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## Gentzler heads Honors Program

New Honors Interim Director named

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Honors Program has found itself a new Interim Director while efforts to find a permanent director continue. The new Interim Director is Associate Professor of Sociology Kari Gentzler.

Gentzler said she is working to keep the Program moving forward until a new, permanent director is hired.

"I've been coordinating the Honors Program schedule for the next academic year... the big event for the Program in the Spring is the Senior Banquet and... all of those logistical duties to plan a formal event," Gentzler said in regards to some of the specific

tasks she has been faced with.

The Honors Program is undergoing structural changes as a result of the appeal to the Board of Trustees to save it from the prioritization process.

"The Program was one of the programs that was slated for elimination, and faculty that oversee the program and former directors of the program helped write an appeal document that essentially sort of reimagined and made some structural changes to the Program in hopes that the Board would save the Program," Gentzler said.

Members of the Honors Program's Advisory Board that Gentzler recognized as playing a larger role in the appeal include Associate Professor of Mathematics and Data Analytics Peggy Hart and Professor of Economics Les Manns.

"Right now, the big structural change is that study abroad is no longer a mandatory requirement," Gentzler said. "So that has brought about some extra time on the

director's role in terms of coordinating what those alternative experiences might look like for students."

In addition to finding alternatives for study abroad, Gentzler has been gathering information, coordinating and brainstorming ways to "build community in the Program." With COVID-19 and concerns about the Program being cut, Honors students have not had the opportunity to connect with other students outside of their cohorts.

Gentzler is also working on the logistics of recruiting Honors students while they are still in high school.

"Down the road, we're going to start recruiting people from high school to join the Program when they come to Doane, so we'll have two recruitment cycles," Gentzler said.

Recruitment will become a major element of the future director's role, as well as alumni relations, Gentzler shared. There is also the possibility

of a new scholarship to be developed in the future for prospective Honors Program students.

"We're hoping with enough outreach and coordination with the Advancement Department and the Alumni Department on campus that we'll be able to offer Honors Program scholarships for students who enter the program when they come to Doane," Gentzler said.

With the search for a full-time director well underway, Gentzler wants to emphasize the importance of student input during this process. Honors students will have the opportunity to sit down and talk with candidates, similar to the presidential search.

"When we get to the point where we're bringing potential candidates to campus for interviews, or virtual interviews perhaps, that's when we'll solicit students to come to those job-talks or to eat lunch with candidates and get to know the people who are wanting to take the position over in the future," Gentzler said.



Courtesy Photo | Kari Gentzler

Current Honors students are encouraged to reach out to Gentzler with any questions at kari.gentzler@doane.edu.

"I would hope that all of the students who are currently in the Program

know that my office door is always open, and they can email me with questions or concerns anytime," Gentzler said.

## Website highlights faculty projects

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

Recently, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Perkins Library have partnered together to develop a new website designed to showcase Doane faculty accomplishments and honors.

Chief Academic Offi-

cer Lorie Cook-Benjamin set a goal for 2021 to find a consistent method of gathering and promoting faculty accomplishments.

"Doane University's Office of Academic Affairs was looking for a timely and sustainable way to bring awareness of and promote faculty accomplishments," Cook-Benjamin said.

With the help of As-

sistant Professor of Practice and Online Learning Librarian Cali Biaggi, this goal was achieved through the creation of the website by using existing resources from Perkins Library.

"The library uses a platform called LibGuides to create our research guides, which students might be familiar with," Biaggi said. "I

happened to be experimenting with ways to customize them for other uses, so I suggested creating one to share faculty accomplishments. I also created a Qualtrics form that faculty members can use to submit their accomplishments."

The site itself revolves around the three main areas expected from full-time Doane faculty, those

being teaching, scholarship and service. Teaching being the hallmark and most familiar of the areas.

Scholarship relates to faculty who may be heavily involved in seeking or implementing federal grants, presenting at regional or national conferences and publishing journal articles, books or book chapters.

Lastly, the service section highlights submitted faculty achievement involving service activities of various types, duration and location.

"These accomplishments reflect the efforts of faculty to expand their knowledge in their areas

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## Weekly Nebraska COVID update

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
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The level of community transmission remains high for Saline County. As of Feb. 18, Doane has 3 current cases of COVID-19, making a cumulative total of 99 cases throughout the semester so far. The Doane Crete campus is currently reporting all 3 active cases while the Doane Lincoln and Omaha campuses are reporting none.

Saline County has re-

ported fewer than 10 total cases of COVID-19 and there have been no new hospital admissions due to COVID-19 within the last seven days, as of Feb. 21. There are 60 percent of the population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County that have been fully vaccinated, marking 51.5 percent of the total population of Saline County as fully vaccinated.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, the Lincoln-Lancaster county's indoor mask mandate ended around one week early due to the recent

downturn in COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations. Recently, Lancaster county reported around 809 cases, the lowest number of cases the county has seen in the last two months.

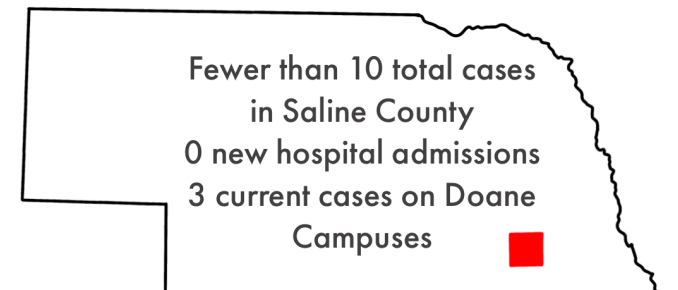
As a result, both the Lincoln Public Schools district and University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) have decided to end some masking requirements.

For UNL, masks will still be required in classes where students work in close proximity. Professors may also be able to ask students to wear masks if they choose,

but they cannot require students to wear them. UNL still plans to continue its random mitigation testing even with fewer masking requirements around campus.

County residents can still expect to have to wear masks in some facilities, such as hospitals and airports. All forms of public transportation and school buses are still being required to adhere to masking requirements due to federal guidelines.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that all people should still



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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 and the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker.



# Classified documents found

15 boxes found in Trump's possession

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

Former President Donald Trump is under investigation after 15 boxes of classified national security documents were retrieved from Mar-a-Lago, a resort in Palm Beach, Fla. owned by Trump.

According to The Hill, the statement regarding the collection of documents comes from the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA). The NARA has also directed Trump to release his communications from the Jan. 6 House Committee.

"NARA has identified certain social media records that were not captured and preserved by the Trump Administration. NARA has also learned that some White House

staff conducted official business using non-official electronic messaging accounts that were not copied or forwarded into their official electronic messaging accounts, as required," National Archivist David Ferriero wrote in a letter to the Justice Department.

There are also reports that among the documents the House Committee received were multiple presidential records that had been taped back together after being ripped up, something the NARA had warned the Trump Administration against doing.

If found guilty, this act would be in direct violation of the Presidential Records Act, which was enacted in 1978 after former President Richard Nixon wanted to destroy documents related to the Watergate scandal.

According to the Associated Press, federal law bars the removal of classified documents to unauthorized locations, but Trump could potentially argue that, as president, he was the ultimate declassification authority and could take documents with him wherever he pleased.

