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Doane cheer and dance teams competed at the Doane invite on Sunday. See how they did on page 8.

Martin Luther King Day influences giving back to communities

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a holiday often overlooked by much of America, but the Doane community is trying to change that through service opportunities for communities in Crete and Lincoln.

Assistant Director of Hansen Leadership and Community Service, Andrew Brown, had only positive things to say about those who were able to help and contribute to the successful event.

The service opportunities were split between Doane's Crete and Lincoln campuses, with both locations working on similar projects for those in need.

In Crete, students and faculty volunteers were able to complete six tie blankets for local families in need. The Lincoln campus was able to complete four tie blankets, with these being donated to the People City Mission in Lincoln.

Additionally, both campuses completed 50 hunger kits consisting of ramen, hot cocoa, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, oatmeal, chicken breast and a toothbrush. Lincoln's campus replaced the chicken breasts with spam. Lincoln donated their hunger kits to the Food Bank of Lincoln, with Crete donating to Blue Valley.

Brown said the programs have been around since 2006 and have always had a degree of success, based on how many students were



Courtesy photo | Andrew Brown

Left photo: Students work on a tie blanket at the Crete campus to be given to Crete families in need. Left photo: Hunger kits were made by students and faculty to be sent to Blue Valley Community Action Partnership in Crete.



Photo by Josh Bundy | The Doane Owl

able to show up and help.

The Crete campus was able to donate 10 tie blankets last year and eight tie blankets the year before, meaning that this year was on par with the previous year.

Students who volunteered were able to participate in a survey asking them about their experience. Brown said that the purpose of the survey was to work on improving the community service projects for the

future. Students who completed the survey received a code for a \$10 online gift card to Amazon.

There were 18 Crete campus volunteers, which was 12 more than last year's attendance. Lincoln's campus added 10 volunteers, with both locations having students and staff involved.

What made this year's work different was working with multiple non-profit organizations and involving the Lincoln campus more

heavily. Involving organizations such as People City Mission, Food Bank of Lincoln and Blue Valley allowed Doane to reach more people than just the Crete community.

Another part of MLK Day, in an email from Doane's DEI Division, was a reception held at Doane's Lincoln campus that allowed students and faculty to share their experiences from volunteering.

The reception was also

used to announce the winners of the writing competition, where students were tasked with writing about the importance of Martin Luther King Jr's "Letters from Birmingham Jail" in today's society.

First place in the competition was awarded a \$300 stipend towards purchasing books, and second place was awarded \$100 towards books.

Following the reception, dinner was held in the West Dining Hall in Perry Cam-

pus Center. This was an opportunity for the winners of the writing competition to present their piece over dinner.

According to Brown, this year's service project was a step in the right direction for increasing the impact of student volunteering at Doane. He also said that a large part of their success was reaching out to various non-profit organizations and seeing what they could use and how Doane could help with their missions.

Doane works on climate, "We have work to do"

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Chair of the Doane Board of Trustees Jill Smith announced initiatives to improve the culture on campus in an e-mail sent Jan. 9, to Doane faculty and staff.

"One of the pillars of our Strategic Plan is Culture," Smith wrote. "It is clear from the [Employee Engagement] survey that we have work to do."

The Board plans to spend a considerable amount of time at the February Board meeting reviewing the results of the survey and propose plans for improvement.

"This is a high priority for us," Smith wrote. "We want Doane to be a place where all feel engaged, recognized and respected."

The Executive Committee of the Board endorsed consulting from Academic

ACADEMIC STRATEGY PARTNERS

Courtesy photo | Doane University

Doane University will be working with Academic Strategy Partners, LLC to evaluate the priorities and overall efficiency and effectiveness. Consultants will be on campus in February.

Strategy Partners, LLC to conduct a study and two day workshop on Feb. 19 and 20, prior to the Board meeting in February to evaluate setting academic and administrative priorities. They will also look at reallocating existing resources to balance the university's budget over time, reinvest in new programs, fund initiatives in the strategic plan and improve overall efficiency and effectiveness.

Doane's President Jac-

que Carter followed Smith's email with another on Friday addressing concerns and providing details on what was shared.

"Academic Strategy Partners will review key university data and come to campus for two days in February to interact with faculty, staff and administrators," Carter wrote. "They will then meet with the Board at the February meeting and present an assessment of potential actions they feel Doane could

pursue in the future."

This assessment of potential achievements is based off their experience with hundreds of other schools.

The e-mail continued, "If the Board agrees with their next steps, Doane will potentially continue to work with this firm to start a prioritization process."

This process and review will involve faculty and staff and could take upwards of a year.

Doane administrators

and Board of Trustees are looking at this option because of the budgetary challenges that the school is currently facing.

Because of fluctuations in enrollment over the past five years and an increased discount rate, Carter said, the university needs to monitor revenues, including the 80 percent which is made up from charges to students for education and their living costs, against expenses.

"Doane has a structural problem, where too much time is spent digging for savings in the budget to make it through another year," Carter said. "We believe if this process is successful, these efforts can change and shape our future so that we can be more strategic and utilize reallocated resources to further growth and ensure fair employee compensation."

A wide-spread concern from faculty and staff were not getting raises this year.

"A 2 percent salary increase for all employees adds over \$350,000 to our annual operating budget," Carter said. "At this time, we do not have the available funds to cover this type of increase in addition to other demands on the budget."

While the consultants will have limited time on campus in February, there will be an opportunity for faculty and staff engagement with them. A schedule will be made for times to meet with the consultants, but the details are still being developed and will be shared in advance of the meetings.

If the recommendation

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is made to start a prioritization effort and the Board approves, further nominations for stakeholders on the Steering Committee and teams of faculty and staff will be made.

Carter has appointed a steering committee that will serve as a liaison between consultants and the campus community. Members of the steering committee include:

- Julie Schmidt, Vice President of Finance and Administration - will serve as chair
- Paul Savory, Provost
- Laura Northup, Director of Human Resources
- Raja Tayeh, Director of Institutional Effectiveness
- Faculty member (to be determined)

Further communication will come from the steering committee, but immediate questions can be sent to those on the committee. Eventually the steering committee will put together a Google Doc where faculty and staff can submit questions.

New year, new CAs

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

Residential dorms welcome two new community advisors and switch one to a different building this semester.

Cassie Caraway and Jessica Jensen join the CA staff, filling two of the three positions left open by the departure of former CAs Kate Weinandt, Erin Benal and Teresa Goodwater.

Caraway will now be living on Sheldon first floor and implement the curricular events provided by resident directors and Tiger Tap Ins, which are social events for the floor.

Caraway was an orientation leader this past fall and said she really enjoyed working with the freshmen to help them get used to college and



Courtesy photo | Cassie Caraway
Cassie Caraway



Courtesy photo | Jessica Jensen
Jessica Jensen

that this new position will give her the opportunity to do that even more.

Jensen is also new this semester and will be advising over the first floor of Frees.

Riley Spicer has been a CA since August and this

semester moved from Sheldon to Burrage/Colonial to fill the empty position left there by Weinandt.

Spicer is part of Delta Kappa Pi fraternity on campus and plays baseball as well. He said that having

friends from those groups as well as others in his social circle on the north side of campus, where he will be staying, makes the transition easier.

There is now one opening in CA positions.

