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Doane welcomes new staff

New V.P.
of Student
Experience
hired

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

Early in January 2022,
Doane University hired

Dr. Judy Kawamoto as the new Vice President of Student Experience and Retention.

Kawamoto is welcomed to Doane after being the assistant vice president for student development at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Kawamoto will begin working with students on all Doane campuses on March 14.

While at West Chester University, Kawamoto created programs for first generation college stu-

dents, themed residential groups and other freshman experiences.

Kawamoto is passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion strategies and that is evident throughout her career. At West Chester University, Kawamoto collaborated with the Dowdy Multicultural Center staff to host events and services for students.

During her time working at Bryant University, Kawamoto was a major advocate for the founding

of the Hochberg Women's Center. Also at Bryant, Kawamoto served as the interim director of the Intercultural Center.

Kawamoto earned her bachelors and master's degrees at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. After that, she earned her Ph.D. at Boston College. Her research revolved around examining the weight of mentoring relationships for Asian American women administrators and women administrators of color.

Assistant Professor of Leadership Jared Cook was a member of the search committee that consisted of faculty, staff and students.

"In addition, her ability to engage faculty, staff and students as both an administrator and community member also shined through in our interviews. It was clear she could be a voice for students, as well as an experienced administrator for Doane," Cook said.

One of the main goals

in the hiring process was to find a candidate that excelled in advocacy for all students across Doane's campus, and Kawamoto was the best candidate for the job.

"As a community, it's important to make sure everyone is heard, and I believe Dr. Kawamoto possesses the skills necessary to make sure students feel heard. In addition, I think she will bring ideas that will positively affect the Doane community," Cook added.

Summer internship opportunities

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Although it seems like the summer is still far from now, this is the best time for students to start preparing for potential summer internships.

According to Experiential Learning Coordinator Stephanie Hemje, larger corporations have so many employment opportunities to fill, they need to open up applications many months in advance to make sure that they get all positions filled. This means that most organizations are currently searching for candidates for their summer internships.

Students should be applying for these internships in January and February. Many internships have a March 1 deadline. This means that interviews for many companies will occur during March. Positions are often offered in the middle of March or early April.

Doing an internship during the summer is a great opportunity for students who are often too busy during the academic year.

Hemje said that be-

cause Doane students like to be so involved on campus, it can be difficult for them to get internships during the school year. The summer provides more opportunities for those students.

Doing an internship during the summer means that students are not "limited to Crete or the surrounding communities," according to Hemje.

Students can also take internships during the summer for credit. Internships can count for 1 to 12 credits; however, to fulfill the experiential learning aspect of Doane, they need to take at least 3.

If their internship for credit is during the summer, students do not have to pay for summer tuition. Those credits can be applied to the Fall semester directly following.

In order to get credit for an internship, students must first take the prerequisite class, CED-205. Some majors or programs offer their own version of this class as well. It is most beneficial to take this class before the internship; however, students can also take the

class concurrently.

Next, students must get approval from Hemje so that they can create learning objectives with their tour. After approval, they can sign up for their credits on Webadvisor. Finally, students also need to take a class on Canvas during their internship to expand their career development.

Students are able to get credit for more than one semester of an internship. They also do not have to take the internship for any credits if they desire.

According to Hemje, internships make students more competitive when it comes to applying for future careers. They create networking opportunities and teach important professional skills.

"Not only will a student grow professionally, but they will grow as an individual, gain confidence and learn so much about themselves and what they value in the work they will do after Doane," Hemje said.

Internships can also help students learn new information about themselves.

"I have had students who did an internship

Summer Internships

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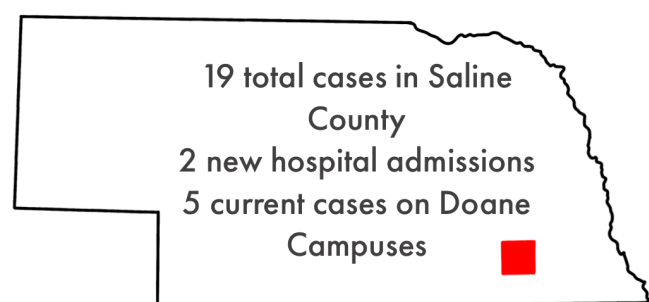
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that opened their eyes to new possibilities and gave them the confidence to pursue opportunities they originally were too intimidated to even consider previously," Hemje said.

For students in search of internships, Hemje recommends looking on Handshake, LinkedIn or Indeed. Students can also go on Handshake to schedule an appointment

with Hemje for any questions they might have or contact her via email at stephanie.hemje@doane.edu.

Weekly Nebraska COVID update



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The level of community transmission remains high for Saline County. As of Feb. 11, Doane has 5 current cases of COVID-19, making a cumulative total of 96 cases throughout the semester

so far. The Doane Crete campus is currently reporting all 5 active cases while the Doane Lincoln and Omaha campuses are reporting none.

Saline County has reported 19 total cases of COVID-19 and 2 new hospital admissions due to COVID-19 within the last seven days, as of Feb. 14. There are 59.8 percent of the population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County that have been fully vaccinated,

marking 51.2 percent of the total population of Saline County as fully vaccinated.

According to KETV, the Lincoln-Lancaster county local Directed Health Measure (DHM) involving indoor mask mandates that was set to end on Feb. 11 has been extended to Feb. 25.

Although cases are beginning to decline, public health officials are still satisfied with the number of cases currently still be-

ing over the number after the December surge and that hospitalizations have seen any decrease in admittances.

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 and the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker.

Service clarified by CLS

Distinction made for community service hours

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On Feb. 3, Doane's Career, Leadership and Service (CLS) department sent out an email to all students distinguishing community service from campus involvement. These clarifications enable the Helper Helper administrators to more effectively help log students' community service hours.

"This distinction between community service and campus involvement was made in part to ensure that all opportunities posted and validated through Helper Helper fit the definition of community service, and therefore have an impact on the community beyond Doane," Assistant Director of Leadership and Ser-

vice Nick Knopik said.

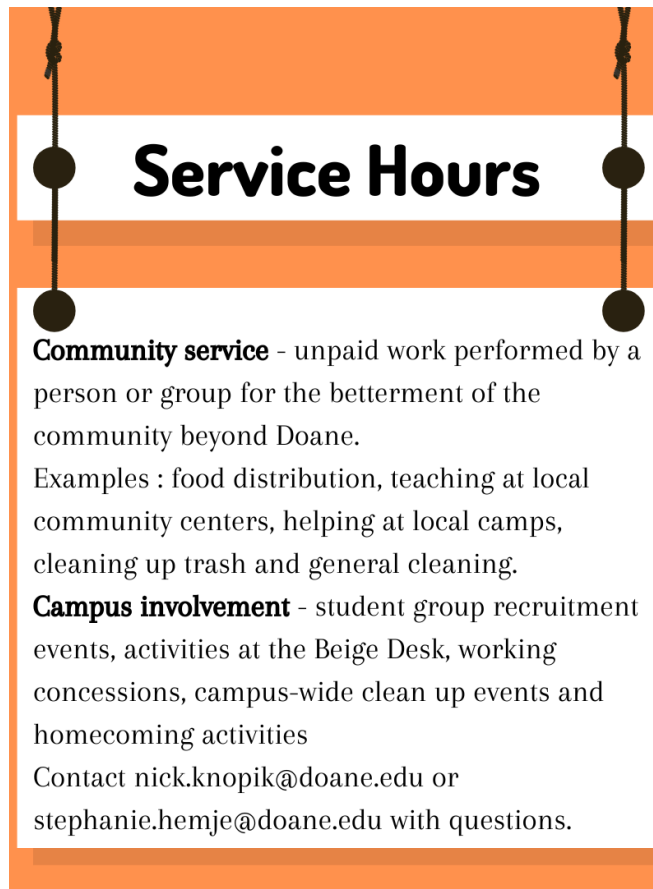
The email states that campus involvement does not qualify for hours on Helper Helper but community service does.