Regardless of the legal risk associated with this, Trump's use of a private email server, among other



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things, resembles the same thing Hillary Clinton did during her time as Secretary of State, something he repeatedly mentioned during the 2016 presidential election.

Despite this, Trump states that "the National Archives did not 'find' anything," and that "if this was anyone but 'Trump,' there would be no story here."

There are no further updates as of this publication.

# Tensions with North Korea rise

Worries heighten as more missiles are tested

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

According to AP News, the United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken recently met with his Japanese and South Korean counterparts on Feb. 12 in Hawaii.

This meeting comes after North Korea began the year with multiple missile tests, creating heightened worries over the country's threat level. The three countries have come to condemn the recent missile launches, with Blinken saying that North Korea seems to be

"in a phase of provocation."

In the past, North Korea has used these types of "provocations" such as missile or nuclear tests to seek international concessions. This time, multiple U.S. officials believe these recent tests to be an attempt at pressuring President Joe Biden into easing sanctions against North Korea.

The Biden Administration seems to show no willingness at easing sanctions against North Korea unless large cuts to the country's nuclear program happen. On the other side, North Korea rejects resuming diplomacy with the U.S. until Washington drops what North Korea deems "hostile policies," relating to the U.S. sanctions against the country and regular military exercises it holds with South Korea.

Current reports indicate that the tests performed by North Korea



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has allowed it to hone its weapon arsenal, with the most recently tested missile being their longest-distance missile to date and capable of reaching the U.S. territory of Guam.

Although North Korea appeared to pause their nuclear testing during the Winter Olympics in China, analysts believe the

country will dramatically increase testing soon.

"We are absolutely united in our approach," Blinken said after talks with the Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi and South Korean Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong.

Blinken also mentioned that the three are still "very closely con-

sulting" on what to do next and what type of response should be made to North Korea.

At the moment, the three representatives released a joint statement calling on North Korea to discuss and stop its "unlawful activities." They express no hostile intent toward North Korea and are open to meeting in

## This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

2/23



High: 18

Low: 4

Thursday

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High: 19

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Friday

2/25



High: 32

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Saturday

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High: 45

Low: 19

Sunday

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High: 36

Low: 9

Monday

2/28



High: 42

Low: 21

Tuesday

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High: 53

Low: 25

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Pyongyang without pre-conditions.

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

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of expertise and show that they are leaders in their fields of study," Biaggi said. "This dedication translates into innovative skills that can be passed on to students in the classroom, [and] several of the publications and presentations included on the site also had undergraduate students as co-authors."

For faculty, the ability to submit accomplishments or view their fellow faculty members' ac-

complishments comes as a warm welcome.

"I like the idea of the new website for a few reasons," Associate Professor of Biology Tessa Durham Brooks said. "I think it is important for the Doane community to be aware of all we do as faculty and how that expands what we do with students well beyond the classroom. The website is also useful for broader audiences including prospective students, alumni and donors."

Associate Professor of Spanish Jared List echoed that it is nice to keep up with colleagues' accomplishments and

projects.

"Our faculty are always doing amazing things, and I appreciate the venue to see what my colleagues are doing," List said. "We faculty may not necessarily know all of each other's accomplishments, so the website gives us a chance to learn more [and] promotes possible future collaborations between faculty members as we see what each other are doing and note possible points of intersection or shared interests."

For anyone who wishes to view the website for themselves, they can visit [complishments/welcome and view an introductory video by Cook-Benjamin explaining the site.](https://libguides.doane.edu/facultyac-</a></p></div>
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For any faculty member who wishes to submit any of their current accomplishments, the website has a section leading to the Qualtrics survey, where they can fill out their accomplishment type, give a description of it and add any links to references of the accomplishment.

The website will be updated on a monthly basis with Biaggi as the main overseer. Anybody with questions can contact Biaggi at [cali.biaggi@doane.edu](mailto:cali.biaggi@doane.edu) or Cook-Ben-

jamin at [lorie.cookbenjamin@doane.edu](mailto:lorie.cookbenjamin@doane.edu).

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# Canada protests continue to grow

Trudeau  
unwilling to  
lift COVID  
mandates

**ERIN BURKE**  
Staff Writer

Beginning Jan. 29, the city of Ottawa in Canada was filled with the sound of honking trucks and protesters filling the streets to form a blockade around the city.

According to an article by Reuters, the protests were a response to a new vaccine mandate imposed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government on Jan. 15. The new mandate matches a United States mandate which would require all truckers moving between the U.S. and Canada to be fully vaccinated and to complete the necessary quarantine requirements.

The protesters known as "The Freedom Convoy 2022" are attempting to control international trade to push for the end of COVID-19 restrictions including mask mandates, crowd regulations

and vaccine mandates put in place by the federal government. What started off as a protest among truckers has spread into a protest for change across Canada.

Inspired by the blockade in Ottawa, more protests and blockades have formed in Windsor, Ontario and the province of Alberta.

According to an article by CNN on Feb. 11, a blockade began forming around the Ambassador Bridge on Feb. 7. The Ambassador Bridge is a key location for trade between Canada and the U.S., as it connects Canada to Detroit, Mich. The blockade had an early impact with Ford, General Motors and Toyota stopping production until trade could resume.

The protests started off peacefully but have since escalated with noise complaints being called in every night to police stations in Ottawa, as well as reports of property damage, theft and hundreds of alleged hate crimes.

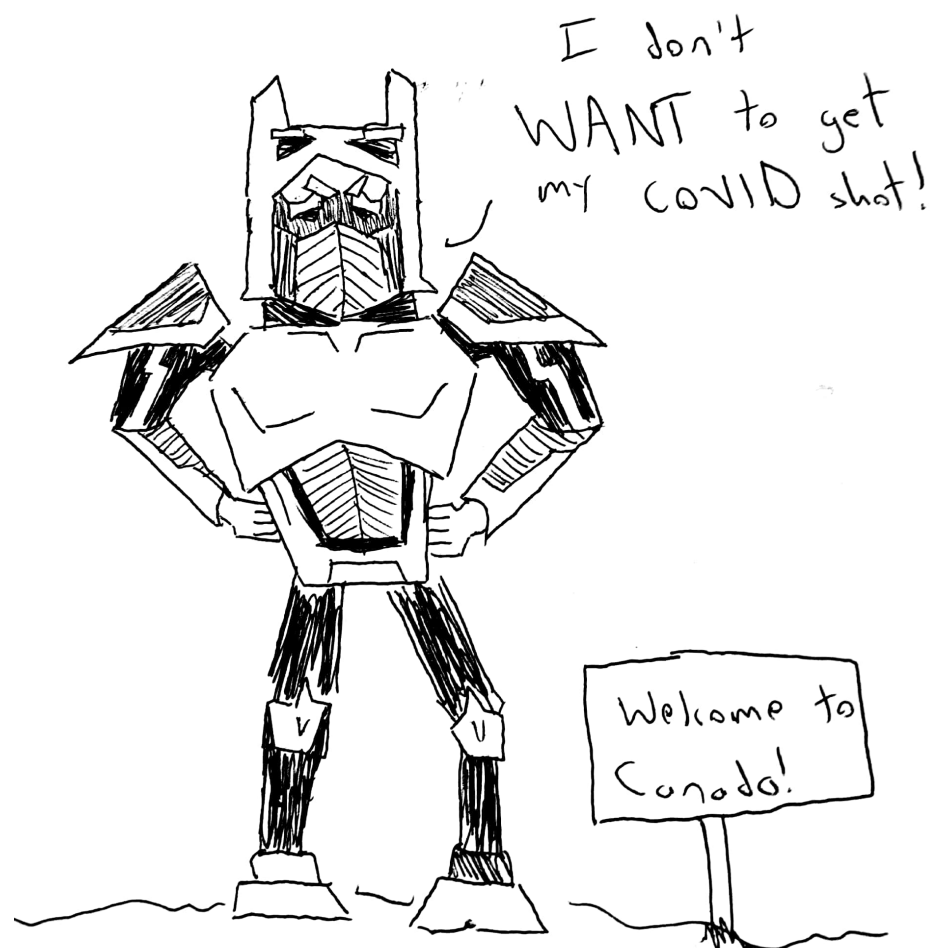
The Council on Foreign Relations noted on Feb. 11 that Canada has maintained some of the strictest COVID-19 protections throughout the pandemic but also noted that citizens in Canada