Survey policy changed at Doane

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

Surveys sent to Doane emails will now have to be submitted for review by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

A new survey policy was made that applies to those being sent by Doane email addresses and is intended to improve effectiveness, assess outcomes, evaluate activities and gather feedback for decision making.

The purpose of the new policy "is to prevent survey fatigue, reduce data redundancy, ensure that survey results are used to improve effectiveness and assist offices with gaining access to data," an email from Kris Williams, associate dean for academic affairs said on Jan. 21.

It is not to limit data gathering, the Doane University Survey Policy ensured.

The survey sponsor is responsible for determining whether or not the survey requires approval by the Institutional Review Board.

The survey sponsor must submit information about the survey to a link that will be submitted to the OIE. Information includes the name of survey, sponsors, purpose, plan for administration, when the survey will be sent and a plan for the use of the results. If there is a link to pre-made questions it will also be submitted or submitted as a list of questions.

OIE will conduct a review of up to

two weeks of the proposed survey to compare anticipated data with existing data to avoid redundancy. It will also review the alignment of data with the purpose of the survey and suggest the use of data by other departments, programs and units. If there is a need for IRB approval it will be analyzed then too.

After review, it will either be approved to administer with directions for sending out or denied. The OIE could also request more information.

Results of surveys will be sent to survey sponsors. "We are in the process of developing a directory of the types of information we have about the institution and will share this information with other offices that make of institutional data," Williams said.

Surveys exempt from policy include those:

- sent by faculty and/or staff to receive feedback from colleagues or hold elections
- sent by faculty to students in individual courses
- sent only to users of a particular service or office, or who have attended a specific event/activity
- sent on behalf of offices in order to gather information for purely administrative tasks
- sent as part of assigned coursework or degree requirements
- sent by faculty for research purposes targeted at focus groups or pilot studies

Doane University Survey Review Request

This survey review request authorization form is for all surveys intended to be sent using Doane email addresses to students, staff, faculty, employees, or alumni. The purpose of this policy is to prevent survey fatigue, reduce data redundancy, ensure that survey results are used to improve effectiveness, and assist offices with gaining access to data. Results of the review will be sent via email to the survey sponsor(s).

Name of Survey: The name of the survey if externally developed or the suggested name if internally developed. *

Your Name *

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Your Department *

Funding: What is the grant or internal budget account used to pay for the survey?

Purpose: Provide a rationale for using this particular survey and the types of question(s) the survey seeks to answer. One paragraph will suffice.

Plan for Administration: What is the target group for the survey? How will the survey be sent? When will the survey be sent? How long will the survey be open? Responses to all four questions in one paragraph.

Plan for use of the results: Include any use of the information for assessment, federal or state reporting, or accreditation. One paragraph will suffice.

Survey Questions: Upload the list of the questions in the survey or a link to the survey if externally developed. or drag files here.

Please attach a PDF or Word file with the list of the questions in the survey.

Website link to the survey if externally developed.

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To send surveys, this form must be filled out and sent to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday 1/22



High: 36
Low: 30
Precip: 90%

Thursday 1/23



High: 33
Low: 21
Precip: 60%

Friday 1/24



High: 31
Low: 20
Precip: 10%

Saturday 1/25



High: 32
Low: 20
Precip: 20%

Sunday 1/26



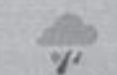
High: 38
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Precip: 10%

Monday 1/27



High: 42
Low: 30
Precip: 20%

Tuesday 1/28



High: 36
Low: 25
Precip: 40%

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Omaha, NE

Wednesday ⓘ

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Screenshot of missed phone calls on a student's phone, most of which are robocalls.

Robocalls waste time and patience

BAILEY ROBERTS
News Editor

Phone screens light up with an unknown number. While some people are inclined to answer right away, others may think twice about answering an unknown number when faced with the chance of answering a robocall.

Robocalls are computer automated dialers that deliver pre-recorded messages.

Oftentimes, these messages are about neighbor spoofing, false health insurance or IRS scams.

There has been a recent uptick in the number of robocalls people receive.

YouMail, a private robocall blocking service, reveals, "as of November, U.S. phone users had received just under 54 billion robocalls this year, surpassing the 48 billion that were received in all of 2018."

In a USA Today report, Nebraska ranks 33 out of 50 for states who receive the most robocalls, with 16.1 complaints from every 1,000 people and an average of 9.1 robocalls monthly.

However, not every robocall is a scam. Schools and hospitals use automated messages to relay information to people at a faster rate. This creates a dilemma when considering whether to answer the phone in hopes of getting useful information from the other end.

Junior Autumn Galloway has plenty of experience with robocallers trying to get a hold of her.

Galloway said she has received seven robocalls since Jan. 3, though she used to get more before she started blocking numbers that repeatedly called her. Sometimes she would even get five or more within one day.

"If I am expecting a call from someone, I get their number beforehand and put it in my phone as a precaution against robocalls," Galloway said.

Sophomore Jessica Jensen said she's received 10 or more calls a day and has no less than 30 robocalls within any given month.

"Robocalls frustrate me because I am looking out for important calls from my bosses or potential employers and when I answer my phone to a robocall it wastes my time," Jensen said.

To combat the rising number of robocalls Americans receive, Congress enacted the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act, which was signed into law on Dec. 30.

USA Today reports, "the TRACED Act gives the FCC [Federal Communications Commission] more time to take action against robocallers and fine them for up to \$10,000

for each call."

This law protects people from robocalls by allowing people's phones to identify which calls are robocalls before a person answers.

According to Consumer Reports, tier 1 phone carriers such as AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon have all begun rolling out free Signature-based Handling of Asserted Information Using toKENS and the Secure Telephone Identity Revisited (STIR/SHAKEN).

This series of programs and protocols verify caller identities and the potential of the number being spam or scam before someone answers.

Galloway and Jensen agreed that having a free program on phones to identify if a call is spam or a scam is a helpful step in decreasing the number of robocalls they'll receive.

"I don't answer my phone out of habit since robocalls happen so frequently," Galloway said. "It would be nice to have something on my phone that filters which calls are legitimate and which are robocalls."