Community service is defined in the email as "unpaid work performed by a person or group for the betterment of the community beyond Doane." Examples of this may include food distribution, teaching at local community centers, helping at local camps, cleaning up trash and general cleaning.

"President [Roger] Hughes has stated that at Doane, 'We build leaders.' Part of being a leader involves identifying needs in your community and finding a way to serve those needs..." Knopik said. "When students participate in community service during their time at Doane, we believe that they will look to continue leading through service in whichever communities they are a part of after graduation."

Again, any of the aforementioned activities will count as community service hours on Helper Helper.

Campus involvement hours include student



Service Hours

Community service - unpaid work performed by a person or group for the betterment of the community beyond Doane.

Examples : food distribution, teaching at local community centers, helping at local camps, cleaning up trash and general cleaning.

Campus involvement - student group recruitment events, activities at the Beige Desk, working concessions, campus-wide clean up events and homecoming activities

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group recruitment events, activities at the Beige Desk, working concessions, campus-wide clean up events and homecoming activities.

These will not be verified on Helper Helper, as they are deemed "a part of the college student experience," the email states.

"Many Doane student

organizations and athletic teams require their students to complete volunteer hours through Helper Helper. Moving forward, hours submitted that fall under the definition of campus involvement will not be validated on Helper Helper. All hours that fit the definition of community service will be

validated," Knopik said.

Participation in both types of activities is encouraged to enrich students' experience, but the CLS wants to specify what community service looks like.

Experiential Learning Coordinator Stephanie Hemje said Helper Helper is a "great place to start" finding volunteer opportunities, but the CLS office can help students find even more options.

"If a student or a group has a different organization they have completed community service hours with, they are definitely encouraged to add those hours to Helper Helper as well by adding a 'Past Commitment,'" Hemje said. "We would love to have all service hours recorded in Helper Helper to help us gain a better perspective of all the service hours Doane students complete and help us recognize students for their hours of service."

With any questions about this information, students can contact Knopik at nick.knopik@doane.edu or Hemje at stephanie.hemje@doane.edu.

This Week's
Weather
Forecast

Wednesday

2/16



High: 39

Low: 12

Thursday

2/17



High: 33

Low: 19

Friday

2/18



High: 58

Low: 25

Saturday

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High: 55

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High: 63

Low: 31

Monday

2/21



High: 55

Low: 20

Tuesday

2/22



High: 37

Low: 15

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Locke shot during house search

No-knock warrants under review in Minnesota

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On Feb. 2, Amir Locke was killed by a Minneapolis police officer after officers entered his apartment as part of a homicide investigation.

According to the Associated Press, 22-year-old Locke was killed after police entered his apartment searching for a suspected criminal unrelated to Locke and startled him while he was sleeping, causing him to reach for a legally owned firearm to protect himself.

The Interim Chief of Police Amelia Huffman said the shooting oc-

curred at around 7 a.m. and that the officers used a key fob to enter the apartment and identified themselves as police before entering. Shortly after going inside, they encountered Locke with his gun "pointed in the direction of the officers."

Huffman states that after Locke was shot, police gave him immediate medical attention and carried him to paramedics. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

The officer, identified as Mark Hanneman, reportedly fired three shots, two in the chest and one in the right wrist according to an incident report.

It is not currently known if the officers were serving a no-knock warrant, as their use was restricted by the police department after the killing of George Floyd in 2020.

No-knock warrants are orders given by judg-



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es that allow police to enter premises without notifying residents, such as ringing the doorbell or knocking on the door, but have since been restricted by the Minnesota Legislature. Under the Minneapolis policy, officers must announce their presence under appropriate circumstances as they enter and make periodic announcements

while inside and give occupants reasonable time to respond.

After Locke's death, the Minneapolis mayor imposed a moratorium on no-knock warrants and stated that "no matter what information comes to light, it won't change the fact that Amir Locke's life was cut short."

Locke's parents, Andre Locke and Karen

Wells, described Amir as respectful and said they coached their son on how to act and do "what they needed to do whenever they encountered police officers," because of the danger to "unarmed Black males."

It is unclear if Minnesota will ban no-knock warrants completely or if they will continue to exist in some form.

Prison commissary changes proposed

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At the end of the 2022 Legislative session, Nebraskans may be seeing some changes to the Nebraska Department of Corrections. On Jan. 7, 2022, Senator Terrell McKinney proposed Legislative Bill 880 (LB880).

LB880 proposes changes that would require the County board in each county to visit the jails four times a year and report any violations in the treatment and quality of life for the residents of the county jail. Most notably, LB880 would place a limit on the markups on food and supplies sold in correctional commissaries.

Commissaries are the stores inside of the correctional facilities where residents are able to purchase food outside of the cafeteria, school supplies and personal hygiene products.

According to the Journal Star on Feb. 3, the Corrections department charges an extra 36 percent on food and beverages and an extra 10 percent on health and beauty supplies.

While testifying to the Judiciary committee on Feb. 3, Director of the Department of Corrections Scott Frakes explained that the profits from the commissary were used to fund recreational activities and equipment as well as the

pay for staff. Frakes further explained that residents are expected to work while incarcerated and make approximately \$1.21 per day. McKinney argued that with the rising cost of supplies and the wages of residents remaining the same, the markups will only lead to a decrease in the quality of life.

If the bill is enacted, the Department of Corrections would have an estimated loss of \$1.1 million. According to an article by the Journal Star, Frakes testified in front of the Appropriations Committee requesting \$270 million to replace the State Penitentiary in Lincoln.

The Chair of the Ap-

propriations Committee, Senator John Stinner told Frakes the building "is old, and it is probably at the end of its usable life, but you are not addressing the overcrowding problem... I think it's time for us to pause and relook at what we are doing in all corners of corrections."

Support for LB880 has come from the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska (ACLU of Nebraska) and Rise, a nonprofit organization that helps formerly incarcerated people reenter society.

"Capping the amount [of] products [that] can be marked up may not sound like a life-changing moment, but for people that are incarcerated, it

can be a big difference," Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at Rise Jasmine Harris said.

As of Feb. 14, LB880

has yet to be voted out of the Judiciary Committee and is still accepting comments from the public.

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Controversy raised over Joe Rogan

Multiple artists
boycott
Spotify over
Joe Rogan

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Over the past several weeks, Spotify has faced backlash over the spread of misinformation on its platform, specifically through podcaster Joe Rogan and his popular podcast "The Joe Rogan Experience."

