

# the doane OWL

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Men's Basketball play against Hastings and Northwestern College. See Page 9 for more.

## SCOTUS Justice to retire

Biden looking at several replacements

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

United States Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is retiring after serving more than 20

years on the court. Breyer's decision to retire is a relief to liberal Democrats, as this could allow President Joe Biden to elect someone with more liberal views.

After former President Donald Trump seated three Supreme Court Justices, a handful of liberal groups publicly urged Breyer to retire.

However, in an interview with NPR, Breyer stated his decision on when to retire "has many complex parts to it. I think I am aware of most

of them and will consider them."

Having served on the Supreme Court of the United States (S.C.O.T.U.S.) for 27 years, the 83-year-old Justice decided it was his time to retire, stating he does "not want to stay on the Supreme Court until I die."

During his time as a Supreme Court Justice, he wrote the court's decision nullifying a challenge to the Affordable Care Act for a third time, the court's abortion de-

cision striking down a Texas law and the court's decision expanding free speech rights for students, among other things.

While it is unknown who Biden will pick to replace Breyer, according to NPR, Biden intends to nominate a black woman to the court. Should he follow through with this, whoever he nominates will be the first black woman in history to be seated in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Currently, the two leading contenders are

federal Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson and California Supreme Court Justice Leandra Kruger.

Jackson was originally one of the candidates on former President Barack Obama's list for the Supreme Court in 2016. Kruger served as an assistant and then deputy solicitor general in both Democratic and Republican administrations before being nominated to California's highest court.

According to CNN, White House press secre-

tary Jen Psaki states Vice President Kamala Harris will play a "central role" in deliberations about choosing the next Justice. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer stated that whoever Biden nominates to the court will be confirmed with "all deliberate speed."

There are no further updates as of this publication.

## MindExpo celebrates learning

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

Doane's annual MindExpo will be on April 21 this year. It is currently planned to be in-person with a virtual option for the poster segment of the event.

The posters are planned to be displayed in Nyrop Hall within Perry Campus Center. Presentations are set to be done in the rooms adjacent to the cafeteria.

Online Learning Librarian and Chair of the Experiential Opportunities Committee Cali Biaggi works to plan MindExpo since she began at her position in 2019.

"MindExpo is a research symposium for undergrads at Doane, and it's meant to just celebrate and showcase all of the hard work that Doane students do," Biaggi said.

Biaggi estimates that in any given year, around 50 posters are presented and 20 oral presentations are given; however, both projects can include multiple students, so she be-

lieves over 100 students participate each year.

In 2019, MindExpo was open to the public, but with COVID-19, the 2020 event was canceled. For 2021, the showcase was moved to a virtual format, giving students the opportunity to present their work for the community and beyond.

"2021 was virtual and that was actually really nice to have that virtual because I think students' families actually attended also," Biaggi said. "So that was actually a really cool and unexpected benefit of making it online."

While many people were able to attend last year that would have otherwise been unable to, MindExpo does not receive much advertisement to the general public. Biaggi says the event is open to the public if they would like to attend, but not many people outside of Doane attend because of the lack of advertising.

Biaggi encourages students to attend the event in April even if they are not presenting.

"The whole point of the liberal arts is to get exposure to different fields of knowledge, so what better way to do that than

get to see what your peers are working on in different majors," Biaggi said.

MindExpo allows students from all fields of study to showcase their work to the greater community, and Biaggi said she is "consistently so impressed" with students' work regardless of their major.

"I would say my favorite part is really hearing about the work that Doane students are doing," Biaggi shared. "I'm a librarian, so research is like my thing, and hearing the kinds of research that students are doing is just fascinating."

This annual event provides students with the unique opportunity to explore topics in fields outside of their major. Students are able to learn, support their peers and discover new information that they can potentially apply to their future careers at MindExpo.

Biaggi said she would like students to walk away from the event with curiosity, "maybe a little bit of empathy [and] maybe just a little bit of an expanded understanding of the world."

While the event is centered around research, it

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also supports desires to be exposed to topics that one would normally not be exposed to.

"I mean, I don't leave with complex knowledge about things, but just knowing a little something new is always good," Biaggi said.

All Doane students are welcome to attend and participate in MindExpo. It has historically been centered around the sciences, but Biaggi wants students to know that anyone can present or make a poster to display.

"I want to encourage

students from disciplines other than the sciences to consider presenting," Biaggi said. "It is always very science heavy which is great, but it is open to all students."

## Weekly Nebraska COVID update

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

The level of community transmission remains high for Saline County. As of Jan. 28, Doane has 15 current cases of COVID-19, making a cumulative total of 91 cases throughout the semester so far. The Doane Crete campus is currently reporting all 15 active cases while the Doane Lincoln

and Omaha campuses are reporting none.

Saline County has reported 74 total cases of COVID-19 and 4 new hospital admissions due to COVID-19 within the last seven days, as of Feb. 7. There are 59.5 percent of the population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County that have been fully vaccinated, marking 51 percent of Saline County's population as fully vaccinated.

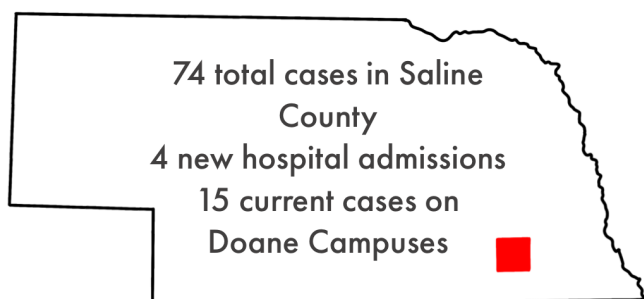
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Directed Health Measure (DHM) includes a mask mandate in effect from Jan. 15 through Feb. 11. After this time period is up, the mandate will be reevaluated based on current local COVID-19 case numbers and the level of community transmission for Lancaster 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. Although mask requirements are different from place to place, the CDC urges individuals to follow local accordances and guidance in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

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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# UNL updating mascot

Hand gesture changed from "OK" to "we're #1"

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) has updated their mascot, Herbie Husker, in order to curb controversy about the hand gesture which has been argued to be associated with white supremacy.

Herbie Husker is now pictured with the index finger raised, indicating that "we're #1," instead of the original "OK" symbol.

According to CBS News, UNL has been working on the mascot's change since 2020, and the university has updated

ed their policy to only allow the new mascot's image to be sold under license.

The Anti-Defamation League listed the "OK" gesture as a hate symbol after 4chan website users began using it as a trolling tactic.

"By 2019, the symbol was being used in some circles as a sincere expression of white supremacy," the Anti-Defamation League stated in a Sept. 26, 2019 press release.

UNL's decision has been met with mixed reactions, with some fully supporting the decision and others, like senior Kiersten Dose, not understanding why Herbie had to be changed.

"My thoughts regarding the symbols used by Herbie Husker seem irrelevant when relating to the celebration of Husker football," Dose said. "As long as Herbie expresses his reasoning for his actions and nonverbal communication used, I think his actions are validated and can be expressed freely, as it is part of our first amendment right."

