



Ehrlich starting a new chapter

International Programs Director going to UNO

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Associate Director of International Programs and Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) Louisa Ehrlich has accepted a new job position at the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO).

As Assistant Director of Global Partnerships at UNO, Ehrlich will draw on her experience at Doane, providing her a chance to grow professionally.

"While at Doane, I was

able to pull on my varied professional experiences in international student services, education abroad and international student recruitment directly," Ehrlich said. "My new role is much more specific in that I will be working to develop global partnerships at an institutional level that can have a multifaceted impact on the institution."

Even though Ehrlich is nervous about the next chapter in her career, she is excited to apply her skills to another international relations field.

She said she will miss her interactions and meetings with students, both international and those wishing to study abroad, as that has been her most rewarding experience at Doane.

"I will certainly miss meeting with students-advicing students has been a passion of mine

for a number of years and I enjoy seeing Doane students grow and help them realize their potential. I will especially miss our international students as they have been a core piece of my experience at Doane and have made it both challenging (in a good way!) and rewarding," Ehrlich said.

Despite the unmet challenges awaiting Ehrlich, she is optimistic after the hurdles she has faced at Doane, including the COVID-19 pandemic and having to make unsavory decisions.

"My role at Doane allowed me extensive opportunity for growth, gaining more detailed knowledge in my profession and leadership experience in international education... knowing that Doane has the best interest of its students in mind was reassuring in determining why and

how to make those tough decisions, even if they were disappointing or frustrating," Ehrlich said.

Ehrlich's time at Doane has allowed her to discover her passions and her strengths. She chalks up much of her professional development to working and collaborating with students.

"One thing I know about myself is that I find energy and passion in developing and nurturing potential, which I was able to have at Doane in my work with students and will be able to have in my new role in working on developing partnerships," Ehrlich shared.

Even though Ehrlich's time at Doane is coming to an end, she does not want that to end her relationship with the students she has met over the years. She said she would enjoy continuing to mentor students at Doane and



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beyond.

"LinkedIn is a great place to connect with me if you are interested in staying in touch or are seeking advice on anything from international education to transitioning from college life to

work life or would just like to chat about your experiences," Ehrlich said.

Students can connect with Ehrlich on LinkedIn by searching "Louisa Ehrlich" on the website or the app.

Omaha issues mask mandate

Gov. Ricketts challenging the mandate in court

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On Jan. 11, Douglas County Health Director Dr. Lindsay Huse issued a temporary indoor mask mandate for the City of Omaha which went into effect the next day.

In defense of her mandate, Huse stated that the increased infection rate

of the Omicron Variant is cause for people to wear masks indoors.

"We're not doing everything that we can to help contain this astronomical spike in cases. We are encouraging personal responsibility. We are encouraging accountability. We are educating people every single day on how to prevent this," Huse said.

While a statement from Councilman Pete Festersen posits that the majority of the Omaha City Council was in support of Huse's decision, multiple city and state leaders have expressed their displeasure with the mandate.

Omaha Mayor Jean

Stohtert believes Huse should have worked with the mayor's office and the City Council before she issued the mandate.

"When she made that announcement, she had not really had a written order yet from the law department signed by her, so I made it very clear that I do not support a mask mandate at this time," Stohtert said.

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts stated in a tweet shortly after the announcement on Jan. 11 that Huse did not have the authority to declare such a mandate and that he would have Nebraska Attorney General (AG) Doug Peterson take legal action.

"I remain adamantly opposed to mask mandates for Nebraskans. I support Mayor Stohtert's priorities to reasonably manage the spread of COVID-19 in Omaha. The Douglas County Health Dept. lacks legal authority to impose a mandate, and I have asked AG Peterson to consider legal action," Ricketts' tweet said.

Peterson has filed a suit to block the mask mandate and argues that Huse has abused and exceeded her authority and that the order conflicts with state law. He said Huse needs to receive permission from Nebraska Health and Human Services before enacting

a mask mandate in Omaha.

However, Huse's attorneys argue the State's challenge omits certain Nebraska laws that would support her decision and "imply limitations to Omaha authorities that do not exist under State law."

According to KETV, Huse argues that the politicization of public health is needlessly complicating efforts to combat COVID-19 and to protect public health. In a statement given by attorneys representing Huse, they stated politics has inhibited the scientific and medical community from doing what is in the best interest of the public.

"Too often the response to COVID-19 has sacrificed science on the altar of politics. Those entities and individuals challenging Dr. Huse's public health measure are those who simply disagree with requiring the masks as a disease mitigation measure," Huse's attorneys' statement reads.

Omaha's mask mandate began on Jan. 12; after 30 days, it will be reviewed. If certain benchmarks are met, the temporary order will be lifted.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

Weekly Nebraska COVID update

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The level of community transmission remains high for Saline County. As of Jan. 21, Doane has 28 current cases of COVID-19, making a cumulative total of 58 cases throughout the semester so far. The Doane Crete campus is currently reporting 24 active cases while the Doane Lincoln campus is reporting four

and Omaha reporting none.

While on campus, the Doane COVID-19 Task Force advises to continue wearing masks in all designated areas, including academic buildings, classrooms, residence halls when outside rooms and when attending athletic events as a spectator.

Saline County has reported 192 total cases of COVID-19 over the last seven days as of Jan. 24. Three new hospital admissions due to COVID-19 have been

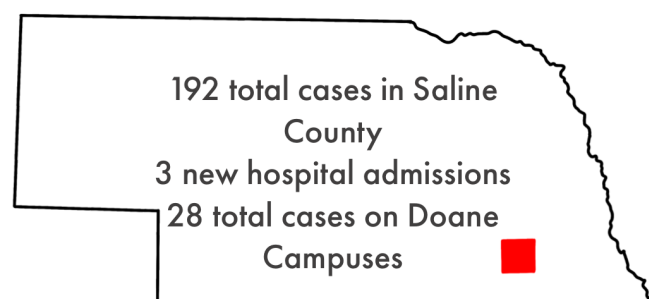
recorded within the last seven days. 59.1 percent of the population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County have been fully vaccinated, marking 50.4 percent of the total population of Saline County as fully vaccinated.

The City of Lincoln's local Directed Health Measure (DHM) currently includes a mask mandate in effect from Jan. 15 through Feb. 11. After this time period is up, the mandate will be reevaluated based on cur-

rent local COVID-19 case numbers and the level of community transmission for Lancaster and surrounding counties.

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.



