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Housing applications for next year

Information sessions coming up

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As the second semester nears its mid-way point, students have the opportunity to choose what housing they want for the next school year.

Starting on Feb. 14 and ending March 13, students can apply for off-campus housing through the eRezLife website. Students can use the following as exemptions for why they need off-campus housing: Academic, Commuter, Child and Marriage, Study Abroad, Student Teaching, Independent Living Experience, Military Involvement or Extenuating Circumstances. All of these reasons are expanded in every off-campus housing email.

Even if you applied and were approved to live off-campus last semester, you are required to complete a new application for off-campus housing so you can be approved for off-campus housing again.

For further information, an off-campus housing info session will be held on March 1 at 6 p.m. in the Kleinkauf West Dining room. On March 3, office hours via Zoom will be sent out to every student to discuss off-campus housing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On-campus housing applications open on March 1 and will go until April 4. These are also completed via the eRezLife website. Students will have the option to choose their preferred housing and roommate group before April 4. Then on April 8, they will be emailed about the date and time for their housing selection. One student can choose a housing space for their entire

group of roommates.

For on-campus housing, three information sessions will be held on March 15, 24 and 30 at 6 p.m. in Art/Ed 236/238. Just like the off-campus housing, office hours will be held over Zoom as well. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 17 and 25, students will be sent an email to join a Zoom meeting for any questions about on-campus housing.

For any student who fails to turn in their application for housing before April 4, they will have to pick a remaining housing option on April 15.

Students who attend an on-campus information session will be eligible for a "Golden Ticket," which allows them to select their housing first.

If you have any questions, contact your Community Director or Community Advisor as well as attend the information sessions.

OFF CAMPUS APPLICATION TIMELINE

- February 14- off campus app OPENS
- February 17- off campus info session
- February 22- off campus office hours
- February 23- off campus info session
- March 1- off campus info session
- March 3- off campus office hours
- March 13- off campus app CLOSES

Application Review Timeline

Application review will look differently this year. Apps will be reviewed weekly depending on the exemption applied under. Below is the timeline for reviewing applications

- The following exemptions will be reviewed from March 14-18. Approvals and denials will be sent out on March 18 by 5pm; appeals are due March 23 by 5pm.
 - a. Child and Marriage
 - b. Study Abroad
 - c. Student Teaching
 - d. Independent Living Experience
 - e. Military Involvement
 - f. Extenuating Circumstance
- The following exemptions will be reviewed from March 21-25. Approvals and denials will be sent out on March 25 by 5pm; appeals are due March 30 by 5pm.
 - a. Commuter
- The following exemptions will be reviewed from March 28-April 1. Approvals and denials will be sent out on April 1 by 5pm; appeals are due April 6 by 5pm.
 - a. Academic Progress

The Off Campus Info Sessions will be from 6-7pm in Kleinkauf West Dining Room. The info sessions will walk you through the off campus application process, what the available exemptions are, and give time for students to ask questions.

The Off Campus Office Hours will be on Zoom. These are open times for students to individually ask a ResLife staff member questions about the off campus process or application. Join the Feb 22nd hours at this link: <https://doane.zoom.us/j/91406080076>. Join the March 3rd hours at this link: <https://doane.zoom.us/j/97542817416>.

If you have questions about the application process or the off campus exceptions, please email doanehousing@doane.edu.

HOUSING REMINDERS FROM START TO FINISH
[HTTPS://DOANE.EREZLIFE.COM/](https://doane.eRezLife.com/)

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Stop Day likely on the horizon

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Editor-in-Chief

A long-standing tradition at Doane, Stop Day, could be sneaking up on students any day now.

Stop Day is a secret curated by Student Congress (StuCo) that gives students a day to relax and have fun. An email will be sent out to the whole campus in the early hours of Stop Day announcing

that it is happening, but right now, only a select few know when Stop Day is and what it entails, including StuCo President senior Haley Miller.

"[Stop Day is] a way for the Doane community to come together and really celebrate the hard work that everyone has put into this year and [it is] a great way to meet new people, try new things [and] participate in fun activities," Miller said.

StuCo sent out an

email earlier in the semester regarding what activities students would like to see at Stop Day. Many fan-favorite activities will be held like the talent show, Doane Idol, as well as some new ones.

"We're having canoe races again, Doane Idol, sand volleyball [and a] cornhole or bags tournament," Miller shared. "We're also trying to do some new stuff this year like capture the flag in the evening, and then our hope is possibly to get one

of those big inflatable water slides."

There will also be a relaxation station on Stop Day where students can do crafts.

Another addition to this tradition is the incorporation of a service project. In years past, service was a key element of Stop Day but has since died out, so Miller was excited to be able to revamp it. The service project will count as volunteer hours for students that participate, according to Miller.

A sign up sheet to participate in Doane Idol will be sent out soon, otherwise most of the other events do not require students to sign up.

Miller reminds students that while StuCo has asked professors to cancel class, some classes may still be held, as professors still have the choice whether or not to hold class.

Respect and attention is also requested by Miller.

does happen, listen to the Student Congress members running it and respect them," Miller said.

StuCo prepares for Stop Day throughout the academic year, and Miller shared that everyone is excited to reveal what they have been working on.

"StuCo is working really hard on it. The senators are really excited to share what we have done with everyone," Miller said.

"When [Stop Day]

Weekly Nebraska COVID update

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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.

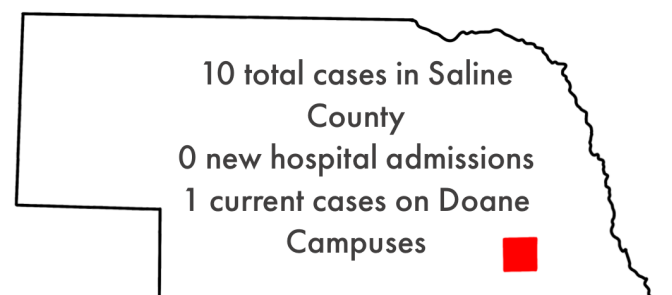
County residents can still expect to have to wear masks in some facilities, such as hospitals and airports. All forms of public transportation and school buses are still being required to adhere to masking requirements due to federal guidelines.

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

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.



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Neb. Senator resigns

Sen. Mike Groene resigns amid allegations

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On Feb. 18, 2022, Nebraska State Senator Mike Groene, who has represented the 42nd district since 2015, resigned from office.

Nebraska Sunrise News reported on Feb. 18 that one of Groene's legislative aides filed a

complaint with the Legislature's Executive Board claiming Groene had taken and shared provocative pictures without her knowledge.

In an interview with AP, Groene admitted to taking pictures but said they were not sexual in nature.

"She's a very modest person, and I guess she was offended," Groene stated.

AP reported that Groene and Gov. Pete Ricketts agreed it would be best for the senator to resign immediately and end their campaign for the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. Ricketts announced on Feb. 23 that Groene's replacement would be Mike Jacobson, President and CEO of Nebraska Land Bank.