Junior Stephen MacNeal shared Dose's perspective, not understanding why Herbie was

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Jameson Officer-Thurston Senior

changed.

"I think they shouldn't change it because they are not trying to support white supremacists, they are just using it as a hand gesture," MacNeal said.

Many are in support of the change, though, even if the symbol has not been personally received as offensive.

"I think it's nice that they're being considerate that it could be an offensive sign and making a change," senior Jameson Officer-Thurston said. "I never really see that as white power, I've always just seen it as an 'ok' symbol."



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Officer-Thurston went on to say that this preventative measure is most likely in the university's best interest in terms of mitigating the implications of the original gesture.

Moving forward, images of Herbie Husker will only be sold on merchandise and printed with the new design.

# Storm hits East Coast

Winter conditions bury 10 states in ice and snow

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

A large portion of the United States' East Coast was hit with hurricane-force wind gusts and heavy snow in the final days of January.

According to The Guardian, the storm hit areas of 10 states and blizzard warnings were issued from Virginia to Maine. Based on state and area populations, roughly 75 million people were in the storm's path and received varying levels of wind, snow, ice, etc. In Massachusetts, winds as high as 83 miles per hour were recorded,



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and places like New Jersey and Philadelphia received large amounts of snowfall.

New York and Massachusetts were hit with heavy snow, coastal flooding and blizzard conditions.

According to atmospheric researchers, the warming ocean waters most likely influenced the strength of the storm.

Jason Furtado, a meteorology professor at the

University of Oklahoma, stated that warmer oceans "are certainly playing a role in the strengthening of the storm system and increased moisture available for the storm, but it isn't the only thing [causing the storm]."

On Jan. 30, the East Coast experienced drastic drops in temperatures as the snow and ice covered parts of various states.

Areas in Massachusetts were hit by the brunt

of the storm, with places reporting upwards of 30 inches of snow and hundreds of thousands losing power.

According to the BBC, the National Weather Service confirmed on Jan. 29 that the storm had undergone bombogenesis. Bombogenesis occurs when the colder air mixes with the warmer sea air, leading to a swift drop in atmospheric pressure which results in a bomb

cyclone.

While the storm has passed, other areas of the country are expected to see changes in temperature. Florida, known for its mild winters, is expected to receive some of its coldest temperatures in years.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

# New Omicron variant sighted

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

According to Bloomberg, a new, previously deemed unimportant, variant stemming from the Omicron COVID-19 variant has begun spreading around the world.

All forms and strains

of the Omicron variant have already been noted to not cause as severe an illness as prior variants. As of now, it appears that the "BA.2" Omicron variant is the same and does not cause any more severe disease and should still be covered by current vaccines and booster shots.

Even with that said, scientists around the world are still currently studying the variant, trying to learn as much about it as possible to combat it before another variant springs up.

This variant spiked in

Denmark in late December and has led multiple scientists to believe that the variant is likely to be more transmissible than its predecessor. Fortunately, there have not been any unexpected rises in hospitalizations.

According to NPR, BA.2 has already been detected within a few states in the United States, including California, Texas and Washington. For the U.S., this could possibly rollback the progress seen in states that have already somewhat controlled the Omicron surge.

Seeing as how this

variant has likely been around since the beginning of January and signs are only now pointing to the variant, it is unlikely for there to be any serious spikes in hospitalizations if a new surge were to happen.

As more information about the variant is understood, this situation could change. For now, it is important to keep watch and continue adhering to the COVID-19 policies set in place.

No further updates have been released at the time of this publication.

## This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

2/9



High: 54

Low: 24

Thursday

2/10



High: 54

Low: 40

Friday

2/11



High: 53

Low: 14

Saturday

2/12



High: 38

Low: 22

Sunday

2/13



High: 54

Low: 26

Monday

2/14



High: 52

Low: 30

Tuesday

2/15



High: 54

Low: 26

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# Brady announces NFL retirement

Brady says it is time to focus on things outside of NFL

**MATTHEW MITTLIEDER**  
Staff Writer

Last week Tom Brady announced that he would officially be retiring after a 22-season career. There was some initial confusion, as ESPN announced he would be retiring this year before it had been confirmed by Brady or his representatives.

The frenzy came after ESPN reported on his departure on Jan. 29., only to be debunked by his father Tom Brady Sr. and his agent Don Yee. The pair released a statement

saying Brady alone would announce the details of his future plans. Brady then commented that he was taking his time and “still going through the process” of making a decision about his future.

However, Brady released a message on his Instagram the next day announcing his official retirement from the NFL.

“I have always believed the sport of football is an ‘all-in’ proposition if a 100% competitive commitment isn’t there, you won’t succeed, and success is what I love so much about our game,” Brady said on his Instagram. “There is a physical, mental and emotional challenge EVERY single day that has allowed me to maximize my highest potential. And I have tried my very best these past 22 years. There are no shortcuts to success on the field or in life.”

He continued by saying it was a difficult decision, but he is “not going to make that competitive commitment anymore” and that it’s now time for him to focus on other things outside of his NFL career.

Brady also addressed many of his fans and supporters throughout his career as well as his current teammates.

“To my Bucs teammates the past two years, I love you guys, and I have loved going to battle with you,” Brady said. “I am always here for you guys and want to see you continue to push yourselves to be your best. I couldn’t be happier with what we accomplished together.”

Brady has stated several times in the past that he wanted to play until he was 45 years old, but on his “Let’s Go!” podcast with Jim Gray in late



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January, he spoke about spending more time with his wife, supermodel Gisele Bündchen, and three children.

At the age of 44, Tom Brady has made it to the Super Bowl a total of ten times, winning six championships with the New England Patriots and his seventh win last

year with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He also has a record five Super Bowl MVP awards and was considered by many to have one of the greatest careers in NFL history.

“Tom Brady will be remembered as one of the greatest to ever play in the NFL,” NFL Commissioner Roger Good-

ell said in a statement. “An incredible competitor and leader, his stellar career is remarkable for its longevity but also for the sustained excellence he displayed year after year. We thank him for his many contributions to our game and wish Tom and his family all the best in the future.”



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## New regulation for CDL applicants

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), new Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations are being set in place for new Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and other forms of driver’s license applicants.

This new training regulation is set in place in order to promote safety on the highways around the country and will take effect beginning on Feb. 7.

Applicants who will need to undergo training will be those applying for Class A or Class B CDL’s for the first time, those who wish to upgrade an existing Class B CDL to

a Class A CDL and those who wish to obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P) or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

This training regulation, however, is not retroactive. This means that anyone who has already been issued a CDL, class S, P or H endorsement before Feb. 7 will not be required to complete training for the respective CDL or endorsement they have.

Additionally, anyone who receives a Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) before Feb. 7 and receives their CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires will not be subject to the ELDT requirements.

The President and CEO of the Nebraska

Trucking Association, Kent Grisham, has said that he understands and supports the need for safer highways, but that this new regulation will have a big impact on every entry-level driver looking for their CDL. This coming at a time when the country is seeing a shortage of truck drivers.

“This isn’t about the commercial truck driver who [is] hauling freight down the highway from state to state. This is about the school districts who have to have school bus operators, this is about refuse companies, the ones who are collecting your trash,” Grisham said.