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Health measure instated

All non-emergency surgeries suspended

JOSE VILLALPANDO
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As of Jan. 14, in a new media release, Neb. Governor Pete Ricketts has announced that the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has declared a new Directed Health Measure (DHM). This DHM is targeted toward the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha after the hospital facility decided to begin operating under a crisis standard of care on Jan. 13. The new DHM declares that all Class C, D and E inpatient and outpatient surgeries, or pre-scheduled, non-emergency medical surger-

ies, are to be suspended through Feb. 13.

"Hospitals that decide to operate under a crisis standard of care should not be performing non-emergency surgeries," Ricketts said. "Today's DHM makes sure the Nebraska Medical Center remains focused on prioritizing care for patients with the most urgent medical needs."

According to 1011 News, this is the first time Nebraska Medicine has had to enact its crisis standard of care plan. On Jan. 13, patients were advised that there could be rescheduling or lack of appointments, postponement of surgeries, denial of patient transfers, deployment of medical students into support roles and use of irregular patient care areas.

In a response after the new DHM was declared, Nebraska Medicine said that they were already acting according to the DHM before it's declaration.

"The operations chang-



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es announced Thursday are consistent with the directed health measure," a Spokesman for Nebraska Medicine said. "The actions we are taking ensure we are prioritizing care for patients with the most urgent medical needs. As outlined in the directed health measure, our medical providers will continue to make case-by-case determinations on surgeries and procedures that must be done to preserve

the patient's life or physical health."

At this time, the postponement of a surgery is up to the doctor though there are classes for surgeries that Nebraska Medicine doctors adhere to.

Class A and B surgeries must be done immediately while Class C surgeries need to be done so that the condition of the patient does not worsen. According

to KETV, Class D refers to elective surgeries that, if postponed between 4 to 12 weeks, creates no substantial outcome and Class E surgeries can be postponed past 12 weeks with no substantial outcome.

Aside from adhering to the different classes, it is to the doctor's discretion whether which surgery belongs in which class and those that should be treated urgently or need to be postponed.

"It really comes down to the judgment of the clinician to decide where a patient stands within that continuum," Chief Operations Officer Cory Shaw said. "What might be a B-case for one patient might be a C-case or a D-case. Again, it depends upon the clinical condition, the evaluation of that physician... and their judgment as it relates to that patient's needs."

No further information has been given at the time of this publication.

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High: 47

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Tsunami hits Kingdom of Tonga

Underwater volcano causes flooding

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On Jan. 14, a tsunami rocked Tonga after the underwater volcano Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai erupted during storm-like conditions.

According to NPR, the eruption sent waves several feet high toward the nearby island nation of Tonga and sent unusually high waves to multiple Pacific island countries, Australia, Canada and the United States.

The capital of Tonga, Nuku'alofa was ravaged by flooding in parts of the city and sustained some damage to the grounds of the royal palace.

The eruption was re-

ported to be so strong that it shut down power and communication lines to Tonga.

Other Pacific islands or bordering countries issued tsunami warnings or advisories in order to prepare for the aftermath of the eruption.

The eruption itself was easily visible from space, with ash plumes reaching as high as 12 miles above sea level and reaching a total of 150 miles across, blanketing the area in darkness comparable to nighttime.

The United States Geological Survey posted to their volcano-specific Twitter (@USGSVolcanoes) that shockwaves were felt as far away as Mount Hood, Ore., some 5,000 miles away. It is likely that the eruption was boosted due to the underwater nature of the volcano.

On Jan. 17, the New Zealand government sent naval aid to Tonga which is expected to stay for



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10 days in order to provide help and distribute supplies to the people of Tonga. Naval travel was the only method of transportation at the time since ash still littered the island, preventing air travel and shutting down the main airport runways, though the runways were expected to be cleaned within a

few days, The New Zealand Herald reported.

The main concern needing to be addressed was to protect the country from COVID-19 since Tonga remains COVID-free, and New Zealand did not want to expose the country, especially after the natural disaster. Now that communica-

tion lines are somewhat back up, the main island has been able to give details on the situation through media releases and on Twitter by the Consulate of the Kingdom of Tonga.

The situation and relief efforts continue as of the date of this publication.

U.S. inflation rate rising

Supply factories shut down from COVID-19

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While shopping for presents this holiday season, students are sure to have noticed the increase in prices on all of their favorite items. According to a New York Times article from Jan. 20, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 7 percent throughout 2021 into December, the fastest it has increased since 1982.

However, the inflation rate did not happen for no reason. Member of the White House Council of Economic Advisors Jared Bernstein compared

the current inflation rate to rates from World War II saying, "Demand was strong, and supply was constrained."

Due to the pandemic, more people have the money and the time to make purchases for themselves and their homes. But while more people are trying to improve their homes, factories have been shut down globally since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

The lack of factories has put a significant strain on the supply chain, making it harder for people to get access to these goods. Corporations are using the situation to their advantage by raising prices to meet the demand.

An article by CNN from Jan. 23 pointed out that corporations are pushing their limits this time around and raising prices not only to make up for losses, but to ex-

pand their profits.

The U.S. government does have two options to help control the situation: price controls and increasing interest rates. The federal government has the ability to limit prices and control inflation. Economist at the University of Texas James K. Galbraith does not see the government following this plan any time soon stating, "It was absolutely mainstream from the start of WWII until the Reagan administration."

The last time the federal government used price controls was in the 1970s under President Richard Nixon's administration. While the system worked when controls were in place, after they were lifted inflation rose to the same point, explained Galbraith. Now it is more likely that the U.S. government will increase interest rates to limit

how much extra income Americans have access to.

Economists and the Federal Reserve do not see this level of inflation lasting past 2022. A report published by the Federal Reserve on Dec. 15, 2021 projected price gains to decrease to 3 percent before the end of the year.