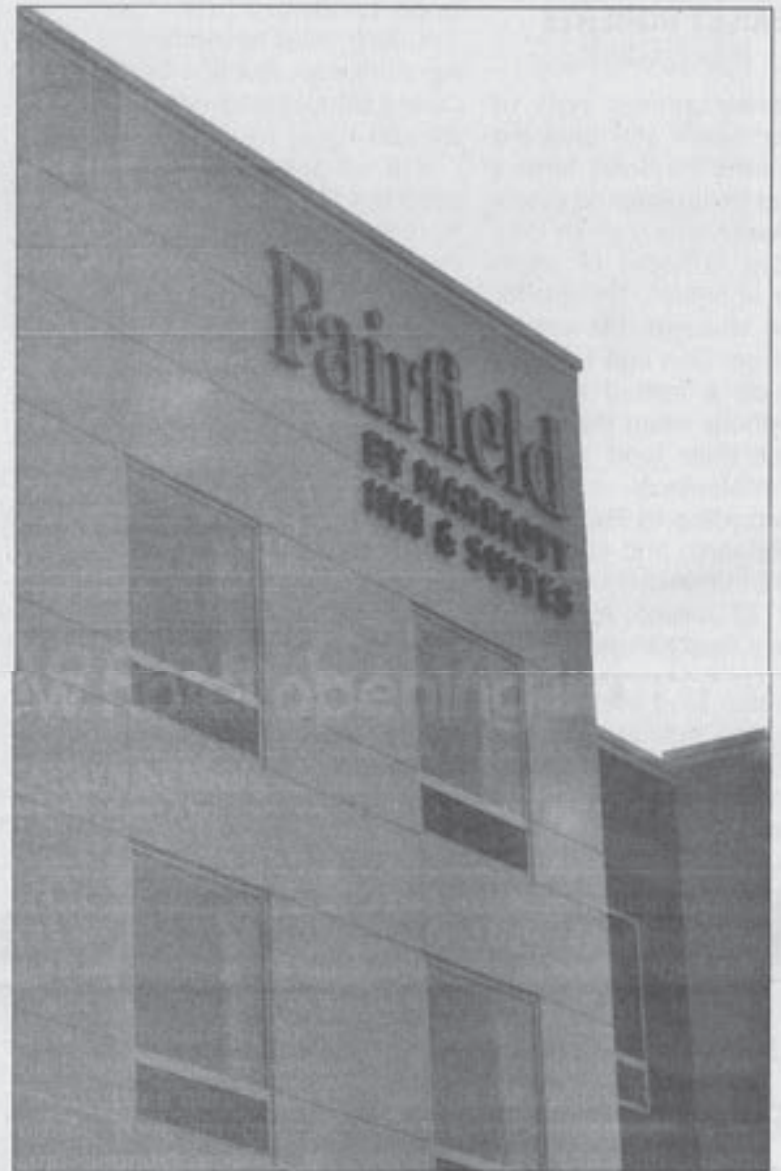
The TRACED Act intends to decrease the number of spam/scam robocalls people receive in the future.

People will get their time back, one identified caller at a time.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Jan. 13 and Jan. 21, include:

- 1/18 - Sex offenses - Campus property



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Top photo: Fairfield Inn and Suites is close to completion in Crete. Bottom photo: One of the amenities that Fairfield offers is a swimming pool for its guests.

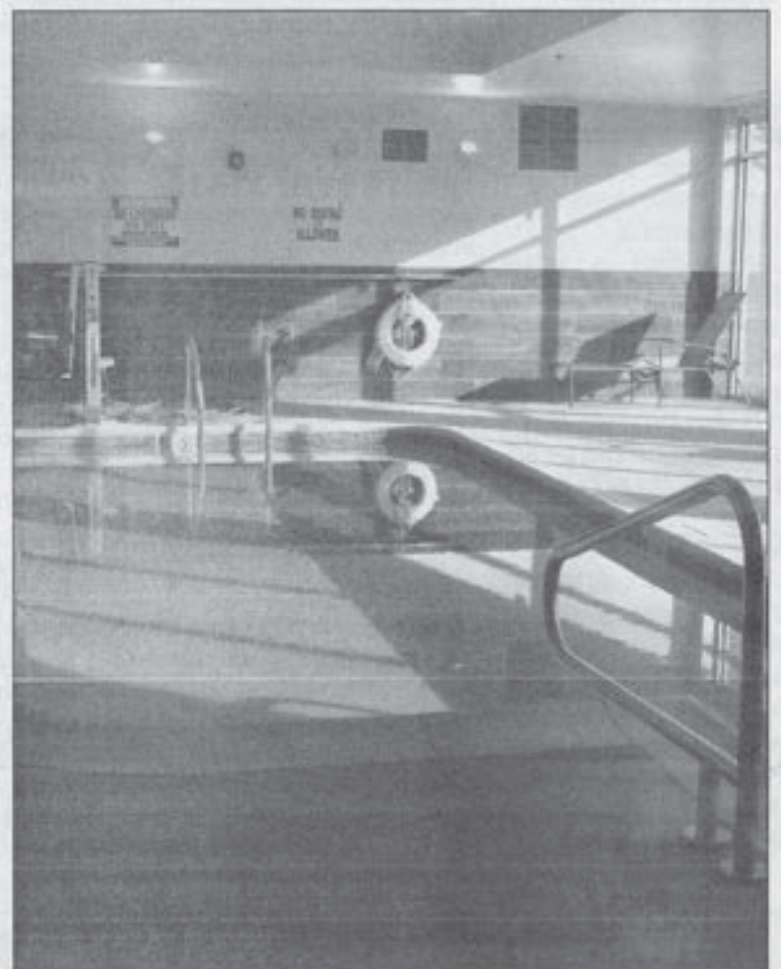


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Icy conditions wreck havoc in Crete

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

With the roads iced over in much of Crete's residential areas, it is important to drive carefully and slow through town.

Lincoln is having similar problems with roads completely covered with ice.

In a 1011 Now article, Tom Casady, interim director of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities said that road conditions will not improve until temperatures

start to rise.

With the combination of snow, freezing rain and flash freezing, the roads will be slick. The de-icers are largely ineffective below 15 degrees and therefore will have to wait until it gets a little warmer.

To stay safe on the roads with the icy conditions the biggest factor to keep in mind is the speed of the vehicle. Slowing down is the most important thing to do when driving in ice and snow, according to Ice Road Safety.

Brake application is another way to stay safe when on ice-covered roads. This is a common trig-

ger that leads to losing control of a vehicle. Slow down well ahead of time and avoid slamming on your breaks.

Accidents can sometimes be out of your control. Never assume other vehicles are as safe on the road as you are.

The best way to avoid icy road accidents is to avoid icy roads.

The main roads of Crete are clearer than residential areas so try to stick to those roads when driving to campus.

The Crete City Administrator could not be reached for comment on Crete's road treatments.

New hotel opening in Crete

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

Fairfield Inn and Suites of Crete will open its doors to guests on Feb. 18.

Located off Highway 33 on the east side of town, this new hotel has 80 rooms on four floors including king and queen rooms as well as king and queen suites, a swimming pool, an exercise room and laundry rooms for guests to use.

Each room has a television, a miniature fridge and microwave in it.

The hotel will serve complimentary continental hot break-

fast and have a market area by the front desk where guests can buy drinks and snacks.

As well as recreation areas, the Fairfield Inn and Suites also has a large meeting room with a television and projector for larger meetings to take place in.

The Fairfield Inn and Suites will join the lodging businesses in Crete along with Super 8 by Wyndham, Crete Inn and Norma's Nook Bed and Breakfast.

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Doane food options leave students hungry

Students believe Doane should cater more to students with allergies

BAILEY ROBERTS
News Editor

Savory aromas waft to eager noses and growling stomachs. Students form a line at their preferred eatery at Doane at any given time of day, in hopes of sating their appetites. Though for some students, the cafeteria, Tiger Den and Lakeside provide a limited number of options when they think about their food allergies and intolerances.

According to Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) researchers estimate that 32 million Americans have a food allergy of some kind. FARE also says the most common food allergies are: milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish.

Senior Tiessa Hills has a

peanut allergy and finds eating on campus to be a challenge.

Hills said she used to eat bagels and toast in the cafeteria on a daily basis, but since they now place a tub of peanut butter right next to these foods, she can no longer eat there.

"I don't want to risk having an allergic reaction because of how close they are," she said.

Hills still goes to Lakeside since she knows they have more food and drink options that do not contain peanuts.

