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Men's Wrestling adds two team wins to their record. See Page 9 for more.

## Winter Graduation on Dec. 11

Ceremony honors graduates at semester

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As the semester comes to a close, many Doane students are preparing for Winter Commencement. Doane's Winter Commencement ceremony will be held in Fuhrer Fieldhouse on Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. Graduating students who have earned over 123 credits will receive their diplomas. There are no limitations on the number of

guests that graduates can invite to the Fieldhouse. All graduates and guests will be required to wear masks. The Fieldhouse seats 1,800 guests. Guests should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony. Handicap and special seating will be available for guests who require accommodations. The ceremony will be live streamed through <https://livestream.com/accounts/2185698> for guests who are not able to attend in person. Graduates are asked to arrive on the Crete campus at 12:15 p.m. on Dec. 11. Graduates should leave winter outerwear with guests or family members because there is not secure storage available. This year's featured speaker at Winter Commencement is Jamar Dorsey. Dorsey earned his educational doctorate in Education Leadership from Doane University. He is a member of various community organi-

zations and volunteers in his free time with the Iowa Community College football team. Dorsey is a Nebraska native and is now a motivational speaker and non-profit director. Guests should park in front of the Fieldhouse, in front of Haddix Recreation and Athletic Center or in the adjacent lot south of Haddix. Campus maps are available online at <https://www.doane.edu/campus-map-crete>. If weather becomes a concern, decisions about postponing the event will be made by 7 a.m. on Saturday and announced on Doane's website. Students can find more information on commencement ceremonies on Doane's website at <https://www.doane.edu/graduation-december-11-2021>.

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## Cosby ruling sent to Supreme Court

Prosecutors seek to overturn verdict

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Prosecutors in Montgomery County Pa. have asked the Supreme Court to review a ruling by the state's top court earlier this year which vacated

Bill Cosby's sexual assault conviction. According to The Washington Post, Cosby was found guilty of sexual assault in 2018 and spent nearly three years in prison before his sentence was reversed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in June. At the time of Cosby's conviction in 2018, at least sixty women had accused Cosby of sexually assaulting or harassing them. The allegations span forty years, during which Cosby's career took off and turned him into a household name. The reason for this re-

versal is that the court viewed that Cosby's due process rights had been violated. The court ruled that Cosby had believed he was operating under an immunity agreement offered by a prosecutor when he provided testimony that was self-incriminating. The damaging deposition from the civil suit revealed that Cosby had acknowledged his intent to use quaaludes (sedatives) on young women with whom he wanted to have sex. Cosby did not however admit to criminal wrong-

doing during the deposition. According to NPR, Cosby was charged for an alleged assault in 2004 against Andrea Costand who was working for the women's basketball team at Temple University in Philadelphia. At the time the ruling was overturned, Cosby had served two years of a scheduled three to ten year sentence. In Cosby's appeal, he argued that a statement made by then-district attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. in 2005 promised Cosby would not face criminal charges from Costand's allegations. Castor stated

he told Cosby's lawyer verbally that he would not prosecute the actor and comedian, and that he then issued a press release announcing the conclusion of his office's criminal investigation. In court, Castor testified that he took those measures in an attempt to get Cosby to testify in any civil suit Costand might have filed against him. However, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decided that the verbal agreement between Castor and Cosby to be legally binding, meaning that the prosecution led by Castor's office violated

Cosby's rights as a defendant. While the case was widely followed in the media, it is unlikely that the Supreme Court will review it, according to Jules Epstein, a law professor at Temple University. "[His case] is such a one-off situation that the U.S. Supreme Court might look at it and say, 'It's not worth our time because this will never happen again,'" Epstein said. There are no further updates at the time of this publication.

## Weekly COVID-19 update

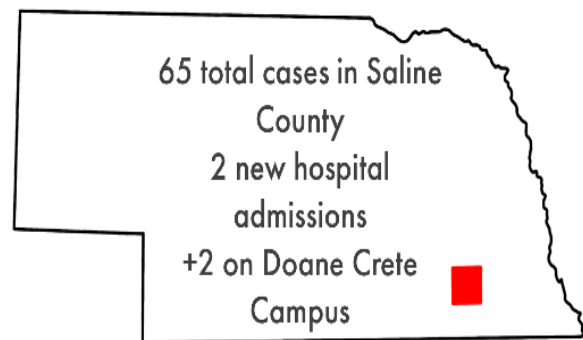
**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
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The level of community transmission remains high for Saline County. Two new cases of COVID-19 have been reported throughout all Doane campuses within the past seven days. Both cases have been reported on the Doane Crete campus. Saline County has reported 65 total cases of COVID-19 over the last

seven days as of Dec. 3. One new hospital admission due to COVID-19 has been recorded within the last seven days. 57 percent of the population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County have been fully vaccinated, marking 47.5 percent of the total population of Saline County as fully vaccinated. It should also be noted that six cases of the new Omicron variant have been reported by Public Health Solutions, the dis-

trict health department that services Saline and four other counties in southeast Nebraska. Doane is still watching the situation carefully and will let students know over winter break if there are any policy changes to be made for next semester. 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 re-

quirements are different from place to place, the CDC urges individuals to follow local accordsances 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. According to 1011 News, the mask mandate issued by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has been extended for a third time, now until Dec. 23.



Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has been extended until Dec. 23

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# Iran nuclear talks resume

Iran seeks to alter 2015 deal struck with U.N.

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Talks regarding Iran's nuclear deal resumed in Vienna last week after a five-month hiatus following the election of Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi in June.

According to The Washington Post, little progress was made and the talks were shortly adjourned, but negotiators expect the talks to begin again this week.

Before Raisi's election, it seemed as though a deal was close to being struck, but Raisi's election paused the talks. Raisi and other Iranian hard-liners replaced the more moderate officials, who had been known associates to the Biden Administration to some degree, and the talks soon slowed to a crawl.

According to the Associated Press, European diplomats accused Iran of

backtracking on previous promises, to the extent that even Russia, known for its strong relations with Iran, questioned Iran's commitment to the process.

A senior U.S. State Department official stated that negotiators were expecting Iran to "show seriousness" at the talks, but this was not the case. Everyone involved in the talk was concerned about the prospects for a deal, even countries who have traditionally taken a softer stance for Iran, like Russia and China, were slightly alarmed.

These negotiations are attempting to bring back the nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers that was established in 2015 under the Obama Administration. The agreement, spearheaded by former President Barack Obama, relaxed the crippling sanctions against Iran in exchange for the country relaxing its nuclear program.

However, during his presidency, former President Donald Trump, with encouragement from former Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, withdrew from the deal. Without the support from the U.S., the deal quickly unraveled.

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy and strongly opposed the 2015 deal and praised Trump's decision to abandon the agreement. However, for-

mer Prime Minister Ehud Barak recently wrote in the Yediot Ahronot daily that the decision to leave "was a delusional decision that allowed the Iranians to move forward quickly in the direction of becoming a nuclear threshold state."

Since the withdrawal, Iran has stepped up its nuclear activities and has amassed a stockpile of highly enriched uranium that violates the boundaries set in place by the accord. Additionally, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog confirmed that Iran had begun enriching uranium up to twenty percent purity in its underground facility at Fordo, a site where enrichment is prohibited under the deal.

Germany, Britain and France state that Iran has "fast-forwarded its nuclear program" and "backtracked on diplomatic progress," which is highly concerning for the countries involved in the talks.

Additionally, in early December, Iran said it tested a surface-to-air missile defense system near its Natanz nuclear facility, and multiple people reported seeing lights in the sky and hearing a loud explosion.