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Maxwell awaits court sentencing

Maxwell found guilty on five federal charges

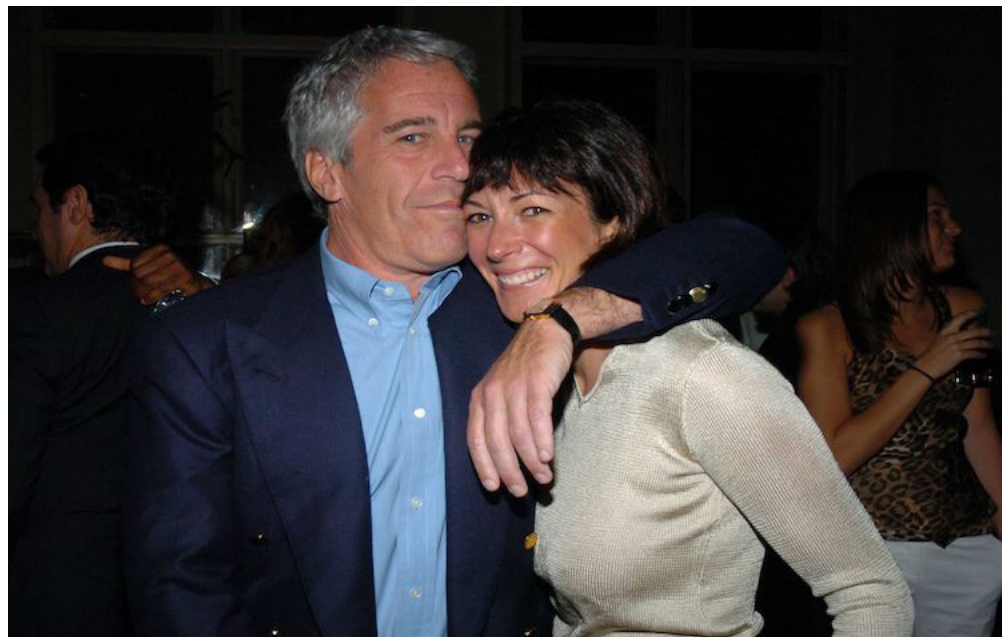
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Ghislain Maxwell was convicted in late December of luring teenage girls to be sexually abused by her long time acquaintance Jeffrey Epstein. Some of these women have come forward and told their stories of being as young as 14 when they were first introduced and groomed by Maxwell.

Maxwell was found guilty for five federal charges including sex trafficking of a minor, transporting a minor with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity and three counts related to conspiracy.

According to CNN, Maxwell currently faces up to 65 years in prison and her term will be decided by Judge Alison Nathan who has not yet set a sentencing date.

“While Maxwell awaits sentencing, she will be held in Brooklyn’s Metropolitan Detention Center, where she has been kept in isolation since July 2020 and has previously complained about the conditions,” an article from BBC News reports.



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Recent news headlines have enlightened another part of the sex trafficking story pertaining to the eight “John Does” Maxwell originally protected from sharing their identities back in 2015. Maxwell and Epstein allegedly procured teenage girls for these men to have sex with.

“A lawyer for Maxwell stated in a letter to federal Judge Loretta Preska this

week that she would no longer object to the identities of the ‘John Does’ in a 2015 civil lawsuit brought against Maxwell by Prince Andrew accuser Virginia Giuffre,” an article from the New York Post states.

Giuffre was one of the victims who came forward and shared her encounters with Maxwell, Epstein and Prince Andrew and is fighting for the release of the names.

According to VICE News, the case was settled in 2017; however, it will be up to Preska to decide whether or not the documents will be unsealed.

Rockstar Meat Loaf dead at 74

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According to StyleCaster, on Jan. 20, Michael Lee Aday, known professionally as Meat Loaf, passed away at the age of 74.

While no official cause of death has been released, fans were quick to cite COVID-19 as the late singer’s death. According to previous interviews, Meat Loaf has said that he was “scared to death”

of COVID-19, but that he would “rather die” than deal with quarantine and the “politics” behind COVID-19 regulations.

As of this publication, Meat Loaf’s family has yet to address whether or not he had been vaccinated or if COVID-19 was the true cause of his death.

Upon his death, many other celebrities took to Twitter to pay homage to the singer.

“Had so much fun with Meatloaf when we



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did ‘Dead Ringer.’ [I’m] very sorry for his family,

or are amazing [people] in the arts dying every other day.”

“So saddened by the loss of my friend, Meatloaf. He was as exuberant, passionate and flamboyant as his music. The voice of an Angel and a rock icon,” Lou Diamond Phillips said. “We had some times, my friend. I’ll miss you. My heartfelt condolences to your family and loved ones.”

“I remember hosting the American Music

Awards with him and Will Smith,” Reba McEntire said. “He was such a kind soul. He gave us so much. He will surely be missed. Our loss, heaven’s gain. Rest in peace my friend.”

Meat Loaf is survived by his wife, Deborah, and two daughters, Pearl and Amanda.

Hostage taker killed by police

All hostages rescued after escaping on own accord

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Four people were taken hostage for more than 10 hours at a Texas synagogue on Jan. 15.

According to The Associated Press, Malik Faisal Akram, a 44-year-old British citizen, took the people hostage in an attempt to barter for

the release of Aafia Siddiqui. Siddiqui is a Pakistani neuroscientist and suspected member of al-Qaeda who is serving an 86-year prison sentence after being convicted of shooting at American military personnel.

After nearly 10 hours, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (F.B.I.) sent agents in to subdue Akram and rescue the hostages, and after the hostages managed to escape of their own accord, Akram was killed by multiple gunshot wounds. All four hostages were unharmed.

It is believed that Akram chose the synagogue because it is close

to the federal prison in Fort Worth, Texas where Siddiqui is being held.

However, Siddiqui’s attorney said that she has no connection to Akram, and in an article from The Associated Press, his family said he had been “suffering from mental health issues.”

Initially, Special Agent Matt DeSarno of the F.B.I. did not label this as a hate crime against those of the Jewish faith because Akram did not say anything anti-Semitic and seemed to be focused on an issue that was not specifically connected to the Jewish community.

However, in a later statement on Jan. 21, De-

Sarno retracted his previous statement and asserted that the crime “was committed by a terrorist espousing an anti-Semitic worldview.”

According to The Hill, the retraction came after F.B.I. Director Christopher Wray made remarks saying the incident was “an act of terrorism targeting the Jewish community.”

According to NPR, the Anti-Defamation League is recording a record level of anti-Semitic incidents and Jews are consistently the most targeted religious group in the U.S.

In 2020, the League tracked a 40 percent increase in reported anti-Se-

mitic incidents at Jewish institutions including synagogues, community centers and schools as

compared to 2019. There are no additional updates as of this publication.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reports incidents in their public crime log. The Doane Crime Log has been updated on Jan. 23. No further incidents have been reported between Jan. 14 and 23.

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Workshop helps build connections

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life will be hosting a two-day Enneagram workshop where students will have the opportunity to learn about themselves and how they connect with the world and others.

"The Enneagram is an ancient spiritual and psychological system that divides us into nine types of numbers. Knowing your number can help you grow personally and spiritually and enhance your relationships," the email sent out to all students from Religious and Spiritual Life said.

In the past, some faculty members have had the opportunity to engage with the Enneagram. Director of Religious and Spiritual Life Leah Cech said that having more people on campus who know their number will benefit the rest of campus.