have taken individual steps to protect themselves with 80 percent of the population being vaccinated and boosted. CNN also reported that 90 percent of Canada's truckers are fully vaccinated.

Canada's government has left the issue to provincial governments and has no intention of sending in the military to disperse the crowds.

Reuters reported that on Feb. 7, a judge signed a temporary injunction that prevents protesters from using their horns during demonstrations. The same day, a judge in Ontario ordered the end of the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge. Protesters had 24 hours to disperse before facing arrests. Meanwhile in Ottawa, police seized thousands of liters of fuel and removed an oil tanker from Ottawa that had been refueling the trucks in the hopes of draining resources.

Trudeau has refused to lift the mandate. CNN reported Trudeau calling the protesters a "small, fringe minority." Protests continue in Alberta and Ottawa as of the date of this publication.



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## U.S. opposes Russian advances

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in a statement on Feb. 21, that the United States believes Russia is planning an "extremely violent" invasion of Ukraine and that Moscow will seek to "crush" the Ukrainian people.

According to The Hill, nearly 200,000 Russian soldiers are believed to have been gathered near the Russia-Ukraine border, despite Russia saying otherwise. Russian officials have denied the numbers and have claimed that some of their forces are moving away from the border, but the Biden Administration has dismissed these claims.

"We believe that any military operation of the size, scope and magnitude of what we believe the Russians are planning will be extremely violent. It will cost the lives of Ukrainians and Russians, civilians and military personnel alike," Sullivan said.

On Feb. 20, officials announced that joint military exercises between Russia and Belarus that were scheduled to end before March would be extended indefinitely.

According to NPR, President Joe Biden has promised that Russia will face severe sanctions if they invade Ukraine.

"If Russia proceeds, we will rally the world and oppose its aggression. The United States and our allies and partners around the world are

ready to impose powerful sanctions and export controls," Biden said.

If Russia does invade and the U.S. institutes sanctions, it is likely that energy prices would dramatically increase. Russia is a major exporter of oil and natural gas, particularly to Europe. Roughly 40 percent of the natural gas used by the European Union comes from Russia.

While nothing has happened yet and world leaders are still willing to meet with Putin provided he does not invade, tensions continue to rise.

There are no further updates as of this publication.



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## The Olympics end amidst controversies

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor in Chief

The Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics came to a close on Feb. 20 and has already earned the reputation of being the most politicized and restricted competition to date.

The ceremony concluded with fireworks spelling out "One World, One Family" in the night sky as spectators sang "Auld Lang Syne," an old Scottish song symbolizing change and often sang to ring in a new year.

These Olympics were marked by strict COVID-19 restrictions,

conflict between Russia and Ukraine, U.S. diplomats boycotting the event and a recent drug scandal involving 15-year-old Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva.

Valieva tested positive for the banned heart medication trimetazidine in December, according to NBC News, but she was still allowed to compete in the competition. NBC also reports that although the test was administered in December, the results were only brought to the public's attention within the past week.

The figure skater was set up to win gold for the Russian Olympic Com-

mittee, but after details of her drug test results were released, her performance became muddled with mistakes, costing her a medal.

According to NBC, Valieva and her training team is currently under investigation, and any reports made by the Russian Anti-Doping Agency are able to be overruled by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The 2026 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy.

## Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Feb. 14 through 21 include:

- 02/14 **Disturbance** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Academic Buildings: Communications Building: Lower Level
- 02/18 **Drug Law Violations: Possession of Drugs** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Parking Lots: Lot K



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# Interfaith Week celebrates beliefs

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life kicked off Interfaith Week. This week was started in Spring 2020 and has become an annual opportunity for students on both Crete and Lincoln campuses to learn and explore various aspects of spirituality and wellness. This year there will be more guests from the community involved as well as a range of events for students, staff and alumni.

The Religious and Spiritual Life office aims to provide support for the Doane community in terms of various religious, secular and spiritual beliefs. The goal of Interfaith Week is to bring people together.

"By bringing people together to learn and share about their beliefs and values, similar or different, we ultimately strengthen the relationships within our community," Director of Religious and Spiritual Life Leah Cech said.

Interfaith Week kicked off with a Yoga and Sound Meditation event

on Feb. 20 in the Hansen classroom. The first five students to arrive received a Doane yoga mat. There will be another Yoga and Sound Meditation event on the Lincoln campus on Feb. 23.

The following day, Feb. 21, showcased Mindfulness Monday. An email from Religious and Spiritual Life detailed various mindfulness exercises. Mindfulness helps to center a busy mind, reduce stress and increase focus.

"Mindfulness encourages us towards awareness and attention to the present moment, approaching the experience with curiosity and kindness," the email stated.

Some of the exercises included mindful eating. With this exercise, students could take time to slow down and focus on each bite of their meal, noticing different flavors and textures.

Students could participate in one of the exercises, email Religious and Spiritual Life about their experience and get entered to win a prize.

The following day will include a "Church Chat" in East/West Dining in Perry Campus Center. This will feature a discus-

sion panel with members from four Christian denominations.

Feb. 22 will also host a "Sabbath Sharing" over Zoom. This presentation will include a preview of the new Ethics and Interfaith Studies program at Doane.