Peanut allergies are one of the most common allergies and Sodexo should keep that in mind when making food for students, according to Hills.

Junior Shay Rosseter is gluten intolerant and allergic to bananas, bell peppers and kiwi.

"I only eat at the cafeteria once or twice a month," Rosseter said. "Sometimes I'll find foods that don't contain any of my allergies or gluten at Lakeside, though I still have a lot of Doane dollars left at the end of the semester

because of the limited options."

When they go to the cafeteria, Rosseter said they either get fries, a salad or something else they know does not contain gluten or anything else they are allergic to, but those options are limited.

There is a gluten-free bar, but it usually only has

gluten-free tortillas or other small items that do not make up a full meal, Rosseter said.

"Sometimes, I'll ask Scott or another employee to make me gluten-free pasta, but I get a lot of anxiety from doing this, since I feel separated from everyone else," Rosseter said. "I can't tell you the number of times

I've cried over it because I've lost count but my food restrictions have caused me a lot of stress."

Rosseter feels Sodexo should put out a survey at the beginning of the year to see what food allergies and intolerances they need to consider while preparing meals for students.

Hills said she would like to

"I can't tell you the number of times I've cried over it because I've lost count but my food restrictions have caused me a lot of stress,"

Shay Rosseter
Junior



Photo by Maci Lyman | The Doane Owl
Junior Shay Rosseter holds an apple, the only food she is able to eat from the Cafeteria most of the time.

see the eateries on campus label their food options with the ingredients that go into each dish.

Both students agree that small changes will make a big difference in making students feel welcome and validated when it comes to food options on-campus.

"While Sodexo seems to be trying to do better at accommodating student allergies into their meal plans, I feel as though they should have been a lot faster and that there's still more work to do," Rosseter said.

Sodexo could not be reached for comment.

Home sweet Doane, students return from abroad

Students share their experiences abroad and coming back to Doane

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

Many students know about the travel abroad experiences that Doane has to offer, but not many what that option entails.

Doane offers a travel scholarship of \$1000 to students who are of junior and senior standing.

These scholarships, according to Doane's travel scholarship page, can be applied to one or two eligible trips.

Junior Jordan Klein had only great things to say about his semester abroad in Milan, Italy.

The ability to travel while taking classes was a key factor in his decision about where to study abroad.

"I went with Tanner Sand, and we decided on Milan, Italy because it was in a

perfectly central location in terms of where we wanted to be traveling," Klein said.

The highlights of his trip were not only being in Milan but also being in nearby countries.

Although he traveled to many other countries, the few that stood out the most for him were Germany, Greece and Poland.

"A few (of my) favorite highlights were my trip to Munich, Germany for Oktoberfest, going to Greece and visiting the historical and anthropological sites in Athens and touring the Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps outside of Kraków, Poland," Klein said.

Fellow junior Olivia DeFord also studied abroad, but on the other side of the world in New Zealand.

Her reasons for choosing New Zealand were different than Klein's.

"I chose New Zealand because it's an English speaking country and since I had already been to England in the past, I wanted to go somewhere new (that spoke English)," DeFord said. "There are also no native mammalian predators or poisonous

insects, so I didn't have to worry about anything like in Australia."

With Klein and DeFord being in different countries, they both said there were significant cultural differences than they were accustomed to in the United States.

The biggest difference for Klein was not necessarily the language barrier, the confusion or uneasiness it caused him but the transportation system he used to get to and from class.

"Unlike Nebraska, our daily form of transportation was the subway and this was difficult in Milan at first, but we [Klein and Sand] soon became experts in map and metro-line navigation," Klein said.

DeFord said that even though she was able to speak English, the Maori language was a huge piece of New Zealand culture.

She was able to learn about the people and the language through a day on campus that was dedicated to the indigenous people of the land the university was built on.

"It was great to get to

hear and learn a few Maori words as well as learn about the Maori people through the university," DeFord said. "The university was built on Maori land and they recognize this by taking a day off of classes to teach and celebrate Maori culture through performance events and informational panels."

There is an impact of the Maori people in New Zealand culture.

"The way New Zealand is starting to recognize their indigenous people and respect people from many different cultural backgrounds is something people should take note of," DeFord said.

One main theme of students who travel abroad is that they don't just travel to the city their school is in and stay there, they venture out.

This was exemplified through Klein and DeFord, who made trips whenever they could throughout the semester.

DeFord was able to travel to Australia, and the trip was one of the highlights of her experience abroad.

"Since Australia was so close, I also went there during my mid-semester

break. It was like a two-week vacation while on vacation. My favorite part of that trip was visiting the Australia Zoo, which is owned by the Irwin family," DeFord said. "I also enjoyed getting to hold a koala and feed kangaroos."

With Italy and New Zealand being much different than the United States, both Klein and DeFord noticed some cultural changes they had gotten accustomed to while they were away for the semester.

Klein said the diet, transportation and linguistic differences between the countries were all adjustments he had to make, but the toughest thing to get used to is his inability to book flights to countries that are near the United States as opposed to the easy traveling ability to cross borders around Italy.

"The thing that is the hardest to get used to is the fact that I can no longer sporadically book a cheap flight to London, Paris, Budapest or wherever on a complete whim. The cost of travel in the United States is ridiculous. The fact that we do not have modern subway technology in our moderately

sized and larger cities is baffling," Klein said.

DeFord said she got used to hearing a number of bird calls at all times of the day and the lack of noise at Doane makes her miss New Zealand.

Classes are also much different in New Zealand than they are here in the United States.

"I had gotten used to the way they structure their classes there. There were a lot fewer small assignments and only a few large assignments for the whole semester. Having a bunch of small assignments already due the first week was a bit of a time management problem for me," DeFord said.

Klein said taking opportunities to travel while you can is important because we only have so much time to do so.

"My tip to you: Go out and see the world, everyone only has a finite [amount] of time on this planet, it is worth your time and learn something about the other 95 percent of the world and it just might make your life better in the process," Klein said.



Photo by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl
Students join in on an impromptu dance circle at the dance Saturday night.



Photo by Meaghan Stout | The Doane Owl
Pictured from the left, Freshman Ariel Ortiz and Senior Shaylee Scranton dancing at the "Roaring 20's Dance" on Saturday night.

Students 'get jiggy wit it' in a roaring way for 20's dance

Doane hosts a "Roaring 20's" themed dance for students

MEAGHAN STOUT
Life & Culture Editor

Since 2020 began, the "Roaring 20's" theme has made a comeback.

Campus Life and Residence Life teamed up recently to bring the "Roaring 20's Dance" to students.

The event took place on

Saturday night in Nyrop Hall and included free food, a raffle and free condoms for students.

Additionally, 1920's themed props were available for anyone who wanted to take silly pictures in front of the provided backdrop.

Many students did not dress up in the theme for the event, though there were a few who went all out.

Junior Jacob Williams showed up to the event in slacks, a vest and a tie. Williams joked about his lack of a fedora.

Senior Ivy Banks dressed

up for the event in a 20's-esque ensemble as well.

Banks said she enjoys 20's fashion and did not want to miss out on the opportunity to dress up for the event.

"I was impressed with the event. Nyrop is a hard space to host events," Banks said. "They did a great job of managing the space. The 'Res Life' staff put in a lot of time and effort in the preparation and it showed in the decor, the prizes and the fun atmosphere."