"The more of us who have done it and know our numbers, then the more of us can engage with it. There's a greater capacity for increasing that effective communication and relationship building," Cech said.

This is what sparked the idea to host a two day workshop open to all staff and students.

The first day of the workshop will be focused on taking online quizzes to obtain their number and learn more about one's self. The second day will be focused more on relationships and will involve more group discussions.

Shortly after the sign-up was sent out to the Doane community, there were almost 20 people that signed up right away. Therefore, Cech created an additional Zoom option for employees only. Similarly, almost 20 staff members signed up right away.

The increased number

of people who signed up demonstrates to Cech that "we have a longing for a greater connection."

The level of interest also tells Cech that there needs to be more events on-campus dedicated to this focus on one's self and connection to others.

Ultimately, a person who knows their Enneagram number will better understand their own strengths and challenges.

"Self-discovery is a process, and I believe it is a life-long journey. Every single one of the nine types has strengths and challenges," Cech said.

Students who are interested in learning their Enneagram number but cannot attend the workshop can find their number through various online quizzes.

Anyone who needs any guidance regarding their Enneagram or questions about the event can direct their questions to Cech at leah.cech@doane.edu.

Enneagram Workshop

hosted by The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

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Students share study abroad stories

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Life & Culture Editor

The Spanish Club will be hosting a Study Abroad Stories event on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art Building room 236.

The event was initially intended for students who are part of the Spanish Club; however, due to the benefits of this event, it has been opened up to all students and faculty.

This event is an opportunity for those who are considering studying abroad at Doane to learn about study abroad. It is also for students interested in studying in a Spanish-speaking country to hear experiences from other students who have studied in these countries, according to Spanish Club president and junior Sophia Vacanti.

"The goal of this event is to educate students on the once in a lifetime experience students who have studied abroad have had and the ways that

they, too, could immerse themselves in the culture of these countries," Vacanti said.

The event will feature three Doane students who have studied abroad in Spanish-speaking countries over the past semester. They will be discussing their experiences in Costa Rica and Spain.

Students presenting at the event include juniors Abrianna Miller, Sheaah Norval and Nina Ngo.

"Looking back on my own study abroad, I was excited to tell others about my time studying in Latin America, and I know sometimes having an interested audience is a great way to remember and share those experiences," Associate Professor of Spanish Jared List said.

This will give students an opportunity to learn about cultural differences and which countries may be most appealing to them.

List will also discuss the study abroad process as well as upcoming opportunities. In addition to List, Assistant Direc-

"The goal of this event is to educate students on the once in a lifetime experience students who have studied abroad have had."

Sophia Vacanti
President of Spanish Club

tor of Admissions Daniel Maganda Sandoval will also be presenting at the event.

The study abroad experience, whether it is for the semester or summer, can be a "transformative experience," according to List.

Interested students can keep an eye on their email for flyers about the upcoming event as well as look for opportunities to study abroad.

Music Dept. hosts faculty concert

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Staff Writer

On Jan. 20, students were able to watch the annual Music Faculty Concert in Heckman Auditorium. Students were able to watch a variety of acts including piano duets, saxophone performances and original vocal pieces.

The Faculty Concert

typically happens every year, but it was unfortunately put on hold due to COVID-19 which made Thursday's performance the first one since the Fall of 2020. Students were more than excited to see what their professors had put together.

"It's cool to see them use the skills and techniques that they are

teaching you. Sometimes you forget that all of these teachers have doctorates and went to school for music performance so they really do know what they are doing," junior Olivia Kreikemeier stated.

A favorite performance of the night was by Assistant Professor of Music and Piano Theory

William Whipple and his performance of "Mount Hood" on the piano. The piano was performed with an open hood and a variety of objects placed on the chords including ping pong balls and a tambourine. Not only did the audience hear the sounds of the piano, but also the sounds created by the objects being

moved by the piano.

The audience was also able to see a piano duet titled "Petite Suite" performed by Adjunct Piano Professors Feifei Jiang and Peter Jiang. The piece requires two sets of hands for one piano, requiring perfect coordination. When played in its entirety, the piece can last up to 13 minutes

with four different movements. At the concert, the professors played parts three and four: the "Menuet" and the "Ballet."

While there is still a considerable amount of time before the professors show off their skills again, students will have another professional performance to look forward to in 2023.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Look within yourself this week, a lot of the daily stresses will require strong mental clarity. Although it is now your season, that doesn't mean this will be an easy one.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): A strong sense of community starts this week. New friendships may begin and current relationships will only strengthen.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): A lot of opportunities are beginning to show themselves, Aries. Be wary as to not overextend yourself in the many events you are part of.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Taking charge of the pack is something you are no stranger to. This week takes this to new levels.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Inner beauty shines bright this week and allows for much more. The sky is the limit in terms of what you can do, how you go about it and how good you look while doing it.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): A good balance is needed this week. Your current and future plans will begin to clash and a priority will need to be made. Be prepared.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You've been far too focused on the route you've been on. This week try to find a different road to your end destination.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Although distractions may be running rampant right now, your perseverance reigns supreme this week, Virgo.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Help is on its way this week, Libra. Whether it is a guiding light toward your destination or more of some hands-on assistance, take the opportunity to let that help come to you.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Your efforts are starting to pay off. All your work to get people to understand your point of view is coming to fruition.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Financial stability is coming up on the horizon. Unforeseen circumstances have been testing it lately, but these things are finally going to calm down.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Progress is booming for you this week, Capricorn. Be sure to reward yourself generously for getting things done.

SPB prepares for Glow Casino Night

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Communications Manager

The Doane Student Programming Board (SPB) is hosting a Glow Casino Night Event on Jan. 27 in Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art Building from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. SPB is advertising \$1,000 in prizes, and all students are invited to attend this free event.

At the event, there are going to be multiple casino games such as black jack, roulette and craps. New to this year, SPB is also adding carnival-style games for students to play.

Sophomore Kam Plock is looking forward to this event due to the prizes and positive environment that she remembers from the previous year.

"I'd encourage people to go because it kind of feels like a party. Normally school events are kind of boring, but there's a few each year that I really want to go to," Plock said.

Similarly, senior Alexa Thompson has gone to the event in the past and is planning to attend. Thompson recalls spending time with friends and trying to win as many tickets as she could to enter the raffle drawings.

"I think the event gives students something fun to do outside of their rooms. Even if they aren't a big fan of gambling, it can be fun to hang out and chat



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with people and maybe win some cool prizes," Thompson added.