For Nebraska specifically, the issue lies in the amount of instruction sites in the state, which officials report to be not enough for the current amount of people seeking these types of licenses.

In order to help those applying for a CDL, the Nebraska Trucking Association has set up a website at [nebratrucking.com](http://nebratrucking.com) that offers a theory portion of the CDL exam online.

## Disney redesigns Minnie Mouse

Minnie Mouse gets redesign for Women’s History Month

**ERIN BURKE**  
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Over the past century, people around the globe have looked to an iconic figure for fashion ideas and Halloween costumes: Minnie Mouse. Since her release to the world in September of 1929 and her redesign in 1940, Minnie Mouse has been seen as a fashion icon and a role model for young people everywhere.

With the new year came a new design for the mouse. On Jan. 31, Disney announced that Minnie Mouse would be having a temporary outfit change starting on March 6, 2022 to celebrate Women’s History Month and the 30th Anniversary of Disneyland Paris.

Instead of the classic red dress with white polka dots and yellow shoes, Minnie can be seen wearing a “bespoke blue tuxedo with black polka dots and matching bow,” according to an article from CNN.

The outfit was designed by British designer and daughter of The



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Beatles member Paul McCartney, Stella McCartney.

“McCartney was chosen because of her ‘legacy of female leadership’ as well as her commitment to sustainability,” Disney explained in a press release on Jan. 31.

The pantsuit was chosen as a nod to the women’s movement that started in the 1930s known as the “Pantsuit Movement.” The pantsuit was seen as a symbol of male power until the 1930s when women began wearing pantsuits to “impersonate” a man, but until the 1950s, women could still be arrested for wearing a pantsuit in public.

In 1993, women were finally allowed to wear the suit on the Senate floor when Senators Carol Moseley-Braun and Barbara Mikulski broke Senate rules and changed the dress code, explained Forbes.

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Candace Owens  
Author

While the look is only temporary for the month of March, the change has faced backlash with critics claiming Disney is changing Minnie and becoming too political.

“They’re making her more masculine... it will destroy fabrics of our society,” author Candace Owens said on “Jesse Watters Primetime.”

Despite criticism, Disney is excited to show the new outfit starting March 6, 2022.

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## Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Jan. 30 through Feb. 6 include:

- 02/03 **Disturbance** - Campus Property: Doane Crete



# Housing applications to open soon

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

As students get farther along into the semester, it is important to start thinking about housing for next semester for those who are not graduating.

For students who plan on living on-campus in the Fall, applications open March 1 and must be filled out before they close on April 4.

Housing selection will then take place between April 12 and 14. The selection dates and times are based on the number of credits earned. Rising seniors who have earned 60 or more credits will select first on April 12.

Rising juniors who have completed between 30 and 59 credits will select housing next on April 13.

Finally, rising sophomores who have earned between 1 and 29 credits will select housing on April 14.

Students who did not complete their applica-

tion in time will be able to select on April 15.

Before housing selection, it is important for students to preview where they may want to live based on their number of roommates and preferences. Students can find floor plans for each residence hall on eRezLife under the "Bulletins and Resources" tab, according to an email sent out to all students from Doane Residential Life and Education (ResLife).

On their eRezLife portal, students can preview available rooms and select some as favorites.

After applications have been filled out and room possibilities have been previewed, students should check their email on April 8 for their housing selection day and time. The roommate who has the earliest day and time is recommended to select for the roommate group.

Any questions about on-campus housing can be directed to ResLife. Students can also attend

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- Applications open March 1 and close April 4
- Selection will be between April 12 and April 14
  - Rising seniors - April 12
  - Rising juniors - April 13
  - Rising sophomores - April 14

## OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

- Must qualify for an off-campus exemption
- Applications open Feb. 14 and close March 13
  - Application found on eRezLife

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ResLife office hours on March 17 to learn how to create a roommate group and on March 25 to learn how to view available

rooms.

There will also be information sessions students can attend for a chance to win the oppor-

tunity to select their housing first.

Students who plan to live off-campus must qualify for an off-cam-

pus exemption. Exemptions include academics if a student has earned 90 credits or an Associate's Degree by the end of the spring semester. Students who are commuting within 40 miles of their legal guardian's residence or who are studying abroad also qualify.

Students who are married or have a dependent child qualify. Student teachers with a placement outside of Crete may apply to the exemption. Past independent living experiences, military involvement or extenuating circumstances may apply as well.

The application to live off-campus can be found on eRezLife. It will open Feb. 14 and close March 13.

Even students who have been approved to live off-campus in the past will need to fill out the application and be approved again.

Students can direct questions to Doane-house@doane.edu.

# Doane Choir prepares for tour

**MATTHEW MITTLIEDER**  
Staff Writer

This week the Doane Choir will be going on their first tour in two years. Their first day they will be traveling to various schools around Nebraska, before ending at Wayne, Neb. for a joint concert with the Wayne State Choir.

The choir will then head up to Minnesota for an assortment of performances and activities. Venues include the

Mall of America, several churches and Roseville High School, where Choir Director Dr. Kurt Runestad previously taught.

Junior Sophia Coniglio talked about her experience going on tour her freshman year at the beginning of 2020.

"It was such an amazing experience for me," Coniglio said. "My favorite part was all the incredible spacing we had the opportunity to sing in. Some of the churches

were so gorgeous and allowed for such beautiful music to be made."

There is a wide variety of songs, from Renaissance to Jazz, that the Doane Choir plans to sing.

"Some big favorites are 'God is Seen,' arranged by Alice Parker and 'Uncolored Day,' arranged by Shawn Krichner," Coniglio said.

Doane Choir will not be the only group performing, as the male acapella group, DoubleWide,

and the jazz ensemble, Jazz Unlimited, will also be performing several of their tunes.

Going on tour is one way that the choir is able to draw more attention to Doane and the music program. The concert band was also planning on doing their own tour in Chicago this year but had to cancel many of their performances due to COVID-19 concerns.

"I think that by advertising that the choir and band get to travel

and share music it may interest more students to attend Doane," Coniglio said.

As for dealing with COVID-19 during the tour, the choir will be wearing masks the entire time they are traveling and performing, and they have acquired black N95s for everyone to wear, as well as an air purifier to use on the bus.

If someone in the choir does get sick, there will be a space for them to quarantine in the ho-

tels they are staying at before finding a ride back home to prevent them from spreading the illness to anyone else. There will also be multiple chaperones to help manage any COVID-19 situations that arise.

The Doane Choir will return from their 2022 tour at the end of this week and will have a home concert here at Doane. The concert begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13 in Heckman Auditorium.



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# President to be inaugurated

**SARAH DALY**  
Communications Manager

Doane President Dr. Roger Hughes will be inaugurated on April 30 at 10 a.m. in the George and Sally Haddix Athletic and Recreation Center. This celebration will be preceded by multiple events known as Building Leaders Week and the Doane Board of Trustees' annual spring meeting on April 28 and 29.