Many have criticized the former comedian for promoting false information about COVID-19, conspiracy theories and anti-vaccine sentiments on his show, as well as Spotify for not doing enough to prevent it.

Former rock star Neil Young announced that he would be removing his catalog of music from the service, claiming it was in protest of the misinformation on Rogan's podcast being promoted on the same platform.

Following this, several other musicians and artists have also decided to remove their work from Spotify, including singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell who declared she would be removing her work in solidarity with Young's decision.

"I've decided to remove all my music from Spotify. Irresponsible people are spreading lies that are costing people their lives," Mitchell said in a statement posted to her website on Jan. 28. "I stand in solidarity with Neil Young and the global scientific and medical communities on this issue."

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's Archwell released a statement on Jan. 30 about their concern over COVID-19 misinformation on Spotify without mentioning Rogan. The pair have a deal with Spotify worth a reported \$25 million to make podcasts.

"Last April, our co-founders began expressing concerns to our partners at Spotify about the all too real consequences of COVID-19 misinformation on its platform. We have con-

tinued to express our concerns to Spotify to ensure changes to its platform are made to help address this public health crisis," the Archwell statement reads.

In response to the situation, Spotify has added a new content warning airing ahead of any podcast episodes discussing COVID-19. Spotify's CEO Daniel Ek released a statement about the company's responsibility to find balance between supporting their content creators and protecting the safety of listeners.

"Based on the feedback over the last several weeks, it's become clear to me that we have an obligation to do more to provide balance and access to widely-accepted information from the medical and scientific communities guiding us through this unprecedented time," Ek said.

However, as Spotify navigated its way through the COVID-19 issue, another controversy about Rogan surfaced over his use of racial slurs in his podcast and online. Videos of Rogan using racial slurs and making other racist remarks on his pod-

cast circulated around social media last week, prompting more backlash against both Rogan and Spotify.

The videos posted included montages of Rogan using racial slurs over 20 times in different podcast episodes.

Following the backlash over these video clips, Rogan himself posted a video apologizing and calling his usage of the words and comments he made "the most regretful and shameful thing."

"I know that to most people, there's no context where a white person is ever allowed to say that word, never mind publicly on a podcast, and I agree with that," Rogan said. "I never used it to be racist because I'm not racist."

Several public figures, including former President Donald Trump and Republican Governor Ron DeSantis, have since commented, telling Rogan to stop apologizing for using racial slurs.

Trump told Rogan to "stop apologizing to the Fake News and Radical Left maniacs and lunatics," while DeSantis urged, "do not apologize.



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Do not kowtow to the mob. Stand up and tell them to pound sand."

"The Joe Rogan Experience" was the most popular podcast on the streaming platform last year, but with public outcry and many employees at Spotify challenging management and condemning Rogan, Spotify has struggled to handle the situation.

Ek addressed the issue in a memo, stating he found Rogan's words "incredibly hurtful" and inconsistent with company values, but he did not believe "silencing" Rogan was the answer. Ek prom-

ised to launch an "incremental \$100 million" investment designed to elevate marginalized voices on Spotify. The company has also removed 70 of Rogan's episodes, though it was not stated exactly why they did so.

Young once again criticized Spotify, saying, "To the musicians and creators in this world, I say this: You must be able to find a better place than Spotify to be the home of your art."

Olympics plagued with politics

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Every four years, the Winter Olympics bring countries from across the globe to compete against each other in multiple sports such as skiing, figure and speed skating, curling, snowboarding, bobsledding and more. The games are in Beijing, China this year and go from Feb. 4 to Feb. 20.

The ongoing pandemic still mars these games, and spectators are limited to people the Olympic Committee invites rather than allowing ticket holders to enter the games. It mirrors the 2020 Summer Olympics, which COVID-19 delayed until 2021.

Olympic officials had 53 athletes in isolation at the peak of infection rates, and that number has gone down as the games have progressed. However, multiple athletes have filed grievances against the way the isolation has been handled. Athletes claim that the isolation process lacks food, internet and training staff or equipment, on top of a general grievance about unsafe temperatures indoors.

Chairman of the Beijing Medical Expert Panel Brian McCloskey said they can fix the quarantine conditions, but he also realizes the damage the conditions have caused athletes.

"Isolation is not good for anybody. Isolation may turn out to be one of the lasting damages that COVID has caused to people around the world," McCloskey said in an interview with NPR.

However, the politics of the real world can not



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escape the bubble in Beijing. The tension between Ukraine and Russia has the world poised for a potential war, with over 100,000 ground troops, tanks and other military personnel at the Ukraine border. This comes about as Ukraine considers joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), which would ally the country with America, Britain, France, Germany and other western powers.

While Russia does not have a formal Olympic presence due to a former doping scandal, Ukraine does, and their athletes have already made statements regarding Russia's readiness for conflict. Vladyslav Heraskevych, representing Ukraine in the skeleton race, held a sign that said "No War In Ukraine" after his third of four heats in the skeleton race.

"In Ukraine, it's really nervous now," Heraskevych said in an interview with ESPN. "A lot of news about guns, about weapons, what's to come in Ukraine, about some armies around

Ukraine. It's not OK, not in the 21st century. So I decided, before the Olympics, that I would show my position to the world."

Another point of contention is that of the flame bearers. Dinigeer Yilamujian and Zhao Jiawen were the bearers of the torch this Olympics. Yilamujian is from Xinjiang, and according to the international community, Xinjiang is where Uyghur Muslims are being detained and unethically treated. Choosing Yilamujian is believed to portray China as acting appropriately in the Xinjiang area, sparking controversy.

It is believed that this is a rebuttal from China against the U.S. in particular, who diplomatically boycotted the games. The White House said the Chinese government's "ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity" in Xinjiang was why they chose not to send any U.S. officials over with the athletes.

The Winter Olympics can be broadcast on NBC or on the Peacock app.

FDA authorizes new antibody drug

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According to AP News, on Feb. 11, United States health regulators authorized a new antibody drug that helps target the COVID-19 Omicron variant. This is seen as a key step in restocking the country's arsenal against the latest variants of COVID-19.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has said that it cleared the Eli Lilly and Company's drug, "bebtelovimab," for adults and adolescent patients with mild-to-moderate cases of COVID-19.

Work on this drug began late last year after the Lilly company found its previous antibody therapy ineffective against the now-dominant Omicron

variant.

It is "an important step in meeting the need for more tools to treat patients as new variants of the virus continue to emerge," the FDA's Drug Center Director Patricia Cavazzoni said.

The authorization of the Lilly drug comes after the two leading monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 in the U.S. turned out to be ineffective against the Omicron variant. Monoclonal antibody treatments include laboratory-made monoclonal antibodies delivered by IV or injection early in an infection and are meant to stand in for the human body's immune system by helping block invading viruses.

Then, other therapies including antiviral pills from Pfizer and Merck and the antibody drug

from GlaxoSmithKline have been in short supply as of late.