Unlike Plock and Thompson, junior Olivia McBeth is planning to attend the event for the first time. McBeth was unable to attend in previous years due to work commitments and wishes she could have. McBeth is in-

trigued by the glow-in-the-dark and social aspects of the event.

"I encourage other students to go because you'll never know when you will have the opportunity to attend something fun. College goes by really fast, so try to soak up [as much] campus involvement as you can," McBeth said.

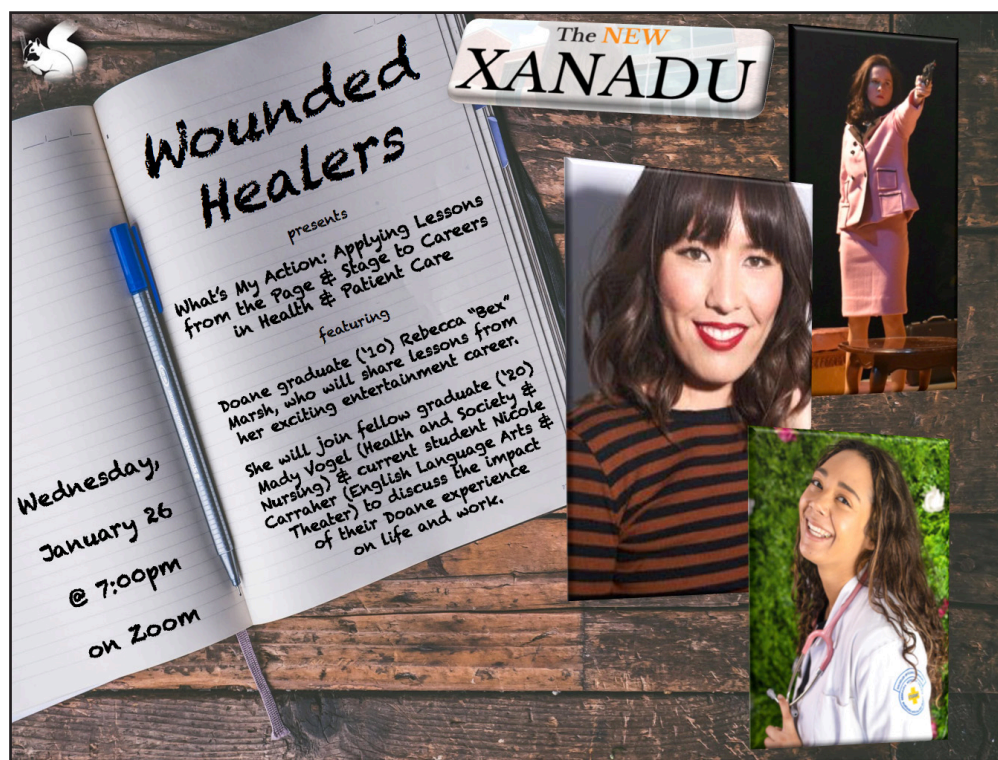
Wounded Healers hosts Doane alumni

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

The New Xanadu and Wounded Healers will host "What's My Action: Applying Lessons from the Page & Stage to Careers in Health & Patient Care" on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. over Zoom. This event is open to all students and staff.

Wounded Healers is an opportunity for students to evaluate the weight of Doane experiences as they start their future careers. This forum will feature a handful of recent Doane alumni sharing stories about life after Doane.

Alumni featured include Rebecca "Bex" Marsh ('10), Mady Vogel



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('20) and current junior Nicole Carraher. The two alumni have careers in

the entertainment industry out of Los Angeles and in the medical field

in Omaha, respectively. Students will be able to interact with these

working professionals by asking various questions about their careers and navigating through steps after graduation.

"Students can expect to hear from successful alumni who were in their place just a few years ago. Both have important tips and lessons to share about how experiences at Doane, both in and out of the classroom, have enabled them to be successful and resilient through the ups and downs of life and work," Professor of English Phil Weitl said.

Weitl is the Director of The New Xanadu and creator of the Wounded Healers forum.

Weitl explained that this forum has the goal of getting students to share stories about their marketable Doane experi-

ences and ask future-oriented questions about careers, alongside healing through conversation.

"President Hughes is absolutely right when he says Doane needs to tell a better story about itself. Similarly, our students need to learn how to tell the best story about themselves and their Doane experience. This experience is marketable and valuable to employers, and students don't have to take my word for it. The data shows it," Weitl added.

Students with questions regarding this event and future Wounded Healers conversations can contact Weitl at philip.weitl@doane.edu.

Band tour postponed due to COVID-19

Band students still hope to travel during spring break

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

The Doane Concert Band had planned on having their annual tour to various schools in Chicago and nearby areas this week. However, due to caution from Doane and the rise in COVID-19 cases, Band Director Jay Gilbert called the tour off.

It became a big risk to travel across states with

the high transmission of the Omicron variant and the recent rise in cases on campus and in the community.

The goal right now is to be able to reschedule the trip to Chicago and many of the activities during the week of spring break. However, the band would not be able to per-

form for many of the schools as they had originally intended.

"I am disappointed that we won't get a chance to go to all of these schools and show them 'this is Doane.' A big part of the tour is playing for schools, so it's sad we won't get to do that, but I understand," junior Erik

Rodriguez said.

There are still many unknowns for this rescheduled tour. It is highly dependent on the COVID-19 situation at the time and the response from the schools involved.

The band tour home concert has also been impacted, as it has moved

to Jan. 30 at 3 p.m. in Heckman Auditorium. All students are invited to attend.

As of this publication, the upcoming Doane Choir tour to Minnesota starting on Feb. 9, is continuing as scheduled.

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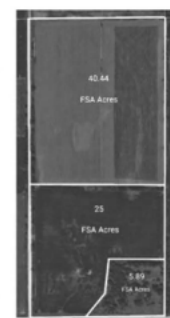
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Stay safe but social on campus

Though COVID-19 cases have been on the rise and it becomes increasingly unsafe to attend events in the community, groups such as the Student Programming Board have been working to create on-campus events.

These on-campus events such as the upcoming Glow Casino and the Indie Movie Night are great opportunities to get out and stay social.

One of the biggest chal-

lenges posed by the pandemic is the constant isolation. While staying away from people can be important to stay safe, it is also important for your mental health to get out and socialize.

Socializing at on-campus events provides the best of both worlds, as these are people that students are already having contact with through required classes. By attending these on-campus events,

students are staying in their germ-pools but still getting involved.

When attending these on-campus events, make sure to follow guidelines set by Doane including masking and social distancing when appropriate.

Going to events in the community, especially large gatherings, poses large risks not only to those involved but to the Doane community as

well.

