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Dr. Roger Hughes inaugurated as Doane's 13th President. See below for more.

Doane welcomes 13th President

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Doane President Dr. Roger Hughes was inaugurated on April 30 and has completed his first term as the university's leader.

Hughes describes his first term as fulfilling and a worthy challenge as he entered his role on the heels of his predecessor. "It has been a huge learning experience and a huge learning curve. I'm very appreciative of the faculty and staff and Trustees and leadership teams' patience with my learning curve," Hughes shared.

One of the most difficult parts of Hughes' new position is all the "moving

parts" of a university, in terms of communicating with all student factions, faculty and staff cohorts and then coordinating all of the information into a cohesive plan.

"Doane is one of the few schools that works with all different contingencies of the learning experience... being able to speak to all of those and have that message heard correctly is a challenge," Hughes said.

Hughes admits that he has been misunderstood, has misspoke and made errors since he took the position of President, but he approaches each misstep as a chance to improve.

"It's all about finding the right language to communicate so you can get the message across," Hughes said.

As for the future of Doane, Hughes is optimistic about the direction that

the culture and the leadership is moving towards. The leadership team is moving toward students knowing they are supported and integrating all elements of Doane into the greater community experience.

"I like the direction we're going. Everyday I marvel at the talent on this campus and everyday it reinforces what Doane really is," Hughes shared.

Many people on campus have expressed to Hughes that he has accomplished a lot in his single term as President, but Hughes knows the university has a ways to go in order to be the best it can possibly be.

However, Hughes also recognizes the newfound positivity and excitement that has been circulating around campus.

"I think we have a lot of work to do, and I think we have a lot of ways we

can continue to make Doane better," Hughes said. "But I do sense a little more pep in the step, so to speak, and more smiling faces."

Hughes shared that his favorite part of his role is interacting with students and attending events on campus. He describes his interactions with students as "refreshing" and "energizing."

"I enjoy walking across campus and all the sudden students wave, or they'll say 'hey, Dr. Hughes,' or 'hey, President Hughes.' That's cool; I like going to different team functions or different organizational functions," Hughes said. "You'll see [students'] eyes react when they see me there or see my wife there- that's fun because you know you're making a difference and they know that you care about them."

One decision that Hughes has made in conjunction with other university officials is the closing of Burrage and Colonial Halls (the Quads). As someone that lived in the Quads, Hughes is "empathetic," especially with the seniors and juniors, that their experience on campus will not be what they expected.

Hughes understands that the decision is not popular, but he knows this change will benefit Doane and its students in the future.

"Going forward, we also have to compete with other universities and one of the places where we are not competing is in our housing. We can do a better job at that," Hughes said.

Besides the logistical element of closing the Quads, Hughes wants students to know that he

is looking out for their best interest. He extends an apology to those upset about the Quads' closing but hopes students will understand the necessity of this shift.

"I'm always going to come down on the side of the student experience- what's the best thing for our students, always," Hughes shared. "And everybody on the leadership team knows that if there's a conflict, I'm taking the student's side every time if it's correct."

Wrapping up his first term as Doane's President, Hughes says he is focused on making Doane the best that it can be, both academically and culturally. When asked what he would like students to know, Hughes only had one thing to say:

"I've got your back."

Large wildfires emerge across NE

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According to Weather.com, a retired firefighter chief has died and more than a dozen other firefighters have been injured while battling wildfires across Nebraska in recent weeks.

The victim was identified as John Trumble, according to the Nebraska state police. Trumble, 66, was the former fire chief in Cambridge, Neb. and was helping fight a fire, now known as the Road 702 Fire, near Cambridge when he accidentally drove off the road due to the low visibility caused

by the smoke and dust in the air on April 22. Trumble's cause of death was determined to be from the fire overcoming his vehicle.

Trumble is now the second current or former fire chief to have died while battling wildfires in Nebraska throughout the month of April. The first being the Edison fire, 23 miles east of Cambridge, that was attributed to Elwood volunteer fire chief Darren Krull's death after the vehicle he was in while trying to get to the fire collided with another vehicle due to low visibility from the smoke on April 7.

According to Jonathan Ashford, a public infor-

mation officer for the team fighting the Road 702 Fire, five other firefighters were also injured. Then, at least 10 others have also been hurt in other recent Nebraska wildfires, Ashford said, though none of the injuries were life threatening.

As of April 25, the Road 702 Fire had burned around 64 square miles, destroyed at least six homes and has threatened another 660 homes and 50 businesses. It was determined that the Road 702 Fire was the largest of the several wildfires in the state due to dry, windy conditions.

"They've just had a very dry winter which is going into a very dry

spring," Ashford said.

The lack of snow and rain has left behind an overabundance of fuel for fires. This includes the dried-out grasses that are typical for this time of year, but also the atypical dryness of shrubs and trees.

Along with that, the recent wind conditions that Nebraska has been experiencing adds more danger for wildfires. On April 22, wind conditions in Red Willow County, where Trumble died, reached a staggering 61 miles per hour.

April 25 was calmer and a hopeful sign that firefighters may gain some leeway with the Road 702 Fire before

windier conditions were to pick up by the end of the week.

Ashford asked that everyone be mindful of their actions so as to avoid any other possibilities that a new fire may begin.

"One of the worst things we could have happen is a new start while we're still dealing with this incident," Ashford said.

According to the Fire, Weather and Avalanche Center, the Road 702 Fire was 97 percent contained but had burned roughly 44,000 acres of land in a relatively narrow strip from Kansas and 28 miles north up to the Republican River, as of April 29.

Similar situations are

occurring across the central and western parts of the United States with more than 2,700 firefighters battling large blazes in eight states, with most occurring in New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. This does not include fires being handled alone by local agencies.

This year alone, the National Interagency Fire Center has tracked more than 20,000 wildfires that have scorched more than 1,300 square miles. This comes well above the 10-year average to date of about 14,000 fires and 1,000 square miles burned per year.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

Weekly Nebraska COVID update

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the level of community transmission is low for Saline County.

The Doane COVID-19 Risk Dashboard was last updated on April 7. Doane had reported no current cases of COVID-19.

This means that the cumulative total of reported COVID-19 cases comes out to 100 cases throughout the 2022 Spring semester.

Doane broadly lifted their mask mandate as of Feb. 23, meaning that students are able to walk maskless inside buildings on campus.

Faculty can still request students wear masks, but not cannot require them unless they are meeting in personal spaces, such as an office, or students are working in close proximity to each

other, such as labs.

Public health areas such as in the Student Health Office still require masks to be worn.

The COVID-19 Task Force is still set to meet every other week due to the decrease in COVID-19 cases seen throughout Doane communities.