The Biden administration has purchased 600,000 doses of the Lilly drug and is planning on shipping initial supplies to state health authorities for distribution. Under this contract, the Lilly company plans on sending 300,000 treatment courses to the government by the end of February and the other 300,000 in March.

However, scientists urge that COVID-19 treatments like monoclonal antibodies are not substitutable for vaccination. Vaccination remains the best method of prevention against COVID-19 infection.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Feb. 6 through 14 include:

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Omegas hold vigil for lost alumni

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On Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., Omega Psi Theta sorority will be hosting a candlelight vigil to honor Sally Smith, a Doane alumni and former sorority sister who was killed in a drunk driving accident.

Sophomore Anabelle Daugherty, the service chair of the Omegas and one of the organizers of the event, said that Feb. 17 is a very important day for the group.

"The reason we do it on this day is because it's the anniversary of one of our sisters, Sally Smith, who died as the result of a drunk driving car accident. The ceremony is meant to honor her and others who have died from drunk driving," Daugherty said.

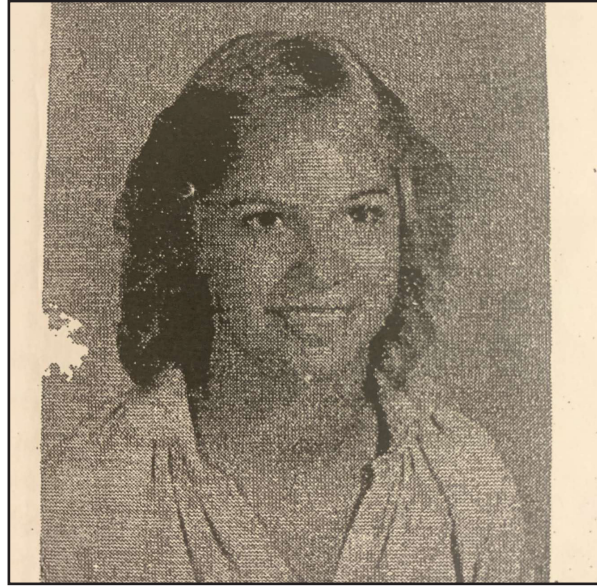
The vigil will start with a couple sorority members discussing Sally Smith and will feature

talks from other people outside of Doane's community.

"At the vigil, we're going to start with our President [Junior Makenna Klug] giving a little introduction and then I'll speak a little bit. After that, we'll have someone from Mothers Against Drunk Driving [M.A.D.D.] come and talk about their cause and discuss prevention methods for drunk driving," Daugherty said.

M.A.D.D. will "show statistics about how their organization has helped cut down on drunk driving accidents and provide information about what college students can do to combat driving under the influence, especially because a large percentage of drunk driving incidents involve minors and people under 25," Daugherty shared.

According to their



Courtesy photo | Anabelle Daugherty

Sally Smith, an alumni of Omega Psi Theta sorority, was killed in a drunk driving accident and is now honored during a candlelight vigil.

website, M.A.D.D. has saved over 370,000 lives and reduced drunk driving deaths by 50 percent since their founding in 1980.

After the M.A.D.D. presentation, "the Crete Chief of Police is going to come and talk more

about the impacts of drunk driving, and because he responds to many drunk driving calls, [he] will share his experiences as a responder in addition to giving information on the legal side of drunk driving incidents," according to

Daugherty.

Once he is finished, the vigil will commence, and it will include a moment of silence for Sally Smith and others who have lost their lives in drunk driving accidents.

There are also other ways to show support for this cause, which include signing a pledge to commit to never drive under the influence.

"In the two days leading up to the vigil, [the Omegas] will be at the Beige Desk, and we're going to have a pledge people can sign to commit to never drink and drive. The pledge will also be at the vigil for people to sign there as well," Daugherty said.

This event was canceled last year due to COVID-19, but the Omegas are glad to be able to bring it back this year.

"We did do this two years ago, and it was right

before COVID hit and everyone was sent home, but we were unable to do it last year. It'll be nice to bring it back and to have it again," Daugherty said.

The event is open to anyone, and the Omegas encourage people to go both to show support for those who have been impacted by drunk driving and to raise awareness for ways to prevent future incidents.

"While it is an Omega Psi Theta event and is very personal to us, it's open to anyone on campus and we want everyone to go because it's important stuff, and we want to remember a fellow Doane student who lost her life and honor her by taking steps to educate and prevent future incidents of drunk driving," Daugherty said.

For any questions regarding the event, email Daugherty at anabelle.daugherty@doane.edu.

S.N.O.T. sign up deadline Feb. 16

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Life & Culture Editor

Alpha Psi Omega (APO), Doane's theatre honor society, is bringing back its Short Night of Theatre (S.N.O.T) on Feb. 25.

This is an event that has been hosted for many years in the past but has not been able to happen in the last few years due

to COVID-19. However, this year, there are efforts to bring it back for all to enjoy.

S.N.O.T. is an opportunity for those involved to perform any type of theatre, according to APO President Lauren Walther. This includes anything from monologues, solos, duets, short scenes, staged readings, slam poetry, etc.

"If there's something

you have been wanting to perform, we welcome you to take this opportunity to do it," Walther said.

Students do not have to be a part of the Theatre Department to perform in S.N.O.T. It is not just limited to students either, faculty can sign up as well. All students and faculty are welcome to sign up to perform as well as participate as audience

members.

S.N.O.T will be held in Lakeside in Perry Campus Center at 7 p.m. Masks are required; however, performers are allowed to take their masks off while performing, according to Walther.

The deadline to sign up is February 16. To sign up, students can fill out the form that has been emailed out to all students by the Perform-

ing Arts.

When signing up, those participating should know what piece they wish to perform.

Those who are performing musical theatre pieces will be accompanied by junior Boston Reid. Sheet music should be sent to him at boston.reid@doane.edu.

There is also the opportunity to participate in a group musical theatre

piece paying tribute to composer Stephen Sondheim and a female group number.

Walther and Reid will work with those who sign up to set up a time for a dress rehearsal to run the performance.

Questions can be directed to Reid or Walther at boston.reid@doane.edu or lauren.walther@doane.edu.



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Choir tour creates lasting memories

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Over the past week, Doane Choir students have been on their first choir tour in two years in Nebraska and Minnesota.

With the band having to move the dates of their tour, there was concern that the choir tour would similarly be canceled or postponed by COVID-19. However, with many precautions, it was able to happen.

The tour started off with their first performance Feb. 9 in Wayne, Neb. The Doane Choir joined Wayne State College choirs for a performance.

Feb. 10 through Feb. 12 was spent doing three various performances in Minnesota. Among these performances, Choir students had the opportunity to sing in Mall of America.

The tour concluded on Feb. 13 in Heckman Au-

ditorium at Doane for the home concert.

Junior Elijah Smith felt that the home concert could have gone better, but the performances throughout the whole trip went well overall.

"The home performance was a little rough just because we had been on a bus the whole day and had just gotten back and didn't have a whole lot of time. So it was a little more rough than it probably could have been, but overall with all of the other performances, I think they all went pretty well," Smith said.