Iran insists its nuclear program is only being used for peaceful intentions, but they are capable of and have been reported to be enriching uranium to a maximum of sixty percent, slowly climbing to ninety per-



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cent, the percentage required for weapons-grade manufacturing.

According to the Washington Post, in the talks last week, Iran suggested everything discussed in prior agreements could be renegotiated and presented the European powers with revised drafts on the removal of sanctions and nuclear commitments. Among the demands is the removal of all sanctions imposed under the Trump Administration and a guarantee that no future administration will withdraw from the deal again.

However, the U.S. does not want to remove sanctions related to Iran's proxy wars in the region and other issues. Additionally, while Biden can promise his administration will not back out of any deal that might be struck, he cannot promise future administrations will also adhere to any deal because he has little-to-no power to uphold the promise once he leaves office.

While the prospect of

reaching a deal is a cause for some optimism, the degree to which Iran is wanting to alter the deal has the other parties involved fearing the talks will collapse, especially if Iran shows no intention of slowing or stopping its nuclear program.

If talks do dissolve, the next course of action from the U.S. will likely be some form of militaristic involvement with Israel's cooperation. According to Barak, Israel's current opposition leader, the dissolution has yet to be considered, and if military action were to occur, it would be extremely difficult as Iran has taken steps to greatly complicate any potential military move.

Over the past ten years, Iran has scattered its nuclear sites and even gone so far as to hide some deep underground, but Israeli officials still firmly believe military action is still feasible.

There are no further updates at the time of this publication.

# Arbery's killers convicted

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On Nov. 24, the three men accused of killing Ahmaud Arbery were convicted of murder and several other charges.

In February of 2020, Arbery, a Black man, was running empty-handed through a Georgia neighborhood when the three white men saw him, chased him in pickup trucks, trapped him on a quiet street and shot him with a shotgun.

During the trial, the defense argued that the men suspected Arbery was a burglar and that residents in the Satilla Shores subdivision were "on edge." Arbery was recorded multiple times on a security camera visiting a partially-built home in the neighborhood. The videos did not show Arbery

taking anything from the property.

The defense tried to convince the jury that their clients were trying to execute a citizen's arrest, which was legal at the time. The attorneys for one of the men, Travis McMichael, have said he opened fire in self-defense.

The killing only had limited attention at first, but it became much more well known after a video of the shooting was leaked online. After the footage became public, Arbery's death became another focal point in the nation's Black Lives Matter movement during 2020.

Each of the men faced a total of nine respective counts: one count of malice murder, four counts of felony murder, two counts of aggravated assault, one count of false imprisonment and one count of criminal attempt to commit a felony.

McMichael, the man who shot Arbery, was convicted on all counts. His father, Gregory McMichael, and their neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, were found guilty on all charges except the most serious, malice murder. All three men face life in prison.

The jury that convicted the men was nearly all white and deliberated for about ten hours before they made their decision. Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley instructed jurors that they could consider simple assault, reckless conduct and reckless driving as lesser charges to aggravated assault for Bryan.

When the verdict was announced, Arbery's father was removed from the courtroom after audibly celebrating the reading that Travis McMichael was guilty of malice murder. During the reading, Arbery's mother dropped her head



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and quietly pumped her fists.

"The verdict today was a verdict based on the facts. Based on the evidence," lead prosecutor Linda Dunikoski said.

"That was our goal, to bring that to that jury so that they could do the right thing."

In a statement, President Joe Biden said Arbery's killing was a "dev-

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday 12/08  
High: 49  
Low: 33

Thursday 12/09  
High: 57  
Low: 32

Friday 12/10  
High: 50  
Low: 23

Saturday 12/11  
High: 44  
Low: 26

Sunday 12/12  
High: 57  
Low: 30

Monday 12/13  
High: 59  
Low: 34

Tuesday 12/14  
High: 60  
Low: 42

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astating reminder" of how much more work the country has to do in the fight for racial justice.

# Stephen Sondheim dead at 91

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Stephen Sondheim, American lyricist and playwright, died in his Roxbury, Conn. home on Nov. 26.

Born in 1930, Sondheim was revolutionary in his craft. Many attribute the modern American stage musical style to him. Though his death was sudden and unexpected, the artist was able to spend Thanksgiving

surrounded by friends and family.

Some of Sondheim's most famous works include the lyrics to "West Side Story," "Into the Woods," "Gypsy" and many more. Sondheim was one of the very few members of the theater composer community that were known to write lyrics to their own music scores for shows.

Sondheim was the winner of a Kennedy Center Honors for lifetime achievement in 1993. In 2008, he was awarded a

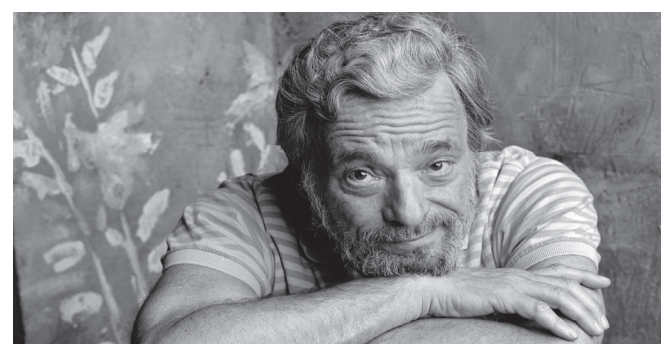
Tony Award for lifetime achievement. In 2015, Sondheim was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Barack Obama.

Though highly decorated with awards, Sondheim lives on in the hearts of the theater community that believed in his masterpieces.

"Whenever I question my career or passion, I look back to his teachings and discover something new. Something that pushes me to bleed creativity," junior Bos-

ton Reid said. "He has always been the constant in my career. A composer who understood the work he was doing and how that could affect an audience and upcoming generations of theatre practitioners."

Sondheim continues to inspire the next generation of playwrights and lyricists in multiple forms. An example of this can be seen in Netflix's newest movie-musical "Tick Tick... Boom," which is about Jonathan Larson. Larson's works



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were heavily inspired and fostered by Sondheim.

"Sondheim left by leaving a community of people that treasure him and his unrelenting love for his craft. That com-

munity will continue to breathe his spirit and champion his innate ability to speak through the art of theatre," Reid said.



# Leather coats banned in North Korea

Kim Jong Un bans other from wearing signature look

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North Korea has banned leather coats that copy the style of the country's leader Kim Jong Un.

According to The Hill, Kim Jong Un popularized leather coats in 2019, and they were initially only worn by those who could afford the high price.

However, fake leather was soon imported so the jacket could be worn by those with less money, something that frustrated the North Korean leader.

During a military parade in North Korea in January, the high-ranking officials who attended all



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wore leather jackets, adding to the interest in wearing the coats.

It has been reported that literal fashion police have been working to confiscate the fake leather jackets in markets and from people wearing them in addition to going after the companies that manufacture them.

Radio Free Asia report-

ed that Kim Jong Un and other high-ranking officials wearing the leather jackets caused them to become the most sought-after commodity because of their implication of wealth and power.

"As leather coats began to be recognized as a symbol of power, private clothing merchants asked trading company officials

to import synthetic leather. Since September of this year, they copied the design of the leather coats worn by the Highest Dignity and the officials and now they are being sold in the marketplace," an anonymous local source said.

This has been a point of contention between citizens and those in power,

as many do not understand why they are not able to wear clothes they bought with their own money.

"Young men protest, saying they bought the coats with their own money and there is no reason to take them away," the source said.