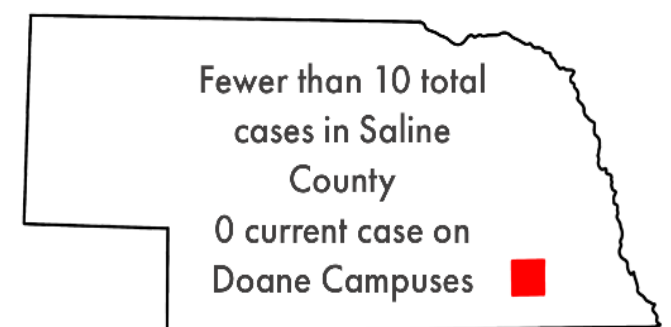
Saline County has reported fewer than 10 total cases of COVID-19 and the case rate per 100,000 residents has been suppressed, as of May 2.

There are 61.5 percent of the Saline County population equal to or over

the age of 12 in Saline County that have been vaccinated, marking 53.1 percent of the total population as vaccinated.

Although there are no current indoor mask mandates for Lincoln-Lancaster county, 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 CDC notes that



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people can now go maskless in most public spaces if in community spaces are no longer under high strain.

This information was gathered from the Doane COVID-19 Risk Dashboard and the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker.

Russia Ukraine Update

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The Russian invasion of Ukraine continues, as allies of Ukraine pledge more aid to the country.

According to MSN-BC, the United States has reportedly experienced its first casualty in the conflict. Willy Joseph Cancel, 22, was reportedly fighting alongside Ukrainian forces when he was killed. His family confirmed to CNN that Cancel died on April 25 after leaving for Ukraine in mid-March. According to Cancel's mother, the former U.S. Marine agreed to go to Ukraine as part of his work for a private military contracting company.

"He wanted to go over because he believed in what Ukraine was fighting for, and he wanted to be a part of it to contain it there so it didn't come here," his mother said to

CNN.

His body has not been found, and the State Department is "aware of reports" of his death and is "closely monitoring the situation" without giving further confirmation.

However, the State Department highly advised against U.S. citizens traveling to Ukraine, even if they want to help.

"We once again reiterate, U.S. citizens should not travel to Ukraine due to the active armed conflict and the singling out of U.S. citizens in Ukraine by Russian government security officials, and that U.S. citizens in Ukraine should depart immediately if it is safe to do so using any commercial or other privately available ground transportation options," the State Department states.

According to The Guardian, Kyiv, Ukraine's capital city, was attacked by two Russian cruise missiles on April 28, which injured at least 10 people and partially destroyed a 25-story residential building in the city's central Shevchenkivskiy district. The blasts

reportedly came "immediately after" United Nations secretary general Antonio Guterres met with Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, in the Ukrainian capital.

During a press conference in Kyiv, Guterres lamented the U.N.'s failure to prevent and end the war.

"Let me be very clear. The Security Council failed to do everything in its power to prevent and end this war," Guterres said.

U.S. President Joe Biden is calling for a \$33 billion package of military and economic aid to Ukraine, which, if passed, would more than double the level of U.S. assistance to date. The package would include over \$20 billion in military aid, like heavy artillery, armored vehicles, greater intelligence sharing, cyberwarfare tools, anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles, etc., and was marketed as a defense for Ukraine.

"We're not attacking Russia. We're helping Ukraine defend itself against Russian aggres-



Courtesy Photo | TheGuardian.com

sion," Biden said.

Along with this, the United Kingdom is sending 8,000 soldiers to eastern Europe on expanded exercises to combat Russian aggression in one of the largest deployments since the Cold War. The Foreign Office confirmed that two British citizens who volunteered to fight in Ukraine are dead or missing. The deployment of the British tanks will occur in countries ranging from Finland to North Macedonia between April and June of this year.

On May 11, the U.N. general assembly will vote to replace Russia

on the world organization's leading human rights body. Russia was suspended from the body after allegations of human rights violations by Russian soldiers in Ukraine. Ukraine's prosecutor general has named 10 Russian soldiers that were allegedly involved in human rights abuses during the occupation of Bucha. According to the prosecutor's office, there are 8,653 alleged war crimes currently being investigated.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

This Week's Weather Forecast Wednesday

5/4



High: 59

Low: 48

Thursday

5/5



High: 55

Low: 47

Friday

5/6



High: 67

Low: 47

Saturday

5/7



High: 73

Low: 55

Sunday

5/8



High: 76

Low: 55

Monday

5/9



High: 78

Low: 56

Tuesday

Protestor self immolates

Man lights self on fire in front of SCOTUS building

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On April 22, a man by the name of Wynn Alan Bruce set himself on fire in front of the Supreme Court building in Washington D.C. Bruce was airlifted to a hospital following the incident but died the following day.

Bruce was a 50-year-old from Boulder, Colo. and had told his neighbor Chris King that he was traveling to Denver.

"I dropped him at the bus station, and he had a backpack," King said.

Bruce told King that he was traveling to Denver to meet with his meditation group.

Bruce was also a cli-

mate activist according to social media posts from various people who claim to know him. Some of those that knew him have suggested he was protesting climate change and the inaction by the government to deal with the problem.

The D.C. police department has given no indication that Bruce left a note, and witnesses said that he was silent before he set himself alight. Police have not commented on the incident, citing an ongoing investigation.

About a year ago, Bruce responded to one of his own posts about climate change with a comment that included a fire emoji and the date "4/22/2022."

His last Facebook post on March 28 said, "This is NOT humor. It is ALL about breathing," referring to the need for clean air. In other social media posts, Bruce wrote about climate change, pollution, the environment and his faith in Buddhism.

In Buddhism, the practice of self-immolation, where one voluntarily takes their own life, typically by setting themselves ablaze, is extremely rare. It's a controversial

practice among some adherents of the Mahayana tradition of the religion.

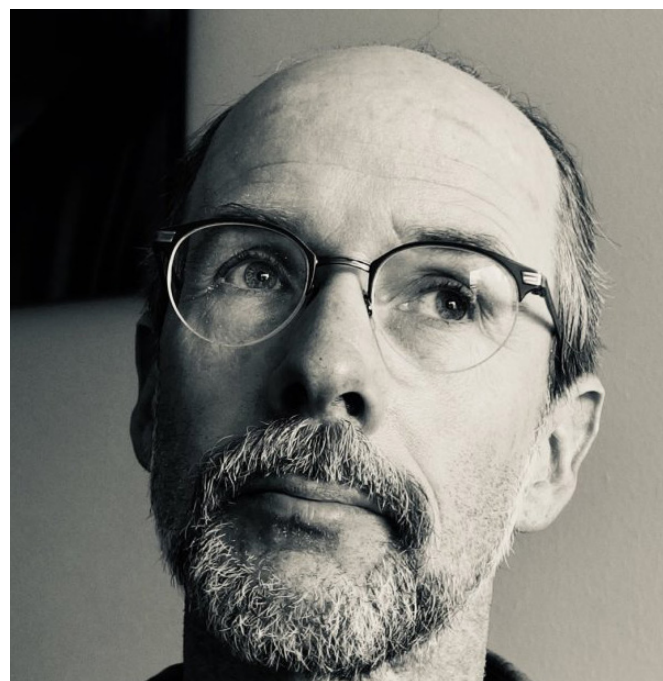
His self-immolation was described as "not suicide" in a tweet by Dr. Kritee Kanko, who described herself as a Zen Buddhist priest and a friend of Bruce.