The home concert featured performances from Doane Choir, Double-wide and Jazz Unlimited ensembles. A wide range of students were also featured in various solos. It was conducted by Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Kurt Runestad. During the concert, Runestad said that this tour was even more meaningful given

that it was not able to happen last year due to COVID-19.

Though it had to look a little different than it did in the past, students who have been on the tour in the past were especially glad for the opportunity to share their music.

"It looked a little different than my freshman year choir tour, but it was great to be back with all of the besties on the bus and to be singing," junior Stephanie Wright said.

Students who have not been on the choir tour in the past were similarly glad to share their music and make new memories.

"Despite all of the challenges and restrictions COVID caused, choir tour was an amazing experience this year. This was my first choir tour and I made memories and connections that I will certainly never forget," sophomore Emma Woods said.

SPB field trip a success for many

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

On Feb. 8, the Doane Student Programming Board (SPB) took students to the Gateway Mall in Lincoln for an evening of shopping and gaming. Students were invited to play games at Round 1 at no cost. SPB paid for students to have one hour of gameplay, one hour of bowling and dinner.

An array of students were able to attend including athletes, international students and intense gamers. A total of 15 students attended ac-

ording to SPB's advisor.

Assistant Director of Student Engagement and SPB Advisor Spencer Munson said that SPB is looking to continue this style of events for students. They are gaining student feedback for new possible event locations. Current ideas include dinner and a movie, concerts at Pinnacle Bank Area or The Bourbon Theater and possibly a trip to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo.

"Many students don't have access to a vehicle, so I love being able to provide that service. The Jurassic Park video game at Round 1 was a blast. I

also like getting to know the students better," Munson added.

Sophomore Mashayla Burnett attended the event with friends and went to meet new people.

"I really liked the bowling part because my group did fun challenges to make the game more interesting," Burnett said.

Munson shared that SPB is always looking for feedback and encourages students to fill out activity surveys. Students can see the next SPB event details by checking their email and following them on social media at @Doane_SPB.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Join your loved ones this week doing the things that they love. Doing this will show how important they are to you.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): This is a great week to try new things Pisces. You may be starting to get tired of everything activities. Try something new.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): With a week focused more on relationships now passed, it is now time to look inward and reflect on your own experiences.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Right now seems to have brought out another hardship for you, Taurus, be sure to remember to put yourself first.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): As of late, it may have seemed like a better option to step back a bit, but just be sure to try and remember about those around you. Communicating can be just as important as alone time.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Sometimes the things we worry about tend not to be as bad as we initially thought. This week, Cancer, be sure to remember this as you begin thinking about what this week may bring.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): This week may bring a lot more clarity to your current situation, Leo, be sure to look out for whatever inspiration transpires.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): It may have seemed like a lot of your work has gone unnoticed for some time now, but appreciation for the work that you've done is coming, Virgo. Keep pushing forward.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): A lot of your time has been devoted to your future plans lately, Libra, just be sure to remember to take some time to relax and focus on the now.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Time should be your main focus. Bring attention to what you spend the most time doing. Are these things that truly bring you joy in life? If not, it may be time to reevaluate.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Remember this week that you need to give in order to get. This goes with all different relationships in your life.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Take some time this week to recognize the successes and failures in your life. Reflect on those and think about how these have made you who you are today.

Greek groups look forward to third rush

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

With second rush parties having been completed, the multiple Greek groups around campus have begun preparations for their third rush.

The Greek rush chairs are busy doing their best to coordinate the events they have planned, and many echo excitement for their upcoming third rush parties.

"[Rush] is going really well for us so far, and we're most excited to keep getting to know potential new members better as well as giving them a chance to know us better as well," Alpha Omega fraternity Rush Chair Austin Filliez said.

Phi Sigma Tau sorority Co-Rush Chair Sabrina Renderos mirrored Filliez's excitement.

"We've had a pretty good turn out and are super excited to keep getting to know some of the people rushing Phi Sigma Tau," Renderos said.

Similarly, Chi Delta sorority is excited to meet new students and potentially gain new group members.

"Rush season is going well for Chi Delta. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet so many amazing humans," Chi Delta sorority Rush Chair Ceci Barr said.

Even with much underway, the groups also like to continually support prospective members



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whether they choose to rush their groups or not.

"Not every group is going to be a fit for [prospective Greek Life members] and that's why it's important to check out all of the groups and meet as many new people as possible to find where you fit best," Filliez said.

Barr shared Filliez's feelings, in that students should find which group they identify most with.

"We hope that all potential new members are 'checking out all the groups' and finding a group that feels like home," Barr said. "At the end of the day, Greek Life and the rush process are experiences that we hope highlight everyone's time at Doane, no matter where they end up."

All other Greek groups declined to comment at the time of this publication.

Doane celebrates Valentine's Day

ERIN BURKE
Staff Writer

On Feb. 14, students could feel the love across campus. With the help of the Student Programming Board (SPB), Chi Delta sorority, the Writing Center and fellow students, Doane's campus has been excitedly preparing for the one day of the year set aside to celebrate love.

On Feb. 10, students were able to start off the festivities with Build-a-Boo hosted by SPB at Lakeside. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first 150 students to attend were lucky enough to build their very own stuffed tiger for themselves or for someone special in their life.

If students were unable to participate in Build-a-Boo, there were still other ways to celebrate.

Chi Delta sorority hosted a Valentine's Day themed fundraiser. Chair of the Chi Delta Fundraising Committee Angie Esqueda explained that for \$1 for one raffle ticket or \$10 for fourteen raffle tickets, students could enter for a chance to win one of two baskets filled with treats like mugs, blankets, movies and snacks just to "treat themselves for the special day."

"We wanted to do something for Valentine's Day and that would get the best engagement. Baskets are always nice to get on Valentine's Day and have a bunch of stuff that give people the option of

a nice night in to treat themselves," Esqueda explained.

However, if students are on a budget and still want to share their love for someone, the Writing Center had students covered.

On Feb. 14, the Writing Center hosted Origami Love Letters in Lakeside. Students were able to get professional writing help to craft the perfect love letter, directions on how to fold the letter into a beautiful shape and deliver it to their special person.

With so many events and opportunities on campus, students had the opportunity to spread love to the important people in their lives.

Students look to campus resources

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

As the semester is getting closer to spring break and classes are fully in swing, a poll was sent out on Feb. 8 asking students how they are doing this semester so far.

Around 64 percent of respondents believe this semester to be going fairly well or better than last semester.

"This semester has been going pretty good. I would say it has definitely been my best semester at Doane so far," sophomore Elsy Sierra said.

Many students echoed Sierra's perspective.

"It has been going great. My class schedule was very flexible this se-

mester, and I have been able to keep up with all of my work," sophomore Denise Gomez said.

Students were also asked about their thoughts on how well Doane is doing on offering resources to help students.

From student responses, 79 percent of all respondents believe that Doane has been doing a good job at providing and promoting the resources it has for students who may need them. Out of all respondents, 36 percent of respondents believe that Doane is offering the most they can right now.

"Everything is good. All the resources that Doane is already providing

have been pretty good," Gomez said.

Then, 57 percent believe that there are more resources that could be offered to assist students. Some of these respondents also noted possible resources that Doane could benefit from. Most notably, 63 percent of these respondents believe that students can benefit from there being more resources available to counseling services.