"It is an honor to represent the citizens of District 42 in the Legislature. I share Nebraska's traditional values, work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit. As a State Senator, I'll advocate for limited government and conservative fiscal policy," Jacobson said in an interview with KETV. "I've built a community-minded culture in my business, and I look forward to strengthening Nebraska by creating more opportunities to live and work in the Good Life."

Since the report of Groene's behavior has been made public, multiple investigations have been opened. WOWT reported that the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) will be conducting an investigation and the findings will be reported to the Attor-

ney General.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Executive Board Dan Hughes informed the legislature on Feb. 22 that he initially sought to resolve the complaints through an "informal process provided in legislative policy."

The Omaha World Herald reported that the aide in question did not find the resolution agreeable, resulting in a three senator panel composed of Senators John Arch, Tom Briese and Anna Wishart. The panel will conduct an internal investigation through a third party firm regarding Groene's computer, who knew about the pictures, who saw the pictures and why no one filed a report.

The legislature as a body discussed the systematic problems that

led to this incident with female senators from both parties sharing their personal stories of workplace harassment.

"I made a call of the house to say to the men in this body they need to listen," Senator Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha told the World Herald.

Groene maintains he did nothing illegal with a text to the Omaha World Herald on Feb. 22 stating he regretted his "insensitive indiscretion" but did not break the law.

"It was private information on my personal accounts. I never shared anything involving this issue. My privacy was invaded by another individual," Groene said.

There are no updates as of this publication.

This Week's
Weather
Forecast

Wednesday

3/2



High: 76

Low: 27

Thursday

3/3



High: 54

Low: 35

Friday

3/4



High: 69

Low: 43

Saturday

3/5



High: 58

Low: 21

Sunday

3/6



High: 41

Low: 19

Monday

3/7



High: 44

Low: 16

Tuesday

3/8



High: 48

Low: 19

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

Relay For Life begins April 8

Over \$5,000 has already been donated

ABRIANNA MILLER
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The Doane University and Saline County Relay For Life is almost a month away, with the event date set for April 8 and a fundraising goal of \$20,000. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

Head of Relay for Life senior Elizabeth Bose said over \$5,000 has already been raised.

Relay for Life is a fundraiser that the American Cancer Society organizes each year to raise money for cancer research. Doane has a 12-year history with Relay for Life and was one of the first colleges to hold the event, according to Assistant Director of Leadership & Service Nick Knopik.

"Six of the past 12 years, Doane has been first in the nation in per capita fundraising for colleges and universities with fewer than 4,000 students," Knopik said. "This is something that our campus and our Crete community should be very proud of."

This year's Doane Re-

lay is the first in-person event since 2019; it has been held virtually for the past two years. Knopik said many of the "most special moments" of the event will be revived this year including the survivor walk, the luminaria ceremony and the closing ceremony during which the fundraising total will be announced.

While the Doane Relay events are generally kept secret, Knopik revealed that there will be "performers, games, a silent auction, prize giveaways, a midnight countdown dance party, a talent show [and] free food" during the event.

"In addition to the traditional aspects of this event such as luminaria and the survivors' walk, there will also be some performances put on by the local martial arts and dance studio here in Crete," Bose said. "We are also looking into having a dodgeball tournament and a midnight countdown dance party, among a variety of other activities."

Student groups, like the campus's fraternities and sororities, are heavily involved in the annual fundraiser. Knopik emphasized the importance and value of the community's participation in Relay for Life.

"In March, student organizations, teams, Greek groups, etc. will have opportunities to sign up to have a fundraising



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table at the event where they can plan fun and creative fundraisers. Money raised at these tables on the night of Relay will go towards that team's fundraising goal," Knopik said.

Members of the Doane community are encouraged to create a Relay for Life team. Each team sets its own goal and is recognized on the day of the event if the goal is met. Individuals are also able to sign up to participate without having a team.

"There are many ways that students can get involved in Relay. Some of them include volunteer-

ing for different Relay-related events, attending Relay events, especially Relay night, being a Relay representative for your respective organization or becoming a member of Relay for Life itself," Bose said.

Participants who have or have had cancer are able to sign up for Doane Relay and potentially be recognized at the event.

"If you or anyone you know is a cancer survivor or caregiver for someone fighting cancer, we would love to recognize them at our Relay event," Knopik said. "All survivors and caregivers who

sign up will be contacted by a Doane Relay For Life team member with opportunities for special recognition or to serve as a speaker at Doane Relay on April 8."

Between March 14 and 21, Doane Relay is offering the chance to sign up to participate for half-price, \$7.50. Knopik said all of the money collected from signing up will go towards individual's or team's fundraising totals.

With any questions or concerns, visit the Doane Relay website page at bit.ly/doanerelay or email relayforlife@doane.edu.

Pepsi ends half-time show sponsorship

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Since 2012, Pepsi has sponsored the Super Bowl Halftime show. With the end of a multi-million dollar contract by Bridgestone Tire, Super Bowl LVI was the final Pepsi Halftime Show.

Reports say that Pepsi still plans to be involved in the National Football League (NFL) but will not headline the halftime show. Other corporate sponsorship counterparts include Gatorade and Frito-Lay.

The National Broad-

casting Company (NBC) charged companies \$6.5 million for a 30-second advertisement slot this year. In the United States alone, NBC recorded 112.3 million viewers. This is a 16 percent increase in viewers since the 2021 Super Bowl, which made the 12-minute concert one of the most watched shows in history.

It will cost the next sponsor approximately \$50 million dollars to headline the halftime show. This includes advertisement during the NFL season, multiple

commercial spots during the Super Bowl, specialized content from entertainers and other branding.

The NFL also wants to stretch the headline spot by adding a behind the scenes documentary with the artists that perform. Now more than a 12-minute performance spot, the NFL is wanting to display to the audience what it takes to put the halftime show together. The NFL is hoping that this extra coverage will make the sponsorship more enticing to potential investors.

Many sport media analysts are predicting that the halftime show will be sponsored by technology or media centered companies. Speculations of companies to replace Pepsi include Amazon, Verizon and Coca-Cola.

Coca-Cola is not the official soft drink of the NFL but is served by 14 NFL teams. Analysts are predicting that this could be the chance for Coca-Cola to stick their foot in the door.

The NFL will be giving the halftime spot to the highest bidding company.

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'Fiji' fraternity sues UNL administrators

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The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, commonly known as Fiji, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is suing two of the university's administrators over claims that their rights to free speech, freedom of association and procedural due process were violated.

In a complaint filed on Feb. 18 in U.S. District Court, the fraternity argued it was punished and retaliated against for its members' political viewpoints and protected political speech in support of then-President Donald Trump.

The lawsuit, which names UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green and Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards Andrea Barefield individually, alleges the fraternity and its members suffered from investigations, suspensions and false and misleading public statements made by university officials.