"There will be several leadership events

throughout the week for all members and friends of the Doane community, past and present, as well as prospective students," Executive Assistant to Hughes Jenei Skillet said.

Several speakers are being invited to campus during Building Leaders Week. The goal is to provide students, faculty, alumni and community members the opportunity to network with professionals. Potential session topics include Transformational Leadership,

Your Leadership Legacy, Building your Brand, Building a Team and Generational Leadership.

The Steering Committee is making plans for student involvement throughout the week. More information is to come.

Invitations will be dispersed into the Doane Community around the first week of March. Students with questions can consult the Doane website at <https://www.doane.edu/about-doane/offices/president>.

# The New Xanadu continues to grow

TNX takes submissions and creates new events

**ERIN BURKE**  
Staff Writer

Students and alumni may remember walking into the library looking for a book to read and stumbling across a small magazine full of fellow students' work including stories, poems and works of art. The magazine was called Xanadu.

Today, students will see the name published more regularly and not always in a magazine. In the fall of 2021, Doane's literary magazine, which has been around since 1957, experienced new sponsorship and with it, a new system of spreading students' work.

In 2021, Professor of English Phil Weitl became the new sponsor of Xanadu and was facing budget cuts with the prioritization process. At the beginning, the Xanadu

staff was looking to put the magazine completely online, but Weitl had other ideas and a new name in mind.

"With the website, it occurred to me that we had more than a magazine, we had a platform. Students always had interest beyond a magazine," Weitl said.

The staff began brainstorming ideas to bring in students, faculty and staff from outside of the English department. On Jan. 26, Xanadu hosted their first event as TNX, The New Xanadu. The event was named Wounded Healers with alumni guests including Rebecca Marsh (2010), Mady Vogel (2019) and junior Nicole Carraher to discuss "the impact of their Doane experience on life and work."

The campus can expect more events like Wounded Healers in the next few months with the Xanadu Fireside starting in March.

"Xanadu Fireside grew out of LAR-303 last fall," Weitl said. "Students sat around the fire and talked about life. Kind of like a 'Dead Poets Society' for the soul."

Do not let all of the

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Phil Weitl  
Professor of English

new events fool you into thinking TNX is moving away from literary work. TNX will be hosting Personal Statement picnics after Spring Break to provide support for anyone that needs help with applications.

Doane can also look for the latest edition of its literary magazine later in the spring. Students and faculty from all departments are encouraged to send in articles, stories, works of art or any work they want to share with the campus community.

"We are all interconnected and we are all eager to collaborate with each other," Weitl said.

With any questions, concerns or submissions, students can email Weitl at [philip.weitl@doane.edu](mailto:philip.weitl@doane.edu).



## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Reconnection may be just what you need this week. It has been a disorienting week to say the least, reconnecting with those you haven't talked with could prove beneficial.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Working through feelings and waiting around will only get you so far. Being able to talk about concerns or new beginnings for your relationships go a long way in how long they could last.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** You're beginning to try too hard in the things you're facing. This week, ease back and try not to control the uncontrollable, especially when it comes to your relationships with others.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Important times are in your forefront this week. Do not be afraid to seek out advice with such big decisions ahead of you.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Whether your relationships be platonic or romantic, reach out to those around you and you may just be surprised with where they go.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** It may be time for a mental break. A lot has been happening in your relationships. Take a step back and let things sort themselves out.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Although taking charge of relationships is something that comes as second nature, be careful with how you handle upcoming situations.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Be patient with those around you, as you never know just what they may be going through. Long-term relationships can be more important than short-term drama.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Small irritations seem to be getting the better of you lately. Be sure to think them through a little better.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Relationships seem to almost be the lowest on your list of priorities since a lot of daily work is eating away at your time. It is time to prioritize what matters most.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Ground yourself. Do not just run away from confrontation. A small reality check is sometimes needed to judge your relationships.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Take a step back. Breathe for a moment and look back at some of your previous work and see how stress affected it.

# Visiting artist shares knowledge

EMMA RYAN  
Staff Writer

Throughout the month of February, Doane University's Rall Gallery will be hosting visiting exhibition artist Lauren Woods. Woods has several paintings, drawings, digital prints and videos on display to the community and the public in the Rall Gallery until Feb. 28.

Woods received her Masters of Fine Arts in painting from the New York Academy of Art after completing her Bachelors in studio art at Spring Hill College. She is currently an assistant professor of art in the Department of Art and Art History at Auburn University, where she teaches both drawing and painting courses.

Her work is centered around the exploration of the concept of mythic time.

"Mythic time is broadly defined as a perpetual present outside of the linear perception of time, an abstract awareness where everything is eternally happening all at once," Woods' artist statement reads. "This holistic perception of time reclaims principles of intuition, unity and connection with natural cycles of transformation."

Woods' statement also addresses her perspective that mythic time can take almost any form. "Artworks envisioned in this

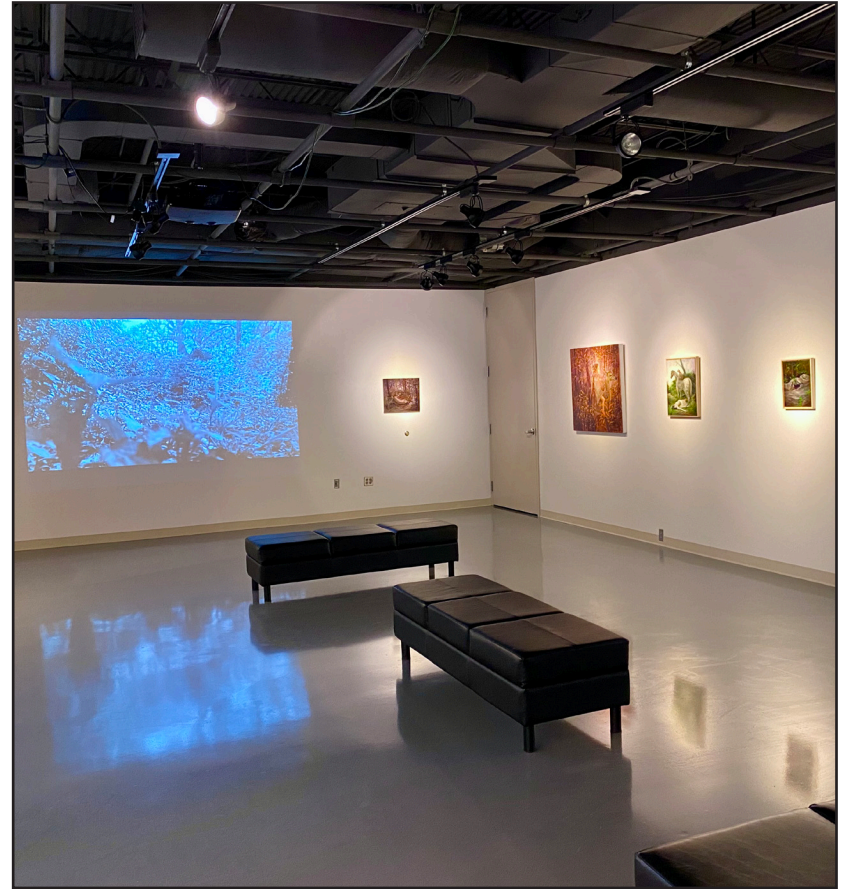


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ambiguous space of mythic time can exist between conflicting states, such as informed innocence, perverse prettiness, clandestine sincerity and contemporary nostalgia," the statement declares.