The event brought up different emotions among students.

Junior Shaylee Scranton said, "to me, it harkens back to 'simpler times,' where you can go to a dance and you don't have to have any of the drugs or alcohol to enjoy yourself. I would definitely be interested in something like this in the future."

The students present during the event enjoyed sparkling apple cider in champagne glasses while "getting jiggy with it" with friends.

While it was called a "Roaring 20's Dance," the event consisted mostly of mid-2000s and current

dance music. Students formed a dance circle numerous times.

"I really enjoyed the event. I think it was a lot of fun and had a great theme. The only thing I didn't like about it was the small turn out. I would love to see Doane do another event like this one," Williams said.

Students who attended the event said that they hope Doane will host similar events in the future.

"A little party never killed nobody," Banks said.

"To me, it harkens back to 'simpler times,' where you can go to a dance and you don't have to have any of the drugs or alcohol to enjoy yourself. I would definitely be interested in something like this in the future,"

Shaylee Scranton
Senior

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Double check your bank statements this week, Aquarius. Keep track of your budget to avoid any mix-ups and save up for your dream future!

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Spend more time with that special somebody this week, Pisces. Love is in the air, make use of it and don't take them for granted!

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Take time to help someone in need this week, Aries. Don't get caught up in your own life and forget about others.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): It's time for a new look, Gemini! Get that new hairstyle you've been considering lately or wear the new shirt you're nervous about!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Take everything with a grain of salt this week, Cancer. Don't let the small things take away your joy for the entire week!

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Do something for you and someone else this week, Leo. Be balanced in your actions but don't forget self-care!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Do something you might not be comfortable with this week, Virgo. Try a new activity with friends and get active when you can!

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Explore your passions this week, Libra. Find new things that you enjoy and that will help you outside of work!

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Use this week to get things done, Scorpio. A productive week will make you more confident and will also help keep stress low.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Take time this week to read, Sagittarius. You never know what you will learn or experience.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Clean up your space this week, Capricorn. A clean living space will help calm your mind so that you can be more productive!

Escaping through literature

MEAGHAN STOUT
Life & Culture Editor

Leisure reading, which is popular among students, has been overshadowed by technology and classwork.

Over the years, technology has become a large part of young people's lives. With access to mobile games and social media at all hours of the day, people opt to stare at their phones instead of a book.

Technology created a shadow over reading along with the busy schedule of all college students. With assignments piling up and textbooks to read, it can be difficult for students to find time or motivation to sit down with a book for leisure.

Freshman Gilly Pearson, who is an English major, said she loves to read for fun.

"It is more difficult to find time to read for fun as I have a heavy load of required reading," Pearson said.

Pearson's top-two favorite books are "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks and "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

A survey sent out to all Crete students at Doane University showed that over 53 percent of students enjoy reading for fun. Many students answered that they would enjoy it more if they had less of a busy schedule. Others said that they had better things to do.

Sophomore Ariel Ortiz did not always enjoy reading. Ortiz did not spend much time reading until middle school. A free trip and a day

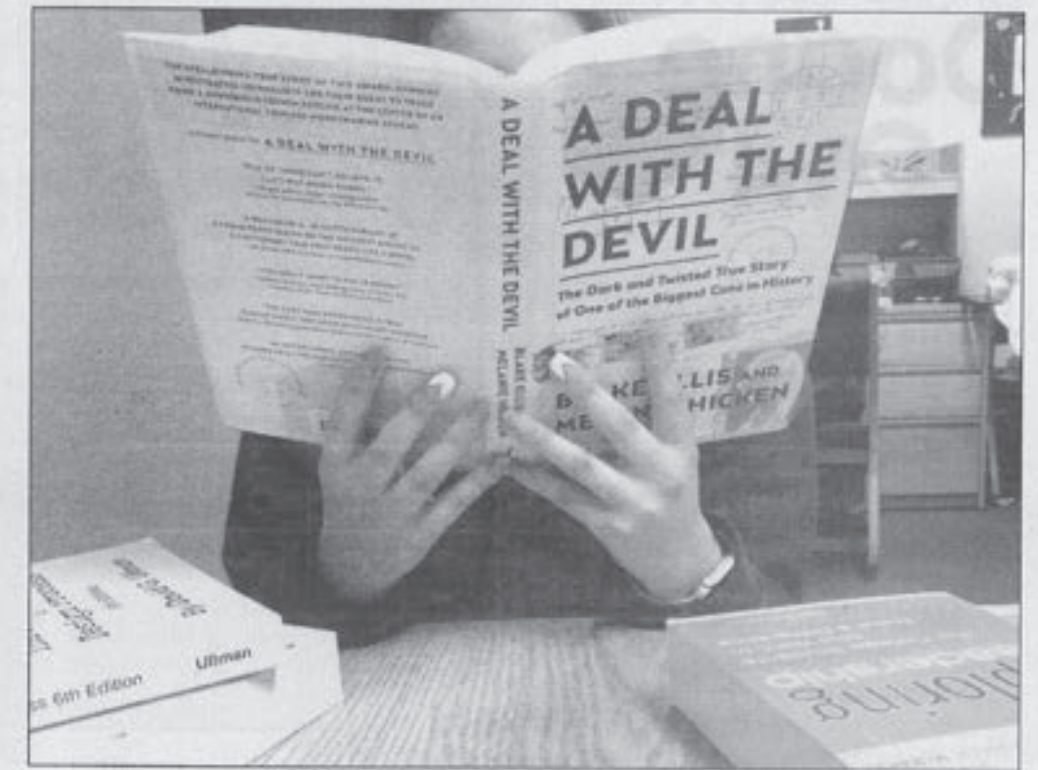


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This Doane student enjoys spending time reading a novel of her choosing rather than textbooks for class.

off of school was offered to any students who completed a specific set of readings.

Ortiz also enjoys reading on "WattPad", a site that allows anyone to share their writing, and read the writing of others. Ortiz has shared her own writing on the site.

Ortiz's favorite part of reading is "the escape from reality," she said. "I am an introvert and an extrovert at my base. I like to recharge by myself and reading allows me to have that time for myself."

Freshman Samuel Province said reading is one of his favorite things to do with his free time.

"It's a way to distract myself without being in front of a screen for hours upon

hours every day," Province said.

Similar to most college students, Province has difficulty finding time to read for fun since beginning college. Reading, though, allows for a certain type of "escape" from stress for many people.

"Escapism to me means forgetting about the homework and stress of school to let myself be in another person's life for a while. It lets me forget about all my responsibilities and do something I enjoy," Province said.

Despite limited time to read, students believe reading is beneficial. Reading a book can help reduce stress, teach life lessons or simply provide something to do.

"Reading teaches lessons

"Escapism to me means forgetting about the homework and stress of school to let myself be in another person's life for a while. It lets me forget about all my responsibilities and do something I enjoy,"

Samuel Province
Freshman

in some cases, but in others, it's just plain entertaining. Who doesn't want to be entertained?" Pearson said. "I highly recommend carrying a good paperback with you at all times. I mean, just in case your phone dies."

Tiger Timeout

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The answers to this week's Tiger Timeout will be in next week's issue

The answers to last issue's Tiger Timeout

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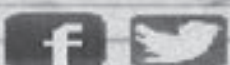
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Editor's note: One editorial staff member was not present to participate in Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down.

- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Volunteering numbers could go up, classes make it difficult

The amount of students who volunteered for the Martin Luther King Jr. events was an improvement from last year, but still were not very high, or very impressive for the amount of students that we have on campus.

While we have the Helper Helper application which helps log hours, and Doane does have the highest rating in volunteer hours in

the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics according to a Dec. 4, article on Doaneline titled "Doane tops volunteer ranks".

So why were there only 18 Crete campus volunteers for to help make tie blankets and put together hunger kits on Monday?

A possibility is that students were in classes or had events that inhibited their

ability to help.

If Doane University wanted to make volunteering on this day a huge priority, which would boost our volunteer hours and the products that come from it, they should cancel classes and make the day all about volunteering.

While attending classes is very important, a day where everyone, not just athletes or

students in the Greek community come together to volunteer and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day could be very powerful.

Even if classes promoted going and volunteering for extra credit, or even go as far as volunteer as a class, that would improve the numbers of volunteers as well.

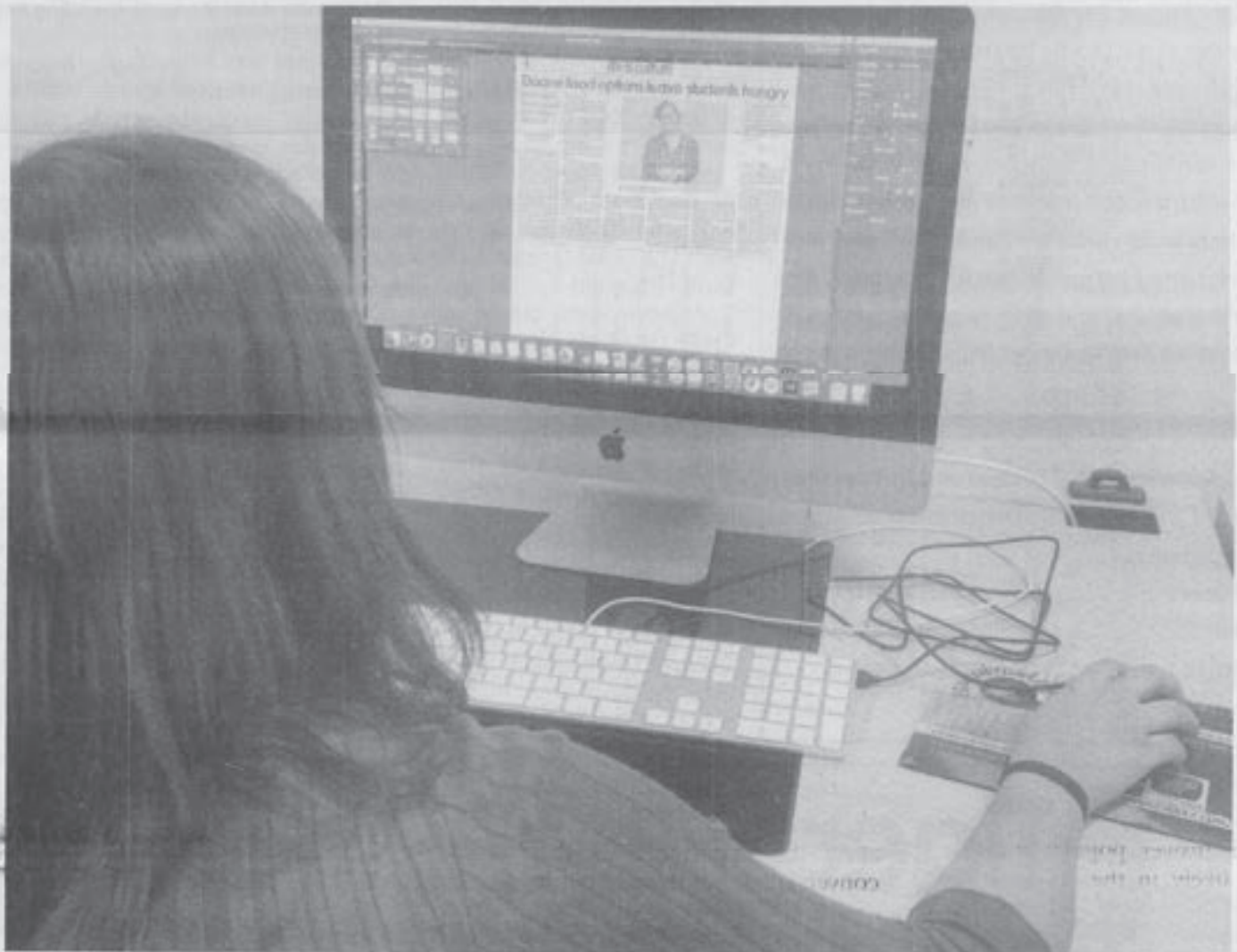


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Meaghan Stout works on her pages for the Doane Owl publication.

Behind the scenes of the Owl

KATE WEINANDT
Staff Writer

es, expertise on the subject matter, interview skills, and objectivity.

Learning unknown content in a short period of time overwhelms an individual.

Last year, I had the opportunity to further my knowledge about intersectionality. This educational piece was crucial to my experience as a journalist in expanding my understanding of components that complete identities, such as religion, race, sexual orientation, gender and age.

However, the lack of time to dig into the content impeded my ability to fully grasp the matter at hand.

I took in as much as I could before interviews.

My reporting process begins with interviews followed by writing the story.

Shortly thereafter, I carefully reread and email interviewees for clarifications when necessary.

Once those tasks are completed, I submit the story to the editors.

They'll revise and make suggestions about grammar, content and clarifications to obtain the full truth themselves and for readers.

After edits, the editorial staff crafts an eye captivating yet composed paper where photos and stories run seamlessly.

Not only is the staff expected to meet these expectations and deadlines, but make time for academics, work and self-care like any other student.

Personally, my color-coated google calendar is my saving grace.

The motivation to work three part-time jobs, excel in 12 credit hours, prep food, budget finances, create time for myself, save time for the spontaneity of life while writing at least one story for the Owl is exhausting.

Although I abide by my tight schedule, sometimes interviews fall through or sources can no longer meet.

Without three sources, the story lacks credibility.

Additional conflicts faced by other writers, reporters, photographers and editors are unknown to me.

Readers gaining an understanding of the meticulousness of being part of the Owl staff in any capacity, taking one photo or designing two pages, closes the gap between staff and readers.

Each task is necessary, carefully detailed and intentional.

With this in mind, readers and staff are reminded of the purpose of journalism: desiring, investigating and reporting the truth.

The foundation of journalism is the truth.