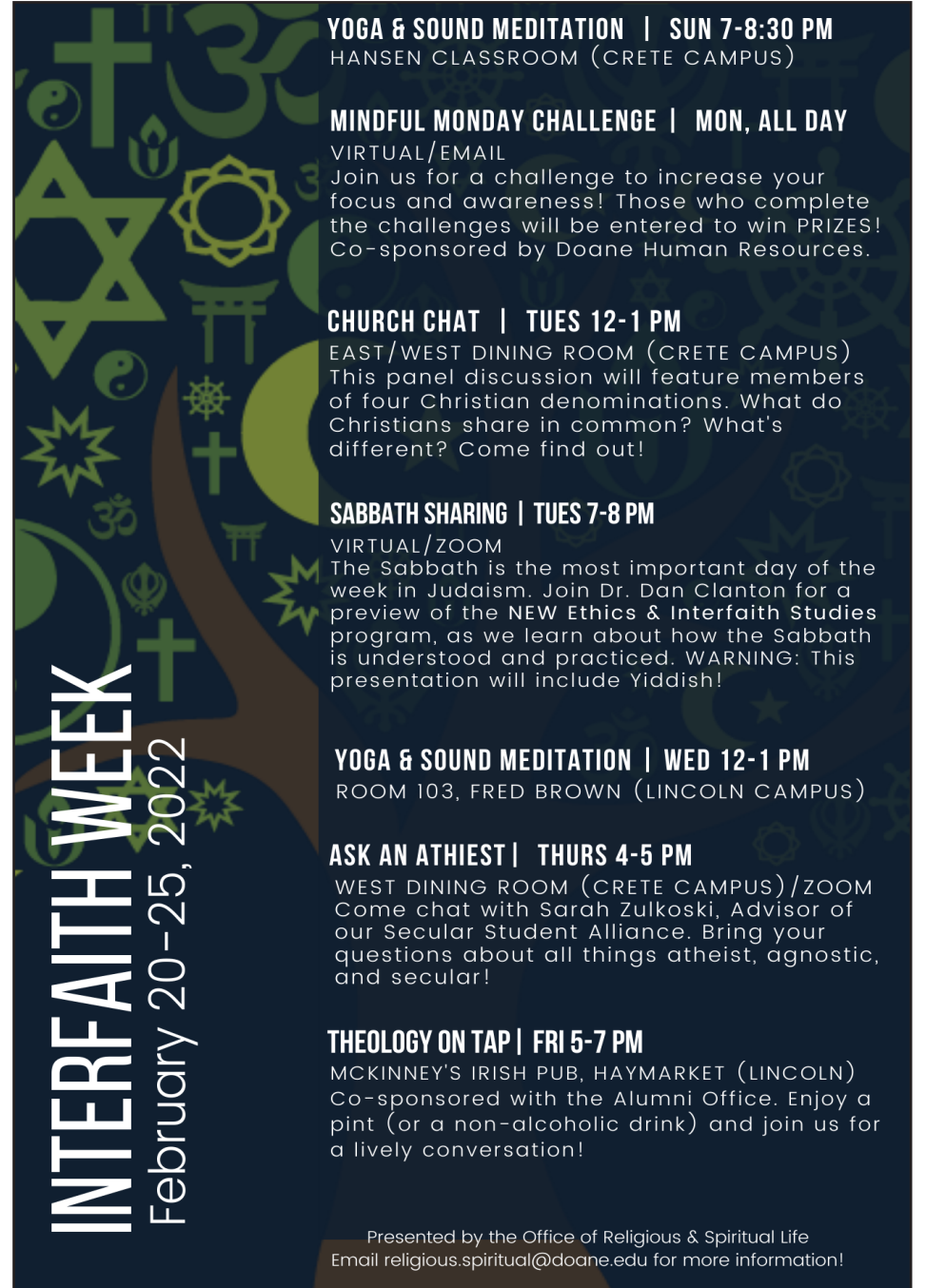
"Ask an Atheist" event will be held on Feb. 24. Students can bring any questions to Advisor of the Secular Student Alliance Sarah Zulkoski.

The week will conclude with "Theology on Tap" from 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 25. This event will be held at McKinney's Irish Pub in Lincoln.

Cech said that this week is about finding beliefs and values that are "deeply held" and "widely shared," according to the founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core Eboo Patel.

"Being part of activities for Interfaith Week is a way for our Doane community to see how we both celebrate religious diversity and build upon those common beliefs and values," Cech said.

Any questions can be directed to religious.spiritual@doane.edu.



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**SABBATH SHARING | TUES 7-8 PM**  
VIRTUAL/ZOOM  
The Sabbath is the most important day of the week in Judaism. Join Dr. Dan Clanton for a preview of the NEW Ethics & Interfaith Studies program, as we learn about how the Sabbath is understood and practiced. WARNING: This presentation will include Yiddish!

**YOGA & SOUND MEDITATION | WED 12-1 PM**  
ROOM 103, FRED BROWN (LINCOLN CAMPUS)

**ASK AN ATHEIST | THURS 4-5 PM**  
WEST DINING ROOM (CRETE CAMPUS)/ZOOM  
Come chat with Sarah Zulkoski, Advisor of our Secular Student Alliance. Bring your questions about all things atheist, agnostic, and secular!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP | FRI 5-7 PM**  
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Presented by the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life  
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## Future teachers host health drive

**SARAH DALY**  
Communications  
Manager

Helping the community through service is a priority for many student organizations on Doane's campus. Doane's chapter of Aspiring Educators is no exception. In collaboration with the Lincoln Public School District, Aspiring Educators members organized and ran a hygiene drive on campus.

From Feb. 14 to Feb. 18, members of Aspiring Educators were present at the Beige Desk in Perry Campus center. Items collected included toothbrushes, soap, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash and many others.

Aspiring Educators is a group on campus that consists of education majors of various content areas with the common goal of making an impact on students.

"[Aspiring Educators] puts us in scenarios that we, as privileged people, might not have thought about and gives us ideas on how to help our soon-to-be students," sophomore Raven Ovens said.

This hygiene drive will benefit current Lincoln Public School District students who are experiencing homelessness. Many of Doane's education majors have worked within the Lincoln School District classrooms.

"When we heard of the opportunity to help with a problem affecting students in a district that many of us have practi-

cum or student teaching, we jumped at the opportunity to do what we could to help students," senior Madi Warrelmann said.

Warrelmann said she enjoyed watching the donations come in and is thankful to everyone who was able to donate.

"My favorite part was seeing the campus come together and work for one goal. And that was to help people in need," Ovens added.

Donations are no longer accepted on Doane's campus, but students can contact local homeless shelters in the Lancaster County area if they want to donate. More information about local homeless shelters can be found at <https://www.shelterlistings.org/city/lincoln-ne.html>.

## Doane Forensics achieves success

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

The Doane Forensics team competed at the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensic Association (NIFA) State Tournament on Feb. 12.

This tournament, held virtually, had many successes. The team was supported by coaches Nathaniel Wilson and Jennifer Torres.

To start off these successes, Doane Forensics won the Division Three Team Sweepstakes Championship.

In addition to the group win, senior Walker Stuhr had a good amount of his own personal wins. He advanced to the final round in all three of his

events. Stuhr won second place in the After Diner Speaking event and second place in the Impromptu Speaking event. On top of that, Stuhr won as a state champion in Informative Speaking.

Stuhr said that it was exciting to have had all of his events placed so highly and only getting beaten by the overall champion performer.

"To add my name to the list of Informative category champions, in my senior year, puts a nice bow on my Forensics journey heading towards the end of this season," Stuhr said.

This state championship win is the first state championship for Doane's team since 2018. It is also Doane's first Informative Speaking win since 2016.

Going into the competition, Stuhr had a positive attitude.

"With most of my events already qualified for nationals, this was a chance to demonstrate our team's prowess to the rest of the circuit," Stuhr said.

In addition to Stuhr's performance, Wilson said that the other three team members who participated in this competition had "fantastic showings" in each of their events.

"I'm proud of myself, but most of all, I'm proud of my team and the support we give each other," Stuhr said.

The Doane Forensics team will compete virtually on Feb. 26.