It also accuses the university of failing to follow its Student Code of Conduct and Title IX policies, of enhancing punishments because of Fiji's political viewpoints, stigmatizing the chapter and its members and depriving the organization of its status and due process rights.

The fraternity is currently suspended until 2026 and had previously been given a three-year

suspension in 2017 for reckless alcohol use, hazing and inappropriate sexually based behavior. This 2017 suspension came after UNL opened a Title IX investigation into Fiji members making sexually harassing comments towards participants of the January 2017 Women's March as marchers passed the fraternity's chapter house on their way to a rally.

According to Fiji, this is when Greene and Barefield began an alleged pattern of misconduct towards them. Brian Brislen, an Omaha attorney representing the fraternity, said that Fiji members were conducting their own political demonstration on the front lawn of the property during the march.

The Title IX investigation did not result in any sanctions against the fraternity, but a second investigation focusing on violations of UNL's Student Code of Conduct was later opened, and by March 2017, the university announced it was suspending Fiji through 2020.

Currently, the fraternity is suspended again until 2026 for further violations of the Student Code of Conduct that took place in 2021.

The fraternity was first placed on probation after two UNL police officers reported seeing members drinking in the basement of the chapter house. Fiji alleges this was a continuation of being punished for its political speech.

Following this, a 17-year-old student re-

ported being sexually assaulted by a 19-year-old member of Fiji during the early morning hours of Aug. 24.

Word of the reported assault spread quickly on social media, and over the course of the next several nights, thousands of students gathered in front of the chapter house to protest the fraternity, calling for its permanent ban from campus.

The fraternity member accused of sexual assault has not been charged with a crime in Lancaster County. The Lincoln Police Department investigation into the incident remains open.

During the protests, Fiji accused Green of stoking the "unverified rumors" in a statement he made on social media on Aug. 25, announcing that the fraternity was already on probation and would be temporarily suspended while the investigation moved forward without noting the previous punishment was for an alcohol violation.

Finally, the UNL University Conduct Board, a committee of students and faculty, suspended Fiji for 5 years for violating Student Code of Conduct rules related to alcohol use, but not sexual misconduct, and stripped the fraternity of its status as a recognized student organization. This decision was announced in October by Green.

The current complaint says both Green and Barefield failed to train or supervise UNL staff "in a manner sufficiently calculated to prevent them



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from violating" fraternity members' constitutional rights, according to Brislen.

"Chancellor Green and his leadership promulgated an official policy or unofficial custom

by which the chapter, for engaging in constitutionally protected political speech, was known to be a 'bad fraternity,' and subject to enhanced penalties based on that status," Brislen said.

A spokeswoman for UNL has declined to comment on the lawsuit, citing pending litigation.

There are no further updates as of the date of publication.

Neb. bill proposes teacher funding

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A new bill offering to give teachers bonuses from COVID-19 relief funds has been proposed in Nebraska.

Nebraska State Senator Carol Blood has proposed to use the money that the federal government has offered Nebraska for COVID-19 relief funds in order to curb the state teacher shortage which she has said is fueled by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

"The sacrifices they have made for our children the last two years are absolutely invaluable and is the least we can do for our school employees who have been pushed past their breaking points," Blood said.

According to the Nebraska Legislature, Leg-

islative Bill (LB) 696 proposes that "it is necessary to provide retention payments to public elementary and secondary school employees in order to decrease the number of open job positions created by the COVID-19 public health emergency."

President of the Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Jeni Benson weighed in on the proposed bill, mentioning it as a nice way to say thank you to the teachers for the work they have done throughout the pandemic.

"This year, school districts are having a tremendous difficulty across the state recruiting and retaining all teachers; districts are struggling not only to staff classrooms with qualified educators but also to fill bus drivers, kitchen help and paraprofessionals," Benson said.

"This creates even greater stress on our current teachers as they take on additional duties to impact the lives of our students."

Blood also mentioned that the current teacher shortage in Nebraska is only going to keep getting worse if no action is taken.

"According to NSEA, more than a thousand teachers have left the state's two largest school districts since the pandemic began and an additional one thousand teachers are planning to leave their jobs at the end of 2022," Blood said.

The hearing was conducted on Feb. 28. There are no further updates as of this publication.

The Queen contracts COVID

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Queen Elizabeth II has tested positive for COVID-19 but expects to continue carrying out light duties.

According to The Guardian, a statement from Buckingham Palace said that the 95-year-old monarch was experiencing "mild cold-like symptoms" but nothing beyond that.

She likely contracted the virus from her eldest son, Charles, Prince of Wales, as he was confirmed to have had the virus the week she visited him. She spent time with Charles on Feb. 8 when he hosted an investiture at Windsor Castle. A few days later, he tested pos-

itive for COVID-19. This is the second time he is believed to have contracted the virus, but he made a quick recovery and is back to full health.

The announcement came on Feb. 20, only a few weeks after the Queen reached her anniversary of 70 years on the throne.

The Queen's positive test came shortly after Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke about lifting COVID-19 restrictions.

Despite her positive test, the Queen was still well enough to send a message to the British Women's Curling Team congratulating them on an "outstanding performance" that brought home a gold medal at the

Beijing Winter Olympics.

Until further notice, the Queen will be observing all COVID-19 guidelines and will be self-isolating until the virus has worked its way out of her system.

The Royal household has its own crew of medical professionals and advisors and will monitor the Queen and her state. Professor Sir Huw Thomas is the head of the medical household and personal physician to the Queen and is likely to be the one in charge.

There are no further updates as of this publication.



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Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. New incidents reported between Feb. 21 through 27 include:

- 02/21 **Vandalism** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Parking Lots: Lot A

Guild offers events to connect

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With the changing of the weather and new Greek letters being worn, GUILD's Geek Week is back. Geek Week is a week full of games and activities for students who are not joining Greek Life to enjoy.

"We wanted to put on events so that people who aren't rushing have something to do during that time. It's never been publicized, and it's never been successful in recent years, but we're just trying to do more with it this year," Vice President of GUILD junior Luke Henriksen said.

Geek Week has been hosted for the past three years but has faced its challenges.

President of GUILD senior Dalton Specht explained the history of Geek Week.

"Geek Week has been trying to go on for at least three years. It first got brought up my freshman year. In the beginning, it was going to be held at a coffee shop, but Brew House went through its own thing. Every time we've tried to plan it it's been difficult since Greek Week itself has been in

its own disarray. So this is the first year where we are actually getting a good shot at it," Specht said.

This year was no different for the organization.

"It came up a little weird since Greek Week was moving itself around here and there, and it is pivotal that Geek Week lands on the same time as Greek Week since it is an event for people who are not rushing or did not get into a group [to have] something to do during that time," Specht explained.

With a week full of events, students have something to look forward to every day. Monday kicked off Geek Week with a Smash Bros tournament in Lakeside. Tuesday night, GUILD is partnering with the Student Programming Board (SPB) to host a JackBox tournament.