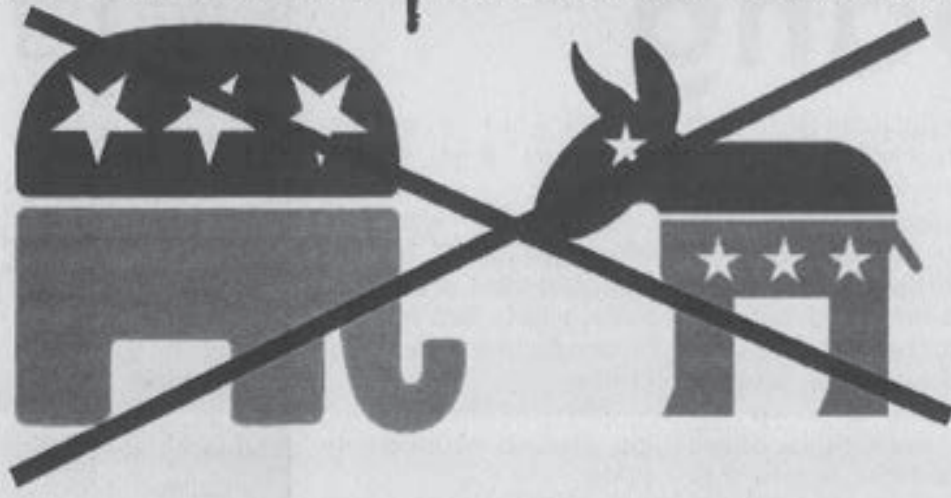
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Political parties suck!



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Political parties decrease progress

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

The Nebraska state legislature went into its 106th legislative second session earlier on Jan. 8, this year according to their website. 2020 is an election year, so it is a perfect time to bring up how political parties have ruined the government in our country.

George Washington advised the country about how political parties could ruin the Democratic republic that our founding fathers created.

In his 1776 farewell address, he stated, "However combinations or associations of the above description [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

Essentially, he was advising that political parties will lead to corrupt abuse of the power that was given to the elected officials by the people.

Part of the reason for this is because their political party can be willing to forget some faults of their candidate just because they would have their party in power.

So let's take a look at two popular current debates and what the stereotypical view on each is by our two dominant political parties (Republicans and Democrats).

First issue: gun control.

Republicans tend to be against increased gun control while Democrats are typically for increased gun control.

Second issue: climate change.

Republicans are typically against funding/believing in ways to fix climate change, and the Democrats believe it to be a top issue that needs to be combatted.

Having different political parties polarize people against each other.

Look at President Trump. Anytime something goes wrong he blames the Democrats. When it comes to elections, there are people who will not pay attention to the debates or even policy plans of candidates and vote for whoever on the slip represents their party.

A few years ago I asked an older gentleman about voting and he said something along the lines of, "To be honest I don't really follow politics or the debates, but I go vote for the candidate representing my party because no matter who they are, they've got to be better than the other party being in charge."

I've purposely left out the party he mentioned so it wouldn't skew the importance of that conversation, but think about it, how many Americans vote like that?

We are leaving the fate of our country to people who are uneducated and don't even pay attention to current issues or the candidates' plans.

This is ridiculous.

We the people have GOT to do better.

Imagine if every candidate ran without a political party attached to their name.

What if there is someone who believes we don't need gun control, but that climate change is a huge issue.

They won't have to hide their true feelings because they need to "fit in" to their party to receive votes, instead they can reach those Americans who are also "in the middle" of being on each end of the spectrum for political parties.

If we removed political parties from voting, we would still see the same topics of debates and still have some people who were extreme "Republican" or "Democratic" views, but then we'd have a lot more diversification in candidates who represent the middle ground, which would help us progress much quicker along as a nation in making changes for this nation.

Top 10 things to do on a snow day

STEPHANIE HOSHOR
Copy Desk Chief

Although we may never get snow days in college it doesn't mean you can't be prepared for the one time when school does get canceled. In my four years of college, I've only gotten one official snow day called by the University. In the one snow day and the few times I've had professors cancel all in the same day I had a blast doing these 10 things:

1. Binge-watch shows/movies

Snow days are the perfect time to catch up on all the shows you've missed during your busy semester and the perfect time to watch all the new movies that just got released.

2. Bake sweet treats

One of my favorite things to do on snow days as a kid was to make homemade cinnamon rolls with my grandparents. Sadly, in college I don't have the luxury of doing this because of lack of a bread maker, but that doesn't mean you can't bake cookies or store-bought cinnamon rolls.

3. Build a snowman

Do you want to build a snowman? You don't have to leave this fun snow day activity behind in the past, bring it back but bigger and better or just make yourself an Olaf from the movie Frozen.

4. Go sledding

When you get bored of building a snowman or are looking for something more exciting to do, grab your sled or snowboard and head for the hills.

5. Get crafty

Finally, make that DIY Pinterest board come to life that you've been waiting to do but never have time. Try knitting a chunky blanket or custom sign.

6. Read a good book

I don't know about you, but I love a good book. I never have time to read them because of required readings for class, so on days off I sometimes enjoy cracking open a good book.

7. Drink a warm beverage

Hot Cocoa bar time! Grab the marshmallows, the whipped cream, cocoa mix and any other toppings you please and get to sipping.

8. Play board games

Break out the old board game or gaming system and have a fun day of competition. A fun one that my roommates and I like to play is Cards Against Humanity or Fibbage.

9. Make crockpot meals

Snow days are the best for a good old-fashioned comfort crockpot meal. Whether it be soup, noodles or whatever meets your fancy. Crockpot meals are the best on snow days, and any day, because you can just dump it all in the pot in the morning and enjoy your snow day festivities, and not have to worry about cooking. One of my personal favorites is chicken and dumplings.

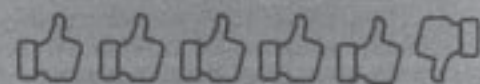
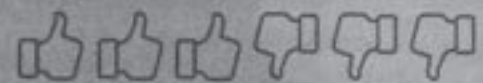
10. Not homework

I mean unless you have to get stuff done, but then again whoever said homework is fun? No one, so go enjoy your snow day.

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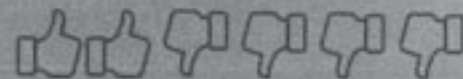
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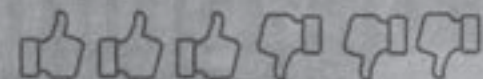
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- GREAT SOUTHWEST ADVENTURES, Feb. 19-Mar. 3
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Tigers start indoor track season with a bang



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Freshman Madison Freese shotputs at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic on Saturday.

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

A school record was broken, top marks were posted and three athletes were named athlete of the week to begin the indoor track season for the Tigers.

Senior Kate Grint broke the school record in the women's weight throw with a mark of 18.64 m/61-02.00 at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic on Saturday. The previous record was made by Grint last year at the indoor national competition.

Grint posted the top mark in the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics in the women's shot put with a throw of 14.47 m/47-05.75 as well.

Senior Alexis Dale also posted the top mark in the NAIA in the women's high jump with a height of 1.74 m/5-08.5 on Saturday. Dale has won the women's high jump in the last three meets the Tigers have competed at.

Freshman Tyce Truza matched his leading NAIA mark in the men's pole vault

with a 5.05m/16-06.75 in the vault which he first posted at the Ward Haylett Invitational.

Sophomore Jacob Heitkamp jumped 2.10m/6-10.75 in the men's high jump on Saturday which puts him third in the NAIA. Heitkamp won the event on Saturday with that jump.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference named their first indoor track athlete-of-the-week last week, with three of them being Tigers.

Grint was named the women's field athlete-of-the-week for having top throws in the NAIA in both shot put and weight throw. Her shot put mark sits at number one in the NAIA and weight throw mark is number four.