Bruce's father also appeared to suggest that climate change had motivated his son.

"I agree with the belief that this was a fearless act of compassion about his concern for the environment," Douglas Bruce, 78, told The Washington Post.

However, fellow residents of his quiet complex in Boulder, including King who had known him for two decades, expressed extreme shock at his actions. Several said that they had never heard him mention climate change.

The incident comes as the Supreme Court is set to rule on what could be a very consequential case for the climate crisis as well as clean air. The Republican Attorneys General Association and coal companies are asking the court to strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its au-



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thority to regulate planet-warming gas emissions from power plants.

On April 29, mourners marched silently before the Supreme Court during a vigil honoring the life and death of Bruce. More than 50 people walked along heel to toe, in an act that ap-

peared to embody the spirit of Buddhist meditation.

Some in the crowd held flower blossoms of roses, azaleas and golden dandelions. Others carried cardboard placards emblazoned with Bruce's picture and "Earth Day 2022."

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Air Force General found guilty

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JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

According to a release on the official United States Air Force webpage, Major General William T. Cooley was found guilty of abusive sexual contact on April 23 for kissing the victim without consent in August of 2018.

As per Air Force policy on sexual assault, the name of the female victim is not identified. The victim did give consent to allow news media representatives to disclose her family relationship to Cooley without naming her.

The decision was made by the senior military judge in the case, Colonel Christina M. Jimenez, who serves as Chief Circuit Military Judge with the Air Force Trial Judiciary, Western Circuit, at Travis Air Force Base (AFB), Calif.

Cooley was originally accused with one charge of sexual assault under

Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) with three specifications.

Of the three, Cooley was found guilty for the first specification, "kissing her on the lips and tongue, with an intent to gratify his sexual desire."

Jimenez found Cooley not guilty of the two other specifications, including "causing her to touch him over his clothing" and "touching of her breasts and genitals through her clothes."

This verdict marks the first ever court-martial trial and conviction of a general officer in the Air Force's 75-year history.

Throughout the trial, 10 witnesses testified, including the victim, family members, friends and an expert in digital forensics. Emails, voicemails and text messages were also introduced as evidence. Cooley did not testify.

"The victim told the court Cooley asked for a ride after a backyard day-long social event where he had consumed alcohol. During the short ride, she said he told her that he fantasized about having sex with her. She alleged he pressed her up against the driver's side window, forcibly kissed

and groped her through her clothes," the Air Force release reads.

Cooley denied the allegation, pleading not guilty.

Officially, the Air Force case began on Dec. 26, 2019 after the victim and her spouse reported the assault to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI).

The Air Force release stated that Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) commander General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr. relieved Cooley from command of the Air Force Research Laboratory on Jan. 15, 2020 due to a loss of confidence in his ability to lead, related to the alleged misconduct which was then under investigation.

Bunch appointed then-Air Force Sustainment Center commander Lieutenant General Gene Kirkland to review the AFOSI report and make the initial disposition recommendation. Then, akin to a civilian grand jury proceeding, an Article 32 preliminary hearing was held on Feb. 8, 2021 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

After comprehensive review of the evidence in April 2021, Bunch referred the one UCMJ charge under Article 120, with three specifications

of abusive sexual contact, to trial by general court-martial.

"I can assure you this was not a decision made lightly, but I believe it was the right decision," Bunch said at the time.

After his relief of command over the Air Force Research Laboratory, Cooley served as the special assistant to Bunch, having to focus primarily on advancing AFMC's Digital Campaign.

The trial publicly highlighted the military justice process and how it handles cases of sexual assault and senior leader misconduct. This comes after much scrutiny by Congress with resulting legislative changes in what prosecution will look like for certain future cases.

"This case clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Air Force leaders to fully investigate

the facts and hold Air- men of any rank accountable for their actions when they fail to uphold Air Force standards," Staff Judge Advocate for AFMC Colonel Eric Mejia said.

According to the New York Times, the Air Force reported that Jimenez sentenced Cooley to "a reprimand and to forfeit \$54,550 in pay over five months. It amounts to \$10,910 per month, or about two-thirds of his salary."

Cooley avoided more severe penalties that could have been imposed, including dismissal, a reduction in rank or up to seven years in prison.

According to one of Cooley's lawyers, Daniel Conway, there appears to be plans for an appeal at a later date.

The victim's attorney, Ryan Guilds, said that it takes courage for sur-

vivors of sexual assault to come forward and report, face the trial process and difficult cross examination. He also noted, however, that support is always available to those affected.

"It is very hard to be a survivor in a criminal case. That is one of the many reasons you see so few of these cases go to court-martial," Guilds said.

The victim issued a statement after the verdict was decided.

"The price for peace in my extended family was my silence and that was too high a price to pay," the victim said. "Doing the right thing, speaking up, telling the truth, shouldn't be this hard. Hopefully it won't be this difficult for the next survivor."

There are no further updates as of this publication.



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Trump attends Herbster rally

Trump
endorses
Herbster for
Governor

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In Greenwood, Neb. on May 1, former President Donald Trump spoke at governor-candidate Charles Herbster's rally, "Save America."

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, over 3,000 people attended the event in support of Herbster despite the accusations of assault facing him.

Herbster has been accused of assault by eight women; the allegations are currently under investigation.

Trump's event lasted about two hours and included endorsements of candidates across the country as well as discussion about the 2020 election results, among other topics, according to

CNN.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports that Trump described Senator Ben Sasse (R) as "an embarrassment" and Representative Don Bacon (R) as "not good" during the event. Neither Sasse nor Bacon have expressed support for Herbster since news of the allegations broke.

Throughout the rally, Trump denounced the allegations against Herbster and argued that Herbster would be beneficial for Nebraska.

"I think [Herbster] is going to do well and if he does, you're going to be very happy. And you're going to have an even more prosperous state, we've made it even more prosperous," Trump said at the rally.

Herbster spoke at the rally but did not address the accusations.

KETV News reports that Herbster made his stance on key issues known such that critical race theory would not be taught in schools or universities, immigration into the state would be

stricter and election security would be a priority if he were to be elected.

"We're going to cut taxes, we're going to quit [critical race theory], we're going to take sex education out of the schools and put it back in the homes where it belongs," Herbster said at the rally.