The rest of the week is run completely by GUILD with Wednesday being a more lowkey board game night.

"Monopoly might be banned because it creates war," Henriksen stated.

On Thursday, students can join GUILD for tabletop Role Playing Games (RPGs) created by Hen-

riksen.

"Personally, I'm a really big fan of tabletop RPGs. I think that night will be a lot of fun. It's something that is kind of unique. A lot of people in the GUILD are part of tabletop groups, so I think it'll be different and fun," Historian of GUILD junior Mitchell Norris said.

GUILD will wrap up the week with a Nerf Gun war in the Smith basement. Specht is most looking forward to Friday's event mainly because he is interested in seeing how it will unfold.

Specht hopes this year's Geek Week will help students to find a new group that fits them and help students to relax during midterms.

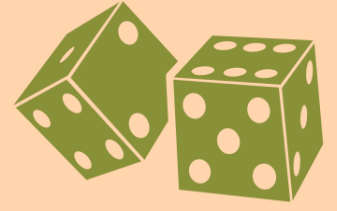
"The GUILD is a group on campus that is simply for people that still want to do something and want to partake in something," Specht said.

"The GUILD is a place for students who want to be part of a group but that group lets you relax, hang out with friends, do something that isn't busy work or athletics. Geek Week simply exists for people to come. It's not nearly as much of a commitment and it's free."

Geek Week

MONDAY

SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT
IN LAKESIDE @7 P.M.



TUESDAY

JACKBOX WITH SPB IN
LAKESIDE @7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BOARD GAME NIGHT IN
SMITH LOBBY @7 P.M.

THURSDAY

RPG NIGHT IN SMITH
BASEMENT @7 P.M.

FRIDAY

NERF GUN FIGHT IN SMITH
BASEMENT @7 P.M.



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Meysenberg attends conference

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News Editor

Throughout the week of Feb. 28, Professor and Chair in the Department of Computing Mark Meysenberg is taking two students to the International Computer Science Education conference in Providence, R.I.

The conference itself is being put on by the Computer Science Education Special Interest Group

(SIGCSE) of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), which Doane belongs to.

"I'm very excited about going. We haven't been to a conference since April 2019, and I'm looking forward to traveling to one again," Meysenberg said. "I always come back to Doane with at least one new thing to use in my classroom."

This will be the third time that Meysenberg will be attending this spe-

cific conference, having attended before in 2010 and 2018. Meysenberg said that he wishes he could attend more often, though it is usually too expensive without grant funding.

"This year, my National Science Foundation Cyberinfrastructure grant is providing support so that we can attend the conference," Meysenberg said.

For Meysenberg, this conference offers more

than presentations and workshops to further his knowledge in the world of computing. He will also be involved in leading a panel discussion and making a poster presentation himself.

"I will be serving on a panel about Curricular Innovations for Computer Science education in Liberal Arts universities, where I'll make a presentation about Doane's new Institute for Computing," Meysenberg said. "Then,

later in the week, I'll make a poster presentation about Doane's Center for Computing in the Liberal Arts (CCLA)."

Aside from himself, sophomore Kamryn Plock and junior Mitchell Norris will be traveling along with Meysenberg to the conference, both being students in the Department of Computing and serving as new Peer Consultants for the CCLA next year.

"There are several

workshops that [Plock and Norris] will be attending during the conference, in addition to networking with conference sponsors such as GitHub, Google, Microsoft and MongoDB," Meysenberg said.

This conference will be the 53rd annual conference and will last from March 2 through 5.

ResLife provides break reminders

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Life & Culture Editor

With next week being spring break, many students are preparing to leave campus for the week. Spring break begins on March 7 and continues through March 11.

During this time, residence halls will be closed, meaning that stu-

dents have to leave campus. However, if a student fills out a Break Exception form, they may be approved to stay.

According to an email sent out to students from Doane Residential Life and Education (ResLife), the Exception form can be found on their eResLife portal. However, as the deadline has passed,

students who fill out this form will now be charged a \$25 late fee.

Students who do not fill out the form but remain on campus during the break will be charged a \$50 late fee and be asked to leave campus for the remainder of break.

Students who have been approved to stay on campus during spring

break must recognize that resources on campus are limited for spring break. Food services will be closed. Lock out services will be limited as well. ResLife and Public Safety will, however, be able to respond to emergencies.

Despite the limited amount of services available, students who stay on campus are still expect-

ed to follow the code of conduct, and violations may result in that student being asked to leave, according to ResLife.

In addition to residence halls being closed, ResLife will also be conducting room checks/health and safety inspections. These will be conducted starting on March 7 at 9 a.m.

Room checks will be checking smoke detectors and fire alarms, windows are closed and locked, trash is removed and that the room is reasonably clean. Any contraband in the room will also be confiscated.

Questions can be directed to your Community Advisor or Community Director.

Seniors plan for life after college

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

Graduation is right around the corner, and seniors are starting to arrange plans for what is next in their lives.

A poll was sent out on Feb. 26 asking seniors about what they planned to do after graduation. Everyone who responded to the survey seemed to already have a job, further education, traveling or other plans arranged.

Within the survey, students were asked about what they were most excited for within the last few weeks of their time at Doane University. Some participants said Stop Day and Greek Week and

others responded with graduation.

When asked on a scale of 1-10 how nervous they are for the time after graduation, 33 percent of students responded with a 10, meaning they are not nervous to graduate and move on to a new experience.

"I am nervous and excited. I am excited to start life outside of school and experience new things. I am nervous to become an adult and have to do more adulting on my own. I am ready to enter the job force, and Doane has well prepared me for that," senior Ciera Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson also said she is planning on taking

Education classes during this upcoming summer to work towards her Master's Degree and is hoping to get a job in an elementary school in the Omaha area next fall.

Senior Tyler Sullivan said he has a job lined up working as an assistant engineer for Olson Associates in Lincoln, Neb. Sullivan also said he is most excited to spend time with friends these last few weeks at Doane.

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 8 at 2:30 p.m. An email from the Registrar's Office stated that Doane will stream the ceremony for friends and family who are unable to attend.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You are going to find yourself questioning many things this week. Just know that things will fall into place when they need to.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Time has not been on your side this week, Pisces. That feeling of being one step behind will soon fade away.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Though you may have been feeling down lately, just know that there are people looking out for you. Take notice of who is there for you this week.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): You are going to be faced with many challenges. Know that it is not the challenges that define you but rather how you react in the face of adversity.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): You've been doing a good job lately of taking care of yourself. While self-care is important, look to those around you and offer aid.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Frustration seems to be a common theme in your life lately. See what has been causing the most frustration. Is there anything you can do to change that feeling?