Woods will be on campus on Feb. 10 for an in-person figure drawing workshop in Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art Building in room

304/305 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

From 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, a reception with Woods will be held in the Rall Gallery with a short artist talk.

Contact the Art Department at [art.department@doane.edu](mailto:art.department@doane.edu) for more information or questions.

## SPB plans field trip event to Lincoln

KYLIE HUGHES  
Life & Culture Editor

The Student Programming Board (SPB) has been hard at work over the past few weeks planning and holding events on and off campus.

Feb. 1 was the first of the monthly Jackbox games series. Students who wish to participate only need their phone to play a wide range of games.

The event offers snacks to all who participate and the chance to win prizes. It will be held again in

Lakeside from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 1 and April 1.

Assistant Director of Student Engagement Spencer Munson said this was a low-cost event but still a lot of fun. He said there was a solid turnout for the first event, and SPB hopes that it will grow each month.

"Our hope is that students can let off some steam and connect with other students on campus," Munson said.

In addition to the Jackbox game events, SPB is also hosting The Great Crete Escape. This event

will take place on Feb. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. It is a field trip to Lincoln going to Round 1 and Gateway Mall.

According to Munson, in pre-pandemic times at Doane, SPB used to host a number of field trips to places such as Lincoln, Roca Berry Farm and a Lincoln mall. The goal is to reboot the idea.

"We are excited to reboot the idea to help students who don't have access to transportation [to] experience the surrounding areas and soak up some culture and fun,"

Munson said.

If SPB gets 10 students to sign up, then everyone involved will get a special pass that includes free games, bowling, food and drinks at Round 1 bowling and amusement center.

As far as future events, SPB is excited to host a range of Valentine's Day activities. These include a Build-a-Boo on Feb. 10 from 11 to 1 p.m. in Lakeside. On Feb. 14, SPB will have a romance comedy movie night in Frees Hall theater from 9 to 11 p.m. There will also

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Spencer Munson  
Assistant Director of  
Student Engagement

be an acapella concert in Lakeside from 6 to 8 p.m. with performances from The Flyovers and Doane DoubleWide.

Finally, SPB is part-

nering with the Black Student Alliance and the Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion to present an in-person Doane Dialogue on Feb. 15 and 16 from 12 to 1 p.m. in Perry Boardroom. This event will foster a conversation about race, inclusivity and allyship.

Students interested in attending The Great Crete Escape can email Munson at [spencer.munson@doane.edu](mailto:spencer.munson@doane.edu) or sign up on the Google form emailed out to students from SPB Doane.

## Students weigh-in on updated guidelines

COVID-19 response causes range of opinions

JOHN DAWES  
Staff Writer

As the second semester continues, the COVID-19 pandemic still wages and affects daily life. Students have to endure the struggles of adhering to protocols, staying healthy and new variants or outbursts

on top of the already difficult college structure.

Since the second semester has started, a couple of new guidelines have been implemented. Masking is now required in residence halls, the dining hall and classrooms. In a forty-person survey about COVID-19 and mandates on campus, 51 percent of students said they disagree with the mask mandate, citing that the vaccine and limiting social interaction is enough to stop the virus from spreading.

"I do not believe that we can stop the spread of COVID unless we literal-

ly live like no other human outside of ourselves exist, and I refuse to do that. As young college students, I think that social interaction is important," one student said.

Vaccine rates on campus are relatively high, with 95 percent of students who responded to the survey saying they are vaccinated, and 53 percent reporting having received a booster.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) masking guidelines have also been updated. They recommend the use of KN95 or N95 masks. Those who

do not have a KN95 or N95 mask should double mask.

Students have not been offered KN95 or N95 masks yet, but Doane is in the process of preparing the masks' distribution. Watch your email for further information regarding the masks.

While Doane requires students to wear KN95 or N95 masks, many students feel that enforcement of the policy has been loose. 90 percent of survey respondents reported that they have not been told to double mask or use the required KN95 or N95 masks.

"I'd rather people wear one and protect others a little bit at least," one respondent said.

Students have continued to catch COVID-19 even with new mandates and a high vaccination rate. 48 percent of students who answered the survey reported they know someone who has had COVID-19 in the past 10 days.

"I think Doane needs to be more stringent about isolating people when they have confirmed positive results- the amount of times I have seen someone post that they are out and about and hanging

with friends when they should be quarantined is ridiculous," one respondent reported.

Students can request at-home COVID-19 tests at [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov). Students who wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccination can get one at the Public Health Solutions walk-in clinics held at 830 East 1st Street, Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m.

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## Help represent the community

With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, it can be easy to feel lonely.

Luckily, there are many events available on campus to enjoy with other students.

We know it is possibly not your ideal situation to spend Valentine's Day without a significant other, but that does not mean the day cannot be enjoyable.

There are a bunch of ways to have a fun Valentine's Day

without a significant other.

You can host a picnic with your friends. To boost it up a level, you could travel to a nearby lake, run into Lincoln or even go to your favorite place on campus.

Another option could be doing a craft. Making a craft, especially with others, can be a very relaxing and rewarding activity. The craft could involve painting, sewing, coloring, whatever you like to do.

Making calls to family and friends that you have not seen in a while could be just what you need to feel less lonely. We are sure they would love to hear from you, and it would mean a lot for you to reach out.

A final option we will offer up is to have a movie marathon. You could watch your favorite movies or TV series and get comfortable with some snacks.

It can be difficult to not be with family or a significant other on Valentine's Day, but there are options available. You just might have to get creative.

Whatever you choose to do, remember to be mindful of others and stay safe. Valentine's Day can be fun for everyone, but only if you are safe and considerate of those around you.

## Hot takes; it is no lie(lac)

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I figured I would rank common flowers for those of us who have a significant other to better inform you as to which flowers to get.

Each flower is graded based on appearance, fragrance and maintenance.

Appearance is the easiest and the most important quality in a flower because let's be honest, what's the point of a flower if it's butt ugly?

Fragrance is the second most important factor and it's divided into smaller sub-categories. Each flower either has a good smell, no smell or a bad smell and for those who sniff flowers on a semi-regular basis, you know what I'm talking about.

The final category is maintenance which basically means how easy it is to take care of the flower to keep it alive. If you have to give it special water or dirt or things like that, it loses points compared to a flower that can just be given tap water once a day and needs no more care than that.

S Tier - These flowers are things of beauty and any garden or pot or floral display is

incomplete without at least one of these flowers.

A Tier - While not as good overall as the ones above, these are still very good picks and you can't go wrong with any of them.

B Tier - These are the flowers that don't really elicit a strong emotion at all, neither good nor bad; these flowers just kind of exist.

C Tier - While not bad, there isn't a whole lot that these flowers bring to the table when compared to the ones above. Objectively, these aren't bad at all, but when compared to the really good flowers above, these just fall by the wayside.

