirety of the NAIA in women's shot put with a throw of 13.70m. Senior Allison Skala achieved a

throw of 13.60m in the same event, placing her third in the NAIA.

Senior Joey Stenson threw 15.95m in the women's weight throw, hitting a provisional qualifying mark. Freshman Samantha Knapp hit a personal best in the pole vault with a height of 2.97m, a clearance that allowed her to win the event.

Senior Haley Miller won the triple jump with a distance of 10.28m, and fellow senior Annika Pingel won the 800m with a time of 2:23.96. Freshman Lindsay Adams met the provisional standard for 60m hurdles with a time of 9.11.

In the Men's field events, sophomore Car-



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Junior Jaelynn Scott is mid-cycle during her long jump attempt.

ter Reckling met the provisional qualifying mark and his personal best in the high jump with 2.01m. Sophomore Mike Pulliam won the pole vault with 4.50m, and senior David Arcos won the long jump with 6.68m. In the triple jump, sophomore Trevor Malone won with a distance of 13.29m.

Three athletes hit NAIA standard marks in the men's weight throw including senior Matthew Campbell who won the event with a distance of 19.71m. Sophomore Luke Partridge hit a personal best with 17.14m as well as freshman Trey Dickey with a throw of 16.37m.

Moving onto the

track, the Men also met success across the board. Junior Kalen Dockweiler ran the 1000m with a time of 2:32:42, allowing him to meet the provisional qualifying time. In both the 60m and 200m, freshman Luke Davis won with respective times of 7.07 and 23.19. Senior Logan Hammond won the 400m, clocking in at 52.02. With a time of 3:34:21, the Men's 4x400m relay team won the event.

The Track and Field teams will compete at the Prairie Wolf Invite on Jan. 21 or the Polar Dog Invite on Jan. 22. Both meets are away.

Wrestling wins final home dual

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Sports Editor

On Jan. 14, the Wrestling team went head to head in a dual against Concordia University for their senior night. Doane was able to pull out a large victory over the Bulldogs, defeating them 39-3 by the end of the night.

Ten wrestlers competed in these duals, including senior Odgerel

Batkhisig, who was the only senior to face off on the mat for senior night. Junior Brandon Antesberger was very proud of the efforts put forward by his team during this dual.

"It was nice to see the results of our training because the practices, weightlifting and training leading up to these events really kicked us in the butt, and we were pushing ourselves to the limit so it was nice to see all the hard work pay off and give us motivation for the final stretch," Antesberger said.

After finding much

success over winter break and back during this second semester, the team has been able to practice what is working well for them as well as making improvements on the things that need to be fixed.

"We need to stay consistent," Antesberger said. "We've been doing everything right and working hard in the mat room and weight room, but we need to keep that same intensity we had and add our experiences from these past few competitions to it."

As the season gets

closer to the end, the wrestlers know they do not have much time left to perfect their performances. While this may be seen as a stressful time, the team is keeping a very positive attitude going into a tough lineup of matches.

"Our next matches are the final three conference dual meets next Friday so I would like to see everyone embracing the moment and having fun," Antesberger said.

"The season is coming to an end and it will be over before we know it, so we want to embrace the

moments and appreciate the opportunity to do the things we love longer than most."

One thing the team has not had any trouble with working on is the relationships formed between team members. Each wrestler knows they have the full backing support of their teammate, and for many, this is what pushes them to give each match their all.

"The talent of this team is a testament to the hard work we have put in, but more than that, the chemistry and

relationships of everyone on the team is unlike any other that I have seen or been a part of," Antesberger said. "It really is like a family and we all want to see each other succeed so we put everything we have out on the mat for one another."

This comes as Doane's 12th win in duals this season. Their next set of duals will be on Jan. 29, when they will face off against the University of Jamestown, followed by Dakota Wesleyan University, before finishing off with Morningside University.

Women's Basketball faces two losses

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On Jan. 12, the Women's Basketball team had their first home game of 2022. Despite playing a well-fought game, missing four of their regular players put the team at quite a disadvantage and allowed Dordt University to pull out a 101-82 win over the Tigers.

Over the break, the team had a few weeks to really focus in and practice what needed to be worked on for the latter part of their season. Sophomore Olivia Nall

and her teammates may not have won every away game, but each game allowed the team to grow in different ways.

"I definitely feel that even over winter break we stayed close and we knew what had to be achieved for us to finish this last part of our season strong," Nall said. "We took some losses, but we also learned from the losses and we know what we are capable of."

Now that the team is back with the semester starting back up, they can no longer solely focus on practices and games. Despite this added responsibility, the team is fully ready to continue performing at the highest level, both in the class-

room and on the court.

"We just started back up and some things have happened that are way out of our team's control, but that isn't stopping us from reaching our goals," Nall said. "We are student athletes so school will always come first, but when you add basketball, it is just way more fun."

Before the semester gets into full swing, the team is using this time to make a few key adjustments. While these adjustments may not be the easiest to make, they provide an opportunity for the team to finish the season out strong.

"I feel that one thing we are always constantly working on is communi-

cation," Nall said.

"Communication from all players and coaches is key."

At this point in the season, the team faces a series of several in-conference games coming up. These games hold quite a bit of weight for the rest of their season, and they give the Tigers the opportunity to demonstrate all the improvements they have been working hard to make.

"Perseverance—we have shown that we can play and keep up with very competitive teams, and we are just trying to work on bringing that fire back out for all of our games," Nall said.

The Women's Basketball team has their next

set of games at home on Jan. 21 and 22. The first game will see the Tigers face off against the Uni-

versity of Jamestown before they take on Dakota Wesleyan University on the second day.

Athlete of the Week



Alivia Baucom
Track & Field

hit a throw of 13.70m, posting the best throw in the NAIA at this point of the season and qualifying for nationals



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Scoreboard Snapshot

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 12 @ HOME

6:00 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

DEFENDERS
82-101

January 15 @ SIOUX CITY, I.A.

2:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

MUSTANGS
69-101

MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 12 @ HOME

7:45 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
82-80

January 15 @ SIOUX CITY, I.A.

3:45 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
72-71

MEN'S WRESTLING

January 14 @ HOME

7:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
39-3

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 15 @ HOME

11:00 SCOTT NISELY MEMORIAL CLASSIC

3 NAIA QUALIFIERS

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 15 @ HOME

11:00 SCOTT NISELY MEMORIAL CLASSIC

4 NAIA QUALIFIERS

Next week for Tiger Athletics

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 21 @ LINCOLN, NEB.

PRAIRIE WOLF INVITE

January 22 @ SEWARD, NEB.

POLAR DOG INVITE

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 15 @ HOME

11:00 SCOTT NISELY MEMORIAL CLASSIC

January 22 @ SEWARD, NEB.

POLAR DOG INVITE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 21 @ HOME

5:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

January 22 @ HOME

2:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 21 @ HOME

6:45 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

January 22 @ HOME

3:45 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