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## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Times have been weird lately and you may have decided to take a step back for the time being, but now is the time to jump back into the fray. There is much work to be done.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Life has been too dull lately getting in the way of your leisure time. Now is the time for some spontaneity. Seize the opportunity.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Coincidences, coincidences. Things seem to keep falling into place even when they appear not to have any connection whatsoever. Be prepared so as not to be caught off guard.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** The time for self-motivation to accomplish as much as you can is well passed, Taurus. You can now be as lazy without repercussion.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Dial yourself in. You've noticed that no matter what you do, you still seem to keep a certain energy level about you. Be sure not to overestimate your own capabilities this time.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Your own self-fulfillment should be your priority for the future. You cannot help others as much as you want to if you can't help yourself.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** A time of moodiness has come. Whether it be overwhelming or almost nonexistent. Interact with caution with those around you.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Communication serves you well this week, Virgo. Knowing when to speak up if you need assistance will be a valuable skill to have.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Communication serves you well this week, Virgo. Knowing when to speak up if you ever need assistance will be a valuable skill to have.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Although the limelight may not be on you this week, Scorpio, make sure to take this opportunity to understand just what you bring to the table. From this, you can work on being even better the next time the light shines on you.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Give in to the temptation of calmness around you. Everyone needs a day to themselves to set everything aside and relax.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Meeting new people happens to be in your best interest this week, Capricorn. You never know who you might meet, whether it be a future business partner, friend or romance.

# Changes Greek service hours

**MATTHEW MITTLIEDER**  
Staff Writer

The Greek Council is changing its requirements for the amount of community service hours each person must complete per semester as a member of a fraternity or sorority. They have also updated what kind of service they will allow to fulfill those service hours.

Each active Greek member was previously required to complete at least 5 hours of community service per semester, but after the new community service changes, Greek Life students must now fulfill at least 3 true community (not Doane affiliated) service hours per semester.

According to Doane's Helper Helper administrators in Career, Leadership, & Service (CLS), community service is defined as unpaid work performed by a person or group for the betterment of the community beyond Doane and its campus.

Some examples of what students can do for possible community service hours include community food distribution, adult education classes, community meals, youth athletic camps and highway trash clean up.

Greek members must then also complete two campus involvement activities that are for the betterment of Doane. These are distinct from community service, as campus involvement is characterized as participating in

Doane events and activities that are part of the college student experience.

This could include Homecoming activities, student organization recruitment events and fundraisers, working concessions at Doane athletic events, working at the Beige Desk in Perry Campus Center for a student organization or being part of campus clean up events.

For Greek life members, as well as any Doane students

looking to document their service, community service hours can be verified on the Helper Helper app. However, campus involvement activities or events will not be verified on Helper Helper.

These changes were made in order to get Doane students, specifically Greek Life students, out into the community beyond Doane's campus to provide outreach to a wider variety of needs.

## CHANGES TO GREEK COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

### ACTIVE GREEK MEMBERS MUST NOW COMPLETE:

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Students should start preparing for the Fall 2022 semester. Before spring break, students should be meeting with their advisors to go over schedules and plans for the upcoming semester. Registration is right after spring break.

## Students prepare for spring break

Spring break comes with room checks, trips and registration

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

As the semester almost reaches its halfway point, students are finishing out the last two weeks before spring break.

This year, spring break starts on March 5 and ends on March 11. While this time is often used for students to recharge, there are a few things that need to be done before that can happen.

Students who live on campus need to prepare their rooms for room checks. All students must leave campus, as the residence halls will be closed over break. Students who want to request an exemption must do so by filling out the Break Exemption Form on eRezLife.

This exemption form will be accepted until

Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. Students who fill out the form after this date will be charged a \$25 late fee. Students who stay on campus without filling out the form will be charged a \$50 fee and be asked to leave, according to an email from Residential Life and Education (ResLife).

In addition to preparing living arrangements during spring break, students also need to be planning their schedules for Fall 2022. Registration will begin on March 16 after break is over. Seniors who are graduating in May do not need to worry about registering.

In order to prepare, students can go onto their WebAdvisor account. There, students can plan and schedule their fall semester classes. Students should also be finding time prior to spring break or as soon as they arrive back on campus after break to meet with their advisors. Advisors must approve classes before students can register.

While students are getting their on-campus rooms ready for room checks and preparing for fall semester registration,

many are also finalizing plans for break. Students who fall in this category include students participating in the Alternative Spring Break.

Alternative Spring Break is a chance for a select group of students to travel to another region with Doane Serves and work with a non-profit organization. Applications closed on Feb. 7, and nine students were notified of their acceptance.

This year's Alternative Spring Break takes place in Galveston, Texas working with the Galveston Bay Foundation and other non-profit organizations focused on wildlife conservation. The trip will be headed by Assistant Director of Leadership and Service Nick Knopik.

Other students are finalizing various other trips, work opportunities or just time to relax over spring break.

## BSA collaborates with Active Minds

**ERIN BURKE**  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 18, students were welcome to walk up to the Beige Desk in Perry Campus Center and pick up a bottle of free gatorade or a piece of candy. When students looked at their treats, they also received information about mental health and how it impacts the Black community.

"With [it being] Black History Month, it was important to educate students on the current problems facing the Black community. We do not talk about mental health and how it impacts people," Vice President of Doane's Black Student Alliance (BSA) junior Majesty Maxwell explained.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, only 1 in 3 Black adults who need mental healthcare receive the proper care needed. This is due to a variety of barriers including socioeconomic disparities, with 11.5 percent of Black people in the United States not having any form of medical insurance, the stigma surrounding mental health, provider bias

and inequality of care.

People who do receive treatment face their own set of struggles. According to the American Psychiatric Association, Black people are less likely to be included in research which impacts the way providers treat the collected trauma. They are also less likely to receive guideline-consistent care and more likely to use emergency rooms or primary care providers rather than a mental health specialist.

President of Active Minds junior Maddy Meredith added to the list of barriers, stating that people of color face a lack of family privacy, have concerns about medication used to treat mental health and the overall dehumanizing experience with healthcare providers preventing them from asking for help.

Meredith and Maxwell hoped the event would bring awareness to the inequalities that people of color face with mental health but also bring awareness to how serious the topic is.

Maxwell explained that there was a desire to have a comfortable, non-pressured environment.

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MAJESTY MAXWELL  
BSA Vice President

"It is an uncomfortable topic to talk about, and we wanted it to be the most stress-free environment. So we decided to stick the information on the free stuff and let the students read it on their own," Maxwell said.

While there is still plenty of work to be done, Maxwell and Meredith hope this event has helped students be more informed and supportive while encouraging students to seek support from the counselors and other resources available on campus.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

## Honoring faculty achievement

With the incorporation of the newly developed website centered on showcasing faculty accomplishments, we here at the Owl would like to take a moment to honor all faculty for the work that they do and values they represent.

We would like to say a special thank-you to Chief Academic Officer Lorie Cook-Benjamin with the Office of Academic Affairs and to Assistant Professor of

Practice and Online Learning Librarian Cali Biaggi with the Perkins Library for all of the work that they have done so that this website could come to fruition.

Honoring faculty achievement is something that should never be overlooked.

Whether it relates to teaching, scholarship or service, the work that Doane faculty put into their areas of focus should not go unnoticed.

Having a space for faculty to submit their accomplishments for showcasing allows for better representation and understanding of their specific areas as well as their own personal interests within them.

Of the many who have already submitted accomplishments, we know that there may be many more who have yet to do so. We encourage all Doane faculty who have

accomplished or achieved something that they are proud of to submit these accomplishments to the LibGuide site so that they can be recognized for the work that they have done.