Truza was named men's field event athlete-of-the-week for winning the pole vault in his first collegiate meet at the Ward Haylett Invitational at Doane. His height was the top mark in the GPAC and NAIA.

Freshman Jordan Tasler was named men's track athlete-of-the-week for

his 1:23.93 time in the 600-meter run which is the second-fastest time in the GPAC.

Tasler also won the 600-meter run at his first collegiate meet at the 2019 Bulldog Early Bird Meet at Concordia University in December.

Other athletes earning top placings at meets include:

Alec Wick - junior, first in the men's mile run at Scott Nisely Memorial Classic, first in the men's 3000-meter run at Ward Haylett Invitational.

Ajack Waikur - freshman, first in the men's triple jump and second in the men's high jump and long jump at Scott Nisely Memorial Classic, first in men's high jump, long jump and triple jump at Ward Haylett Invitational.

Annika Pingel - sophomore, second in the women's 600-meter run at Scott Nisely Memorial Classic, first in the women's 600-meter run at Ward Haylett Invitational.

Madison Muma - fresh-



This Week's Schedule:

Wednesday 1/22

Cheer @ Hastings College 7pm

Dance @ Hastings College 7pm

JV M Basketball @ Union College 7pm

Thursday 1/23

W Basketball vs College of Saint Mary 6pm

Friday 1/24

M Indoor Track & Field @ Prairie Wolf Invite

W Indoor Track & Field @ Prairie Wolf Invite

JV M Basketball vs Southeast Community College 7:30pm

Saturday 1/25

Wrestling Hosts GPAC Duals 9am

M Indoor Track & Field @ Concordia Polar Dog Invite 12:30pm

W Indoor Track & Field @ Concordia Polar Dog Invite 12:30pm

W Basketball vs Dordt 7pm

M Basketball vs Dordt 4pm

Monday 1/27

JV M Basketball @ York 7pm

Last Week's Results:

Dance team won the Doane Invite

Cheer team placed second at the Doane Invite

Wrestling team placed 36th out of 48 at the Missouri Valley Invite

W Basketball team lost to Morningside and Jamestown

M Basketball team lost to Morningside and Jamestown

W Indoor track team had five field athletes hit NAIA "A" or "B" standard performances

M Indoor track team had seven NAIA "A" or "B" standard performances

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Women's basketball rebuilds

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

The women's basketball team has yet to win a game in the Great Plains Athletic Conference this season and finds itself sitting in last place with its 0-13 record.

Since the beginning of December, the team's only win this season was against non-conference opponent Haskell Indian Nations University back in November 2019. After that win the team has lost eight straight GPAC matches.

Interim Head Coach

Baumgartner appreciates the toughness of the GPAC for their team.

With half of the conference ranked in the top 15, "Every game is a great opportunity to play against the best players and coaches in the country at this level," he said. "You never have a night off and have to be ready to play each and every night."

Baumgartner took over the Tigers in November 2019 after the resignation of Head Coach Sheronda Powell according to Doane Athletics.

He is currently 1-9 since taking over.

Senior guard Chey-

enne Ostrander praised Baumgartner for the changes he's made since taking over.

"Coach Baumgartner has really helped us build a solid foundation both on and off the court," Ostrander said. "He has done a really good job at keeping us accountable not only as players of the game but also as students and people within the community. Coach Baumgartner has been a big blessing to this team and we are very thankful for him."

According to Baumgartner, the biggest change the team has made since he took over is changing to a man-to-man defense. With

the change in tactics and coaching, he says obstacles are to be expected.

However, he credits the team's willingness and receptiveness to doing things different made the transition much easier.

Looking back on the first half of GPAC play, Ostrander was happy to see that her teammates never gave up. Even if the team is down by a fair amount of points at halftime, they continue to fight until the last buzzer.

According to Ostrander, one key for the team to do well in these final 9 matches is to focus in the first half of the game.

"We all need to have more confidence in ourselves and know that we can beat any opponent when we do what we are supposed to do," Ostrander said.

Baumgartner is hoping to have a healthy squad going into the backstretch of games as depth would be very beneficial for the team.

On the court, he is hoping the team can continue to improve taking care of the ball and valuing every offensive possession.

"The effort is always there, it is more of the mental aspect that we are focusing on from a basketball standpoint," Baumgartner said.

Dance defends home court

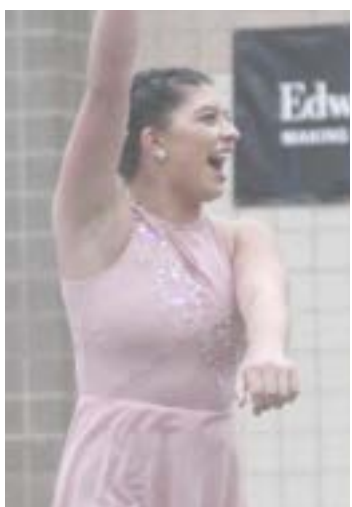


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Freshman Kelsey Brady performing during the Dance team's victory on Sunday.

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

Doane's dance team celebrated a championship performance at the Doane Invite with a score of 74.85 after performing their new routine with a theme of marriage for the first time.

The Tigers defeated second-place Concordia who had a score of 58.05 and third place York who scored 35.60.

The team was able to showcase its competition routine for the first time this season and are happy with the result.

Senior Hannah Alfree was excited because the team came in not knowing what to expect from the other teams since this was their first competition.

"We haven't seen what the other teams could do," says Alfree. "But we came in doing our best and we came out on top."

Head Coach Ashley Lyon was excited to see the team do so well. She said she was happy to see the way the team has bought into the wedding theme of their new routine.

"I don't know if they really understood it right away

when I pitched [the theme] to them," says Lyon. "But I think now it was the right choice."

The Tigers' score puts them at second in the nation for average score at competition according to the current National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics website rankings.

The score also was a slight improvement from their average score last year which earned them a bid to the national championship.

To get back to the national championship, they will need to be in the top twelve based on their average score

at competitions or they will need to win the NAIA regional qualifier.

The team will continue to perform the same routine at their remaining six competitions.

Coach Lyon said they may make minor tweaks to the performance to help improve upon the score based on feedback from the judges as well as from what she sees in competitions.

Cheer places second

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

The Doane cheer team placed second at their home competition Sunday evening with a score of 64.50.

Midland won the Doane Invite after posting a score of 81.25. The Tigers were able to out-score third-place Concordia who had 56.50, as well as Hastings who earned a 42.13.

According to Doane Athletics, the cheer team scored well in their pyramids, basket tosses and their jumps.

This score puts them at ninth in the nation for av-

erage scores so far this year according to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics website.

While the team may not have gotten the same result as last year, they were excited about how they performed.

Head Coach Ashley Lyon was happy to see that the team came out with a lot of confidence.

In a previous interview with senior captain Taylor Mitchell, she mentioned that confidence was a key issue that she hopes the team can improve upon this year.

"A lot of cheerleading is very mental," Mitchell said. "You just have to push through it and trust your teammates."

Sophomore Brianna Ingalls was glad that the team was able to place second and get the first competition out of the way.

"I think we need to continue to improve not being afraid on the mat," Ingalls said, "But it's bittersweet that we were able to get second."

The team will look ahead to their next competition at Hastings on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Athlete of the Week



Kate Grint

Track and Field

Broke school record for women's weight-throw



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