Herbster also said he would like to see prayer reenter the school system, and he would try to revive school choice.

"We're going to give parents and grandparents a choice of where they educate their children, whether it's home school, private school or public school," Herbster said. "We're going to quit funding the unions and we're going to put the money with every single child where it belongs."

Nebraska's primary elections are on May 10 and the general election will follow on Nov. 8. Visit the Civic Nebraska website for more information about election dates.



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Pictured, Google's Iowa data center

Google to open new data center in NE

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On April 20, the largest company in the world announced they would be opening another headquarters in Nebraska.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, Google has allotted \$750 million to continue building onto the data center built in 2019. While construction began in 2019, the data center is partially functional and still under construction and worth \$600 million.

The funding comes from a nationwide budget of \$9.5 billion meant to build offices and data centers across the country.

"Thank you, Google, for recognizing the potential in Omaha and our state with your \$750 million investment in Nebraska. It will join other significant economic investments to enhance our region with opportunities and resources. We are grateful for your

investments not just in infrastructure but also in nonprofit projects, technology and education," mayor of Omaha Jean Stothert stated in the announcement.

According to KETV, the center will be made up of four buildings over 1.4 million square feet. After construction, the center will employ 1,000 people.

Google did not stop with providing jobs for Nebraska but is also planning on investing in the community. At the announcement on April 20, Google announced it would be donating \$100,000 to the Omaha Central Public Library Project.

The announcement comes as a win for the "Silicon Prairie" movement, a play on Silicon Valley. The movement encourages tech companies to invest in Midwestern states by building headquarters and providing jobs.

The Midwest has re-

cently become a hotspot for tech companies, specifically startup companies.

According to CrunchBase, the two biggest tech companies in Nebraska are currently Hudl, which averages \$100 million a year, and BuildTREND, which averages \$45 million a year.

Investment in Nebraska tech was a quick turnaround. In 2011, Nebraska tied for last place "in terms of aggregate venture investments into in-state startup companies," according to CrunchBase. By 2015, the state had jumped to 25th place with \$119 million in investment.

The announcement made by Google is just in the early stages, but the announcement comes with great enthusiasm from Nebraskans.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reports incidents in their public crime log. The Doane Crime Log was last updated on April 24 and no further incidents have been reported since April 6.

Gilbert retires after 29 years

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Educator, director, father and advocate. These are just a few of the hats that Jay W. Gilbert has worn during his record breaking twenty-nine years at Doane University. As the Director of Bands, Gilbert has conducted the Doane Concert Band, Community Concert Band and the Tiger Pep Band.

Gilbert has earned several awards during his time at Doane. Most recently, in 2019-2020, he was awarded Doane University's Ardis Butler James Fellowship. Though his list of accomplishments and accolades is understandably extensive, his biggest accomplishments can be found in his students, friendships and legacy.

"If I am to be completely transparent, Dr.

Gilbert is the reason I came to Doane in the first place, and the support and the impact that he has had on me as a student thus far in my time at Doane is unequivocal to any other staff member or director I've ever had," sophomore Jason McIntosh said.

Not only has Gilbert made impressions on students, he has built many friendships. Frank Tracz, the director of bands at Kansas State University, has known Gilbert since 1978. The two met at the University of Wisconsin and have been friends ever since.

"Dr. Gilbert is my hero. We have been friends for more than 40 years, and I don't know of a finer human being than Jay Gilbert. His talents [and] work ethic are exceeded only by his genuine care and love for others and his goodness as a person," Tracz said.



Photo by Sarah Daly | The Doane Owl

Tracz commissioned a piece in honor of Gilbert's retirement entitled "With Gratitude" by Grace Baugher Dunlap. This piece will premiere at the President's Concert

on May 7 by the Doane Concert Band.

Music Department Chair at Doane Kurt Runestad has worked with Gilbert for 18 years. Gilbert was on the hiring

committee when Runestad started his career at Doane.

"He has been a great example and mentor to me. I'm sure grateful for his presence in my life.

He has really impacted my way that I approach problem solving. He constantly asks what is in the best interest of the students," Runestad said.

In his retirement, Gilbert plans to stay busy through writing and traveling around the world. He is going to self-publish multiple compositions and write a book about Christianity and college life.

"I cherish my time at Doane. I have enjoyed many wonderful relationships with students and colleagues and the privilege of creating beauty through music-making nearly every day of the 55 semesters I have taught here. What a blessing the Doane community has been in my life, and I thank you for the endless recital of kindness you have extended to me and my family over the years," Gilbert said.

Forensics celebrated at showcase

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The Doane Forensics Showcase was held April 27 in the Gaylord Hall Studio, with an online option available. This event was part of the Leadership Symposium, which included President Dr. Roger Hughes' inauguration, guest alumni speakers and keynote speakers.

Assistant Director of Forensics Jennifer Torres said the Showcase went "wonderfully" and allowed four of the team's members to perform their pieces.

Senior Walker Stuhr performed Informative Speaking and After Dinner Speaking pieces. Sophomore Olivia Vore performed a Program of Oral Interpretation, and sophomore Alexandria

Moulton performed a Poetry Interpretation. Finally, junior Erik Rodriguez performed a Persuasive Speaking piece.

Performances lasted about an hour, and the second hour of the event was used as a social gathering for everyone in attendance.

"The in-person and online audience was a great mix of students, alumni, families, administrators, staff and faculty. Students presented speeches on topics ranging from nations using the spyware program Pegasus to suppress dissidence, to the unethical practices of chocolate companies, to using poetry to reflect what it's like to communicate with disfluency," Torres shared.

The Forensics Team has spent the past year crafting their speeches, of-



Courtesy photo | Jennifer Torres

tentimes taking the form of extensive research. Torres said she is proud of all the hard work the students put into their final products.

"While much of the audience may not know the breadth and depth of work that goes into those events, it is wonderful to see them get to experience the final product,"

Torres said.

Besides the Showcase, the Forensics Team has had a great season. Each competing student "qualified every one of their events for the American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST)," according to Torres. This was the first time in the university's history that

each Forensics team member achieved this goal.

Other accomplishments of the season include Stuhr becoming the 2022 Nebraska State Champion in the Informative Speaking event, and Moulton becoming the Champion in Poetry Interpretation. Torres said every student, in-

cluding sophomore Dani Avalos who could not perform at the Showcase, wracked up points for the team, which ultimately placed 18th out of all teams in the state.

Building off that teamwork, Torres also mentioned that in every event at the National Speech Championship, each team made it to the quarterfinals or beyond.

"Over the past decade, Director [of Forensics Nathaniel] Wilson and I have had the wonderful opportunity to coach many skilled, passionate and dedicated Doane students; we are so pleased anytime their efforts and success are recognized within the activity of forensics and by the Doane community," Torres said.