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Things have been overwhelming for you lately, Leo. While this week will not be any different, what is different is your attitude towards those challenges.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): It's time to have a little fun this week. You have really been cracking down on work and school lately. Take some time for yourself.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Big changes are coming up in your future. Embrace change and remember, some of the best things in life come from change.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Decisions are going to be tough for you. While sometimes it feels best to take the easy way out, you will regret it later on. Do what you feel is the right thing.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Life feels like it is really catching up on you. Take some time to slow down and relax. Trying to do everything as you normally do is only going to increase your stress levels. You are better off giving yourself some rest.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Since things have been crazy and busy lately, this week is a great opportunity to catch your breath. Take time to get organized.

BSA celebrates Black History Month

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Throughout February, the Black Student Alliance (BSA) hosted a range of events in honor of Black History month.

The events ranged from educational to celebratory. The events primarily spanned from Feb. 17 through Feb. 24.

President of BSA junior Will Grixby said they wanted to get together as a group and spread information to the entire community.

"The main goal of the week was to get together as a group, have a good time with each other, learn about African American history and heritage and to spread the word of BSA around the campus," Grixby said.

Vice President junior Majesty Maxwell added that the goal was to educate but in a non-intimidating way, so BSA came up with various low-pressure events.

To start educating, BSA partnered with Active Minds to host a table at the Beige Desk in Perry Campus Center on Feb. 17 and 18. There, students were able to learn how mental health affects the Black community.

Also on Feb. 17, BSA hosted a movie night. The screening was of "Our Friend Martin." This short film depicted Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement.

A trivia night was also hosted



Courtesy photo | Will Grixby

Students attend the Trivia Night hosted by BSA. According to junior Majesty Maxwell, this event had the biggest turnout. BSA was pleasantly surprised by the turnout, according to Maxwell.

by BSA. This "Family Feud" style competition allowed students from all over campus to compete in some trivia and win prizes.

With both of these events, Grixby felt that everyone was either able to learn a lot or brush up on Black history facts.

In addition to being pleased at the educational aspect of the BSA events, Grixby also felt that there was a good turnout.

"The most surprising part of the week was how many people that just showed up to the events, just to support without really being a part of BSA or coming to any meetings prior. So, that was really exciting to

see," Grixby said.

To conclude their week of events, BSA hosted an end of Black History Month celebration. This 90's theme celebration had music, dancing and games for students to participate in.

According to Grixby, it appeared as though everyone was having a good time at the events.

"Obviously the job isn't done, there are still so many things that can be talked about and learned for the future on the topic of Black history and the community," Maxwell said.

Students interested in BSA can check their emails for future events or attend their next meeting.

Band prepares for rescheduled tour

Band students visit Chicago on adapted version of tour

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

After the band tour to Chicago was canceled during the last week of January, students are now

excited to still have the opportunity to visit Chicago during spring break.

Due to an influx of COVID-19 cases in the Doane community, the original tour that visited Chicago, playing at various schools along the way, was canceled. However, the visit to Chicago was only postponed.

For band president senior Bailey Bagnell the cancellation was "rough" as this was the third canceled band tour during

her experience.

While they were not able to go to various locations and perform, they were able to perform at one location in Lincoln and their home concert in Heckman Auditorium on Jan. 30.

Now band students are preparing to visit Chicago over spring break. They will leave March 10 and arrive back at Doane March 13. It is led by Director of Bands Jay Gilbert.

While the trip is not required, as the band students will not be performing, it is strongly encouraged that students attend.

Bagnell feels that going on tours is a great opportunity to bond as a group and learn more about other band members. This ultimately benefits their future performances.

"[During the tour,] we learn to respect other people and other sections. We can build bonds where we can talk to oth-

er people and find out what other parts are doing," Bagnell said.

Not only will students have bonding experiences, but they will also have time to experience the city of Chicago.

On March 11, students will attend a performance at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In addition to the symphony performance, students will be going to visit the Museum of Science and Industry, the Art Institute

of Chicago, North Michigan Avenue, "The Bean" and eat a wide variety of Chicago favorites.

For Bagnell, just getting to go on the trip is the part she is most looking forward to.

"[I am looking forward to] the fact that we are able to do anything. I don't know as many people and don't always get to know the other sections, so I am excited to get to do that over the trip," Bagnell said.

Students learn history of Mary Doane

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

Doane University has received a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to research historical aspects within the school. This could include general research on the beginnings of Doane, important and under-recognized people that played roles in the development of Doane or contextual aspects of the foundation of Doane.

This grant will be us-

ing aspects of the Doane Perkins Library and Archives. In broad strokes, Doane will be using this grant to dive deep into Mary Doane's watercolor artwork. Mary Doane's artwork was profound in nature and laid the footing for how scientists in Nebraska have identified native plants.

Mary Doane (1829-1894) was the younger sister of the founder of Doane, Colonel Thomas Doane. Her art is described as scholarly and intricate.

"In particular, her

work and related research inspired the creation of the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, a preservation organization dedicated to protecting Nebraska's native flora and tall grass and educating about how Native American tribes used the land before us and the ways in which those uses affect our understanding of the land today," senior Travis Handler said.

The students involved in this grant are researching various topics. These topics include Mary Doane's artwork, the history

of Native Americans' use of the land and Black settlers' experiences in Nebraska.

Students are able to participate in this grant research for either university credit or monetary compensation.

"To that extent students benefit by receiving either credit or money, the university benefits because it is a public research partnership with a conservation organization; the conservation organization benefits by having their work leveraged and publicly rec-

"The end goal is to help demonstrate the intricate ways in which our past and present are connected."

TRAVIS HANDLER
Senior

ognized, and the greater local community benefits by learning about the roots of Doane, Spring

Creek and the state of Nebraska as a whole," Handler said.

In April, all of the research from various students will be displayed in an exhibit at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. Alongside the research, Mary Doane's artwork will be shown.

"The end goal is to help demonstrate the intricate ways in which our past and present are connected," Handler added.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Enjoy a safe, relaxing break

We would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing spring break. This semester seems to have taken its toll on most students, and we encourage everyone to take time to forget about their worries.

Remember to stay safe and monitor any symptoms of illness. Now not only is COVID-19 spreading, but the flu is also affecting many people.

Wear a mask when in close

quarters with others and especially around those who are immunocompromised. We may be seeing a light at the end of this pandemic, but that does not mean that it is over quite yet.

In terms of relaxation, we recommend reading a book, watching your favorite show, spending time with family and friends and resting.

Next semester will go much smoother if you allow your-

self some mercy while you have the chance. It is important to prioritize your health, especially after midterms and potentially Greek Week.

If you are staying on campus over break, remember that services on campus will be extremely limited. We recommend planning ahead by purchasing food now before you run out.

Along with that, it is important that you take extra

care over break if you are staying on campus because Safety's services will not be as readily available as usual. They will still respond to emergencies, though.

The Doane Owl will not publish an issue next week, March 8. Our next publication will be March 15 after spring break.

Hot takes; Reese's ranks

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

This week's Hot Takes will be focused on ranking the different shapes that Reese's Peanut Butter candies come in.