As it is well known, the Omicron variant is more transmissible, meaning that going to off-campus large gatherings could be highly unsafe in terms of COVID-19.

Students in need of social interaction should be sure to check out the events going on within the Doane community. This allows students to stay safe, get involved and potentially meet new people.

Hot takes; it's a-party, Mario

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

The Hot Takes for this week is going to focus on that big goofy Italian plumber. You know him, you love him, it's-a Mario (specifically Mario Party games).

For those who don't know, Mario Party is a series of games that let you play as select characters from the Mario franchise and your goal is to get more stars than your opponents. You get stars by using coins (which are rewarded for winning minigames, landing on special spaces, etc.) and the whole game is essentially an electronic cross between "Sorry," "Monopoly," "Life" and probably some other games too.

Each game is graded based on criteria that is at the core of every Mario Party game. These are gameplay, minigames, competitiveness and style.

Gameplay is the most important and is essentially how easy the game is to pick up and play if you've never played it before and how intuitive the controls are.

The second most important factor (not by much though) is the minigames; if they are all fun and unique, the game scores more points than one that has doo-doo minigames.

Next is competitiveness which is basically how the game balances things so that



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no one player is overly ahead or behind the rest. If there are mechanics that balance the game for everyone and allow actual competition, the game gets points, simple as that.

The final criteria and the least impactful on a game's score is style. If the game feels like a Mario Party and has all the aesthetics and sound design that you expect, then it receives points.

S Tier - These games are really the only ones that are worth buying because they set the standard for what Mario Party games should be.

A Tier - While not as good overall as the ones above, there is still a lot to love about these games and they are worthy alternatives.

B Tier - These games just kind of exist; there isn't enough there for them to be

remembered fondly or negatively so they are the border between the good games and the bad games.

C Tier - These games aren't so much Mario Parties as they are Mario Snooze-Fests. There isn't really a good reason why these games should be played because there are so many other games that are better.

F Tier - If you unironically like any of the games here then there is no hope for you.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Mario Party Superstars, Mario Party 2, Mario Party 3

A Tier: (Second Best)-

Mario Party 4, Mario Party 7, Mario Party 6

B Tier: (Average)- Super Mario Party, Mario Party 5, Mario Party

C Tier: (Below Average)- Mario Party 8, Mario Party DS

F Tier: (Garbage)- Mario Party 9, Mario Party 10

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!

A week made of small wins



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

The whole mental health thing has not been fantastic this semester. And I know I'm not the only one struggling.

On top of classwork, we all have clubs, jobs, meetings, other responsibilities and any other possible combination. Normally, I would go for an uplifting message, but sometimes that just isn't reality.

This week is going to be about small wins. Eating three meals a day, going to bed at a reasonable time, finishing homework by the due dates.

Reality can't be put inside of a nice little box covered in cliché messages; sometimes it's ugly, and that's okay.

I have meetings almost everyday this week, assignments due, events to attend, meetings to run and Lord knows what else. So it's a passing-by week for me.

No one can do everything all at once. There's no point in ignoring that truth of life because it will continue to cycle around and around. I'm sure I could come up with some momentarily life-changing advice, but I quite honestly don't have it in me this week.

All too often issues are ignored or pushed aside because they aren't physically obvious which is why I am being as transparent about this as I feel comfortable with. There's nothing wrong with daily struggles, even weekly, monthly or yearly struggles. It is what it is.

If I can find time to go see my cat this week, I will consider it a win. I don't need to accomplish everything perfectly, and I also don't need to explain that to anyone. As long as I feel satisfied with what I get done in a given day, I will be happy.

And sometimes that's all that you can do. So, if you're



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in the same boat as me this week, don't sweat it too much. We're all going to mess up; we're going to go to bed too late and push ourselves too hard. Just make sure you are being reasonable with yourself.

It took me a long time to learn how to set realistic goals when I get in a rut like this, and I don't expect anyone to figure it out in a

week's worth of time, but give it a try.

If you happen to follow me on social media and see a picture of my cat, just know that my single wish for the week worked out. It might be a silly goal, but it's alright as long as it makes me feel better because sometimes that's all that you can do.

Satire used to promote global change



MATTHEW MITTLIEDER
Staff Writer

“Don’t Look Up” is a film released last month and has gotten some controversial reception for its satirical take on what the end of the world might look like, particularly in modern day America.

The film follows two astronomers, played by Jennifer Lawrence and Leonardo Dicaprio, as they discover a massive comet heading directly towards Earth with the capacity for an extinction-level event that would wipe out humanity and all life on the planet.

They then team up with the head of the Planetary Defense Coordination Office (which is a real thing) and attempt to not only convince the people of the world to

do something about the comet, but to even believe that the comet exists and that they are all going to die.

Personally, I found the film to be very cynical, but overall a pretty accurate portrayal of the apathetic reactions the world (especially America) has towards important, global issues. There are countless references and representations of real world events that are satirized, even relating to the pandemic.

However, the comet headed for Earth is clearly meant to be an allegory for the coming climate crisis and the inaction and lack of concern from critical countries around the world. The film pokes fun at how poorly humanity has made long-term decisions for its future, and how instead its focus is on short-term gains that end up only benefiting the rich and powerful.

There’s an underlying sense of urgency that something needs to be done throughout the film, only for nothing to change as people get caught up in their own desires and ideologies. It shows in a more succinct time frame and dramatic fashion how something like climate change

could destroy our planet, and how even with the ability to prevent the disasters that are coming, many people would rather brush it off and ignore the problem until it’s too late.

Throughout the film there are characters that allude to a number of real people, including Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg, Jay Z and Beyonce, Ariana Grande (who is ironically in the movie, essentially playing a caricature of herself), Donald Trump, Megyn Kelly and a number of others. It often felt like looking into an alternate reality of politicians, scientists, celebrities, corporations, social media and press companies with just a few small changes.

Through these characters, as well as the representation of the arrogant and shortsighted mentality of the United States, the film ridicules the entire system that has made modern America such a laughingstock to the world. It also emphasizes how certain key figures in the world could potentially doom us all with their own selfish intentions or agendas.

The humor of many of the situations spoke for itself, but there were a

couple of comedic relief characters and moments that felt a bit egregious; however, considering they were actually mostly funny and still realistic, it countered well enough to the dark tone and was tolerable.

Overall, the film had a pessimistic and grim, yet vibrant and humorous outlook on what an apocalyptic end of times would look like. There were several moments where it hit a little too close to home with what was being portrayed, but that was really the point of it all.