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Phi Sigs host alcohol awareness event

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Phi Sigma Tau sorority held an event on April 27 in Cassel Open Air Theatre to promote making healthy choices.

The event, "Be Sober Not Hungover," was to spread awareness about underage drinking, according to Phi Sigma Tau member and sophomore Payton Detavernier.

"The goal of the event was to spread awareness about underage alcohol consumption and precautions against alcohol consumption," Detavernier said.

nier said.

To do this, the sorority hosted a trivia game consisting of statistics related to alcohol. In addition to the game, there was also a keynote speaker that spoke about how to prioritize other important things in life rather than substances.

Detavernier called the keynote speaker "amazing" and wished that there could have been more people in attendance.

"I feel like we definitely could have had a better turnout in regards to the number of people that

attended," Detavernier said.

During the event, a member of the Coalition against Underage Risky Behavior (CURB) had a table handing out brochures. This member was an important part of helping to plan the event, get the keynote speaker and was excited to bring an event like this to campus.

Students who are struggling with alcohol or substance abuse can contact one of the Doane counselors Myron Parsley or Raegan Bartholomew.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You've been chasing things for a while now. Whether it be people or dreams, give the chasing a rest and let good things come to you.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): This week is the perfect opportunity to put yourself out there. You never know what good could come of it until you actually try it and see.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): You may feel like you have been pretty unlucky lately. However, this week is a great time to take that feeling and use it to work for the things you want. It should not longer be in the hands of luck but your own hands instead.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): You've been straining yourself a lot lately. This week take some time to rely on others. It may feel like a change but those close to you will be willing to help.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): This upcoming week is going to be a roller coaster of a week. While going uphill remember that for every uphill there is a downhill on the horizon.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Relaxation needs to become your best friend this week. If you do not take time to relax and let yourself breathe it will lead to negative consequences in all aspects of your life, Cancer.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): People in your life are going to start looking up to you, Leo. Take this moment to step out of your shell as a leader and grow. This growth will likely be able to help you in other aspects of life.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Be cautious of those around you this week Virgo. Though you typically have an optimistic outlook on life, go forward for the time being with cautions. Things are not always as they seem.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Remember as times get tough that you have people in your life that you can lean on. It may feel like a challenge to reach out and ask for help but it will make your life much easier when you do.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): You've been having a rough week Scorpio. Remember when things get rough that they do not always last. You only need to weather the storm to see the rainbow.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You've been taking a lot on lately. While it is great to stay busy, it may be time to reevaluate what you say yes to. While you are evaluating make sure to identify your priorities.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Time seems to be flying by for you, Capricorn. Things may be going your way now so take a moment out of your life to stop and appreciate the little things.

ResLife offers leaving reminders

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

As the semester winds down, students are preparing to leave campus. The Office of Residential Life and Education at Doane (ResLife) has requirements that students must follow when leaving campus. Residence halls may have different requirements, so students should contact their Community Director (CD) with any questions specific to their hall.

Students must be moved out of their room by May 6 at 9 a.m. or 24 hours after their last final, whichever comes first. Closing information can be found in emails from Doane Housing and on the ResLife website. Students can also receive closing instructions in the closing envelopes that are handed out during their floor closing meeting.

Hansen Hall CD and Interim Burrage Hall CD Grace Mosier encourages students to ask questions.

"Ask all the questions you have. We can't help you unless we know what you need help with. No question is a dumb question and we want the check-out and closing process to be as easy as possible for everyone," Mosier said.

Students that have issues with their space should talk to their CD or Community Advisor (CA)

or put in a work order.

"One common mistake is that students forget to check their dresser or desk drawers and leave items behind, which results in an item removal fee. Students should ensure they double check their spaces before turning in their keys and checking out," Assistant Director of Residential Wellness and Engagement Hannah Dull added.

Summer housing is available to students who are taking graduate classes in Crete over the

summer, working on campus over the summer or conducting summer research. That application closed on April 25. Students that are planning to live on campus over the summer will be receiving more information soon.

Students are required to attend a closing meeting with their CA or CD to obtain check out materials. If students have any questions, they should contact their CA, CD or Doane Housing.

Leaving Campus Reminders

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Doane website gets a new look

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

After over a year of working on it, Doane has launched its new and redesigned website.

There were over 200 pages on the doane.edu websites that were initially rewritten. The team will continue to work on more, as well as solve any issues that need to be worked out.

Communications Manager Liz McCue was part of the team that worked on this project, in addition to a team from the Office of Strategic Communications as well as an outside partner agency.

McCue's role was to organize page layout and work on copyrighting aspects. A lot of what she did as well as turning existing information into what she described as "basically a tweet."

In November, the Office of Strategic Com-

munications released an article teasing the new website. The goal was to have it released by January, but they delayed the release date to have all of the pieces together as well as a smooth transition from the old site to the new one.

The new site has since been released and McCue said that seeing all of her work fully launched is exciting.

Doane decided to update the website because they had to in order to keep the website secure. Every decade or so, the base platform gets phased out of support. Since this was currently happening, it makes the website more vulnerable to digital attacks, therefore it needed to get updated.

On the other hand, McCue addressed that there is a changing nature of what prospective students want to get out of a website. Therefore, they designed it to be more user friendly, specifically

for prospective students looking at Doane.

"We have students coming from across the U.S. Sometimes, that website is the first piece of Doane that they see versus a campus visit. So showing what the Doane experience is on the website was and is a priority for us," McCue said.

Overall, the feedback McCue has received has generally been positive, but there are still things to work on.

"Once you have a large project that encompasses a university, you know that you are going to continue working on things—fixing issues, working out bugs, etc. So [we are] very open to receiving feedback," McCue said.

Students that have any feedback or suggestions regarding the website can submit them to help.doane.edu.

Doane prepares for graduation

JOHN DAWES
Staff Writer

With the school year coming to an end, the class of 2022 is expected to graduate this Sunday, May 7.

Doane will hold two graduations, both on Sunday, May 7. The first is for non-residential programs such as students from the Lincoln and Online campuses, undergraduates and graduate students from the Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Management, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Instructional Design & Technology and the Graduate Studies in Education.

Anyone who falls under these categories will graduate at 10 a.m. and will need to arrive at 9:15 a.m. to line up for their graduation ceremony.

For students who are graduating as undergraduates from the Crete Campus, graduation will begin at 2:30 p.m., and graduates are expected to arrive at 1:45 p.m. to line up for their graduation.

There is no limit to how many guests may attend a student's graduation ceremony. Doane encourages guests to arrive 45 minutes early to get the best parking and seating for the ceremony. If you can not attend graduation but still wish to watch the graduation, you can find a Youtube live stream link on Doane's website. There is a link to both the 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. graduations.

There are 900 parking

Graduation Reminders

- There will be two graduations.
 - The first is at 10 a.m. and the second is at 2:30 p.m.
- There is no limit to how many guests attend.
- There are 900 parking spots available on campus.
 - A map will be on Doane's website.
- Graduation will be held outside at the Cassel Open Air Theatre.

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spots available on campus. A map of all available parking spots will be on Doane's website. Anyone attending graduation will be entering one way off of 7th Street by Frees Hall. Handicapped spots are available and will be at the Communications Building parking lot.

Graduation will be held outside at the Cassel Open Air Theatre at the Crete campus. Only extremely poor weather conditions (heavy rain, hail, storms, etc.) will cause the graduation ceremony to be relocated. In which case, it will be moved to the Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

May 7 is projected to be fairly warm at 73 degrees and light winds,

with only a ten percent chance of rain late at night. It is recommended to dress appropriately for the weather in the event of light rain or cold.

For any students graduating, you must have your account balance paid in full the Thursday before graduation in order to receive your diploma at the ceremony. If you do not pay, you will receive an empty portfolio at graduation, and Doane will send the diploma to you after your account balance has been paid.

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Correction:

In the April 26, 2022 issue of the Owl in "Green Week works to educate," Maya Mohr was incorrectly identified as a junior, Mohr is a senior.

- LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

StuCo speaks on Stop Day

On behalf of Student Congress, we would like to thank everyone who made Stop Day 2022 such a success. There is an immense amount of planning that goes into making Stop Day possible.

First, we would like to thank all of the Student Congress Senators who helped plan and run the events, which can be stressful and exhausting. We would also like to thank Events Staff, Facilities,

IT, Student Experience, Sordexo and the administration for their assistance. We would also like to thank Faculty and Staff for canceling classes and activities so students could participate in Stop Day.

We are so appreciative of all of the students who came to the events we hosted. We also value your feedback as to how we can improve Stop Day for next year! We apologize for any overlapping

events this year, however it is impossible to find a day with zero conflicts as we are very busy students.

We will use the feedback from students to better Stop Day in the future, as this was the first Stop Day since 2019, we tried a few different things and value the responses from every student who attended the new activities.

Thank you for letting Student Congress represent you

and your needs as much as possible. Best of luck for a successful conclusion to your semester!

Doane Student Congress
May 2, 2022

Hot takes; Benefit Lumberjack

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

This is it, the final Hot Takes of the year. I know, I know, it sucks but try not to cry too much, after all, absence makes the heart grow fonder.

For this final Hot Takes, in preparation for the new "Doctor Strange" movie, I'm going to be ranking the performances of Benedict Cumberbatch that I've seen him in (homie does a lot of BBC original movies and I haven't seen most of them).

Each of Cumberbatch's roles is graded based on the quality of the performance and the quality of the movie the role appears in.

The quality of his performance is the most important factor in determining the tier it belongs in and boils down to how captivating the performance is. Arguably he has no bad roles, but there are still some that are better and more captivating than others.

The second aspect that goes into the grade is the quality of the movie that the role is in. While not as important overall as the one above, it's still decently important. Even if Cumberbatch carries the movie or show with his performance, nothing can save a movie



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from being a stinker if it's bad.

S Tier - These are the roles synonymous with Benedict Cumberbatch, the ones that it seems like were made for him. Not only is his performance excellent, but the movies or shows that he appears in are also of extremely high quality.

A Tier - While not as good overall as the ones above, there is still a lot to love with these roles. These are the ones that are sometimes overlooked or forgotten but are still very good nonetheless.

B Tier - These are the roles that are in between good and bad. Keep in mind that when you're as good of an actor as Benedict Cumberbatch, there is not going to be a bad performance, but there are some that are just objectively not as good as others and that's where these fall.

C Tier - The roles here are not necessarily bad, it's just that the movie or show they're a part of is not good enough to be anywhere else but here.

F Tier - There are no Be-mkladsl Copadfgklmatch

performances that are bad enough to be in F Tier, even if the movies or shows are really bad.

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

S Tier: (The best)- "Dr. Strange," "Sherlock Holmes," "Colonel Mackenzie," "Alan Turing"

A Tier: (Second Best)- "Phil Burbank," "Greville Wynne," "Ford," "Smaug"

B Tier: (Average)- "The Grinch," "Classified"

C Tier: (Below Average)- "Kahn Noonie"

F Tier: (Garbage)-

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!

Ready to enter a new world



ERIN BURKE
Staff Writer

In 2003, Rory Gilmore graduated from high school as valedictorian. She opened her speech with, "I live in two worlds. One is a world of books. I've been a resident of Faulkner's Yoknapatawpha County, hunted the white whale aboard the Pequod, fought alongside Napoleon, sailed a raft with Huck and Jim, committed absurdities with Ignatius J. Reilly, rode a sad train with Anna Karenina and strolled down Swann's Way. It's a rewarding world, but my second one is by far superior." My world is similar. In-

stead of the worlds of Faulkner and Anna Karenina, I live in the worlds of Aaron Sorkin and Amy Sherman-Palladino. The worlds they create are full of fast, witty speeches and an ensemble of characters that make you wish you were part of the inner circle. Their writing helped shape my view of the world and guided me through my time here at Doane.

Doane gave me more than the writings of Sorkin and Sherman-Palladino. Doane gave me the space to learn, grow and experience the real world. In my four years here, I have found my passions through education and real life experiences. I have been guided by some of the best professors I could have asked for, and I have befriended people who make me a better person.

I am sad to say farewell to 1014 Boswell, but I walk away knowing that the people who have invested their time in me have prepared me to be the best version of myself. I am inspired by fiction, but I am grounded in the reality that surrounds me.

In one of my last pieces of writing for Doane Uni-



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versity, I want to say thank you. Thank you to my professors for challenging me. Thank you to my friends for making this a wonderful four years. Thank you to my roommates for making the weird, damaged house a home. And thank you to my family for supporting me every step of the way.

Doane is a special place that allows the students to

dream of the possibilities before them. It prepares us for the world that we enter when we leave and makes every experience something to cherish. I am sad to say goodbye, but I am excited for the new world that I get to enter.

Well that's just like, your opinion, man...



MATTHEW MITTLIEDER
Staff Writer

For my final opinion in the Owl before I graduate this year, I would like to talk about one of my all time favorite films, and recommend it to anyone and everyone that may read this.

"The Big Lebowski" is probably one of the most iconic movies ever made, and it's one that I can watch over and over without it getting old. It's absolutely hilarious, and every time I watch it, there is something new that I learn about it.

Upon first seeing the film, I thought it was just alright (gasp). It was

a funny but somewhat confusing story about a carefree dude who gets caught up in a convoluted kidnapping plot in 1990s Los Angeles. Maybe I was just a little out of my element, but I couldn't help but feel like I was missing the point a bit.

Since rewatching it at least a dozen times, I've discovered that there is a whole lot of deeper meaning to the film that makes the story even better. The more you pay attention to the actions, characters, dialogue, themes and general minutiae of the film, the more you will learn from it and enjoy it.

So if you're not into the whole brevity thing, I would definitely recommend that you watch this film many times to get the most out of it. It's just one of those movies that continues to get better and better with every rewatch. And even if you do only see it once, it is still an entertaining, ridiculous and absurdly funny movie.

One of my favorite aspects of it is the multitude of idiosyncratic side characters who all give such

distinctive performances in such short amounts of time on screen. The Coen Brothers really have a knack for wacky, memorable characters, specifically ones who only show up briefly in the story.

Speaking of memorable, this film has an almost endless stream of quotable dialogue, to the point where it has established a cult of fans that can probably recite most of the movie from memory.

There is even a religion called Dudeism based on the main character of the film, "The Dude." I myself am an ordained Dudeist priest, just as many other fans of the film are in order to show their support of The Dude and his easy going way of life.

To really tie this review together, I'd like to just say that I have enjoyed watching so many films this year and having this outlet to talk about them to whoever was willing to read them. I hope that I've shared some good movies for people to watch, and just remember, "The Dude abides."



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Looking back and feeling grateful



SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

As a senior, I have spent the last four years of my life building memories, crying in practice

rooms and making long lasting relationships. Doane has provided me with another home and family. I am so thankful for the amount of support I have received from staff and faculty. There is no way I could have survived my degree without the Music Department faculty's advocacy and patience.

In my time, I have been involved in multiple on campus organizations which have provided experiences that I will never forget. Choir tours have let me travel to states and countries that I would not have been able to otherwise. Being a part of Doane Student Media allowed me to build a community of people that I

would not have crossed paths with normally.

Most of the faculty that I have worked with has been very supportive. They have provided tools to help me in my future classroom and given me the opportunity to fail gracefully. I am thankful for all of my practicum and student teaching experiences. The cooperating teachers and advisors that I have worked with have been so supportive. I know that I have grown as a teacher and person because of these mentors.

There is one person that I need to thank by name. This person has been a major part of my four years and my development as a teacher and

vocalist. Dr. Hannah Jo Smith has been such a light in my educational journey. She has helped me be successful in any way that I could ask her. I will forever be grateful for Hannah Jo.

This senior class has remained resilient after so many obstacles have been thrown at us. Between surviving Zoom university and trying to stay motivated while feeling isolated, I am proud of the Class of 2022.

'Skodoane!



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Another semester comes to an end



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Another year has come and gone, and I can't help but feel a little skeptical about not publishing another paper for a few months.

I don't think many people realize how much work it takes to

get a newspaper out each week, and the idea of not doing that for weeks on end? Blasphemy. Impossible. Absolutely not.

Granted, I will be busy with a lot of other stuff, like work, during the summer, but in a weird way, I think I'm going to miss it a little.

I couldn't be more proud of everyone on staff after this past year. I spent the first half across the world, and when I came back, every event or meeting or whatever else imaginable rained down on us hard.

Luckily, we haven't had any late nights, but I am very appreciative of everything that the people on staff have done this year.

Looking ahead, I'm really hoping to get some more great people on staff and tap into their skills. So, if you're even tossing

around the idea of wanting to work for DSM, just shoot me an email or a text with any questions. I check my email probably twice every hour, so I promise you I will see it.

As for the summer, I am ready to just have some time to myself where I can relax and stop buzzing around for two seconds. This semester has been a whirlwind. It's time for a break.

Good luck on finals. Try to stay healthy. Have a relaxing summer, and we will see you in the fall.

...THUMBS UP

Beaches

Doctor Strange

Lightning

Nachos

Umbrellas

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...

Baseball and Softball finish season

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Both Softball and Baseball had jam-packed weeks once again as both teams spent time on the road and at home. Despite one season coming to a close, another secured their claim to conference champion.

Softball opened the week at home on April 26 against Midland University. Neither game was successful for the Tigers, and they would go on to get swept on their home field.

In the first game, the Warriors grabbed a sound victory of 15-0 and cut the game short at five innings. In the second game, Doane showed more fight to their performance, but it was not going to be enough, and Midland would eventually win 3-7.

The Softball team was then on the road and headed for Omaha, Neb. to take on College

of Saint Mary. Doane hit hard in the first game but would not be able to hold on for the second game and the sweep.

The Tigers started out hot in game one, with junior Alicia Vint grabbing the first run on a steal of home plate in the first inning. The Flames came back in the same inning and snagged the lead now 2-1.

This would be the last time the Flames lead in the first game, and in the third inning, junior Shelby Downard hit an RBI and tied up the score. Shortly after, sophomore Jayden Young hit another RBI and put the Tigers back in the lead.

Sophomore Angelina Esqueda hit an RBI in the fourth inning, and the game was wrapped up with Downard hitting another RBI in the sixth, winning the game for Doane 5-2. However, they would not be able to transfer this success into the second game.

Thanks to junior Jacyndyn Hunt's single bringing in the first run and an error committed by Saint Mary, Doane was up 2-0. However, the Flames hit a grand slam in the third inning to put them up 4-2.

After another error committed by Saint Mary brought in a run for Doane, the Flames went on a bit of a scoring spree and would put themselves up 10-4 over the next six innings. Doane, not to be outdone, saw a surge of life towards the end of the game that brought them close to making the comeback.

Four runs in the sixth inning cut the score to 10-8, and bases loaded in the seventh inning put them in position to win, but College of Saint Mary would hold strong the rest of the game and grab the win. This game ends Doane Softball's season with a 11-28 record.

The Baseball team kicked off their weekend on April 29 at home against Mount Marty University. This proved to be a slow start to the weekend for the Tigers, as Doane would drop both games.

The first game was back and forth at the beginning. The Lancers scored a single run, and that same inning, Doane scored a single run. Then the Lancers grabbed two more in the next inning, and Doane did the exact same.

However, this back and forth ended in the fifth inning when Mount Marty took the lead and was able to hold out until the end. They then would continue their hot streak in game two and grab the sweep.

The Lancers started out hot, with a run in the first and third innings of the game. Doane would answer shortly after and make sure things were all tied up until the Lancers

two runs brought in during the sixth inning put them up 4-2.

During that same inning, Doane grabbed another run and was close again with the score 4-3. However, the Lancers would hit a three run homerun that put them up 7-3. Although they snagged another run, Doane eventually fell to Mount Marty 7-4.

Doane continued their home play on Sunday against Midland University, honoring their seniors at the end of both games. The first game was an easy win for the Tigers, with eight runs being scored in the first inning of the game.

Both fifth-year Andy Theiler and sophomore Justin Nevells batted in runs after Midland hit a run in the third inning, the score now 10-1. The shutout came from junior Nate Mensik in the sixth inning with another home run that won 11-1 for the Tigers.

In the second game, Mensik started off hot, batting in a run before eventually rounding the bases to make it in himself, setting Doane up 2-0 right off the bat. However, four runs in the third inning gave Midland their first lead of the day 4-2.

Junior Lukas White hit a solo homerun before senior Joe Osborn tied the game up in the fifth inning. Mensik brought in another sacrifice run, and Nevells was right behind with a three run homerun, leading now 8-4.

Junior Brett Meyer and White would finish the game with three more runs and shut out the Warriors 12-5 for the final score. After this victory, Doane claimed full possession of the conference championship and advanced to the first round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Tournament on May 5 at home.



Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl

Fifth-year Aaron Forrest pitches while teammate sophomore Justin Nevells readies for the hit.



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Freshman Cristian Yanez rounds first base attempting to land the double.

T&F gains more NAIA qualifiers

ABRIANNA MILLER
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On April 28, Doane Track and Field attended the Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) Prairie Wolf Invite, and left having won three events and adding seven NAIA qualifying marks. The Men would go on to compete in the Drake

Relays on April 29 and 30, walking away with three qualifying marks.

On the Men's side, the 4x100m relay team won with 44.78. The team consists of sophomore Jeremiah Payne, junior Emmett Black, sophomore Matthew Case and freshman Carson Shoemaker.

Senior Matthew Campbell won the shot put with 15.94m, also

earning him an automatic qualifying mark.

Sophomore Luke Partridge also hit an automatic mark in the hammer throw with 57.70m.

In the javelin, sophomore Brock Johnson won the event with a distance of 46.19m.

Sophomore Carter Reckling earned a provisional mark in the high jump with a height of 2.05m.

Fellow sophomore Mike Pulliam hit a season-best in the pole vault while also grabbing a provisional mark with a height of 4.72m.

As for the Women, junior Allison Skala walked away from this meet with two qualifying standards, one in the shot put (14.87m) and the other in the javelin (40.44m).

In the hammer throw,

sophomore Macy Fuller improved her qualifying mark with a season-best throw of 51.94m.

At the Drake Relays, the 4x400m relay team of seniors Logan Hammond and Kingdon Hawes, and sophomores Jordan Tasler and Zach Turner met the provisional standard with a time of 3:17.67.

Campbell met another automatic standard in

the hammer throw with 57.35m.

Senior Mason Krause hit 55.15m in the javelin, earning him a provisional mark.

Doane Track and Field will compete in the GPAC Championships on May 6 and 7 before going to the Concordia Twilight on May 13. The NAIA National Championships will be held from May 25 to 27.

Tennis teams fall at conference

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last week, both the Men's and Women's Tennis teams entered the conference tournament and began play. Although neither team will be coming home with a title, all players put in a whole-hearted effort that was seen across many seasons.

The Women's team

kicked off the conference weekend on April 29 in Fremont, Neb. against Hastings College. Doane closed this match out rather easily, starting off with two doubles matches victories, followed by four single match wins, putting away the Broncos 5-0.

Later that day, they went on to face Morningside University in the semifinal round of the

tournament. The Mustangs hit an early stride, picking up the doubles match point. However, the Tigers came back from behind thanks to domination in the singles matches from senior Ava Macke, freshman Ashlyn Kucera and junior Nina Ngo.

After these three put up a battle in the singles matches, the score was all tied up and there was

only one singles match left. Despite sending the match to the tie break set, the Tigers would fall in a very close defeat 4-3. Doane finishes their season 12-9.

The Men's team also started their tournament journey on April 29 in Fremont, Neb. facing Concordia University in the semifinals after receiving a bye to first round play. The Tigers

started off strong in the doubles matches, winning two of the three and snagging the first point.

After a clean sweep of the singles matches against Concordia, Doane would win 4-1 and advance to the finals round where they faced Midland University.

Midland easily picked up the doubles match points after claiming all but one.

Three more wins in the singles matches would land the Warriors the conference titles, the Tigers falling 0-4. The Men's Tennis team finishes their season with a record of 12-7.

Golf finishes spring season

Doane finishes conference run in the bottom two

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last week, the Women's Golf team finished out their season in Norfolk, Neb. in their conference tournament. Over the two day competition, Doane would finish 11 out of the 12 teams there.

Senior Tressa Bull had an outstanding performance over the four rounds played, as she

would break the standing record for best 72 hole-score after shooting a 350. This level of play earned her 16th place overall.

Next in the lineup for the Tigers in 32nd place was freshman Emma Sheaffer with a score of 365, showing the most improvement through-

out the entire fall and spring seasons. Senior Anna Korte followed up in 46th place, and freshman Hayden Klaus was close behind in 48th.

Overall, Doane shot a 1,568 over the four rounds, capping off head coach Jeannine Foster's final season as head coach for the Tigers.

Athlete of the Week



Doane Baseball Team

set the GPAC record for most conference wins with 24 wins.



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Scoreboard Snapshot

WOMEN'S GOLF

April 25 & 26 @ NORFOLK, NEB.
GPAC CHAMPIONSHIP

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

April 29 @ FREMONT, NEB.
10:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIGERS
[5-0]

2:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

MUSTANGS
[3-4]

SOFTBALL

April 26 @ HOME
3:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE
WARRIORS
[0-15]

GAME TWO
WARRIORS
[3-7]

May 1 @ OMAHA, NEB.
11:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

GAME ONE
TIGERS
[5-2]

GAME TWO
FLAMES
[8-10]

MEN'S TENNIS

April 29 @ FREMONT, NEB.
6:30 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[4-1]

April 30 @ FREMONT, NEB.
1:30 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

WARRIORS
[0-4]

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

April 28 @ LINCOLN, NEB.
PRAIRIE WOLF INVITE

[4 NAIA QUALIFIERS]

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

April 28 @ LINCOLN, NEB.
PRAIRIE WOLF INVITE

[3 NAIA QUALIFIERS]

BASEBALL

April 29 @ HOME
1:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE
LANCERS
[3-4]

GAME TWO
LANCERS
[4-7]

May 1 @ HOME
1:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE
TIGERS
[11-1]

GAME TWO
TIGERS
[12-5]

Next week for Tiger Athletics

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

May 6 & 7 @ HOME
GPAC CHAMPIONSHIP
May 13 @ SEWARD, NEB.
CONCORDIA TWILIGHT
May 25, 26, 27 @ GULF SHORES, ALA.
NAIA CHAMPIONSHIP

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

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NAIA CHAMPIONSHIP

BASEBALL

May 5 @ HOME
GPAC CHAMPIONSHIP
May 16 @ TBA
NAIA OPENING ROUND
May 27 @ LEWISTON, IDAHO
NAIA WORLD SERIES