F Tier - I can't even bring myself to write a comparison for these flowers.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Lilac, Orchid, Marigold, Azalea, Lavender

A Tier: (Second Best)- Daisy, Carnation, Zinnia, Iris

B Tier: (Average)- Peony, Tulip, Buttercup, Chrysanthemum

C Tier: (Below Average)-



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Sunflower, Germanium, Poppy

F Tier: (Garbage)- Coneflower, Hydrangea

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](mailto:joey.winton@doane.edu) with the subject line Hot Takes and I might write about it!

## Taking time to relax for once



**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

This past weekend, I took some time to relax and enjoy myself for once. I spent time with my close friends, ate a ton of snacks and watched my favorite comfort shows.

I didn't realize how much I needed some time to myself until the day after- my headache was gone, my stress levels were down and I felt like I could think properly for the first time in weeks.

Granted, I did miss out on some valuable homework time, but my health is more important than any class, something that has taken me

years to fully accept into my life.

Hopefully I am able to work in more time to chill each week because if I don't, I am going to be burnt out before spring break even begins. I was beyond surprised this morning when I woke up and actually felt refreshed.

It's not that I even did anything special, I quite literally just allowed myself to do nothing. With all of my responsibilities piling up at this point in the semester, I easily forget that I'm allowed to be a little lazy sometimes.

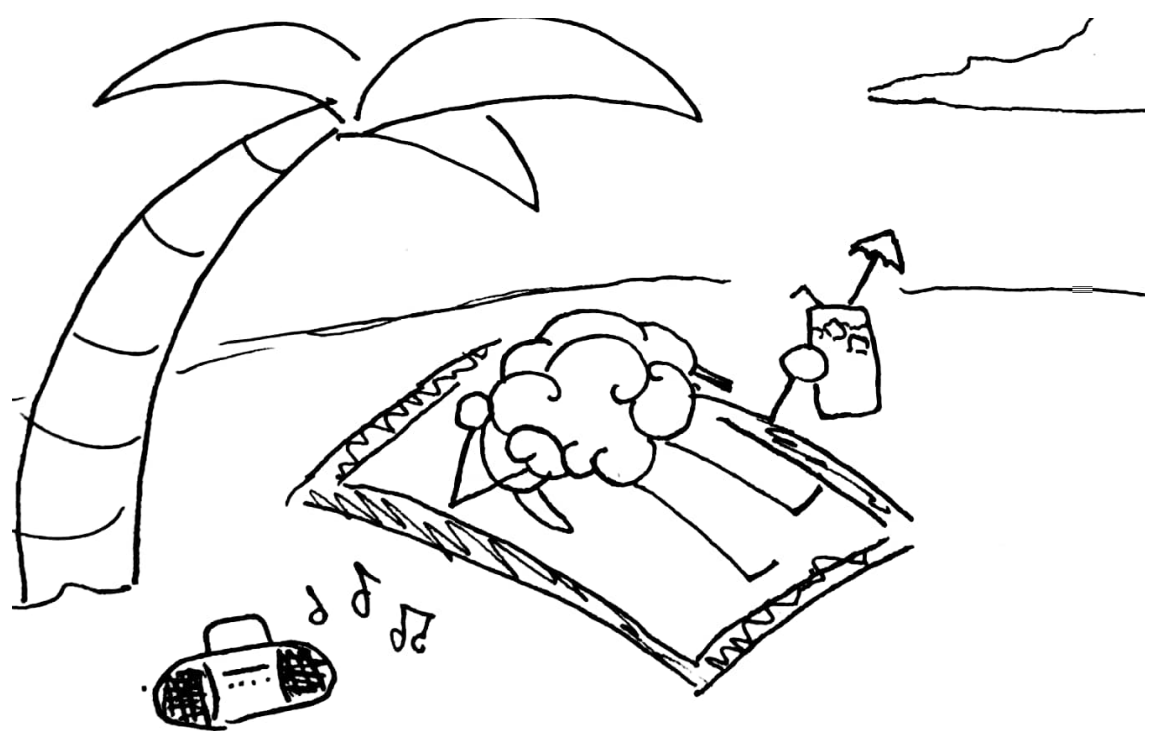
The fact that we live in a society that demands we are working or on the move 24/7 is concerning to me. I am relatively sane and able to function most of the time; I can't even begin to imagine what it must be like for people that are low-functioning.

In order for the majority of people to live happy and healthy lives, we need to slow down. If only four or five hours turned my whole week around, imagine how happy I would be if I had that opportunity every day,

even every other day.

I don't want to do nothing with my life or just waste away the hours day after day, but something has to change. The weird internalized dialogue I have about resting is so toxic, and I know it will be months, if not years, before I'm able to break the cycle.

That's my challenge for the rest of the semester: take a break. Pushing myself past my limit will help no one, and especially not myself. I encourage you to do the same.



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# Game allows the creativity to flow



**MATTHEW MITTLIEDER**  
Staff Writer

This week to switch things up from movies, I thought I'd talk about one of my favorite video games of all time, "Breath of the Wild." Part of the Legend of Zelda series, the game follows Link as he once again has to save Zelda and the kingdom of Hyrule from destruction.

While it initially sounds like just about every other Legend of

Zelda game ever made, it leaves plenty of room to fill the set-up with a whole lot of details. The game is open world in just about every sense of the phrase, meaning you can go anywhere and do just about anything, and the play style is almost entirely up to the player.

Seriously, the only game I can think of that's more open and free to the player to decide what to do is probably Minecraft, where you can literally build the world for yourself. "Breath of the Wild" is so ridiculously freeing to play, that when you first start you might feel a bit overwhelmed or lost on where to go. The fun part is, that's exactly what you're supposed to do.

With a huge map and a variety of environments to explore, it's easy to get lost on an endless series of "hey look at that," or "what's that over there?" type expeditions. You will constantly be find-



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ing new places to go and coming up with your own itinerary of quests to do, and if you're any kind of completionist, good luck, because you'll be playing for a long time.

If you want to get good at combat, you can, or if you'd prefer to avoid the fights and play more stealthily, that works too. If you'd rather climb mountains, tame horses or just walk around and

pretend you're a kid again exploring the wilderness, you can do that too.

And for those that like a little more structure to their games, there are plenty of actual quests the game will give you to keep you occupied and exploring with more direction rather than aimlessly wandering. Aside from the tutorial at the beginning of the game, even quests are almost al-

ways optional, leaving it up to the player to choose their own path.

There's never any long winded storyline to sit through or boring tailing missions that have to be completed to progress the game. If you don't want to do a quest, you really don't have to. In fact, if you really wanted you could walk right up to the final boss fight and beat the game the second you're out of the tutorial area (it might be difficult but it is certainly possible).

As far as mechanics go, the controls and physics are very intuitive but with plenty of room to develop your skills and come up with new ways to play the game. Once again, it is always up to the player to decide what to master, and everyone will create their own style.

Even after hundreds of hours of playing, I'm still learning new things about this game. There

isn't one area of the map that doesn't seem to have at least some kind of objective or activity to do, and it's so saturated with little details for the player to find without being too repetitive.

One last thing I'd like to mention is the sound design and music which perfectly captures the expansive, yet rich world of the game. If you ever play this game, I'd recommend looking up an analysis of the "Invisible" sound design which once again shows the overflowing attention to detail in this game.

If you have a Switch, I would highly urge you to try out this game if you haven't already. I know there is endless praise for it already but it really is deserved, and I cannot wait for the sequel to come out this year.

# Olympics only reacts to public outcry



**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

With the 2022 Winter Olympics kicking off, more has been brought to the forefront of the news than just who is winning medals.

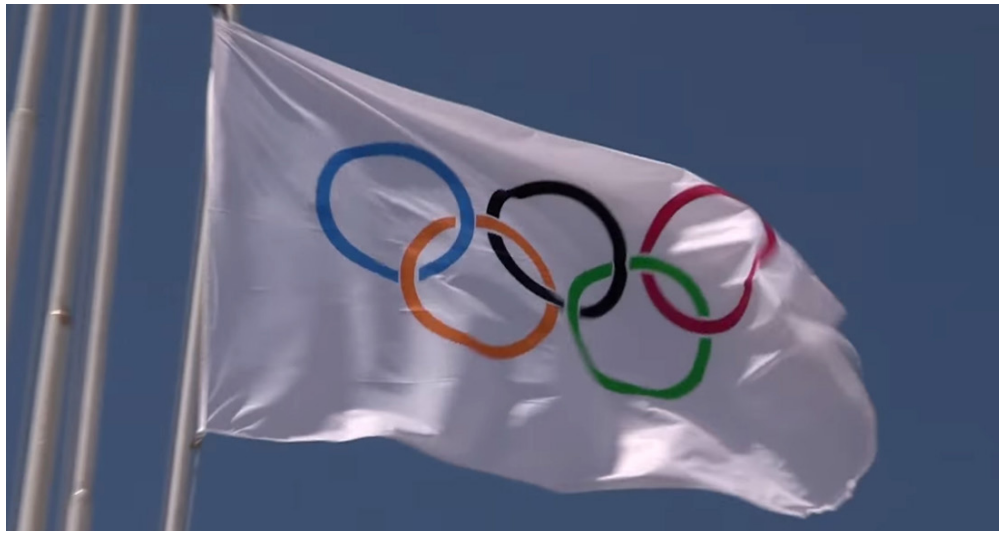
Beijing, where these Olympics are being held, is not only facing issues with overcrowding due to the influx of people but they are also facing issues of COVID-19 on top of that.

To help minimize the spread of COVID-19, Chinese officials are isolating any athletes that test positive for COVID-19. However, within the past week, it has come to light that these athletes are forced to stay in poor isolation conditions.

Chinese officials set up quarantine hotels to allow athletes to carry out their isolation without exposing others. However, through social media posts, the public is starting to recognize that these conditions are not set up for Olympic athletes.

According to NPR, athletes from Russia, Belgium and Germany are left with little to no internet connection, bad and repetitive food and no access to training equipment.

Russian biathlon competitor Valeria Vasnetsova took to Instagram to describe the conditions,



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saying that she cries "everyday" and just wants "all this to end."

Vasnetsova is not the only athlete to take to social media with disdain for the conditions. Since these conditions have been shared, the public has been criticizing Olympic officials in Beijing.

Since public backlash, the Olympic Games Executive Director came

out and said that he, as well as other organizers, are working to tackle any problems that isolating athletes may face.

It should not take large public outcry to make these conditions better for athletes. This just demonstrates the negative outcomes that occur when people wait to be called out before they go and do the right thing.

The poor conditions

approved by the Olympic officials has had major impacts.

U.S. Olympic bobsled competitor and three-time medalist Elana Meyers Taylor had to isolate due to a positive test. Since then, she has been cleared to compete; however, her isolation likely had an impact on her training, according to USA Today.

Meyers Taylor told

USA Today that she did everything she could in her tiny room to train such as lifting weights, squats and sprinting from one end of her room to the other.

For many of these athletes, they have been training for most of their lives only for poor conditions to impact their chances of winning gold and representing their countries.

It should not have gotten to the point that it did where athletes had to take to the public to get action. Olympic officials should have done the right thing. Doing the right thing is about doing it even if no one is watching.

# Finding motivation



**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

Maintaining motivation can sometimes be a hard feat to accomplish.

I know that I've mentioned it before, but there just seems to be a massive amount of work from almost all of my classes lately. I'm not going to sugarcoat it, it's been fairly hard to keep up the motivation to work through a lot of it in as leisurely a method as possible.

I noticed that I've been working on some things

fairly close to their submission times, most likely because I've been trying to make up for the free time that I have lost. I'm definitely stuck in a little bit of a loop because of this. What I'll need to do is to finally break that loop as I have before, just not to this extent.

In the past, I've had to try using a few different methods of breaking the loop of staying low in motivation, including trying to keep up some smaller goals. I figured I would try to talk a little bit about what I've been trying to do lately so that I can try and keep up my normal motivation for classes.

First, like I've already mentioned, I've tried making small goals for myself to accomplish as the week goes on. Something like "finish half of the IDS-206 annotated bibliography by Friday night."

Then, going off of that, I need to try to continuously work on the things that I need to get done, with small breaks in between.

I particularly noticed that I'm fond of working on things in one go, so if I have a research paper I need to work on, I prefer working through the entire thing in one sitting. Now, I'm trying to work on things earlier in the week, taking breaks at good points in the assignments and swapping up the assignment I am working on at those breaks so I can keep up with all my other work.

It's hard to try and keep up motivation for school work at all times since I really do want to keep up a good work-life balance, but sometimes you just have to prioritize what's more important and do your best to keep up your motivation.

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## THUMBS DOWN...



# Men's Basketball splits games

Team has two tough games, winning one

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Over the last week, the Men's Basketball team played Hastings College on the road before returning home to play against Northwestern College. While the team was only able to win one of these games, both games were excellent performances.

Right before these two great showings for the team, they secured a win

against Midland University. This was the second time these two played against each other, and while the first time was not the desired result, freshman Josh Carr was happy with his team's second attempt.

"Defeating Midland was great and was exactly what we needed going into our game against Hastings," Carr said. "We executed our offense really well in our last matchup against Midland and had a limited number of mistakes."

After this win against Midland, the team took on Hastings College, where they had a very large victory. Sophomore Josiah Gardiner was very proud of his team's performance, especially with how they have managed to capitalize on their strengths more and more as the season goes



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl

Senior Joe Burt attempts to shoot a three-point basket while he is left wide open.

on.

"I mean we're always trying to improve but definitely happy about how far we have come since the beginning of the season," Gardiner said. "Our team chem-

istry, composure and leadership are some of the things that are our strengths."

Having picked up two big back-to-back wins, the team returned home to play against North-

western College. While this game did not result in a win, they had an excellent performance that would allow them to demonstrate just how well they play.

"Coming out of this

week we hope to come out with some big wins so we can position ourselves in a spot to contend in the conference tournament," Carr said.

With such great performances this close to the end of the season, the team is hoping to put themselves in a position that will pay off in the conference tournament.

"I mean the GPAC is a good league so there is nothing given or guaranteed, but we want to win," Gardiner said. "We played some great competition at home and our last away games so it's a good time to prove ourselves."

This week, the team plays Concordia University at home on Wednesday and then travels to Sioux City, Iowa to play Dordt University on Saturday.

# Wrestling wins conference tournament

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

The Doane Wrestling team was recently named the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Duals Champions of 2022.

Since then, the team had nine wrestlers compete in the Dave Edmonds Invitational, six of them earning top five finishes.

On Jan. 29, the Wrestling team traveled to Sioux City, Iowa to take on three teams in the GPAC Duals Championship. All three of these resulted in sound victories for the Tigers and

gave them an easy claim to the title.

In their first matchup against the University of Jamestown, Doane was able to completely shut down the Jimmies, winning 48-0. While the next day's matchup was a bit closer, it wasn't much, and Doane would pick up another victory of 41-6 against Dakota

Wesleyan University.

The final opponent the Tigers had to face in the championship match was Morningside University. Although this was their closest scoring match, Doane picked up the title with a sound win of 41-9.

Doane has had a very successful season so far, especially in duals. The

team has gone 314-50 against their conference opponents, picking up two complete shutouts along the way.

Since their great achievement of becoming Conference Champions, the team took part in the Dave Edmonds Invitational in Sioux City, Iowa. They had a great performance at this in-

vide, with six out of the nine wrestlers that were sent finishing in the top five.

The next match that Doane faces will be the start of the Conference Championship in Mitchell, S.D. During the two days, the wrestlers will take on a bunch of competitors in an attempt to remain victorious.

# Cheer and Dance team pick up wins

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Sports Editor

Last week, the Cheer and Dance teams competed at home in the Doane Invitational. The Cheer team only faced off against Dordt University while the Dance team went against both

Dordt and College of Saint Mary, with both teams taking first place overall.

Coming off their last competition, the teams were looking forward to making improvements for their next competition. Junior Victoria Foster and the team were excited to show off all the work they have been putting into their routines.

"We've been feeling pumped and determined to do better every time we step on the mat," Foster said.

One thing the team really worked on for this competition was perfecting every little detail. Junior Ashley Paolucci is a flier on the team and knew how important it would be to make sure everyone performed to

the best of their abilities.

"We're making sure to hit our stunts because I know not a lot of stunts hit last time," Paolucci said.

One thing that has made it possible for the teams to have such great results is how close everyone on the team is. The trust and bonds they have built make it so that everyone can perform to

the highest of standards.

"I think we have a really good bond this season and that's one of our strengths," Paolucci said.

Even with the success the teams have already found, they are not satisfied with just this. They look to spend the rest of their season building confidence in their routines and getting better at performing during com-

petitions.

"We're looking at doing better than last competition and being happy with how we perform," Foster said.

The Cheer and Dance teams will be back in action on Feb. 15 in Hastings, Neb. to take on Hastings College head-to-head.

# Women's Basketball faces losses

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

The Women's Basketball team had two games during the last week, one on the road against Hastings College and one at home against Northwestern College. These games proved to be rough for the Tigers, as both would pick them up another loss.

The first game against Hastings was the closest of the two, with the Tigers coming back from behind and almost managing to send it into overtime. The game started off in favor of Doane, with an early lead of 17-9.

However, they could not hold off the Broncos, and Hastings was able to bring the lead down to 17-15 by the end of the quarter. Hastings would hold onto this momentum in the second quarter, and Doane would end the half down 23-29.

Kicking off the second half, Doane had a bit of a surge, scoring five points



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Junior Ashley Teten looks to pass the ball to her teammate.

right off the bat. The Broncos were still on a run and would have their largest lead of 21 points during the third quarter. The Tigers would be able to cut this lead down just

a bit by the end of the third quarter, now just trailing 44-58.

Despite being down 14 to start the fourth quarter, Doane would make a comeback. With

freshman Mak Hatcliff leading the way with 18 points in the quarter, they were able to bring it within three points with just thirty-two seconds left.

It wouldn't be enough for the Tigers to win the game, as they were unable to score any of their last second shots, and Hastings would hold onto the lead, winning the game with a score of 69-66.

After a hard fought game on the road, the team came home and had a much greater deficit here, losing by 34 when all was said and done. Northwestern's scoring took off in the first half, and they did not lose momentum for the rest of the game.

Doane started off a close game during the majority of the first quarter, keeping the score very close until the final two minutes. The Raiders started heating up during these two minutes, finishing off with an 11-2 run to put Doane

down 15-26.

Northwestern kept this performance up throughout the second quarter of the game, putting themselves up 47-33 at the end of the half. They had a great start to the game, shooting 58 percent in the first half and making 8 out of 14 of their 3-point attempts.

The second half saw Northwestern continue to maintain a substan-

tial lead all throughout. Doane was down 47-77 by the end of the third quarter and would fall by 34 with a final score of 60-94.

The Women's Basketball team will be on the road this week and will take on Dordt University on Saturday in Sioux City, Iowa.

## Athlete of the Week



**Samuel Peterson**  
Wrestling

placed first in the heavyweight division with a 4-0 record at the Dave Edmonds Sioux City Invitational



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## Scoreboard Snapshot

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

February 2 @ HASTINGS, NEB.

6:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

BRONCOS  
**66-69**

February 5 @ HOME

2:00 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

RED RAIDERS  
**60-94**

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 2 @ HASTINGS, NEB.

7:45 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIGERS  
**85-48**

February 5 @ HOME

3:45 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

RED RAIDERS  
**83-84**

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 4 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 CONCORDIA CLASSIC

**4 NAIA QUALIFIERS**

### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 4 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 CONCORDIA CLASSIC

**4 NAIA QUALIFIERS**

### MEN'S WRESTLING

February 4 @ SIOUX CITY, I.A.

9:00 DAVE EDMONDS OPEN

**1 win**

### CHEER & DANCE

February 4 @ HOME

7:00 DOANE INVITATIONAL

CHEER  
**1st**

DANCE  
**1st**

## Next week for Tiger Athletics

### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 12 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 12 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

February 9 @ HOME

6:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

February 12 @ SIOUX CENTER, I.A.

2:00 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 9 @ HOME

7:45 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

February 12 @ SIOUX CENTER, I.A.

3:45 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

### BASEBALL

February 11 & 12 @ WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

12:00 SOUTHWESTERN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD UNIVERSITY GAMES

### DANCE

February 11 @ YORK, NEB.

5:00 YORK DANCE INVITATIONAL

February 15 @ HASTINGS, NEB.

versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

### MEN'S TENNIS

February 12 @ RED OAK, I.A.

12:00 versus GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

### CHEERLEADING

February 15 @ HASTINGS, NEB.

versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

February 12 @ RED OAK, I.A.

3:00 versus GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

### SOFTBALL

February 12 @ OLATHE, KAN.

2:00 versus MIDAMERICAN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

February 13 @ ATCHINSON, KAN.

12:00 versus BENEDICTINE COLLEGE