"The services are pretty good, but I had a friend who reached out to the Doane counselors and couldn't find a time to meet because all of the spots were full," Sierra said. "More and better counseling services could be beneficial."

Registrar allows pronoun selection

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

Early in February, the Registrar's Office announced an update to Doane's Computer Information System that gives the option for staff, faculty and students to self-report pronouns and their chosen name.

Students, faculty and staff can go to doane.edu/self-service where they can login and adjust their information. According to the email sent out from the Registrar's Office, after signing in, students can click on their name in the right hand corner, select user profile, select edit personal identity, enter pronouns and chosen name and then hit save. When entering a chosen name, students need to be sure to write in both first and last name.

The Registrar's Office explained that pronouns and chosen names will appear on Self-Service in academic planning, course rosters and attendance. Exceptions to this change include Canvas, Doane email addresses

and logins. Legal name is required for employment, financial aid information and transcripts. To update a legal name, students and staff can select "begin/complete information update request" within WebAdvisor.

"We understand that sometimes legal names are not a reflection of how someone identifies or who they are. Using the appropriate pronouns and chosen names is one important way members of our community can show respect for one another," Registrar employee Denise Ellis said within the Registrar's Office email.

Sophomore Jules Damme believes that this update is necessary to destigmatize preconceived notions surrounding pronouns and chosen names. They also admire the way this update gives the power back to students, faculty and staff. They are able to move at their own pace.

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JULES DAMME
Sophomore

sidered 'taboo' or 'weird.' Everyone uses pronouns, even when they aren't thinking about it. However, by allowing people to choose how they identify, we are validating who they are as people and who they are within their community," Damme said.

Damme added that students who want more information about pronouns and chosen names can contact the PRISM group on campus at prismmembers@doane.edu.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Tips to stay on top of activities

Spring break is quickly approaching, and we think it is safe to assume that most students are starting to feel the pressure of classes.

Just think, we are so close to getting a decent break; we can do this.

At times, it may seem impossible to stay on top of all the different activities and classes that we are all undoubtedly involved in, but you can do it.

If you are ever feeling overwhelmed, take a step back. You may feel guilty in the moment, but you will thank yourself endlessly later. A fresh breath can make all the difference.

Feeling swamped is something that we are all too familiar with, so here are some tips and tricks that we have collectively learned.

First, get a small whiteboard; it does not have to be

fancy. Writing the times and dates of your regular meetings down can help you manage your time. Meetings are easy to get lost in the mix, but with a constant reminder, it can be easier to remember.

Second, utilize your Google Calendar. Groups you are a part of regularly update events and meetings on the feature, and keeping your notifications on can help you remember when and where you

need to be.

Last, use a planner. It is not for everyone; we understand that. Figure out what kind of calendar works for you, it does not have to be a traditional one. It will be a process of success and failure, but it is worth it.

As we approach our first major break, we encourage everyone to hang in there and do the best they can. We are almost there.

Hot takes; mighty morsels

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

With Valentine's Day behind us and with all that candy going on super sale, I figured now is as good a time as any to rank all the M&M flavors.

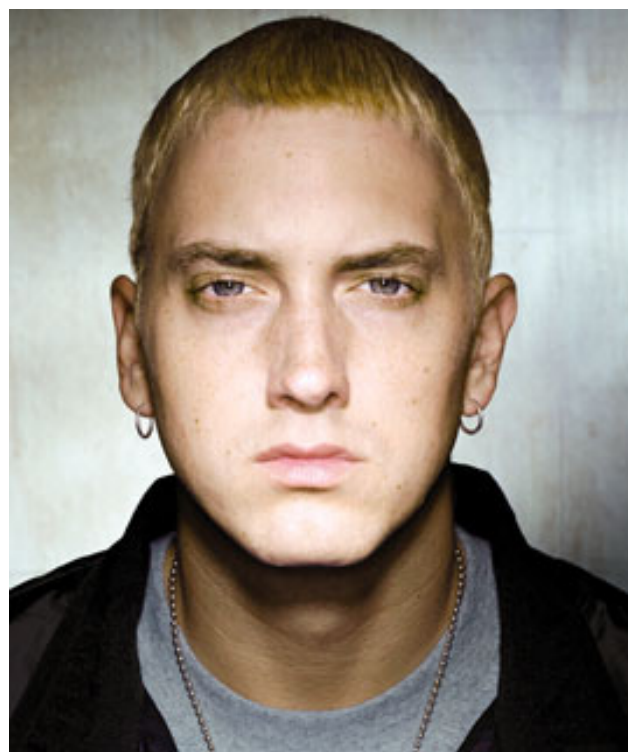
Each M&M is graded based on taste, texture and availability.

Taste is the most important because let's face it, the chocolate they use in the M&Ms is pretty trash so any flavor that you can eat more than five pieces of receives a good grade.

Texture is the next criteria, and while not as important as taste, if a flavor has a gross texture that makes you think you're eating something other than candy, it loses points because of that.

The final aspect is availability which is arguably the least important factor in determining the placement of the flavor. If you can buy the flavor anywhere at anytime of the year, it gets more points than one that's a seasonal or rare flavor.

With all this in mind, the list below is the only guide you need in determining



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what flavors of M&Ms you should buy, so thank me later.

S Tier - The absolute, without a shadow of a doubt, best flavors an M&M can come in.

A Tier - While not as good all around as the ones above, there is still some merit to these flavors, and I won't hold it against you if you like them.

B Tier - This tier is for the flavors that are forgetta-

ble and serve nothing more than a barrier between the good flavors and the bad ones.

C Tier - There really isn't much these flavors have going for them and, quite frankly, it's a bit silly to me that they still exist.

F Tier - Aside from being studied by the scientific community for how a man-made food item can be so foul, there is no good use the ones in this tier serve.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Peanut, Mini, Pretzel

A Tier: (Second Best)- Peanut Butter, Dark Chocolate,

B Tier: (Average)- Caramel, Fudge Brownie, Mint Dark Chocolate

C Tier: (Below Average)- Crispy, Almond, Milk Chocolate

F Tier: (Garbage)- White Chocolate

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!

Music to make a change



ERIN BURKE
Staff Writer

There are certain Super Bowl halftime shows that are ingrained in peoples' minds forever. For some it is Prince performing "Purple Rain" in the rain. For others it is Beyonce's performance with nods to the Black Panthers.

Sunday night created another one with Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar, Eminem and surprise guest 50 Cent. After the announcement of the lineup, I was excitedly waiting for the Super Bowl as if I was seeing the show in person.

As Dr. Dre revealed himself at his soundboard, I think I actually squealed. The performance itself was a sight to behold, and I had to stop myself from rewatching it 20 times in one night.

When I finally got to check in with Twitter, I was unfortunately not surprised



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to see critics like Charlie Kirk complaining and calling it "inappropriate." While every Super Bowl performance has critics saying the show is not family friendly, this time around was different.

The show was not inappropriate because of costumes or language; it was inappropriate because it was "promoting criminal behavior." And that is the most annoying nonsense to hear.