While not the best candy overall, these shapes have a certain 'je ne sais quois' about them that just makes their taste better than the basic peanut butter cup shape.

Each shape is graded based on taste, texture and rarity.

Taste is the most important factor in determining the placement of a Reese's because it's not that difficult to make a better tasting candy than the original cup, so there really isn't any excuse for any Reese's shape to have a worse taste than that.

Texture is the next factor in determining the quality of a shape. While not as integral as other candies, the texture of a Reese's should only enhance the quality of it. A nice subtle but not audible crunch is the ideal texture for a Reese's.

The final category is rarity. Because some of these Reese's candies are seasonal, it robs us of the opportunity to always choose the better shapes and forces us to wait until they surface again. While this is the least important category, it can still be the difference between a shape getting into a higher tier or being sent down to a lower one.



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S Tier - These are the undisputed champion Reese's candy shapes, and their backs hurt from supporting the company.

A Tier - While not as objectively good as the ones above, the candies here still have plenty of good things to offer, and you won't be wasting your money on the ones

in this tier.

B Tier - These are kind of the industry standard for Reese's. Not amazing but not horrible, they serve mostly as a barrier between the good and bad candies.

C Tier - There might be one or two occasions where the candies here are warranted, but otherwise there

really isn't any reason for them to exist.

F Tier - Why does the Reese's company even bother making these? Like who actually unironically enjoys these?

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

S Tier: (The best)- Tree, Egg

A Tier: (Second Best)- Pumpkin

B Tier: (Average)- Cup, Holiday Light

C Tier: (Below Average)- Heart, Ghost

F Tier: (Garbage)- Carrot, Nutcracker

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!

Appreciating little moments

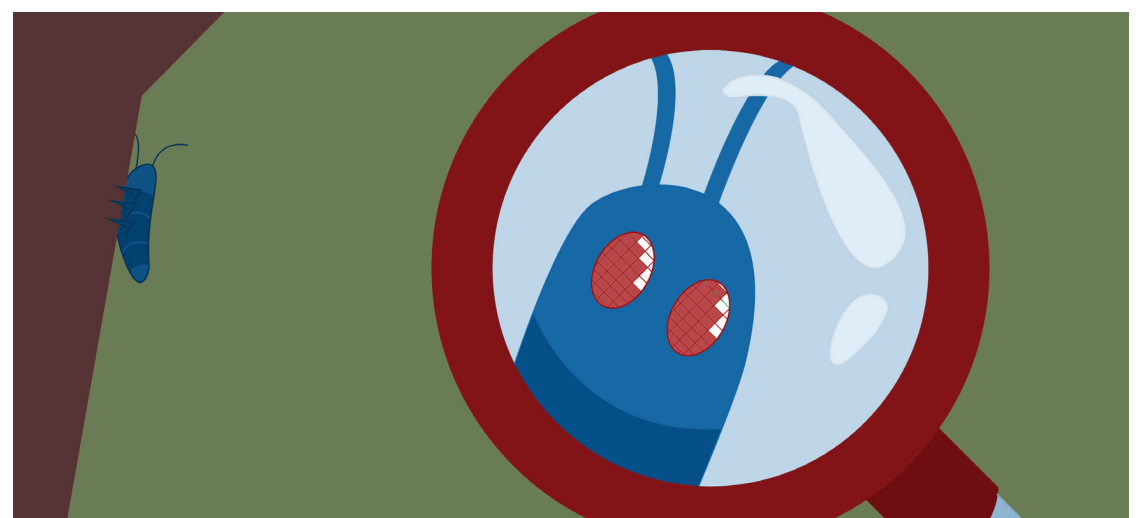


ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Lately I have intentionally been focusing on appreciating small moments in life. I must say, it has definitely improved my mood and helped me see the brighter side of things.

I have been in a slump with assignments piling up, meetings every day and everything in between. Spring break coming up has honestly been the only thing I am looking forward to.

So I decided to change that. Instead of hating my days I wanted to be able to



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

look back each night and be glad about what I did, and it has worked phenomenally.

The best moments of each day aren't even big events or accomplishments; they have been little interpersonal interactions, a gorgeous view, seeing my pets, joking around with my roommates.

And I think it is important to recognize that even the worst days have beautiful moments sprinkled throughout them. All too often I get myself caught up in the drama and conflict of everyday life, and it is exhausting- physically, mentally and

emotionally.

It is my belief that everyone should take special notice of moments like the ones I listed. They may not be monumental, life-changing moments, but they exist, and they are wonderful. That is noteworthy, especially during such a precarious time.

Recognizing and identifying those moments are an essential part of maintaining mental health too. Focusing on the worst things in life will only drop you deeper into a pit, and acknowledging the positive

side of life is the ladder that you will climb to get out of that pit.

I encourage you to take notice of nice moments in your day, even just one day. Write them down on a scrap of paper, put them in your phone or remember them if you can. At the end of the day, take a few minutes to reflect on those moments.

It seems insignificant and like a waste of time, but I promise you the results are worth it if you actually try.

Revisiting Nolan's film universe



MATTHEW MITTLIEDER
Staff Writer

In anticipation of "The Batman" starring Robert Pattinson coming out this Friday, I thought it would be a good time to revisit Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight Trilogy," which was the last time we saw a solo iteration of the Batman character not tied to any cinematic universe.

Over the 10 years since "The Dark Knight Rises," the Nolan films have become wildly popular and have of course been reviewed to death, so I will try not to repeat too much from what's been said before.

First and foremost,

these movies are fantastic, and I really enjoy each one of them, though I do have a couple of criticisms.

In rewatching each film, my biggest complaint of the series is, surprisingly, Batman himself, as the character was often either a bit bland or even too silly for such a serious and realistic tone. There were definitely moments where I took his character seriously, but at times I found myself laughing at the portrayal, which was definitely not what was intended.

I think specifically what didn't always work was the voice that Christian Bale used when he was in the Batman suit. It was over the top, and I couldn't tell what he was saying half the time since he was trying to sound so gruff and intense. I know it was meant to come off as intimidating, but honestly, I think if I was a criminal being interrogated by Batman in these films I would find it more funny than scary.

Another criticism I had was with the "no killing rule," specifically in "Batman Begins" when he sort of breaks it. I can

understand the reasoning why he doesn't want to kill or use guns, it works for his character to have that sense of self righteousness, but the whole "I don't have to save you" idea isn't really any different from just killing someone.

It's justified for the character to die given what he did, but since Batman is partly responsible for the death and then goes on to still have his rule in the next two films, it feels like a cop out.

A final small criticism I have is the changing aspect ratios, specifically in "Rises," where it was constantly changing from the standard 16:9 to a wider Imax frame. I understand that Nolan wanted to include lots of Imax shots to capture the



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grandeur of some of the bigger action scenes, but the constant switching back and forth threw me off a lot, especially when it would happen right in the middle of a scene.