However, according to Global Edge, due to North Korea being a Communist State under Totalitarian Dictatorship, Kim Jong Un essentially has complete control in North Korea and is able to dictate what citizens can and cannot do, wear and say among other things.

As such, he has instructed the "fashion police" to seek out and confiscate any and all synthetic leather jackets because he believes people trying to emulate his style is a way to challenge his authority.

"The police respond to complaints, saying that wearing clothes designed to look like the Highest

Dignity, is an 'impure trend to challenge the authority of the Highest Dignity,'" the source said. "They instructed the public not to wear leather coats because it is part of the party's directive to decide who can wear them."

It appears that the symbol of the leather coat is not restricted by gender, as during the military parade, multiple women were seen wearing the leather jackets as well.

One of these women was Kim Yo Jong, the sister of Kim Jong Un and who some believe may be next in line to lead the country.

Seeing several powerful women wearing the coats means "the leather coat has become a symbol for powerful women too," according to the source.

There are no further updates as of the time of this publication.

# New York City mandates vaccine

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According to the New York Times, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a new vaccine mandate for all private employers in New York City on Dec. 6 to help combat the spread of the new COVID-19 Omicron variant.

With vaccine mandates in place for city workers, indoor dining, entertainment locations and gyms, almost 90 percent of adults in the city have

received at least their first dose of the vaccine.

With that being said, however, de Blasio believes that the city must go even further in order to fight this next wave of the virus before it takes over New York City once again. This new city mandate will extend the previous rules on dining and entertainment to children ages five through eleven, starting Dec. 14.

The previous requirement for adults needing at least one dose of the vaccine will increase to two required doses starting on Dec. 27, excluding those who have received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

This "aggressive mea-

sure" is being regarded as needed as a "preemptive strike" to slow the next wave of COVID-19 in New York City and help reduce the transmission of the virus during the winter months.

"Omicron is here, and it looks like it's very transmissible," de Blasio said in an interview with MSNBC. "The timing is horrible with the winter months."

On Dec. 2, de Blasio and New York Gov. Kathy Hochul held a news conference in order to deliver the news that the state had encountered its first cases of the Omicron variant. As of the past few weeks, cases in New York have increased rapidly, with

daily case counts reaching more than a 75 percent increase since Nov. 1.

Although other vaccine mandates have been challenged already, de Blasio believes that this one should hold up based on past vaccine mandates for the city being upheld, and should last past the end of his term as mayor, coming up in one month. The next mayor will then look over the mandate and decide if this is something the city should keep in place.

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. Incidents reported

between Nov. 30 to Dec. 7 include:

- 12/01 **Disturbance** - Campus Property- Doane Crete: Academic Buildings: Perry Campus Center: Lower Level: Common Grounds
- 12/02 **Drug Law Violations: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia** - Campus Property- Doane Crete: Residence Halls: Hansen Hall: Basement
- 12/03 **Disturbance** - Campus Property- Doane Crete: Parking Lots: Lot F

## Canada experiencing syrup shortage

Canada's first maple syrup shortage in three years

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Amid shortages in maple syrup, Canada's Quebec Maple Syrup Producers, a government cartel that controls over 70 percent of the world's maple syrup supply, has had to tap into its strategic reserves for some 50 million pounds of maple syrup.

According to the New York Post on Nov. 26, maple syrup production dropped some 24 per-

cent due to unexpected weather conditions causing a warmer, yet shorter, spring. This and a growing demand on maple syrup this year has caused the consortium of over 11,000 maple syrup producers to release the most maple syrup from its reserves ever.

This is also the first time in three years that the maple syrup strategic reserve has needed to be used.

As seen from export sales, maple syrup demand actually increased from January through September 2021 by 21 percent from last year throughout the same time period. In total, export sales reached 113.5 million pounds of maple syrup sold.

NPR interviewed Quebec Maple Syrup Producers' Communications Director Helene Normandin over this issue.

"That's why the reserve is made, to never

miss maple syrup. And we won't miss maple syrup," Normandin said.

With this news, the consortium already has plans on making preparations for the next harvest. Although it is hard to predict how next year's production will be, they believe it best to make preparations now instead of facing the repercussions of having not done so.

"What we can figure at this moment is maybe the season here in Quebec will start a bit earlier in February, instead of March, and end earlier also," Normandin said.

The Quebec Maple Syrup Producers plans to tap seven million trees in the near future in order to begin replenishing its reserves to meet demands for the next year.

  
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# Counselors offer winter break tips

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

With winter break coming up fast, it is important to remember to promote and maintain mental health while also knowing when to reach out to resources for help.

Although many students will be going home over the break, it is still possible to feel alone or as if there is little help to reach out to. This is especially true since the pandemic is still an active factor in many people's daily lives.

Many important strategies to maintain mental health exist.

"One of the most important mental health strategies is to focus on three main building blocks: sleep, nutrition and exercise. These three elements play a key role in helping us manage stress and the daily difficulties of life," Director of Counseling and Health Services Myron Parsley said. "In addition

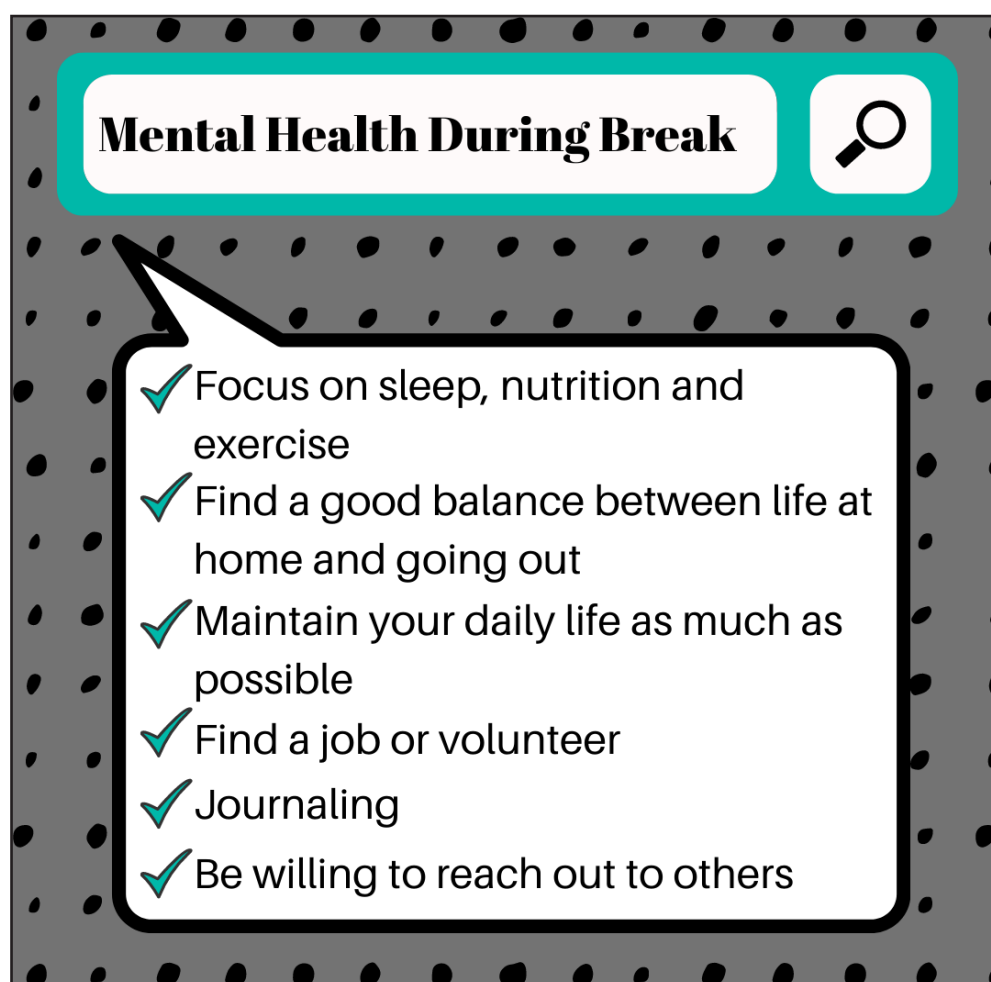
to those strategies, it's also possible to incorporate other methods to ensure a more positive mental health over the break."