Knowing that the website could be viewed by broader audiences than just students, alumni or other faculty is also a notable achievement of this new website.

## Hot takes; Greek g(w)eek

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

With Greek Week just over the horizon, I figured now is as good a time as any to rank the 12 major Greek gods and goddesses.

Each god or goddess is ranked based on their powers and duties, their stories and how well known they are.

Powers and duties are the most important part because these guys and gals are literal gods, so if their powers are lame and their responsibilities are boring, they lose a lot of points.

The stories they appear in is the second most important part because a god or goddess can have super cool powers, but if their stories are either uninteresting or dumb, they lose a fair number of points.

The final aspect I'll be assessing is popularity. This is the most arbitrary of the criteria, so for that reason, it has the least influence in determining the placement of the deities. Basically, if they are well-known and appear in a lot of various media, they gain points.

S Tier - The gods and goddesses here are freak-



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ing sweet. Everything about them exudes power, elegance and stoic responsibility in maintaining the natural order of the world.

A Tier - While not as great overall as the ones above, the lads and lasses in this tier still have a lot to offer and are by no means a bad choice.

B Tier - The ones that

occupy this level have their fans, but a devoted fan base can't make up for the fact that these are just mid-deities.

C Tier - There isn't really much to love about the folks in this tier. Whether it's uninspired powers or bland stories, they just kind of are filler for the pantheon.

F Tier - No comment.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Hades, Poseidon, Athena

A Tier: (Second Best)- Zeus, Hephaestus, Artemis

B Tier: (Average)- Ares, Apollo

C Tier: (Below Average)- Aphrodite, Hera

F Tier: (Garbage)- Hermes, Dionysus

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!

## Appreciating my dog, Sophie



**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

My dog, Sophie, had to go in to see the vet this past week, and everything went fine, don't worry, but the vet did tell me something a little disheartening. My sweet girl only has about two years left in her.

Sophie is a giant dog, legitimately huge. So I knew that her lifespan was shorter and all that, but it is one thing to understand that and another thing to hear a licensed veterinarian say it. After all, Sophie is only five, so we haven't had a plethora of time together.

The vet estimated that in about a year it won't be safe to put her under anesthesia if something were to happen. For example, she needs something done on her teeth right now, and I couldn't wait to have it done because it may have been too risky in the months to come.

That's just crazy to me. My dog has an average

lifespan of about seven years, but one of my family's cats is 17 and somehow still kicking. Granted, he did almost succumb to his age this past week, but that's beside the point.

I wish Sophie could live with me forever, but I know that isn't realistic. And since coming to Doane, I haven't spent nearly as much time with her as I would like to. That has led me to think about what I want to do with Sophie before she passes.

And to be quite honest, I don't know what I want to do with her. We have done so much together already, and I know she's as happy as she possibly can be, so what use is it to exhaust her with adventures.

As a senior dog for her age and size, Sophie physically cannot do as much as she used to, so if I want to do something special, it's going to have to be on her terms, not mine.

I have accepted the fact that Sophie-girl will be gone from this Earth soon, and that is sad. But it is real life. And at the end of the day, I'm so very fortunate to have had this time with her, no matter how much it will hurt the day she dies.

In saying all this, I just want to emphasize taking advantage of the time you have left with the people and things that you love. Sometimes death comes out of left field, and we're stuck picking up the pieces. So, enjoy things as they come and go into your life, just like I have since the second I adopted Sophie.



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# Working to be better each day



**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

Lately, I have been wanting to work on myself more and more. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean this in a way that I am uncomfortable or dislike something about myself, I just want to keep making improvements on what I am already doing and maybe

brush up on some of the things I may not be so good at.

I'm still working through that low-motivation rut that I've been in, but I know that's not everything. There will always be things that I cannot do and I understand that; I'm just hoping that I can work through the things that I actually can improve just in case it turns out to be important for me in the future.

Whether it be school, newspaper or relationship related, working on these small things that I know I can improve on has helped a fair amount over the last week. I haven't been super pressured by whatever it may have been, and I'm more or less going with the flow of how things turn out for others.

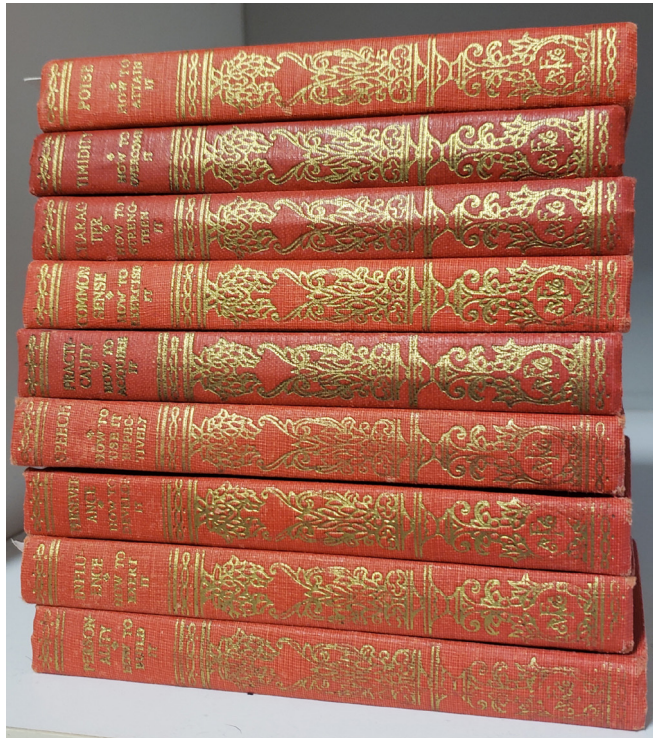


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That last part hasn't necessarily been great for the low-motivation I've been having, but I've

school or newspaper work. that some things have not changed.

On the topic of self-improvement, I remembered a certain old series of books that I own called "The Mental Efficiency Series" published by Funk and Wagnalls Company. This series includes books centered around certain aspects of the self that you can improve or lessen, like poise, character, timidity and more in the ten-title series.

Even though I haven't gotten the chance to read through all the books that I own from the series, I really enjoy reading about how these traits were viewed and improved or lessened in the past. Obviously there is a lot of difference from the time the series was first published over a century ago and now, but I like

Reading these books isn't necessarily easy and does not always apply to how everything is today, but I have learned a few things and done a fair amount of introspection each time I've gotten the chance to read one.

Being able to take notice of the things that I wish to improve upon and put some of what I learn into my everyday life has been a decent amount of help so far. I hope that I can continue to do so at least throughout the rest of the semester so that I can hopefully lose this rut of low motivation and get back on track.

# Podcasts for everyone to enjoy



**SARAH DALY**  
Communications Manager

I am not ashamed to say that I am an avid podcast listener. I believe that podcasts are an underrated form of entertainment.

One of the aspects that I love about podcasts is how you can still remain seemingly productive while listening. In my own life, I can listen to podcasts while cleaning my apartment, driving to work or falling asleep.

There always seems to be a perfect podcast genre for every aspect of life.

Listening to podcasts, in my life, is a great way to tune out the "background noise." Depending on the podcast, sometimes there is educational value to be held. Some people can find podcasts that provide them with their daily news updates or make them ask more questions. Truly, there is a podcast for everyone.