The show perfectly combined celebration and protest, once again reminding us that we can only dream of being as amazing as these artists. The artists created a legacy and defined the genres of hip-hop and rap with songs that revealed elements of their life and the community they are part of.

Instead of complaining

about them, we should be thanking them for once again showing us their skills and talents.

Thankfully, my Twitter scrolling led me to praise for recreating iconic buildings in Compton, the use of dance moves that are specific to Black culture and interesting news that Jay-Z was supporting a bill in New York that would limit the use of rap lyrics in cases against artists. This performance really emphasized the importance of bills like this.

Artists like Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg and Kendrick Lamar have used their unique experiences growing up in Compton and Long Beach to define genres. We get to hear about their lives and the hardships they exper-

rienced in creative and jaw dropping shows like the Super Bowl. But because those experiences were violent or related to gangs, they often get downgraded or, worse, used against them legally.

The music industry needs to do more to protect and promote artists in the rap and hip-hop genres. We should not have to wait 10 plus years and two retirements before music like this is celebrated at national events. Compton is part of music history, and I am so excited and honored it was celebrated on national TV for all of us to see.

I hope this performance leads to other shows that celebrate community and honor the legacy of music icons.

Identifying relationship red flags



EMMA RYAN
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This past week I watched two different shows on Netflix and they happened to be related in theme. “The Tinder Swindler” and “Inventing Anna” are both on Netflix’s Top 10 and center

around con artists making millions off of preying on others.

“The Tinder Swindler” is a documentary that reveals accounts by different women that were scammed out of \$250,000 or more by a man who claimed to be a millionaire. He would find the women on Tinder and take them on private jets and dates in various countries until they fell in love with him.

Once he had their trust, he would fake being kidnapped or injured to ransom money from the women in order to “keep him safe” while he was spending the money flying to other countries and spending outrageous amounts of money on material things or other women.

“Inventing Anna” is

a series containing nine episodes and is in the top spot for Netflix’s Top 10 list. I am on episode six, so I am not sure how it ends, but so far, the series has been fairly mysterious and suspenseful.

The series is based on the book, “How Anna Delvey Tricked New York’s Party People” by Jessica Pressler and the true story of Anna Sorokin. I am sure a lot of the show is dramatized for viewers, but the main plot between the show and actual story are very similar.

As I watched both of these, I kept thinking about how insane it is that these are real people who scammed others of exorbitant amounts of money, and they continued to do it for such long periods of time and get

away with it. In the end, I think both of them get what they deserve, but the damages they’ve already caused will never truly be repaired.

Overall, I would definitely recommend both of these Netflix Top 10 picks. I think if anything, they both give you an insight for red flags to look out for. Sometimes, if it feels too good to be true, it probably is.

Red Flag Golf



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Compromising a wholesome game



MATTHEW MITTLIEDER
Staff Writer

For the past several weeks, I joined the viral trend of playing Wordle every day, but sadly it may be dying out. Last week it was announced that the New York Times had acquired the rights to the game and would be branding it as their own daily puzzle.

The game is simple: once a day you attempt to guess a five-letter word in six tries or less. The game tells you when you have correct letters in the correct spot, as well as letters

that are in the word but in the wrong spot.

Once you solve the word, you can share and compare your results with friends and social media to see how many tries out of six it took everyone.

It was simple. Elegant. A quick little way to waste five minutes and maybe exercise your brain. No stress in trying to win or beat someone. Many have analyzed the game to figure out what made it so successful, so brilliant, so popular.

It’s also been revered for how it managed to avoid platforms and app stores and became a great indie success story. The creator never wanted money, never wanted to fill the game with ads or an overabundance of content. And even after several lucrative offers, they never sold out.

But now, with the New York Times owning the game, I feel it’s going to change. Whether its ads or new challenges or some kind of obnoxious franchising, the game will likely change into something completely differ-

ent from what it once was. If it wasn’t dying out already, it definitely will now, and it makes me sad to see it go.

It was a perfect little game, a nice highlight to my day and a way to have a brief interaction with others who played. My mom was actually the one who showed it to me, and it was nice to get a text from her everyday with her results and have a little interaction to keep us connected.

Unfortunately, trends do die out, and when Wordle is finally gone and forgotten, we’ll have to move on to something else. I just wanted to say that it was fun while it lasted.

A cultural reset may be coming



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

I have been listening to a lot of Mac Miller recently, and, naturally, I have fallen down a rabbit hole. I swear that the day Mac died was the day that everything in the world went downhill.

I am not going to go into specifics, but every-

thing, the pandemic, the climate crisis, all of it, plummeted after Mac’s death. That got me thinking about what would turn that around, and the possible answer was dropped in my lap: the Halftime Show.

You can’t tell me that the Halftime Show wasn’t amazing. Take the quality of the performance, the social commentary and the surprise guests and what do you have? A social reboot.

If this Halftime Show isn’t the cultural reset that we desperately need, then I am out of ideas. There were so many elements wrapped into that one performance, and I am actively seeking out new commentary about every single meaning.

I doubt everyone will do that, but it doesn’t really matter. Not everyone cared about Mac Miller’s

death, and the world still collapsed into itself like the dying star that it is.

All I’m saying is that I think this might be the next big stepping stone in the course of the future. This planet has been on a major losing streak, and it’s about damn time things turn around.

So maybe this is it. Maybe not. Either way, I will continue to appreciate the performance at the Halftime Show and Mac Miller.

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

THUMBS DOWN...

Men's Basketball heads to conference

Team will be playing in conference tournament

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On Feb. 9 and 12, the Men's Basketball team took on Concordia Uni-

versity and Dordt University. The first competition had Doane picking up a win at home before falling on the road.

Before heading into these two games, the team had two games at home and on the road. These last four games all impacted their standing in the conference tournament, so it was clear to freshman Brady Timm and others on the team that there would be no easy wins.

"Coming down the stretch here, we play four really tough opponents

and then the conference tournament, so it's all going to be those kinds of dog fight games," Timm said.

The two games the team had to take on this week would see the Tigers face off against some of the top contenders in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). It was a great testament to how much time and dedication have gone into their performance.

"It just takes a little bit of pride to know that we can play at the top teams in our league, we

just have to go out there and show it," Timm said. "It's going to take a full effort to come out with wins, but I think we're all excited for the challenges ahead."

After gaining another win, the team has made it to the conference tournament for the first time in four years. This is a huge accomplishment for all players and coaches, and they are not ready to settle there.

"The anticipation and preparation that has been leading up to this moment, especially be-

cause we're really close to the top guys, and if a few games go our way or we win all four, we'll put ourselves in a great position to make a run at it in the conference tournament," Timm said.

While the team has shown great improvements as the season has gone on, they are not done improving their game just yet. There are still areas that they want to keep working on for as long as possible.

"The main thing is just being able to show the progress that we've

made from our last set of games to these," Timm said. "That means setting aside a little bit of our pride and putting success above our individual wants."

The Men's Basketball team will be back in action on Feb. 16 in Yankton, S.D. when they take on Mount Marty University. They will then return home later in the week to take on Briar Cliff University.

T&F has final meet before conference

Track teams get more qualifiers before conference

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Track and Field attended the Concordia Invitation on Feb. 12 and walked away with 12 best marks and eight wins.