Overall, though, these movies really are some of the most thrilling and intelligent superhero movies out there. The stories were gripping, the characters and their performances were dedicated and stylized, particularly with the villains, and the score is one of my favor-

ites from any movie. Seriously, Hans Zimmer is a genius, and it's no wonder Nolan keeps coming back to him for scores.

If I were to rank the three films from best to worst, I'd say "The Dark Knight" is for sure the best, and Heath Ledger deserves every award and accolade he got for his performance as the Joker. Next would be "Batman Begins," which is overall a solid origin story that sets up everything nicely for the following films.

Finally, "The Dark Knight Rises" is last for some of its weaker themes and plot holes that dragged the film down a bit. However, it's still a decent film, and I think Tom Hardy's performance as well as the writing for Bane is particularly impressive in the fact that even though it had to follow the Joker, it still became just as memorable and iconic over the past 10 years.

Nostalgia mounts with new album



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Don't make things so complicated- it may not be 2002, but Avril Lavigne is back with her newest album "Love Sux."

"Love Sux" feels like a culmination of the dif-

ferent genres and works she has done so far. You can definitely hear the pop-punk influence along with the more emotional sounding music she has explored in more recent years. This is especially true since this is her first album under blink-182's Travis Barker's label, DTA Records, almost reminding her audience of her old album "Let Go" from 2002.

The album quite obviously focuses on the topic of love but more so on the intricacies of it. From the vulnerability shown in "Dare To Love Me," to the heartbreak and tiredness of love in the title track "Love Sux," the album explores multiple avenues while sticking to



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a single main point: love is hard.

For me, I've been following Lavigne's progress on this new album

from the album. The song is all about self-worth and finally giving up on something knowing that it wasn't good for you.

The second single, "Love It When You Hate Me," features Blackbear and is almost the complete opposite of "Bite Me," ignoring all of the warning signs and red flags and doing something you know

and "All I Wanted." The last one especially since it features Mark Hoppus from blink-182, an amazing feature that was a welcome surprise.

"Love Sux" is available almost anywhere you can listen to music and is actually one of the top albums on iTunes at the time of this article being published. I wholeheartedly recommend the album if you liked some of the old Avril Lavigne music or if the album seems at all interesting to you.

you shouldn't.

Aside from the two singles, other favorites of mine from the album include "Déjà vu," "F.U."

Ready to relax



EMMA RYAN
Multimedia Coordinator

I think it's safe to say that everyone is ready for a much needed spring break, myself included. These past few weeks have been crammed with homework, projects and several other activities, and I can't wait to have a little downtime during spring break to just breathe.

Personally, this past

month has been a roller coaster of emotions. I have been accepted into several grad schools across the United States and had many interviews and meetings. This is extremely exciting and rewarding, but also a teeny-tiny bit sad because I know my time here at Doane and Nebraska is coming to an end.

As a senior graduating this May, I am excited to come back after spring break and make the most of the time I have left here.

I, and I'm sure everyone else, am really looking forward to spring break to be able to catch up on all of the projects and tasks I have put on the back burner these past few weeks. I think this break will be refreshing for everyone to be able to come back to campus and finish out the semester with ease.

I do have to say, I am truly excited about this

last week before break because of the wonderful weather and longer days we are starting to have. Doane has such a beautiful campus and seeing so many students and staff walking around outside makes this place truly feel like a home.

Overall, I hope everyone has a marvelous spring break to relax and recuperate before coming back to campus. Make sure you take time to get out and enjoy the weather this week because in Nebraska, it could be blizzarding two weeks from now.

...THUMBS UP

Pumpkin

"The Bean"

Pepsi

Karate

Batman

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...

Cheer and Dance take on regionals

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On Feb. 25 and 26, both the Cheer and Dance teams competed in the NAIA Regional Competition, which was held at Doane. Both teams found great success both individually and as a team, with the Cheer team finishing second and the Dance team fourth.

This competition held a lot of importance for the teams, as it would determine if they went to nationals and allowed individuals to try out for all conference and all American teams. Freshman Samantha Knapp and her team were putting in several hours of work leading up to this conference meet.

"This week to prepare for conference we have been really trying to perfect those tiny details

to improve our score," Knapp said. "We also have been changing a few things in our routine to up the score in some categories that we thought we could improve on and add more difficulty into our routine."

Although it was a conference competition, having it take place on their home court was a great opportunity for the team, especially with a Doane audience to support and cheer them on.

"Being able to compete at home is awesome," Knapp said. "We have been able to practice on the floor that we will compete on, and we will also get to have a home crowd which means a lot to the team."

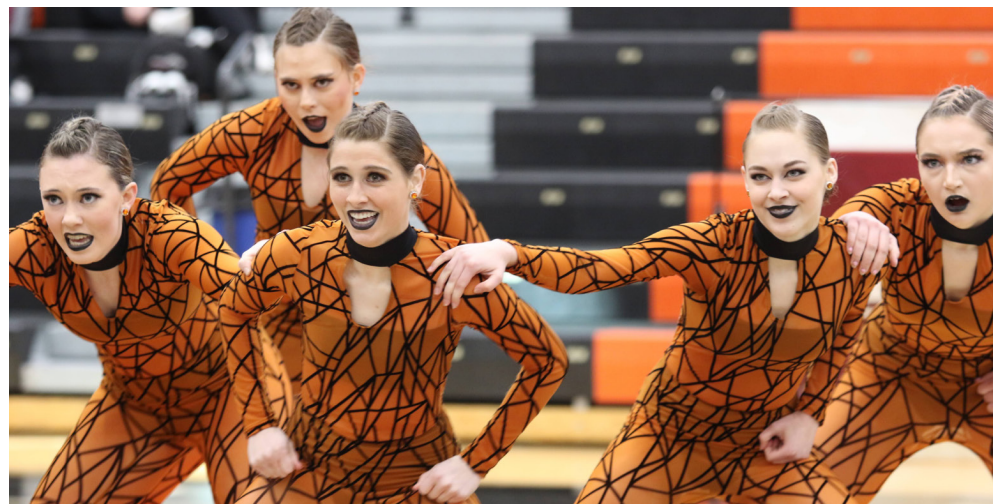
Regardless of their results, the teams were excited to have improved from their last competition. It showed how much time and effort both the coaches and athletes have put into their routines.

"This weekend we are hoping to show solid routines and go out there and just compete, get

some good scores and make the cut for nationals," Knapp said.

Head Coach Ashley Lyon was named GPAC Dance Coach of the year, and dancers sophomore Nicole Everhart, junior Kelsey Brady and freshman Macie Sefrit received honorable mentions for All-GPAC honors. Cheerleaders sophomore Ashley Paolucci and freshman Qualee Kendall received All-GPAC honors.

The Dance team will be headed to the national competition held in Ypsilanti, Mich. on March 11 and 12.