Parsley recommends finding a good balance between life at home and going out. Being able to spend time with family again after coming back from college is a very important opportunity to reconnect with family. But spending time with friends is also important. Being able to go back and re-engage with friendships while also seeking out new ones helps greatly in finding a good social support network.

Another important piece of advice would be for students to try and maintain their daily lives as much as possible.

"Although it's tempting to stay up late or sleep in, it's important to keep a consistent routine that will help you re-adjust easier when you get back to school," Parsley said.

In order to help maintain some part of students' daily lives, students could also try and seek out a job or start volunteering throughout



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the break. For finding a job and volunteering, students would only benefit from the added life and work experience they could gain. The potential additional money

could also greatly benefit students going into and through next semester.

Journaling may also help students. Parsley says being able to write down the thoughts and

feelings from students' daily lives "can provide a healthy outlet for positive and negative experiences."

"The main thing is to be willing to reach out for

help if you are struggling with your mental health over break. Be willing to talk to a trusted person about how you are feeling. It could be a family member, friend, teacher, coach, clergy or anyone else you can count on," Parsley said.

Most communities will also have mental health resources available if needed.

There are also national crisis hotlines such as the National Suicide Prevental Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255); the Crisis Text Line: text START to 741741; the Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386 (LGBTQ support); the Steve Fund: text STEVE to 741741 (Persons of color support) and the Boys Town National Hotline 1-800-448-3000 (Parents and youth).

Students can also reach out to the Counseling Center via Parsley at myron.parsley@doane.edu or Raegan Bartholomew at raegan.bartholomew@doane.edu for free, confidential counseling or assistance with locating resources.

# StuCo hosts Leadership Gala

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The annual Leadership Gala was hosted on Dec. 3 by Student Congress (StuCo) in Chab Weyers Education and Hixon Lied Art Building's Welcome Center.

As formal attire was requested, the Leadership

Gala was an opportunity for leaders around campus to get dressed up, eat some food and mingle with each other.

The goal of the event was to give student leaders an evening where they can show off their best outfits, enjoy some good food and "feel recognized by others for their efforts to the community," according to sophomore and StuCo Senator Man-

di Laib.

Student leaders were invited from all corners of campus. Greek group executive teams, executive teams from clubs around campus, Campus Advocacy Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project Peer Educators, Community Advisors, etc. were all invited to attend the gala.

"The Leadership Gala was a great opportunity

and experience to meet and interact with all those who have led on campus. It truly was an inspiring experience to all be together," junior Angie Esqueda said.

Despite the fact that this is a busy time of the year with studying, projects and finals, Laib was glad to see that there was a great turnout this year. As StuCo was unable to put on a Leader-

ship Gala last year due to COVID-19, Laib said this event was more impactful.

Prior to the event, StuCo had to do a lot of planning and preparation. Food and drinks were planned. The event served a wide variety of drinks and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Sodexo.

StuCo also had to design invites and send them out to all of the

guests. A playlist for the evening was created and decorations were put up.

Laib was pleased with how the event turned out and said that in talking with other students, they were too.

"As I walked around and spoke with other students, it seemed that they really enjoyed the event," Laib said.

# Students plan for winter break

**EMMA RYAN**  
Staff Writer

Finals are here and winter break is near. Before students leave campus, there are a few things to do and remember.

First, remember to clean out your mailbox,

pick up any packages at the Service Bureau and return any checked out books or electronics to the Library or Service Center.

If you live on campus, remember to unplug all electronics, including your fridge, lock your windows and take any important belongings home for break. The residence halls will be closed from

Dec. 10 through Jan. 9 unless you are sponsored by a department to arrive sooner on campus.

With winter break quickly approaching, students should have already arranged travel plans to return home for the break.

A survey was sent out on Dec. 6 asking students about their winter break plans. From that poll, 60

percent of students said that they are "very excited" for winter break.

The survey also asked students what they were looking forward to most for the break. A majority of the answers were about getting to spend time with family, having time to relax and having a break from school.

For some students, the winter break is a time to

advance their knowledge by traveling or getting a new job or internship.

Senior Kennedy Scheele has plans to travel to Africa over the break for two weeks. She is going with two others and bringing a portable ultrasound machine to teach a doctor there how to use it. Scheele said she hopes to shadow the doctor and experience health care

in a different part of the world.

"I have always wanted to go to Africa, so this is a super great opportunity to go. Not only will I get to do some service work, I will also get some experience within health care while being immersed in a completely different culture," Scheele said.

# Sorority sells self-care packages

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The members of Kappa Phi Zeta sorority offered self-care packages for purchase for students during the last few weeks of the fall semester. These packages had the option of containing items such as fidgets, chapstick, bath bombs, hot chocolate and much more. Packages

started with five items of a student's choosing but could include up to 15 items.

"My favorite part has been finding different products that can be put into the packages," Vice-President of Kappa Phi Zeta sorority Sydney Tramp said.

Orders were placed Nov. 22 through Dec. 4. Students placed orders at the Beige Desk, online or through a QR code found

on posters around campus. Once purchased, the self-care packages were distributed during the week of finals.

Senior active member of Kappa Phi Zeta sorority Maddie Brandenburg encouraged students to purchase these packages to relieve stress during the busiest time in the semester.

"We are selling these to support mental health awareness during finals

week to encourage everyone to take care of their mental health during the stressful time," Brandenburg added.

These packages could have been ordered by students, faculty, staff or anyone else that was interested.

Senior Noa Snyder purchased a self-care package from the sorority.

"It's a great opportunity for students to support

each other in the final weeks of the semester," Snyder said.

Senior Sydney Irons also supported Kappa Phi Zeta sorority by gifting one of the self-care packages.

"I bought one for my boyfriend because I thought it would be a nice gift for him during finals, and I wanted to help support the Kappas," Irons added.

Tramp believes that

this fundraiser will be continued by the sorority in the coming years.

"I think this is definitely something that we will continue. It's always nice to have the opportunity to promote positive mental health," Tramp said.

Students with questions or comments can contact any member of Kappa Phi Zeta sorority or the group's President Brianna Ingalls at brian.ingalls@doane.edu.

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## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Although your schedule is busy, take time to help a friend or charity event this week.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** You may experience some mixed messages surrounding your personal and professional life. This push and pull may make you rethink some of your future goals in life.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Truly reflect on your dreams and ambitions. Now may be a trying time in your life but use it to your advantage.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Talk the talk and walk the walk. Improve yourself to do the things you say even the ones you only tell yourself.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** You may have several mind-altering conversations this week. Take time to reflect on those conversations and enhance yourself.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** This is the week of groups for you. Whether it is a relationship, group project or roommate, find peace with cooperation and working with others.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Really take time to clean up and organize your life from your room to your planner. Big shifts are coming so be ready.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** This week started out as a busy one, but remember everyone needs down time, so rest and relax a little.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Your theme for this week is community and nostalgia. Remember where you came from and how the people and places from your past have shaped you.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Motivation has not been on your side lately, but this week a surge of energy will come your way. Use it to guide you through to next week.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Use this week as a reset to your daily actions. Try to prepare yourself as much as possible for the days ahead to really allow yourself to reflect later on in the week.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** You've been feeling generous lately, use this inspiration for others to fill your cup up with positivity.

# Finals week begins

## FINALS SCHEDULE

### Monday:

8:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. :	Mon./Wed./Fri. 7:00 - 8:59 A.M.
11:30 A.M.- 2:30 P.M. :	Mon./Wed./Fri. 12:00 -12:59 P.M
3:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. :	Tues./Thurs. 9:00 - 9:59 A.M.
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. :	Monday evening classes

### Tuesday:

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# Students plan to revive fraternity

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

Since the start of his freshman year, sophomore Taye Unongo has heard rumors about a fraternity that was once on campus.

Tau Sigma Zeta was a fraternity on campus until 2019. Due to a lack of members, Tau Sigma Zeta died out; however, there have been recent movements to revitalize this fraternity.

Unongo recognized this year how important Greek Life is on campus and wanted to immerse

himself in it. However he felt as if none of the current fraternities had the same values as he did.

"I was just looking at all of the other fraternities on campus, and I just don't feel like any of them embodied who I was as a person. So I did a little research into the Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity and how they ran," Unongo said.

During his research on this fraternity, Unongo found that they valued diversity and inclusivity and said that was one of the things that drew him even closer toward the fraternity.

Therefore, Unongo committed to bringing this fraternity back so that

he too can be a part of Greek Life with a group that he feels embodies who he is.

The effort to get Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity back on campus has involved meetings with Assistant Director of Campus Engagement and Student Experience Spencer Munson and Senior Development Officer in the Advancement Office Jackie Hinrichsen. These meetings have been mainly focused on getting in contact with the alumni and learning more about the fraternity.

In fact, Unongo had a meeting with four alumni last week and got to learn more about their fraterni-

ty. "I had met with around four of the alumni and we just had a nice conversation about it. I just got to know them, and I got to learn about the organization and how it was and if our values align, which they did," Unongo said.

Unongo is not alone in his efforts to revitalize this fraternity. He has established a group of people, including many men on the Wrestling team, who are also committed.

The goal is to continue to get more people interested in joining the fraternity while they work towards getting the group approved.

"I've heard from a lot

of people that they are interested in [Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity]. Now we are looking for more than just people who are interested, we are looking for people who are committed to it," Unongo said.

The next steps to reinstate Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity is to contact the Greek Council and get the group officially approved for reinstatement.

Unongo recognizes that there may be push-back against his efforts.

"I just don't know why you wouldn't want the Tau Sigs back. I mean, yeah, it's another fraternity, but in all actuality, it's just a family in Doane. We are all here for the

same purpose and to just enjoy our time here in Nebraska," Unongo said.

The goal for the students involved in bringing back Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity is to have a rush season the next academic year. Unongo said that when they do get the group reinstated, they intend on catering toward alumni, but he also recognizes that times have changed and there will be a whole new group of people.

The efforts to reinstate Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity is an ongoing process. Interested students can reach out to Unongo at [taye.unongo@doane.edu](mailto:taye.unongo@doane.edu).

# Pope plans to visit students abroad

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

Over a portion of winter break, Assistant Professor in Modern Languages Joshua Pope is planning on performing research over study abroad experiences, something he has done in the past and wishes to continue.

The purpose of this research is to gather information on a student's experience studying abroad, specifically looking at

it linguistically, socially, culturally and identity-wise.

In order to perform this research, Pope has planned on traveling to Spain on Dec. 7 in order to gather some of this information from students as they are ending their study abroad experience.

"What I like to do is to get people while they're still in it. [I'm planning to] talk to them about language learning, social lives, what they do during the day and how they feel [study abroad] has changed who they are,"

Pope said.

In addition to this research, one benefit to this is that the information gathered will be used to help guide the study abroad program at Doane and better prepare and advise students who wish to study abroad.

With the research, the study abroad program is able to help prepare students go through the drastic social change of studying abroad. Looking at previous studies of students' social networks, whether or not they made friends with more local or

other American students, helps guide the preparation students get so that they can make the most out of their study abroad experience.

"I did something similar for my dissertation research. With that project, I got to follow a group of students throughout their study abroad and followed up after," Pope said. "So I was really able to track change over time with [all the areas I was researching]."

Furthering along with the research, time management is also an im-

portant factor that goes into the preparation for study abroad students.

"We can learn about what is manageable in a study abroad situation [and what is] feasible for students to learn in helping students make goals and think of strategies to accomplish those goals each semester before someone goes abroad through a pre-departure orientation," Pope said.

Pope also gave final words of advice for any student who may be considering studying abroad in the future.

"My general advice is to do it. This is a prime opportunity to [study abroad] because you don't know the level of change in how you think about the world until you go through it," Pope said.

"Some students may think it's not possible with their academics or athletic schedules. We can be creative depending on the student; there are financial or academic supports. Study abroad can be scary, but all throughout there are people and ways to help."

# Christmas Festival called a success

**JOHN DAWES**  
Staff Writer

Doane held its 30th annual Christmas Festival this weekend. The festival held performances featuring the Doane Concert Band, Doane Choir, Collegiate Chorale, Doublewide, Jazz Unlimited and Chamber String Ensemble.

There were two separate performances, both in Heckman Auditorium and featured performances from all the groups. This is also the first in-person Christmas Festival since the COVID-19 outbreak, as Doane had canceled the 2020 fall semester in-person event because of worries about COVID-19.

Junior music education major Erik Rodriguez was impressed and grateful for the large turn out for the performances.

"The number of people who showed up at the Christmas festival surpassed the amount from my freshman year, and it was kind of nerve-racking but so glad that many people cared about the

fine arts and supporting music," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez is a band and choir member, and he attests to the impact of Doane's Music Department. Rodriguez believes there are innumerable benefits that come with putting on events like this, as it has the potential to help future musicians discover their love of music.

"When I came to Doane, I did not know how to play piano, but I can competently play the piano due to the piano proficiency classes. I also appreciate every single music professor who gave their time and patience with me and helped me become the musician I am today," Rodriguez said.

This concert also marks the last Christmas Festival for long-time band director Jay Gilbert. Gilbert has been teaching at Doane for 29 years and was instrumental in building Doane's Music Department and received a standing ovation for his role in helping guide students in the band program.



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<b>5</b> Christmas Festival Performance	<b>6</b> Winter Solstice Celebration Late Night Breakfast	<b>7</b> Christmas Celebration	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Last Day of Class	<b>11</b> Winter Graduation Ceremony



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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

## Stay safe and happy holidays

As winter break approaches, we at the Owl want to remind you to spend time with loved ones from home but also be mindful of the pandemic especially regarding the new Omicron variant that is now here and very present.

This is an especially vulnerable time for your elders such as parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles. If you're feel-

ing ill, it is better to send your best wishes via cell phone rather than causing unintentional harm.

With this being said, remember to get your booster shots, where your mask and wash your hands often.

We wish you all the best over break. Eat plenty of good food, catch up with old friends and family and recharge for next semester because it won't be long

before we are all back on campus next year

Also remember to take care of yourself over break. Mental health can be a struggle for lots of people over the holidays for various reasons, but remember you still have resources on campus you can use even during break.