The Men swept their competition at the meet, beginning with sophomore Zach Turner who hit personal best times in the 200m dash (21.70) and in the 60m hurdles (8.08) which earned him wins in each event. Senior Logan Hammond also hit the provisional

qualifying mark in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.38.

Junior Aidan Wheelock hit 1:20.55 in the 600m, automatically qualifying for the NAIA. Senior Kingdon Hawes hit a provisional mark in the same event with a time of 1:20.85.

With a time of 1:54.45, junior Kalen Dockweiler won the 800m, meeting the provisional mark. Sophomore Thomas Ol-

iver raked in a win in the 3000m with 9:13.64, and freshman Sisey Tirop did the same in the 5000m with a time of 16:25.66.

On the field, senior Matthew Campbell met the NAIA standard in the weight throw (20.09m) and in shot put (16.24m), and he currently sits second in the NAIA for both events. Freshman Trey Dickey also hit an automatic qualifying mark in the weight throw

with 17.32m.

The Women also found success at Concordia. Senior Annika Pingel improved her provisional qualifying time in the 800m with a time of 2:17.01. Fellow senior Allie Binder won the 3000m with 10:42.55.

Sophomore Macy Fuller hit the automatic qualifying mark in the weight throw with a distance of 16.56m, and senior Allison Skala won

shot put with 14.07m.

Track and Field will be hosting the NAIA Conference championship here at Doane on Feb. 18 and 19.

Tennis teams kickstart season

Tennis teams pick up one win each

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Over the weekend, the Men's and Women's Tennis teams had their first exhibition of the Spring season. Both teams started off their season with a solid performance, pick-

ing up one win each over Grand View University.

Since the last time the team took the court, there has been a lot of intense training to stay mentally and physically engaged. Junior Nina Ngo and her teammates have been putting in lots of hours to make sure they stay at the top of their game before the season opener.

"The Women's and Men's Tennis teams have been alternating days in the [Fuhrer] Field-

house for court time," Ngo said. "We have also been lifting at 7 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for strength and conditioning on top of practices every other day."

With all this time to train while in the off season, the team has been looking to improve upon where they left off. Junior Logan Bornemeier thinks that his team has the ability to build off their first win for the rest of the year.

"We are looking to come out and start the season with a win," Bornemeier said. "If we start off hot, we believe we can ride the momentum and have a successful season."

Since the team has been so dedicated to making as many improvements as possible, they are very excited to see how the season turns out for them. Every team member is ready to perform their absolute best in the matches to come.

"I would like both teams to be as energetic as possible," Ngo said. "I want them to show up to compete with the mindset of winning and never giving up."

The Men's Tennis team will play on Feb. 25 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Both teams will be playing again on Feb. 27 in Hastings, Neb. against Hastings College.

"If we start off hot, we believe we can ride the momentum and have a successful season."

Logan Bornemeier
Junior

Softball has rough start to season

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Softball team started off their season this spring with a double header on Feb. 10 in Olathe, Kan followed by another on Feb. 14 in Atchison, Kan. The team took on MidAmerica Nazarene University and Benedictine College and would lose to both

of them, starting their season off with an 0-4 record.

There have been a lot of different aspects that went into getting the team prepared. Sophomore Payton Cooley knows that more than just physical work goes into getting ready for a season, and the team has been implementing all aspects.

"We have been work-

ing incredibly hard on our team chemistry with a ton of team bonding experiences and just working to all be leaders since we lost some seniors from last year," Cooley said.

The start of their season will take a great deal of commitment and hard work, as they face a month's worth of on-the-road games before coming home. Fresh-

man Grace Dowding and the rest of the team have been putting in an endless amount of hours in preparation for this stretch on the road.

"We have been preparing for the season since August so we're all very ready and excited for the season to start," Dowding said. "We all know that we just have to grind through the pre-season and work out all of our

kinks before conference play starts."

Although there are several games coming up for the team, that is not the only thing the team is looking forward to. Team members are looking forward to developing the bonds they created last season and building new relationships.

"I am looking forward to hanging out in hotels, being with my team-

mates and just having fun competing back on the field with everyone," Cooley said.

The Softball team plays back-to-back doubleheaders on Feb. 18 and 19 against Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Bethel College in Bartlesville, Okla.

Baseball starts season with a split

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Baseball team saw their season open with two days of doubleheaders on the road, all fought against Southwestern Assemblies of God University. The team split their results, as they now start their season 2-2.

With the season just starting off for the team, everyone has been putting in several hours both on and off the field. Junior Luke Lachance has seen himself and his

teammates dedicating themselves to perfecting their performance.

"As a team, we have put in more deliberate and longer hours on the field and in the weight room to expand on the level of success we had last year," Lachance said. "The goal is always growth, and our coach has made that a priority this off season by pushing us harder."

With a new season comes the addition of several new faces to the team. This has helped the team develop the complexity and depth of

their athletes.

"We have some key newcomers this year who fit right into our culture that we have been building with a strong work ethic," Lachance said. "I believe they will be leaders for us and come up big in the right situations."

As the team's season ramps up with several days full of games, everyone has been working hard to make sure they solidify their performance. Despite being excited to get out to a hot start, they want to make sure they do everything

correctly no matter the situation.

"To kick off the year, I believe if we do the little things right, we will be pretty successful," Lachance said. "A lot of teams early on are eager to be back out there and to start off a new season so they forget about the little things and try to do too much or be too fancy."

The Baseball team has another weekend of doubleheaders on the road in McPherson, Kan. against McPherson College on Feb. 19 and 20.

Athlete of the Week



Amber Weston
Tennis

won 7-6 and 6-4 in the singles match at Grand View University



Scoreboard Snapshot

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

February 9 @ HOME

6:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

BULLDOGS
[63-74]

February 12 @ SIOUX CENTER, I.A.

2:00 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

DEFENDERS
[56-85]

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 12 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL

[1 NAIA QUALIFIER]

SOFTBALL

February 10 @ OLATHE, KAN.

3:00 versus MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE
PIONEERS
[0-1]

GAME TWO
PIONEERS
[0-8]

February 14 @ ATCHISON, KAN.

1:00 versus BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

GAME ONE
RAVENS
[9-10]

GAME TWO
RAVENS
[6-7]

MEN'S TENNIS

February 12 @ RED OAK, I.A.

12:00 versus GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[7-0]

WOMEN'S TENNIS

February 12 @ RED OAK, I.A.

3:00 versus GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[6-1]

MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 9 @ HOME

7:45 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[54-50]

February 12 @ SIOUX CENTER, I.A.

3:45 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

DEFENDERS
[69-79]

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 4 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 CONCORDIA CLASSIC

[5 NAIA QUALIFIERS]

BASEBALL

February 11 @ WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

12:00 versus SOUTHWESTERN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE
LIONS
[2-3]

GAME TWO
LIONS
[3-4]

February 12 @ WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

12:00 versus SOUTHWESTERN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE
TIGERS
[29-3]

GAME TWO
TIGERS
[15-0]

DANCE

February 11 @ YORK, NEB.

2:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

[1st]

5:00 YORK DANCE INVITATIONAL

[4th]