Although it was depressing seeing events that have actually happened (or will happen) in real life, the movie did a good job of satirizing and calling out humanity for our current failings when it comes to global issues, particularly climate change.



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Robbed of a win



JOHN DAWES
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the NFL held the Divisional Round to its yearly playoff format.

In a single-elimination game, the Los Angeles Rams, San Francisco 49er’s and Cincinnati Bengals all won on last-second field goals to move past teams they were favored to lose against.

While each game was memorable and exciting to watch, they all fell short of the pure excitement of the Buffalo Bills playing the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday. The game had an epic quarterback duel of Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes, both throwing over 300 yards, running over 60 yards and throwing three or more touchdowns.

The Chiefs offense, led

by former league MVP Mahomes, tied the game in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter, sending the game into overtime. The playoff game continued the ecstatic trend of ending in a walk-off like every other game this weekend, but it ended in controversy due to the NFL’s poor overtime rules.

The NFL’s overtime rules are straightforward after a brief three-minute period, both teams meet in the middle of the field to flip a coin for possession of the ball just as they did to start the game. If a team scores a field goal, the opposing team gets a shot at responding with their own field goal to tie. However, if a team scores a touchdown, they win the game outright, and the opposing team doesn’t get possession of the ball.

This is precisely what happened to the Bills as they entered overtime. They lost the coin flip, and superstar quarterback Allen had to watch as Mahomes and the Chief’s offense scored without giving him the ability to respond with a touchdown.

Since the NFL changed its overtime rules in 2010, there have been 11 overtime games with these overtime rules. Of the 11 teams, the one who won the coin flip is

10-1, meaning winning the coin flip is essentially what decides the game.

The Chiefs are former victims of this overtime rule. In the 2018 playoffs, after losing to the New England Patriots on a walk-off overtime touchdown, they petitioned the NFL to change their rules so playoff teams can get an opportunity to respond with the ability to score a touchdown.

Allen and the Bills offense most likely would have put up a fight or possibly even have scored. But instead, Allen’s stellar play was halted because he lost a coin flip.

The NFL overtime rule can be fixed by simply allowing the opposing team to attempt a touch drive to score and extending the overtime period until one team scores without the other team doing so.

The NFL had possibly the greatest batch of playoff games in its over 100 years of existence this weekend, but the greatest game of all could’ve been even better if we allowed the Bills and Chiefs to continue playing instead of capping them with a lopsided rule. Not only were the players robbed of the opportunity to save their season, we, as fans, also missed out on even more great football.

Knowing someone



EMMA RYAN
Multimedia Coordinator

I’ve been thinking a lot lately about the fact that we are never really able to completely know someone. People often-times make decisions that shock even the people they were the closest to.

This thought eventually led me to ask myself why this is, and the only thing I could decipher is that maybe we can’t truly know ourselves.

If we aren’t able to 100 percent know who we are then how could we possibly know someone else when we can’t hear their subconscious. We are consciously aware of the situations we are currently in; however, we are constantly changing every day which is why we can’t know the future versions of ourselves.

Just for a second, ponder about the people you think you know the most. Maybe you said your parents or a best friend, but how long have you actually known them? Your parents have known you for the entirety of your life, but you have only known them for maybe half of theirs. The truth is, every person you have ever met conforms to a different version in your mind.

This train of thought is a spiraling rabbit hole filled with different scenarios and possibilities, but I think there is some

truth to the matter leading to the fact that we never truly know someone. If you think about it long enough, everything and everyone seems a little ominous.

I’m an art student, and when I’m in the studio, an absurd amount of thoughts run through my head in a matter of moments, and this was one of them. Sometimes these ideas lead me to think of ideas for compositions or help me find a deeper meaning in the project I am currently working on.

Something art has progressively pushed me to ask is, “why?” I think this cross-examination of ideas and situations has allowed my creativity to grow and help me to better understand the world around me.

...THUMBS UP

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

THUMBS DOWN...

Men's Basketball finds victory at home

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last weekend, the Men's Basketball team had two back-to-back home games on Friday



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Freshman Brady Timm takes the ball up strong against his defender.

and Saturday. Although the first game against Jamestown University would see the Tigers come up short of victory, the next day made up for it as they would go on to beat Dakota Wesleyan University.

Leading into these

last two games, the team had just won two close games, the final difference in scores being less than three points for each game. Senior Max Masin and the team were feeling very confident and were looking forward to continuing their success.

"This is just a small taste of what we want to continue doing during this last stretch of the regular season," Masin said. "The team is really working together and everything is coming into place."

Due to such skilled showings in both games, the team saw their first player since 2016 receive the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) recognition Player of the Week. Sophomore Josiah Gardiner received this recognition and helped his team find even more confidence in their performance.

"Josiah is an amazing player and such a great teammate; it is awesome

to see how much he has evolved within this year," Masin said. "I was pumped to find out he got this honor because he deserves it for how hard and physical he plays."

As if the team needed any other kind of confidence boost for these two games, both were being played at home, where the team could count on the support from their peers and the community.

"We love playing at home in front of our fans and student body," Masin said. "We have a lot of confidence playing in Haddix and are excited to have this opportunity to play back-to-back at home."

However, the team is careful not to get overzealous. As the season approaches the end, everyone is drilling the skills they will need to put themselves in an even better position.

"We have to execute on the court," Masin



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Senior Jaxon Harre floats in an easy and uncontested layup for his team against the University of Jamestown.

said. "We are a good team and are capable of being a great team when we play to our best and trust each other. We have a great team that has a

lot of potential."

Doane has one more home game this week on Jan. 29 against Midland University before heading on the road again.

Women's Basketball falls close twice

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Over the weekend, the Women's Basketball team picked up two more losses at home, continuing the current losing streak they seem to be on. Although they weren't able to secure any wins at home, there are still plenty of opportunities ahead of them to improve their record.

Going into this weekend of two home games, the team had to be prepared to play strong defense in order to have a chance at victory. These losses were not due to a

lack of preparation, as freshman Ava Kuhl and the rest of the team spent most of the time leading up to the games drilling this.

"As a team, we have really been working on playing good, sound team defense and being more aggressive," Kuhl said. "It was something that allowed us to win a lot of our early games, and we have been working in practice to help us win the rest of our games ahead."

After such a strong start to their season, the team knows they possess all the skills to get them

into the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) tournament. Freshman Nakaiya Kuskie and her teammates need to continue that strong performance fans saw early on in order to be in the best position possible.

"I know we haven't made it to the GPAC tournament in a while and starting the season off as strong as we did, we're really hoping to make it there," Kuskie said. "I would say the biggest pressures are just winning a couple more of those big games that'll allow us to make the

GPAC tournament."