We at the Owl hope everyone returns home safely and enjoys themselves with this break. We think

this break is much needed for everyone to take some time to relax.

To students and staff, congratulations on making it through this fall semester. It was great to be able to start doing in-person events and classes, so stay safe to keep Doane safe.

The staff at the Owl wishes you happy holidays and New Year!

## Hot takes; Christmas movies

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

Well folks, it's the last Hot Takes of the year, and while it can be hard to say goodbye, it's only temporary and we'll be back and better than ever next year. Absence does make the heart grow fonder after all.

With that, let's get into the rankings. This week is all about Christmas movies.

Each Christmas movie is graded based on the usual formula I use for grading movies. I grade each one based on the quality of the movie and the music, but for this ranking, I will also be grading each movie based on how much it puts me in the Christmas mood.

Movie quality is very simple but quite important. If it's a chore to watch one of these movies, it loses a lot of points because if a movie isn't a good watch, then why was it even made?

Music is the second most important quality about a Christmas movie because there are only so many Christmas songs one can use before you start having to repeat. If the movie uses a unique arrangement of a classic Christmas song or uses the classics in a new and innovative way, then it will rank higher than a movie that just slaps Christmas classics over the whole movie. Bonus points are awarded to movies with original scores and compositions.

The final category is how much the movie fills me with the Christmas spirit



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and puts me in the mood for Christmas. If the movie really hits home the importance of loving everyone and embracing the "true meaning of Christmas" but does so in a nuanced manner, it ranks higher than a movie that does the same thing with the subtlety of a garbage truck. If there's one thing I hate, it's when a crappy Christmas movie squeezed out by a multi-million dollar movie studio to cash in on the holiday season tries to beat me over the head with a contrived message of the importance of love and family.

All these qualities combined are used to determine the objective quality of a Christmas movie and the list below is the result of minutes of deliberation and careful ranking.

S Tier - Verified classics, to go without watching at least one of these movies every Christmas is a travesty and a tragedy.

A Tier - Very solid choices, not quite as solid overall but are still dripping with holiday cheer.

B Tier - These movies are pretty okay, not great but not bad either. Unless someone in your family LOVES one of these, you aren't really going to watch them.

C Tier - These aren't really worth the time to watch. While not horrible, there just isn't really a whole lot to love about them.

F Tier - While there certainly are bad Christmas movies (I'm looking at you Hallmark), I won't include any in this list because I am seized by the Christmas spirit.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Muppet Christmas Carol, Die Hard, How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966), Year Without a Santa Clause, Elf, Klaus, Scrooged, Charlie Brown Christmas

A Tier: (Second Best)- How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000), Frosty the Snowman, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, Home Alone, Jingle All the Way, It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street

B Tier: (Average)- Rudolph, The Santa Clause, A Christmas Story

C Tier: (Below Average)- Polar Express, Ernest Saves Christmas

F Tier: (Garbage)- No movies here, consider it my Christmas gift to you.

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!

## Movie review; "Interstellar"



**MATTHEW MITTLIEDER**  
Staff Writer

For the last issue of this semester I'd like to talk about another one of my favorite movies that has gotten some attention recently, "Interstellar", released in 2014 and directed by Christopher Nolan.

The film takes place in the near future as Earth is slowly becoming uninhabitable due to crop disease and a second Dust Bowl. It follows a former pilot, played by Matthew McConaughey, and as-

traphysicist Amelia Brand, played by Anne Hathaway, in helping NASA try to find a new home for humanity in a newly discovered galaxy through a wormhole.

Anyone who's ever dreamed of space travel will love the way it's portrayed in this film, it really does an amazing job of showing how whimsical and terrifying space can be. Anyone human will also feel a connection to the raw emotions from the characters and their relationships and the overall poignant feeling of the Earth one day becoming unlivable.

This movie is simply breathtaking, from the cinematography and visuals to the inspiring score by Hans Zimmer. It is seriously hard to put into words how great the music for this film is, and without it the movie wouldn't be complete or nearly as compelling.

It's no wonder people have used this soundtrack for countless memes and

TikToks, it can make just about any footage or event feel exhilarating. It also perfectly captures the wonderment and intensity of traveling across the stars, and so far it hasn't failed to give me goosebumps every time I listen to it.

Speaking of the story, one criticism I have is that it gets a bit complicated and experimental, especially towards the end. After rewatching it a few times, it makes a bit more sense, but I remember my first time being a bit confused about what even happened by the end.

Obviously the movie is science fiction, and while most of the time it feels very grounded in reality, the times where they stretch the realm of possibility and stray more into fiction feel a little bit off. I think there were some assumptions and ignorances in being accurate to science and creating paradoxes in order to

get more philosophical and have more drama to the story, especially near the end.

Aside from this, the movie is done very well and has some great performances, particularly by McConaughey and Hathaway. The characters' decisions all fit with how they are written and even with many emotional scenes, their feelings and actions are always justified.

I think this is a movie that everyone should see at least once in their life, even if you are not big into science fiction. If there was any other film to compare it to, I would say it's often reminiscent of "2001: A Space Odyssey", which is another iconic film everyone should watch.

"Interstellar" is a powerful, intelligent movie with great vision and an even greater execution, and will change the way you look at the Earth and the cosmos.



# Time flies faster than you know it



**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

Now that the end of the semester is finally upon us, that general stress that almost everyone begins to feel is back

as well, though this time it feels like it has fallen off a bit.

I don't know if everyone else has felt this way, but finals this semester haven't really felt like finals and it is coming to an anticlimactic ending. I normally wouldn't complain about finals feeling a little easier, but time just seems to have gone by very quickly and pretty much over in the blink of an eye.

Personally, I've already almost completed half of my finals and so all that's left is to just wait until the day my last final comes. Then, it's time to go home and move on for the month until next semester comes. In that

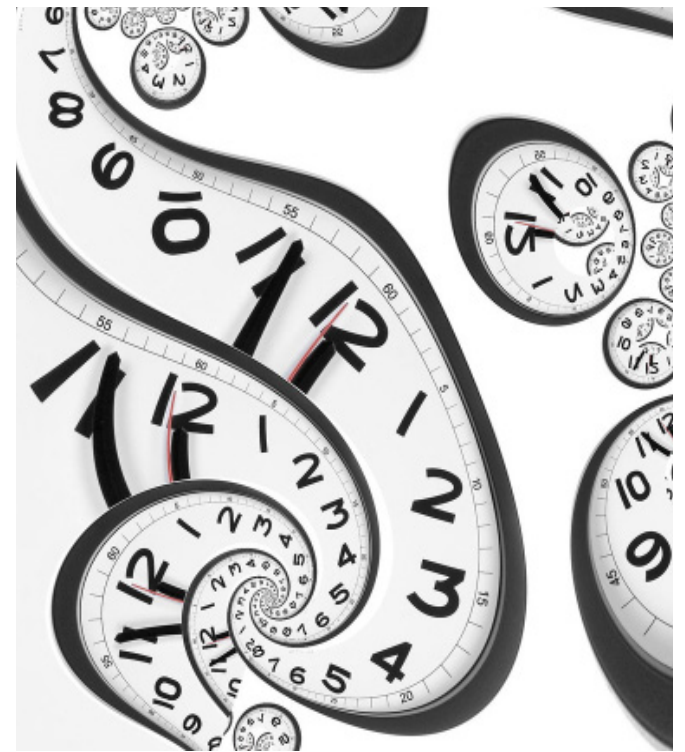
time, I'm going to try and remain as stress-free as I possibly can because I already know that next semester is going to be a ride, even though this one ended fairly quickly and without many problems.

I guess this semester was just a wake up call of sorts, truly supporting the idea that time goes quicker the older you get and the more things you're doing.

I know that I'm going to need to take a step back and hopefully spend some more of that ever-quickenning time with the people around me. I don't want them to just think that I take them for granted because I never get the chance to hang

out with them unless it conveniently works for the time I have available. That isn't fair to the people around me that I'm dictating when we can hangout, whether they are okay with working around my schedule or not.

I appreciate all of the people around me who have worked with me throughout this time, and I want that to be known before going into next semester. Like I said, next semester is going to be a ride, but it's one that I'm willing to at least try my best in managing my time wisely.



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# Highlights of the year: self growth



**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

It is crazy to think that this is the last issue of the Owl of the semester. I vividly remember going into the lab over the summer after work to prepare everything, and it just isn't sitting right that this is the last paper of 2021.

Thinking back over the past year seems surreal. I became Editor-in-Chief in January (it feels much longer than that); I helped create a sustainable online presence for DSM (shout-out to Sarah) and I also have formed so many positive relationships across campus. I love what I have done. I absolutely love it.

I'm not usually a person for bragging or highlighting my accomplishments, but after the past year, I think I deserve a few moments to hype myself up.

Aside from DSM things, there is a lot that I should be proud of that I wouldn't normally acknowledge.

For starters, I was my own best advocate. I was aware of my strengths and my weaknesses, and anyone that doubted me went through hell trying to knock me off balance.

Personal growth also became a focal point throughout 2021. I mean, go back and tell 2016 me that I would be in Spain right now, and she would not believe a word that came out of your mouth. I have become more fearless, more determined and more aware.

I have learned a lot of basic life skills this year, too, like creating budgets, how to pay utility bills and how not to cry at the post office when the lady is really mean to me. Okay, I guess that last one didn't quite get accomplished, but I almost made it out the door without crying.

One of the last things I am really proud of is the community I have built around me. The people that I keep close by my side right now will most definitely be in my life five or ten years from now. There's something very special about having



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that bond with a network of people.

So while this semester is closing, I cannot wait to see what next year

brings. I'm really hoping my cat decides to love my dog, but we'll see what happens.

Wishing everyone

good luck on their finals, congratulations if you're graduating and happy holidays.

# Break is so close you can taste it



**EMMA RYAN**  
Multimedia Coordinator

We are all so close to winter break, you can almost taste it. If you're lucky enough to have finished up all of your finals by the time this edition comes out, congratulations. You made it. How-

ever, if you are still frantically cramming in more information for tests, presentations and projects, I wish you good luck and give you advice to keep pushing because you're almost there.

I think coming back the week after Thanksgiving break is always the hardest because you get a little taste of winter break ahead and momentarily forget about the gazillions of tasks needed before finals.

I feel like it's always the little things that you don't think are going to take very long that end up taking the longest and causing everything else on the to-do list to get backed up.

I am most definitely ready for break and get

caught up on all of the other things outside of school that I have been pushing off because I haven't really had the time.

It seems that motivation and focus are two things I feel that everyone is lacking a bit these days. Maybe it's due to the fact that this is really the first "normalish" semester we have had since Spring of 2020.

With the majority of classes being in-person this semester, I do feel that there was a major shift back to pre-COVID that was hard on a lot of students, especially younger classmen that had not been in a normal collegiate setting previously.

Hopefully next semester is uphill from here.

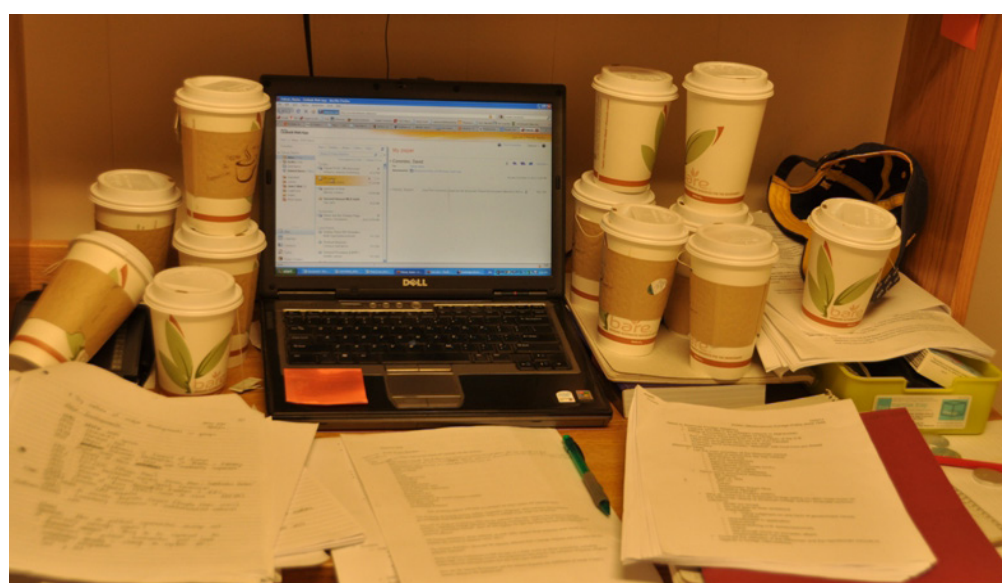
As a senior, I am sad that it is my last semester at Doane, but I'm also very hopeful and excited for the future of what's to

come.

All in all, I hope everyone survives all of their finals and returns home safely. It won't be long be-

fore it's Jan. 9 and everyone is returning back on campus.

Happy Holidays to everyone!



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## ...THUMBS UP

Fruit Cake

Snow

Santa Claus

Wrapping Gifts

Red and Green

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...



# Wrestling wins big over weekend

Wrestling wins duels and does well at Doane Open

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

On Dec. 1 and 4, the Wrestling team traveled to compete in two duels before coming back home and taking part in the Conner/Oppenheim Doane Open. The team was able to get two victories on the road before having excellent individual performances during the Doane Open.

The two victorious duels continue the winning streak for the team, giving them 11 straight team victories. Senior

Garrett Cornwell was very happy with the dedication he saw from his team members during both duels.

"The duels went well for the team," Cornwell said. "We went out and battled and we were able to win both duels pretty handily."

Shortly after these matches, the team had to prepare for the Doane Open, which consisted of 12 mats up and running at once, with several schools coming out to compete. The team had 47 victories during the day of competition, with eight top six finishes, but this does not mean they are content with their performances.

"Overall, I wasn't happy with my performance, but I think a lot of the guys did well," Cornwell said. "Even with success, we are always looking to improve so that we can perform better every time

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Garrett Cornwell  
Senior

we step onto the mat."

Having such a busy weekend on top of everything else gave the team the opportunity to show how well they can per-

form despite what else may be going on. Members of the team have continued to make great strides during the season and shown how dedicated they are.

"I think it has taught us how to fight through adversity," Cornwell said. "With finals week coming up and some people having to make weight twice in one week, we have realized how to keep working and find a way."

Despite the great strides already being made, the team still has many opportunities to continue improving throughout the rest of their year. With several upcoming competitions, the team would like to see everyone perform at the best of their abilities.

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Photo by Emma Ryan | The Doane Owl  
Freshman Gabriel Kieth looks to pin his opponent.

out with a lot of fight, and I want us to look not just to win but to dominate whoever we go up against," Cornwell said.

The Wrestling team will be taking on Midland University in Fremont, Neb. on Dec. 14

before competing in the Concordia Duels on Dec. 18. After the new year, the team will take part in the national duels in Louisville, Ky. on Jan. 6 and 7 before starting next semester.

# Men's Basketball wins on the road

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Over the weekend, the Men's Basketball team traveled to both North and South Dakota to play against the University of Jamestown followed by Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU). The team was able to secure a win against Jamestown before falling to DWU, but there were great performances seen during both games.

Right before these

games were played, the team had played two exhibition games against division two schools. While only one resulted in a win, it was still a great morale boost for members of the team like freshman Killian Bousfield, who was happy to see his team's success.

"We are very happy with the win against Wayne State because they are a tough team to play, especially on their home court," Bousfield said. "I feel like the win gave us a lot of momentum and confidence that we were able to carry

into this weekend's win against Jamestown."

After the success found this weekend, the team is now sitting with a record of 8-5. At this point in the season, members of the team like freshman Josh Carr are proud of their performances but would like to continue making the improvements needed to find even greater success.

"I feel like if we keep up the way we are playing and not get satisfied with our performances, then we have a really good chance to make some serious noise in our

conference," Carr said.

Part of the improvements that need to be made are simple adjustments that the team could spend a lot of time drilling during practices. However, other improvements involve working on the mental side of the game.

"I feel like our free throw percentage could go up, and we need to be more confident in knocking down wide open shots, as the offence that we run gives us loads of these types of looks and we just need to be ready," Bousfield said. "I think

as well just getting more reps in and running our offence in practice, making slight adjustments here and there."

With the team being aware of what they need to work on, they have plenty of time to make the improvements. These improvements could result in a continued winning season for the team.

"As the season progresses, I would like to see us fight every time we are on the floor because at times when we are up or down some, then we just start going through the motions rather than

putting everything out there," Carr said. "For the majority of the game, we are switched on; it's just those moments where we aren't that cost us."

The Men's Basketball team has one more game before the semester ends on Dec. 10, against Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kan. Over winter break, the team will travel to California to play two games on Dec. 15 and 16, followed by three games on Jan. 1, 5 and 8 before the spring semester begins.

# Season begins for Indoor Track Teams

Teams look to replicate success found in prior season

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

This coming weekend, the Men's and Women's indoor track and field teams will have the opportunity to compete in both the Bulldog Early Bird Meet and the Happy Holidays Invite. This

will be the first opportunity for Doane to compete since their stellar end to last season.

Ever since the last season ended for both teams, both former and new members have been excited to keep the impressive performances going. The entire team has been working hard this semester and is ready to see great achievements from athletes like sophomore Sarah Theiler

"I think our team is extremely excited to compete," Theiler said. "We have been practicing hard and are all ready

to just go out there and get a start to the season."

The team has been taking these upcoming opportunities very seriously, with almost all athletes practicing since they arrived on campus in August. Most recently, athletes like sophomore Zach Turner have been working hard on their individual events.

"We usually start off the year with some general team conditioning and work our way into things pretty slowly, then we get into our individual event work and things speed up pretty quickly

from there," Turner said. "We've gotten back into the groove recently and we're pushing each other in practice every day."

One thing that has really been driving the team this year is all the success they found last year. After winning a national championship, it would be easy to become content, but this has not been allowed time to happen. The team has been working hard ever since their season ended last year.

"Last year was just a starting point for Doane Track and Field," Theiler

said. "We are hungry for more success and you are able to see it in everyone's work ethic. Everyone is truly competing and giving 110 percent in everything they do."

Although the team is hungry for success, they are not expecting perfect performances right off the start of the season. These meets will allow athletes to get back into a competitive environment and see how well they perform after the start of their training.

"This meet is a great opportunity for us to get an idea of where we're

at before the bulk of the season starts up in January," Turner said. "This meet I'd like to see everyone set a baseline for the season that they're comfortable with. From there, we will trust the plan the coaches have in place for us and continue to work towards our goals for the season."

The Bulldog Early Bird Meet will be taking place in Seward, Neb. on Dec. 11 at Concordia University starting at 12 p.m. The Happy Holidays Invite takes place the next day back at home starting at 11 a.m.

# Women's Basketball faces losses on road

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

The Women's Basketball team found their fourth and fifth losses on the road this past weekend on Dec. 3 and 4. The team faced off against University of Jamestown and Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) and now looks to improve after two hard losses.

The game against Jamestown was a much tougher game for the Tigers, with a final score of 100-60. Doane did not start shooting well until the fourth quarter; the first three quarters saw the Tigers shooting

in the mid 20 percent. Jamestown did not shoot less than 38 percent in all four quarters.

Doane started the game by keeping the score close, ending the quarter down by just seven points. However, a run in the second quarter for Jamestown gave them a good lead, putting Doane down 26-49.

Coming back from the half, Doane did not start scoring until much later in the third quarter, which allowed Jamestown to build a 71-43 lead. In the final quarter, Doane started to look much stronger, but it was not enough to come back. Jamestown finished just as strong and

won substantially with a final score of 100-60.

The next day, the team would face off against Dakota Wesleyan University in South Dakota. Doane started much stronger in this game, shooting almost 50 percent from the field; DWU shot only 37 percent.

However, things started to fall apart in the second quarter for the Tigers. Doane was only able to shoot 25 percent while DWU shot 45 percent. Out of all shots taken, Doane only made five baskets during this quarter.

To start the half, Doane was down 29-41. Things were starting to look up during the third

quarter when Doane was able to get it within six points. Shortly after, DWU would build up a strong lead again.

The fourth quarter started with a score of 48-58, with DWU leading Doane. Doane took this quarter to really finish with a strong attempt at the lead, but it would not be enough. DWU would end up defeating Doane 65-78.

The Women's Basketball team will be playing again on Dec. 8 against the College of Saint Mary at home before heading to Hawaii for games on Dec. 17 and 18. The team will finish the year on Dec. 29 in Iowa, and before next se-

mester begins, they will play against Concordia University, Midland Uni-

versity and Briar Cliff University in January.

## Athlete of the Week



**Odgerel Batkhishig**  
Wrestling

had three pins at the Conner-Oppenheim Open and had a 5-3 win in the championship match at heavyweight in the Open Division.





# Scoreboard Snapshot

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

December 3 @ JAMESTOWN, N.D.

6:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

JIMMIES  
[ 60-100 ]

December 4 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

2:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

DWU  
[ 65-76 ]

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

December 3 @ JAMESTOWN, N.D.

7:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

TIGERS  
[ 89-82 ]

December 4 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

3:45 versus DAKOTW WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

DWU  
[ 56-81 ]

## MEN'S WRESTLING

December 1 @ SIOUX CITY, I.A.

5:30 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

TIGERS  
[ 35-13 ]

7:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 28-10 ]

December 4 @ HOME

9:00 CONNER/OPPENHEIM DOANE OPEN

[ 47 WINS ]

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

December 4 @ FREMONT, NEB.

MIDLAND HALF MARATHON

[ 2 NAIA QUALIFIERS ]

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

December 4 @ FREMONT, NEB.

MIDLAND HALF MARATHON

[ 1 NAIA QUALIFIERS ]

## Next week for Tiger Athletics

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

December 10 @ MANHATTAN, KAN.

7:30 versus MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

December 11 @ SEWARD, NEB.

12:00 BULLDOG EARLY BIRD MEET

December 12 @ HOME

11:00 HAPPY HOLIDAYS INVITE

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

December 8 @ HOME

6:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

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