In my earlier years as a Doane student, I only listened to one podcast. When I would clean or work around my dorm room, I would listen to "Not Too Deep with Grace Helbig." Helbig is a name you will hear later, but she is a long-standing YouTube personality that has had this podcast for over four years.

Like its name suggests, the content was normally

lighthearted and had a new guest every episode. Helbig would interview some of my favorite early 2010s Youtubers, and the world could seem at peace.

Now I have developed a "roster" of podcasts that I feel are good for the soul and truly make you smile in an ever-changing world. Some of my current favorites include, "Zane and Heath: Unfiltered," "This Might Get Weird," "Violating Community Guidelines" and "Cancelled with Tana Mongeau."

If you recognize any of these titles, you may realize that all of these podcasts also have YouTube connections. Any of these titles can make you laugh, cringe and maybe even contemplate starting your own podcast.



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# App causing turmoil on social media



**JOHN DAWES**  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 19, the worst thing in my life happened. I failed my daily Wordle after having a streak for 17 days straight. I was devastated, my pride was damaged and my friends made sure to make fun of me on Twitter.

Wordle is a daily crossword-like game where players get six guesses to a randomly selected five-letter word. If you get the correct letter in the right place of the word, it will appear green. If it's the correct letter in the wrong place, it is yellow,

and if the letter isn't in the word, it shows as gray. The goal is to get all the letters in the right place and have the word be green.

There is a new word every 24 hours, and it was great to see everyone post their daily Wordles and see it take social media by storm. I would wake up, do my Wordle, post it on Twitter and see everyone else's Wordle. But then, the greatest travesty of all time happened. The New York Times bought Wordle on Jan. 31 and merged with the original Wordle website on Feb. 15.

The Times buying Wordle, in theory, is fine; it means Wordle can have literal millions poured into what is basically a crossword game, and I can post my daily Wordle for two likes on Twitter for the end of time. When the Times bought Wordle, the words became borderline sadistic.

In the past few days, the winning words have been "ulcer," "ultra," "cynic" and "aroma." All of these words are weirdly difficult- they have repeat letters, odd combinations

of vowels and "aroma," which specifically made my heart pressure rise to 90 BPM.

The word that ended my streak was "swill," which means "to wash or rinse out (an area or container) by pouring large amounts of water or other liquid over or into it," according to Oxford Languages.

This random British word completely screwed thousands of other Wordle players and me. But have the Times actually made Wordle harder? The answer is sadly no. We have just been absurdly unlucky with the last couple of words we have gotten.

The Times has actually removed words like "agora" and a bunch of British slang that would genuinely break the internet. They have also removed words like "slave" and "wench."

So has Wordle gotten harder since the Times bought it? No, it hasn't; we've just had an awful run of words. But it's nice to blame companies for not getting our Wordle's right.

## ...THUMBS UP

Dragonflies

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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...



# Track & Field dominate conference

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

Indoor Track and Field left the GPAC Championship on Feb. 18 and 19 victorious, with the Men coming in first and the Women coming in fourth only one point away from third.

In the Men's heptathlon event, senior David Arcos posted 4,800 points, landing him in second, and junior Mike Pulliam raked in 4,410 points to earn fifth place. Sophomore Mason Zimmerman was close behind in sixth place with 4,341 points.

Senior Matthew Campbell won the weight throw with a distance of 20.19m, hitting a top-season mark. Sophomore Luke Partridge placed fifth in the same event (18.05m), as

well as freshman Trey Dickey coming in sixth (17.68m).

In the high jump, Arcos placed second with 2.01m, and freshman Dylan Starr got on the all-conference list with 1.96m.

In the long jump, Arcos got second (6.89m) and junior Jack Krejci placed third (6.86m). Freshman Clayton Berry finished fourth with 6.80m; freshman Luke Davis got fifth with 6.64m. Freshman Sam Boldt placed sixth (6.62m), and senior Blake Kastanek landed in seventh (6.61m).

Junior Vince Lauenroth and sophomore Trevor Malone tied in the triple jump with marks of 13.99m, being broken by Lauenroth with a distance of 13.97m. Lauenroth placed fourth with Malone in fifth.

Pulliam placed second in the pole vault (4.50m), and freshman Drew

Garrison placed sixth (4.05m).

Freshman JaDae Moore placed second in the 60m dash with a time of 6.93, and Davis got fifth with 7.03 seconds.

In the 60m hurdles, sophomore Zach Turner won the event with 8.23 seconds, senior Jake Long placed third with 8.39, Krejci came in sixth with 8.53, and senior Logan Hammond finished seventh with 8.61.

Turner placed fourth in the 200m dash with a time of 22.43, and Moore came in sixth with 22.58. Turner also placed second in the 400m dash with 49.35.

In the 600m dash, senior Kingdon Hawes came in third with 1:22.59, junior Aidan Wheelock finished fourth (1:22.75) and junior Jordan Tasler came in sixth (1:23.63).

Wheelock earned an all-conference honor in the 800m run with a time

of 2:01.01 coming in third. Sophomore Kalen Dockweiler earned all-conference honors in the 1000m (2:31.01) and in the mile (4:17.76).

Sophomore Ryan Evans placed eighth in the 1000m with 2:40.23, and in the 5000m run, freshman Sisey Tirop also placed eighth with 15:48.05, earning him All-GPAC recognition.

The 4x400m relay team of sophomore Chris Vincent, Tasler, Hammond and Turner finished fifth with a time of 3:27.00. Placing fourth in the 4x800m, junior Adam Baker, sophomore Duncan Blakenship, junior Trace Ebert and Evans clocked in at 8:11.87.

As for the Women, freshman Lindsay Adams won the pentathlon with 3,627 points, and sophomore Nicole Harms came in fourth with 3,352 points.

Senior Annika Pin-

gel placed second in the 600m (1:36.61) and hit a provisional qualifying time in the 1000m (3:03.69). Senior Allie Binder earned an all-conference honor in the 3000m, placing fourth with a time of 10:51.20. Junior Isabel Bothwell also went home with an all-conference honor with her eighth place finish in the 60m dash (8.02).

The 4x400m relay team of Pingel, Harms, Adams and Bothwell received an All-GPAC honor with their time of 4:04.54. Junior Rachel Walters, sophomore Lauren Siefken, freshman Aly Plock and sophomore Rylee Rice placed sixth in the 4x800m relay with a time of 10:24.24.

Senior Allison Skala won shot put with 13.56m and placed fifth in the weight throw with 16.58m. Sophomore Macy Fuller threw 16.51m in the weight

throw, earning her an automatic qualifying mark.

In the long jump, Adams placed fourth with 5.49m, and Harms placed seventh with a distance of 5.37m. Sophomore Olivia Diggins came in second in the triple jump with 10.88m, and senior Lauren Theiler placed fourth with 10.68m.

Coming in third in the high jump, sophomore Sarah Theiler hit a mark of 1.60m, and senior Isabelle Watson tied for seventh with 1.55m.

Freshman Samantha Knapp placed seventh in the pole vault (3.12m), and sophomore Nicole Everhart finished eighth (2.97m).

Qualifying Indoor Track and Field athletes will be back on March 3, 4 and 5 in Brookings, S.D. to compete in the NAIA National Championships.

# Wrestling claims conference title

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Last week, the Wrestling team became conference champions as they competed in two days worth of matches against nine other teams. This is the first conference tournament championship that Doane has won thanks to the eleven wrestlers that competed.

Before competing in

the conference tournament, the team had to get ready to take on such a large competition. Junior Michael Scarponi and his teammates did not want to let this pressure get to their head as they were preparing.

"We are feeling pretty good since we are all just getting prepared and doing what we always do to prepare to compete," Scarponi said.

The Wrestling team put in countless hours, both in and out of season, training for this opportunity. The amount of dedication both the team members and coaches had really showed on the mat.

"Like any other sport, working on your technique and fitness can always benefit you, but having the additional help from our coaches

really helps our capabilities to improve," Scarponi said.

Although they were doing everything they could to treat this like any other competition, it was very important for the team to prepare the best they could. This meant taking care of themselves properly in the days leading up to the conference tournament.

"I have been making

sure I am working hard in practice, eating relatively healthy and balancing all the other aspects of my life so I can keep a good mindset for when I compete," Scarponi said.

This championship comes after the team had already won their conference dual tournament. Having claimed both titles puts the team in a beneficial position before

they face the national championship.

"It would be great to take home both the dual and individual GPAC championships, and if we do well, it means we have a better chance to show what we're made of at nationals," Scarponi said.

On March 4 and 5, the national wrestling championship will commence in Park City, Kan.

# Women's Basketball finishes season

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

For their last two games of the season, the Women's Basketball team finished strong with two more wins. One of these came on senior night, where seniors Maddie Davis and Ragan Nickless were recognized for their com-

mitment.

The first game to kick off the final stretch of the season was on the road against Mount Marty University. This victory was their eleventh of the season and fifth in Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) play, both of those being the most victories for Women's Basketball since their 2016-17 schedule.

The team started out strong, leading for the entirety of the first quarter. However, Mount Marty would attempt to come back and battle it out in the second quarter, resulting in seven lead changes in this time.

After the half, Doane came back out strong and ready to finish out the game, leading in the third quarter by ten and

in the fourth quarter by 11. Towards the end of the game, Mount Marty would cut the lead to just five points, but after five appearances at the free throw line in the final minute, the Tigers would come out on top with a 74-64 victory.

The next game the Tigers played would be their last for the season and would have multi-

ple players recognized. Both Davis and Nickless were honored along with all senior Men's Basketball players in between the Men's and Women's games that night.

Their other teammate, freshman Mak Hatcliff, was recognized for setting the single-season scoring record, previously held by Doane alumna Hanah Barnard.

During this game, Hatcliff would also set a new single-game scoring record by finishing off the evening with 42 points.

The Tigers played an extremely strong game against Briar Cliff University to finish off their season with a 98-84 victory. This would give them a final record standing of 12-18, going 6-16 in conference play.

# Men's Basketball headed to post-season

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Sports Editor

The Men's Basketball team would pick up two final victories of their regular season which would help send them to the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) quarterfinals. These two victories help push the team into a position where they may head to the national tournament.

The first victory the team would grab was on the road against Mount Marty University, which would be the first time Doane was able to win at Mount Marty since 2018. The Tigers played a sound game against the Lancers, holding the lead for the entirety of the game after the first two minutes.

At halftime, Doane was able to head to the locker room with a dou-

ble digit lead of 44-27. While this large lead would not last for the rest of the game, some sort of lead would prevail as the Tigers did not let Mount Marty come back.

The largest lead came four minutes before the end of regulation, as Doane went up by 25 points. Although Mount Marty would not lose by 25 or more, Doane still put them away 84-66.

The next game the Ti-

gers played was at home against Briar Cliff University. This game was important to the team for many reasons, one of which being senior night. Seniors Tyler Sullivan, Max Masin, Joe Burt, Trey Winkler, Ben Moxness and fifth-years Anthony Laravie and Jaxon Harre were honored before the start of their game.

This was a very close game in the first half,

with the Chargers leading at half with a score of 27-23. Both teams were playing a very evenly matched game, and it was not until the second half that the Tigers started to pull away.

After two minutes in the second half, Briar Cliff saw their final lead disappear as Laravie hit a three-point basket and Doane never looked back. Laravie had quite the night, finding his

2,000th point and joining only six other Men's Basketball players in Doane's history to hit this landmark.

The game finished with a 63-41 victory for the Tigers and a chance to compete in the national tournament. However, the team must first compete in the GPAC quarterfinals, which will take place on Feb. 23 against Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

# Cheer and Dance win big

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Sports Editor

After the two meets both the Cheer and Dance teams competed in this last week, their records have increased exponentially, as both teams would rake in wins. After six combined duals, only one did not result in a win for the Cheer and Dance teams.

The week started with

the teams traveling to Hastings College to take them head on in a dual between the two. Both teams had a very close score, each winning by less than two points.

The dual against Hastings allowed the Cheer team to improve greatly, hitting a new season-best score of 76.55. The Dance team, while not their best score of the season, improved from their previous competi-

tion in almost every one of their performances.

Both teams did not stop there with their week of success. The next competition was the Day of Duals held in Seward, Neb. where the Cheer team took on Waldorf University and Dickinson State University. The dual against Dickinson State University was the only time the Cheer team did not take home.

The Dance team on this Day of Duals saw College of Saint Mary, Hastings College and Missouri Baptist University. All three competitions allowed Doane to take home a victory and continue improving their record on the season.

The next time the Cheer and Dance teams compete is at home on Feb. 25 and 26 in their conference competition.

## Athlete of the Week



**Annika Pingel**  
**Track & Field**

placed second in the 600m with a personal best time of 1:26.61 qualifying for nationals and met the provisional standard in the 1000m run with a time of 3:03.69



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## Scoreboard Snapshot

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

February 16 @ YANKTON, S.D.

6:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 77-64 ]

February 18 @ HOME

6:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY (SENIOR NIGHT)

TIGERS  
[ 99-84 ]

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 18 & 19 @ HOME

12:00 GPAC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

[ 4 of 12 ]

### SOFTBALL

February 19 @ BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.

1:00 versus OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE  
EAGLES  
[ 1-3 ]

GAME TWO  
EAGLES  
[ 4-6 ]

### DANCE

February 15 @ HASTINGS, NEB.

7:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

[ 1st ]

February 19 @ SEWARD, NEB.

10:00 DAY OF DUALS

[ 1st ]

### WRESTLING

February 18 & 19 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

10:00 GPAC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

[ 1st ]

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 16 @ YANKTON, S.D.

7:45 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 84-66 ]

February 18 @ HOME

7:45 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY (SENIOR NIGHT)

DEFENDERS  
[ 69-79 ]

### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

February 18 & 19 @ HOME

12:00 GPAC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

[ 1 of 11 ]

### BASEBALL

February 19 @ MCPHERSON, KAN.

1:00 versus MCPHERSON COLLEGE

BULLDOGS  
[ 4-5 ]

February 20 @ MCPHERSON, KAN.

12:00 versus MCPHERSON COLLEGE

GAME ONE  
BULLDOGS  
[ 7-15 ]

GAME TWO  
TIGERS  
[ 7-6 ]

### CHEERLEADING

February 15 @ HASTINGS, NEB.

7:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

[ 1st ]

February 19 @ SEWARD, NEB.

10:00 DAY OF DUALS

[ 1st ]