While the team was not able to get the two wins they were hoping for, one of their teammates was able to get a great achievement. Freshman Mak Hatcliff set the freshman scoring record and, although it's her name in the record book, it could not have been achieved without the help of the rest of her team.

"It's really cool to see how many points [Hatcliff] has scored in every game, and it's really nice to see a freshman come in and have that big of an impact, especially for

all us freshman on the team that look up to her and how much she's really helped the program," Kuskie said. "Our coaches really emphasize that it is also really a team effort. We're getting her the ball and opportunities to do those kinds of things."

This achievement proved the team's cohesiveness and will help them prepare for what is left of their season. Even though the wins would have been a great addition to their record, the losses can also help their performances in the long run.

"We needed to win both the games this weekend to be in the best position possible, but even though we did not achieve that, we learned a lot from those games that can help us win the rest of the games this season," Kuhl said.

The Women's Basketball team will have their next opportunity to find success on the court in Omaha, Neb. when they face off against the College of Saint Mary on Jan. 26. They will then return home on Jan. 29 to take on Midland University.

Track and Field racks up qualifiers

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Editor-in-Chief

Doane Track and Field competed in the Prairie Wolf Invite on Jan. 21 in Lincoln and the Polar Dog Invite on Jan. 22 in Seward. Members of both the Men's and Women's teams reached qualifying marks at the meets.

On Friday, freshman Lindsay Adams was the only athlete to rake in an NAIA qualifying mark.

Adams competed in the 60m hurdles with a personal best time of 9.05.

Sophomore Nicole Harms finished fifth in the 60m hurdles with a time of 9.34.

Both Adams and Harms also competed in the 200m dash; Adams finished fourth (26.38), and Harms came in eighth (26.83). Senior Annika Pingel completed and won the 800m run with 2:17.46.

On the Men's side, junior Aidan Whee-

lock came in second at 1:58.35 in the 800m, and fellow junior Kalen Dockweiler also finished second in the 1000m at 2:32.28.

The 4x400m relay team won their event, clocking in at 3:21.26. The team was composed of sophomore Chris Vincent, junior Jordan Tasler, senior Logan Hammond and sophomore Zach Turner.

Saturday proved to be an exceptionally fruitful day for the Track and

Field teams, returning home with six NAIA qualifying marks and seven event wins.

On the Men's side, Dockweiler competed in the mile run, and after a time conversion, Dockweiler earned an automatic NAIA qualifying mark at 4:15.40. In the 60m hurdles, sophomore Zach Turner also met the automatic NAIA qualifying time in his event with 8.12 seconds.

The Men also raked in two qualifiers on the

field, with senior Matthew Campbell winning the weight throw with a distance of 19.12m, and sophomore Luke Partridge throwing 17.43m in the weight throw, improving his NAIA qualification mark.

Campbell also met the provisional qualifying mark in shot put with 15.66m. Wheelock won the 600m with 1:23.02, and freshman JaDae Moore won the 60m dash (7.02) and the 200m dash (22.73).

The Women's team saw two athletes meet NAIA qualifying standards. Senior Annika Pingel hit the mark after a time conversion at 1:37.41 in the 600m run. Fellow senior Allison Skala took over the top NAIA spot in shot put with a throw of 13.89m.

The Track and Field teams will be back in action at home on Jan. 29 for the Fred Beile Classic.

Cheer and Dance teams ready to compete

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Sports Editor

This week, the Cheer and Dance teams will have their first opportunity to perform in a competition at home. The team will compete against Concordia University in this first match-up of the season.

With this being the first competition of the season for both the Cheer and Dance teams, the team has been practicing around the clock to perfect their routines. Senior Brianna Ingalls and the team are looking forward to displaying their hard work.

"We're feeling anxious but definitely super excited," Ingalls said. "We've put in a lot of work in the month of January to perfect everything and make changes, but we are very ready to come back this season and strive."

During all this time to prepare, there have been several changes and bumps in the road. However, the team has not let it affect the effort they put into each practice and the confidence they put in their coaches.

"We have had some ups and downs when it has come to the routine, with adding and taking people out, but ultimate-

ly, we have to trust Coach Ashley [Lyon] and her decisions for the team," Ingalls said.

Because the team has put so much dedication into their performance before this competition, they are expecting to perform to the highest standards. With all the excitement leading up to this, the team is looking forward to showing all their work.

"I think what I would like to see personally is for us to hit every stunt and keep our energy up through the entire routine every time we perform," Ingalls said. "Energy is extremely

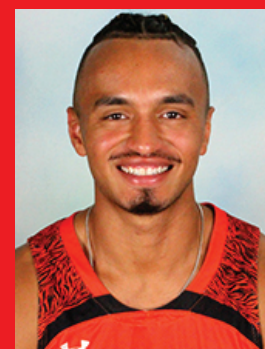
important in cheer and showing the judges that we can keep the stamina and energy really is what Doane Cheer is good at."

Despite the pressure that may come from looking at their first performance, the team is looking forward to finally showing off everything they have achieved. With several new members, everyone is excited about seeing their results.

"I'm just ultimately looking forward to giving the freshman that atmosphere and the opportunity," Ingalls said. "I'm also really excited to see this year's team perform for the first time."

The team will compete again on Feb. 4 at home in the annual Doane Invitational.

Athlete of the Week



Anthony Laravie
Men's Basketball

led the team with 24 points and made 6-of-9 shots from behind the arc in the game against Dakota Wesleyan.



Scoreboard Snapshot

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 21 @ HOME

5:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

JIMMIES
84-90

January 22 @ HOME

2:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

DWU
82-86

MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 21 @ HOME

6:45 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

JIMMIES
66-73

January 22 @ HOME

3:45 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
58-52

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 21 @ LINCOLN, NEB.

12:00 PRAIRIE WOLF INVITE

1 NAIA QUALIFIER

January 22 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 POLAR DOG INVITE

2 NAIA QUALIFIERS

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

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0 NAIA QUALIFIERS

January 22 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 POLAR DOG INVITE

4 NAIA QUALIFIERS

Next week for Tiger Athletics

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 29 @ HOME

11:00 FRED BEILE CLASSIC

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

January 29 @ HOME

11:00 FRED BEILE CLASSIC

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 26 @ OMAHA, NEB.

6:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

January 29 @ HOME

2:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 29 @ HOME

3:45 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

CHEER & DANCE

January 27 @ HOME

7:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY and COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

WRESTLING

January 29 @ SIOUX CITY, I.A.

11:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

12:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

1:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