Courtesy photos | Doane Athletic Department
Cheer and Dance compete at the NAIA Regional Competition. The Dance team will be competing at nationals on March 11 and 12.

Men's Basketball up for placement

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On Feb. 26, the Men's Basketball team traveled down the road to Seward, Neb. to take on Concordia in the GPAC semifinal game.

Unlike the quarterfinal game, Doane would not come out on top in this matchup and now awaits the selection which will come on March 3.

The game started out as a very close match, most of the game being a back and forth lead change each time a team had possession. It wasn't until the end of the first half that the Bulldogs started to pull away.

With five minutes left

to go in the half, Concordia found their biggest lead, going up 28-19. Doane would bring the score very close, and with just two minutes left in the half, the Tigers tied everything up. However, a last minute run sent the teams to half with Doane down 32-38.

The second half started out rather slow, neither team making any big plays until later on. Doane would bring the

lead within four, but a strong defensive game on both ends made it hard for either team to pull away and take a lead.

As the second half wound down to just ten minutes left, Concordia made their biggest surge and went up seven, 54-47. After a timeout called by Doane, the Tigers made their effort to come back.

With just three minutes left, senior Anthony

Laravie made a three-point basket and put Doane within three, 60-63. The Tigers came even closer when sophomore Josiah Gardiner was sent to the line and brought the score to 61-63.

While the clock ran down to just 20 seconds left in the half, the scores were all tied 65-65. After Concordia took a timeout with three seconds left, a last minute shot by the Bulldogs would win

them the game with a score of 67-65.

The NAIA will release their selections for placement in the tournament on March 3.

Softball and Baseball grab five wins

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last weekend, the Softball and Baseball teams both took several games, the Softball team getting to play these games at home. Doane's Softball team

took on Graceland University in back-to-back double-headers, and the Baseball team faced off three times against York College, both teams securing five wins from all seven games.

The Baseball team would travel to Lincoln, Neb. to take on the Panthers. On Feb. 26, they would only play one of their three games, with Doane kicking off the weekend claiming a 10-5

win.

On the day that followed, they played their final two games in a double-header. The first game saw Doane continue to dominate York, with the Tigers coming away with a 10-run victory, defeating the Panthers 14-4.

However, the Panthers refused to be swept and made one final effort in their third and final game. York made up for

the other two devastating defeats, beating Doane out soundly with a final score of 12-3.

The Softball team would not have to hit the road this weekend, as their four matchups against Graceland University would all take place at home. Feb. 27 and 28 had a double-header each, playing the four games in total.

The first day of games was split for the Ti-

gers, with Doane kicking off the series with a win. However, the Sting would not go down without a fight and came back during the second game with a win of 6-1.

Doane would prove to be the more dominant team during their next double-header, winning the first low scoring game of the day 3-2. The second game, however, was a much more sound win for the Tigers, de-

feating the Sting 11-3.

The Softball team will have the week off as they prepare for games on March 7, 8, 10 and 11, all of which will be on the road. The Baseball team will play this weekend on March 5 and 6 in Baldwin City, Kan.

Men's Golf finds room to improve

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Men's Golf team kicked off their spring season last week in Las Vegas, Nev. at the Las Vegas Shootout. Of the 15 teams that played, Doane placed eighth among their many competitors.

While the team was not expecting such a high score to begin the season, the windy conditions made it difficult for the Tigers to persevere. Freshman Blake Skoumal thought that despite a rough start to the season,

there were still a lot of benefits for the team in this match.

"There were a lot of abnormally high scores which we didn't expect at all, since it could've been an easy course with good conditions," Skoumal said. "I think it was a good way to start off the season though since it was kind of like a punch in the face and a wakeup call early on."

Despite unfortunate conditions on the days of their match, the team was still able to have an enjoyable time on their trip. Not only was it a fun experience traveling, but

the opportunity to grow closer in a unique environment was something the team truly appreciated.

"We are so lucky to get the opportunities we get to travel, and I was really grateful for the whole experience," Skoumal said. "The sight seeing and getting to do it with that group of guys was a blast."

With their next outing also taking place on the road, the team is spending most of their upcoming practices getting ready for another challenge away from home. Junior Andrew Paquette

and his teammates are taking advantage of every opportunity they get to improve upon their performance.

"We're fine tuning some things after we've knocked the rust off during our first match of the season," Paquette said. "We know what we have to improve on for the future, so we're really practicing the small things."

The Men's Golf team will be back in action on March 10 and 11 in Opelika, Ala. when they take part in the LTU Spring Break Invite.

Athlete of the Week

Doane Dance Team



placed fourth at the NAIA Northwest Regional/GPAC Championships and qualified for the NAIA National Championship.



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Scoreboard Snapshot

MEN'S GOLF

February 21 & 22 @ LAS VEGAS, NEV.

LAS VEGAS SHOOTOUT

[8th of 15]

February 18 @ HOME

6:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY (SENIOR NIGHT)

[TIGERS
99-84]

MEN'S TENNIS

February 25 @ SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

7:00 versus AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY

[VIKINGS
0-7]

SOFTBALL

February 27 @ HOME

1:00 versus GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

[GAME ONE
TIGERS
7-2]

[GAME TWO
STING
1-6]

February 28 @ HOME

1:00 versus GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

[GAME ONE
TIGERS
3-2]

[GAME TWO
TIGERS
11-3]

MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 23 @ ORANGE CITY, I.A.

8:00 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

[TIGERS
64-61]

February 26 @ SEWARD, NEB.

7:45 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

[BULLDOGS
65-67]

BASEBALL

February 26 @ LINCOLN, NEB.

2:00 versus YORK COLLEGE

[PANTHERS
10-5]

February 27 @ LINCOLN, NEB.

1:00 versus YORK COLLEGE

[GAME ONE
TIGERS
14-4]

[GAME TWO
PANTHERS
3-12]

CHEERLEADING & DANCE

February 25 & 26 @ HOME

NAIA REGIONALS/GPAC CHAMPIONSHIP

[CHEER
2nd]

[DANCE
4th]

Next week for Tiger Athletics

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

March 3, 4, 5 @ BROOKINGS, S.D.

NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WRESTLING

March 4 & 5 @ PARK CITY, KAN.

9:00 NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

March 4 @ LIBERTY, MO.

5:00 versus BAKER UNIVERSITY

March 5 @ LIBERTY, MO.

1:00 versus WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

BASEBALL

March 5 & 6 @ BALDWIN CITY, KAN.

1:00 versus BAKER UNIVERSITY

March 8 @ MCPHERSON, KAN.

12:00 versus CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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SHOOTING SPORTS

March 5 & 6 @ LINCOLN, NEB.

DOANE INVITE

SOFTBALL

March 7 @ KISSIMMEE, FLA.

8:00 versus LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

10:15 versus CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

March 8 @ KISSIMMEE, FLA.

8:00 versus TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

12:30 versus ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY