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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



New Doane students together at the candle lighting ceremony in Cassel amphitheater during orientation week. Read more about their orientation experience on Page 4.

Doane offers cannabis course

Zack Renshaw
Copydesk Cheif

Doane University is set to be the first University in Nebraska to educate students on the hemp industry.

The course itself will have topic areas in

- Cannabis science wellness
- Aspects of cannabis cultivation and processing regulations
- Safety and compliance economic impacts
- Professions in the cannabis industry

Doane is pursuing this educational opportunity because the cannabis indus-

try is expected to become a multibillion dollar industry in the next five years.

In Nebraska, hemp has been codified as an agriculture product by the 2018 Farm Bill, and Governor Ricketts signed the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act (LB657) into law last May.

According to Forbes, the cannabis industry is poised for massive job growth and the industry itself "added more than 64,000 jobs last year — a 44% increase — and is expected to create another 20,000 jobs this year in California and Florida alone."

These economic statistics were the driving force for

the creation of the Doane's new course.

In an email to the faculty, Paul Savory said "the name of the course is "Cannabis Science and Industries: Seeds to Needs" and the three self-paced courses will help students learn more about the industry and where the industry is headed. Three professors are designing the course, Dr. Andrea Holmes, Dr. Amanda McKinney, and Jazmin Oliver."

Holmes spent her sabbatical last year working in Colorado with industry experts creating products, working to develop the course and how to give stu-

dents the cutting edge they need in the rapidly growing industry.

"One of the reasons why the cannabis industry and its workforce are growing so rapidly is because of the plant's multifunctional utilities-- creating jobs in many different market sectors. Hemp, for example, can be used to make a variety of commercial and industrial products including rope, textiles, clothing, shoes, food, paper, bioplastics, insulation, and biofuel. Hemp can be grown for its seeds and flowers that are extract-

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President Carter on Pete Ricketts' commission

John Celesky
News Editor

President Carter was appointed this summer to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) Commission.

The NET website states that "The commission promotes and provides noncommercial educational telecommunications throughout Nebraska via broadcast, satellite, fiber optic, computer and other technologies."

The board itself is comprised of eleven members. "Nine are appointed by the governor and are subject to

legislative approval," according to the previously stated NET website. The other two are the Commissioner of Education and the President of the University of Nebraska. President Carter was appointed by the governor after being nominated anonymously. This was opportunity knocking for Carter.

"I felt honored," he said when asked about his emotions when appointed.

When asked about the board and selection process, Carter said each process is unique to each state, the NET receives both federal and state government

funding as well as donations from viewers and those that want to support public media. Carter observed this strong commitment from Nebraskans,

"[It] speaks highly of Nebraska," said Carter.

On the board, President Carter will help oversee operations, check for compliance, hold an annual review of directors and other fiduciary responsibilities.

President Carter said he plans to go beyond his spelled out duties and do what he feels is right for the people of Nebraska.

"Personally, I would like to focus on doing what I can



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to ensure that the information and materials available to the people of Omaha and Lincoln are also available

to the people of Scotts Bluff and to the small rural towns and communities" Carter said, "and that has to do with the infrastructure and the ability for the people who don't have the right devices in their homes to capture this."

This appointment will also bring benefits to the students of Doane. Carter plans to connect Doane to NET for internships as well as use his platform to promote the Doane Tigers.

Each nominee was asked to write a mission statement to be reviewed by the governor's office stating what they feel should be the

focus of the board and NET as a whole. "[The] primary focus should be to educate the people of Nebraska through resources of television and radio," Carter said in his mission statement, "and be able to provide information that is not only entertaining and interesting but also verified. It would serve to enlighten the public."

Being a long-time listener to NPR and viewer of public television, President Carter said he will use this position to better both Doane and Nebraska residents as a whole.

Doane participates in Birds of a Feather

Caitlyn Nelson
Editor in Chief

Doane University sponsored and bought a cardinal created by two current art professors as part of the Birds of a Feather project put on by Crete's Blue River Arts Council.

Blue River Arts Council is a group of citizens from the community who came together with the goal of remodeling and reopening the Isis Theater which closed its doors last year. This new theater will be volunteer-run and bring arts and entertainment to Crete.

To fund the project, BRAC has been working on fundraisers starting in Nov. 2018 with an 80s style prom gala which raised approximately \$20,000.

Following that, the City of Crete agreed to buy the theater with the intent that BRAC would purchase the building back from the city once they gathered the



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Cardinal painted by art professors Eric Stearns and Erin Cross. This bird was purchased by Doane to help the Blue River Arts Council raise money to remodel and reopen the Isis Theater in Crete.



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grant/donation money to renovate and reopen the theater.

Their second fundraiser was called Birds of a Feather. During this fundraiser, twenty local artists decorated fiberglass cardinals that

were then sprayed in a clear coat by Christ Auto Body so they could be placed indoors or outdoors.

Some of the cardinals were bought on the spot, while others will be auctioned off on

Sept. 21, at an event called Wing Ding.

Doane bought their cardinal which was made by art professors Eric Stearns and Erin Cross.

Stearns heard about the cardinals in an e-mail sent

out as well as from first year advisor

Rhonda Lake, who is on the Blue River Arts Council.

At first, the idea was to have art students decorate the cardinal but by the time Doane had agreed to pur-

chase the bird students had left for summer.

Cross and Stearns collaborated to paint the cardinal over the summer which depicts a tiger, shields, the date the college was founded and the five colleges of Doane University.

"Once receiving the blank cardinal, it took on a different shape, size and texture and we had to think about what we wanted to do and say that would represent Doane University," Stearns said.

The title of the bird is "Transformation" which Stearns said represented the journey you will go on to discover yourself and change throughout your time at college.

"Transformation" was debuted at the Saline County Fair on July 18 along with the other cardinals.

Doane experiences enrollment spike

John Celesky
News Editor

Many students have passed through Doane's office of admissions. Whether these students end up applying or not, their first impression is often our admissions counselors. In his fifth year of recruitment, Thad Dodd has seen many students come into his office. With the largest class in 147 years, Dodd loved seeing the diversity of these students and what qualities they will bring to the university.

When asked about the attitudes of the students he said this was the "best group of kids in a while, they're just quality kids."

The admissions office kicked things into gear this last recruiting year. A previously published Doaneline article said between offering higher scholarships for academics and bringing new fresh ideas, the Office of Admission for Doane re-



During Orientation, a speaker talks to the incoming class. They sat through many speakers that week trying to prepare them for the college experience.

ported 325 incoming freshmen and a total of 40 transfers as of July 2.

Dodd equates this success to the cohesiveness of the office itself.

"We're a very cohesive group as an office," Dodd

said. "All the way from the front desk, to the ladies in the back, to Kyle."

The types of students coming in are mostly extra-curricular students, being involved in athletics, music, theatre, forensics, or other

activities.

While this does bring a lot to Doane, admissions is looking to reach the "unleveraged" students, those not involved and just come to Doane because of the institution itself.

"They're diamonds in the rough," Dodd said.

The Admissions Office is still trying to find a solution to reaching these students.

When asked for one word to describe the class of 2023, Thad said he would

New faculty

Taylor Ball
Managing Editor

New faculty members at Doane University for the 2019 fall semester include:

- Blake Colclasure, assistant professor of environmental science
- Emmeline Watson, visiting assistant professor of engineering and mathematics
- Tiffany Young, assistant professor of education
- Jennifer Lorenzen, visiting assistant professor of education
- Arden Szepe, assistant professor of practice in counseling
- Julianna Grabianowski, assistant professor of business
- Mohammad Hasan, visiting assistant professor of finance
- Jared Cook, visiting assistant professor of business
- Greg Seier, assistant professor of practice of health and human performance

Doane athletics place nationally for charity service

Taylor Ball
Managing Editor

Doane University placed sixth in a national competition pitting NAIA sports teams against each other in a new way. Rather than keeping track of goals and points, the teams kept track of hours volunteering.

The article featured on the Doane website said 103 Doane student-athletes completed 470 hours of volunteer work during the two month long competition from February 1st to April 1st.

The Doane teams that were ranked top 20 in national were men's soccer in third place, cheer in fifth place, and softball as fifteenth place.

During the 2018-2019 school year, Doane students as a whole completed 4,761 hours of community service. This saved the selected charities and projects \$121,072. There is a link to the calculations that lead to this number in the featured article.

"We encourage head coaches to do community service projects with their teams," said Matt Franzen, Doane's athletic director,



Doane womens soccer team volunteering at the mobile food pantry in Butler gym.

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"we do not require the individual to participate in community service."

Franzen said that most of the student-athletes at Doane are very driven to help in the community and took to this competition very quickly.

Franzen also said head coaches generally choose

the community service projects, though sometimes students come to the team with opportunities in charity.

Volunteer hours are not kept track of by the athletic department but by the HelperHelper app.

On this app students across the nation can find volunteer opportunities and

keep track of their service hours.

Luke Urbonavicius, sophomore and male athlete with the most logged hours of community service, still uses the HelperHelper app. He liked that the app kept things organized, showed volunteer opportunities, tracked all his

and his teams' hours.

Urbonavicius said the competition and the fact that all of his teammates were volunteering as well encouraged him to log 60 hours of volunteering during the two month competition.

Haley Miller, sophomore, was Doane's female athlete

with the most logged hours of community service.

Urbonavicius, Miller, and the rest of the Doane track and field team volunteered as a team in Crete middle and elementary school classrooms as well as mobile food pantries Doane.

Urbonavicius said he enjoys to volunteer and would have done much of the volunteering he did even if he were not an athlete and not a part of the national competition. He encourages students to apply for the alternative breaks, where he logged many of his volunteer hours.

"On the alternative breaks you get to go somewhere you wouldn't normally go and you get a totally different experience" said Urbonavicius.

Urbonavicius went on Doane's alternative spring break to Hartville, Wyoming where he and other Doane students worked in the mountains with dogs, cats, and various farm animals for a week, logging volunteer hours everyday.

Doane's athletic department is competing in the national championship again this year and have high expectations after placing sixth in the 2019 compe-

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extracted for oil and used in health foods, organic body care and other nutraceuticals" said Holmes.

According to Doane University, Holmes said that the work in the industry is safe and that "Doane's Professional Cannabis Program is based on innovation, advancement of science, cutting edge pedagogy and the program will be expanded over time as the industry grows and federal regula-

tions change."

McKinney told Doane University "Cannabis has been studied in-depth and much is published in medical literature on the benefits that can be provided from some of its component molecules," said Dr. McKinney. "While not a 'cure-all', cannabinoids can and should be used as they are safe and efficacious for many disorders."

According to Doane's website, the courses offered are endorsed by Agriscience

Laboratories and Precision Plant Molecules.

Frank Taylor, CEO of Agriscience Laboratories, said in a statement to Doane University

"AgriScience Labs is Colorado's leading cannabis testing facility to assure public health and protect consumers. AgriScience Labs fully supports the Cannabis Science and Industries certificate program at Doane University because of the increasing demand of a qualified workforce in

the cannabis industry due to the recent legalization of hemp. The certificate program provides the necessary foundations and credentials to enter this vastly growing industry."

The intended audience of the course is for any student who wants to gain a competitive edge in the industry, and hopes to educate a host of professions on this growing industry by providing the background knowledge of the plant itself, and sharing the benefits of hemp

and its different products.

Dr. Holmes said "the Professional Cannabis Certificate Program at Doane University is thus a timely and strategic response to an impending huge market gap. Doane is positioning itself at

the forefront of the effort to educate a newly emerging workforce that must acquire qualifications and credentials to enter this rapidly growing industry."

According to Doane's

website, "Doane University has created a Professional Cannabis

Certificate program to prepare and certify students who are interested or want to work in the cannabis industry" and the courses are designed to "meet the needs of a diverse audience of students, aspiring cannabis professionals, farmers, physicians, technicians and anybody who wants to acquire a comprehensive understanding of cannabis."

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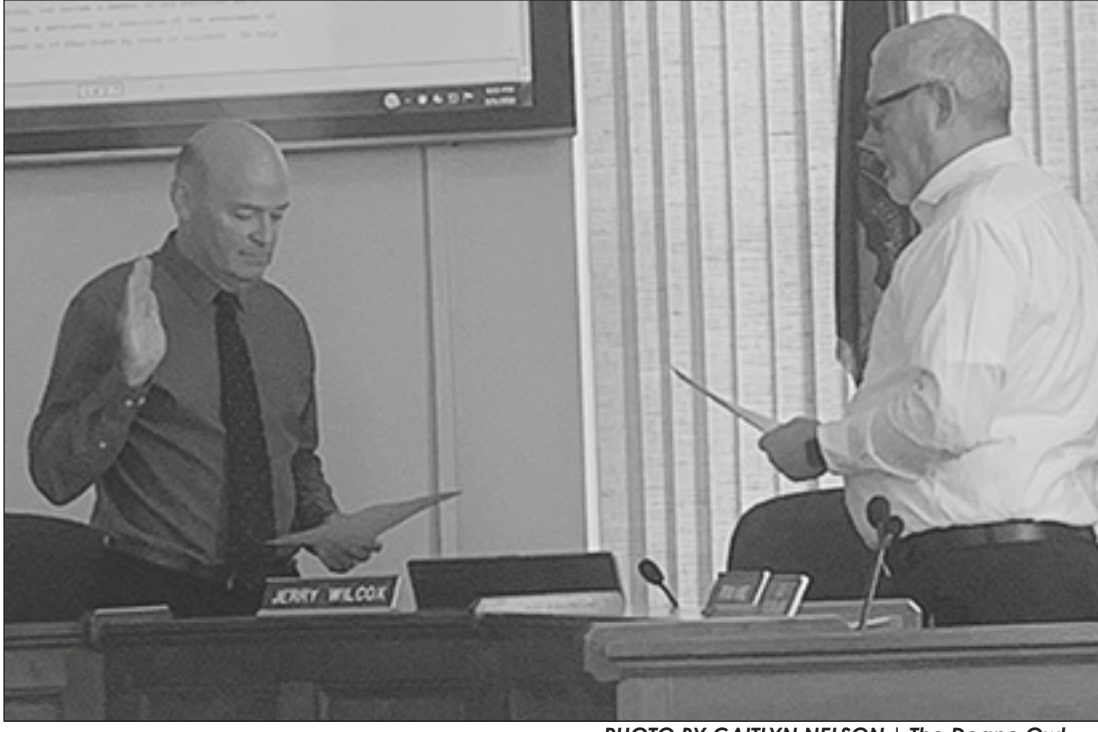


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Dave Bauer (left) is being sworn in by finance director Jerry Wilcox (right).



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Fiberglass lion water fountain found in Crete City Park was put in place early July of this year.

New faces, places to see

New mayor welcomes hotel, library to Crete

Caitlyn Nelson
Editor in Chief

Crete has been a busy place this summer with new buildings and features popping up, events going on and new people taking on new roles in the community. A new hotel is being built near the Crete Memorial Hospital. The new Fairfield Inn & Suites is expected to be completed in October. If you walk down to the Crete City Park you will notice a new lion water fountain which was a project the

city has been working on and completed in July. This fountain was a recreation of the lion head fountain that was in place in the 1980s. Crete is building a new public library on 14th and Forest Street. This new library will have more study rooms, seating options and computers than the current one downtown. It will also incorporate a printing station that allows you to print from the computers physically at the library as well as from off-location. The library will also serve as a storm shelter with a special wing of the building dedicated to that reason. Roger Foster was re-elected mayor last December while having terminal lung cancer. Foster passed away at the

beginning of August. According to city administrator Tom Ourada, as far as they can go back and document, this is the first mayor in Crete's history to pass away in office. Because of his passing, city council president Dave Bauer filled his position and was sworn into office on Aug. 6. He will serve the rest of Mayor Foster's term. Crete has been working on the first phase of its Downtown Revitalization Project which is almost completed. DTR was created by the Crete Community Fund as well as the city. The project includes planting trees and flowers in front of businesses as well as remodeling and restoring storefronts on Main Street to preserve the history of the buildings.



PHOTO BY CAITLYN NELSON | The Doane Owl
Library director Joy Stevenson gives a tour of new library and shows progress made to new building.

President appoints leadership team

Many new faces make up president's leadership team

Caitlyn Nelson
Editor in Chief

President Jacque Carter made changes to the President's Leadership Team recently. According to an e-mail sent from the President's Office, the purpose of the team is to

"reflect a wide range of experience and expertise in areas that directly relate to our highest priority, immediate short-term and emerging long-term strategic goals." Concerns raised since forming the PLT are:

- lack of sharing information between the PLT and those outside of the team,
- there are no Deans on the team,
- Faculty Council is not represented,
- the President's office needs more transparency and
- more detail of changes need to be shared with the Doane community.

Because of these concerns and with recent changes in leadership and divisions, the PLT has been

expanded and members appointed are:

- Andrea Butler, associate vice-president of academic affairs and online operations and dean of the School of Integrative Learning
- Lorie Cook-Benjamin, associate vice-president of academic affairs and non-residential campus operations and dean of the College of Professional Studies
- Jen Bossard, dean of the College of Business
- Denise Ellis, registrar
- Brian Flesner, director of facilities operations and construction
- Matt Franzen, athletic director
- Tim Frey, dean of the College of Education
- Marty Fye, vice-pres-

ident for institutional advancement

- Melissa Gomis, director of Perkins Library with faculty rank of associate professor
- Anita Harkins, director of student support services and ADA coordinator
- Tim Hill, faculty council chair and professor of political science
- Jake Hoy-Elswick, vice-president of enrollment and student experience
- Dan Kohler, chief marketing officer
- Pedro Maligo, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences
- Amanda McKinney, associate dean of Health Sciences and executive director of IHPH
- Kyle McMurray, director of admissions

- Tricia Mohr, chief of staff
- Laura Northup, director of human services
- Paul Savory, provost and executive vice-president of academic affairs
- Julie Schmidt, vice-president of finance and administration
- Luis Sotelo, vice-president of diversity, inclusion and equity
- Steve Thompson, interim information technology
- Peggy Tvrdy, director of financial aid
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- Kris Williams, associate dean for academic affairs

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Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened

Doane students reminisce about their summer experiences after returning to campus

Meaghan Stout
Life and Culture Editor

With summer break coming to a close and classes beginning, there are a lot of mixed feelings throughout the student body, myself included. For some of us, summer was nothing but working to pay the bills. For others, summer was a much needed break, full of new and exciting experiences. While we all want to think our summer was the "coolest", these students may have the rest of us beat.

Freshman Morgan Burnett did what most of us have only dreamed about, travelling the world. She went to France, Germany, and even Egypt over her summer break. She travelled with a total of 10 people, all family members. They spent two weeks in Paris, one week in Egypt, and a day in Germany. She said that her favorite places were Egypt and Germany. She was able to learn about history at the temples in Egypt and go to a large amusement park in Germany.

"We got to go swimming in the Nile river, ride some camels, visited the pyramids, went to the amusement park, and then



COURTESY PHOTO | Paige Patton

Paige Patton holds balloon while on her day off from her Disney World internship.

just hung out as a family," said Burnett

Sophomore Noa Snyder had an interesting summer experience as we as well, hosting a foreign exchange student from Norway in her family's home. Rather than travelling somewhere foreign, she brought the foreign into her own home. She said that it was a new experience, and one that she learned a lot from, especially regarding culture. Snyder said that the exchange student, Marte, became like a sister to her during her time in America.

"I learned a lot from Marte. She taught us a lot about the differences between Norwegian and

American culture and practices," said Snyder

Snyder and her family experimented with food specific to Norway, while also introducing Marte to American foods and establishments, such as Marte's favorite, Taco Bell. Snyder said the experience was unlike any other and maintains contact with Marte regularly after she went home in June. She plans to travel to Norway to visit Marte during the upcoming winter break.

"I don't think anyone could compare to how well Marte fit into our family. The process of opening your home and your heart to an exchange student is very life changing," Snyder



COURTESY PHOTO | Taylor Scott

Taylor Scott poses with a friend in Honduras during her mission trip.

said.

Senior Paige Patton had a summer that can be described as nothing short of magical. She worked as a student intern at Disney World in Florida for seven months. Her duties included working at a Columbia Harbor House, bussing tables and entertaining guests. However, it was not all work since she was allowed free access into the parks on her days off.

"Actually, there wasn't a day that I wasn't at the parks, whether I was working or I had the day off," Patton said.

Patton said that her favorite part of the internship was the "magical moments" of bringing a smile to someone's face. She went further by personally recommending the program to any student interested.

"If anyone is even slightly considering doing the Disney College Program,

"I learned a lot from Marte. She taught us a lot about the differences between Norwegian and American culture and practices."

Noa Snyder

I encourage them to check it out. It really is a wonderful experience and it really gave me a new zest for life," said Patton

Freshman Taylor Scott spent her summer in Honduras on a mission trip with Southwood Lutheran Church of Lincoln. The church provided free dental care for the time that they were there, offering cleanings and toothbrushes to those in need. Taylor, who is not a dentist or dental assistant, helped in other ways. She spent time with the children of the community, playing games, making bracelets, coloring and more. While she was working to help the

community, she said that they helped her as well. "I learned to show up with a smile on my face everyday, with the goal of trying to make someone laugh or smile," said Scott

Scott also said that there were many differences in Honduras in comparison to America. She woke up every day to the sound of roosters, finding more appreciation for her home life.

These Doane students had indisputably unique experiences, learning more about the world around them in the process. Summer break may be over, but the memories may last a lifetime.

New students arrive on campus

New student orientation is a time all Doane students remember.

Taylor Ball
Managing Editor

New student orientation is a time all Doane students remember. This year over 300 new students experienced playfair, the candle lighting ceremony, and long sessions in Heckman auditorium. While the students involved in orientation had a very busy week, they connected with each other and had a great time.

"I can easily say that I gained some very close friends through the new incoming class and that I appreciate and enjoy spending time with each and every one of them," junior and Orientation Leader Kenneth Weber said.

Orientation began on Friday, August 15 with freshmen move in day. Orientation Leaders said helping the new students with check in and move into their dorms was really fun. Ju-

"I can easily say that I gained some very close friends through the new incoming class and that I appreciate and enjoy spending time with each and every one of them."

Kenneth Weber
Junior

nior and Orientation Leader Breanna Patterson said the Sheldon and Frees dorm halls were playing music and everyone was having a good time.

"This class seems pumped to be here," Patterson said.

After the freshmen were settled into their dorms, they and their families went to a Time for Us, which was an event to replace previous years pep rally. A Time for Us was a more reflective time than the pep rally. Patterson said the pep rally had caused some confusion in the past because the parents were also in attendance and pep rallies are typically known for being high school events.

"Students got to talk to their parents and loved ones

that were here with them about how they got to Doane and starting this new chapter in their lives," Patterson said.

At a Time for Us students and alumni spoke about how the new students are now part of the Doane community, not only while they are on campus but that they will be a part of this

community long after graduation.

Friday night many new students attended playfair to play group games and meet their new classmates. Orientation Leaders were impressed by all the connections students were making with each other and how involved everyone was.

Weber said he saw the stu-

dents making connections with each other over sports and athletics, academics and common friends.

"It warmed my heart to see some more shy students get approached by an Orientation Leader or other freshman and then become close with them within a few minutes of talking and spending time together," Weber said.

Saturday night students participated in the candle lighting ceremony where Patterson said they were still having a good time even though the event was historical and symbolic.

"I think that this incoming class is one of our largest, most diverse, and most involved classes in recent years at Doane University," Weber said.



PHOTO BY NISHESH YADAV | The Doane Owl

Freshmen enjoy the playfair on campus during orientation weekend.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You'll find yourself getting cranky midweek. But you'll have a major opportunity to show off your problem-solving skills. Use it!

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): The end of the week will come with reward. Everything will seem to go your way this weekend, cherish it.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Express yourself clearly this week as group work is a large part of the week.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Don't exhaust yourself too early. Pace yourself for maximum reward! The weekend will provide a nice break.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): You'll meet people this week who will become crucial to your advancement in your career. Put your best foot forward!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You'll start to see new opportunities this week, pay close attention. Don't miss what the future may hold!

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Creativity will come in handy this week. Maintain confidence in your endeavors.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You will need extra social time this week. Feed off the energy of your friends energy and you will be golden!

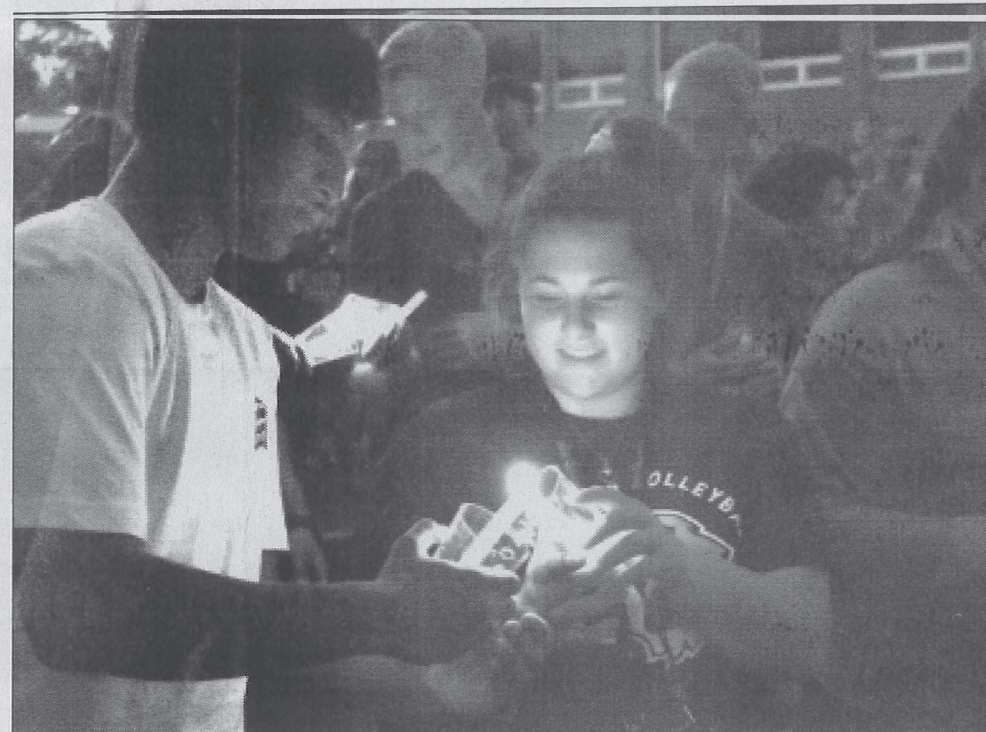
Libra (September 23 - October 22): You'll have many new beginnings this week, stay sharp and start off strong!

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Small details will decide your future this week. Make sure to read the fine print to ensure good fortune.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Use this week and weekend to catch up on work. The more you have prepared, the better off you will be.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): People will prove distracting this week. Focus on yourself for a change to avoid unnecessary stress.

Welcoming new students



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Top photo: Freshmen and orientation leaders engage in activities at the annual PlayFair

Bottom photo: Two freshmen share their light at the annual freshmen candlelight ceremony

Tiger Timeout

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



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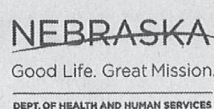
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

High enrollment good thing for campus

The Doane Owl Editorial Staff believes that the high enrollment that Doane got this fall will be a good thing for campus.

While the parking spaces may decrease and lines may be longer for food, we agree that the benefits outweigh the downfalls.

One of the biggest benefits of having this large incoming class is that it gives Doane a higher value when students leave. If enrollment steadily declined or

remained constant it would mean that this college is not making the proper advances to keep up, and surpass, their competitors.

The increase in enrollment also helps to ensure the longevity of Doane University because more students will be impacted and willing to give back to their school.

More students also means more tuition money gathered for the university.

This money can then be

used for things students will use as well as improvements for campus.

The Doane athletic story included in this issue is a prime example that we have a lot of talent coming in to Doane this fall. The bigger class size means we have more athletes, and people in theater, music, and other activities.

We can use the talent to increase our standing in athletic conferences and in competitions with other

schools.

Doane takes pride in its diversity and that is another thing that this large incoming class will help. With so many people coming in, they will bring in many more viewpoints and ideas which can help advance Doane in the future.

For these reasons, as well as many more, we believe that this 22% increase in enrollment will be a good thing for Doane.



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Welcome freshmen class!



Caitlyn Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to Doane University from the Doane Owl editor-in-chief!

I hope that you pick up this newspaper and learn more about your Doane and Crete community each and every week.

I hope that you find articles that interest you and that encourage you to become more active in this Doane family.

I encourage anyone to send in story ideas. We are always looking for infor-

mation about your life and experiences at Doane. Tell us about the exciting opportunities that you get because we want to share those with the Doane community.

I once stood where you are and was overwhelmed but excited going into my first week of classes. I didn't know where I was going or what I was interested in, but I encourage you to try new things, just like I did because through them I found my niche here at the paper and never looked back.

I encourage you to keep learning. Learn from your studies, from your news outlets and from your peers. Learn from your experiences you are given as well.

Take risks. While they may be scary, this is the time to take those chances. They may turn out to be the best choices of your life.

Get involved, but do not get so involved you burn yourself out. Get involved with things that you are interested in, but learn to say, 'no' when you need to.

Ask questions. You may have heard your professors say this already, but it is a very important thing you will learn to do. Your professors really do mean it when they say they will help, but you have to initiate the conversation and reach out when you need it.

Don't take this time for granted. You only get your freshman year once and trust me when I tell you that time flies by even faster than high school.

Take the time to relax and hang out with your friends. Take time to be good to yourself.

Most importantly, have fun.

As a senior getting ready to leave I hope that you take my advice when I say to slow down and enjoy your time here. College is only as fun as you make it so make it the time of your life.

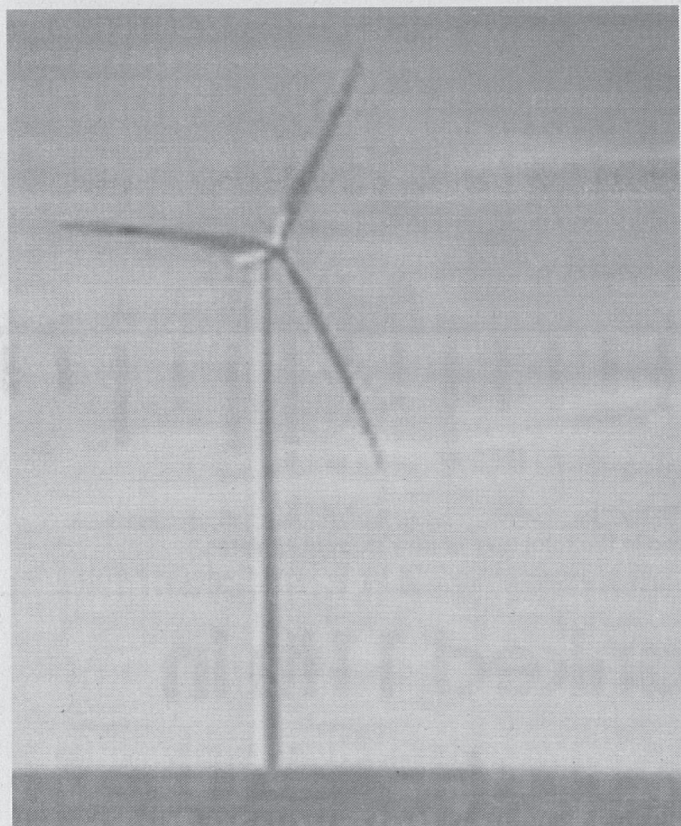
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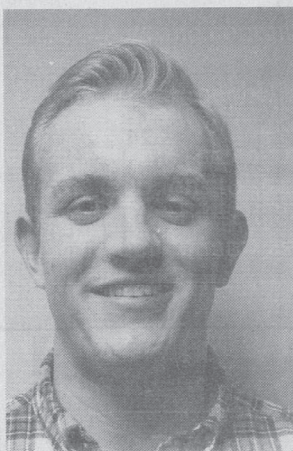
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Renewable electricity is the solution to the climate crisis



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Zach Renshaw
Copy Desk Chief

This year at Doane, the Climate Reality Project Campus Corps of Doane University are working to help Doane commit to 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030. There are a number of benefits to

pursuing this: lower costs, lower environmental impact, first in the state, etc.

Doane was not only the first school in Nebraska to divest from fossil fuels last spring but the goal to commit to be the first school in the state to become carbon neutral though 100% renewable electricity by 2030.

There are a number of ways that Doane can do this, and should work to incorporate a variety of options to achieve this goal. Options such as using solar panels, purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), or Power Purchase Agreements, long-term electricity pricing contracts with renewable energy providers. However Doane decides to commit,

it will be a unique plan to Doane, and the solution for the climate crisis is unique for every entity.

The economic benefits of renewable electricity are key in this debate. The 2018 National Solar Jobs Census said that the solar industry grew six times faster than the United States economy which added around some 100,000 jobs in the industry. Furthermore, the Census said 7.8% of the solar industry workforce were veterans, higher than the 6.6% of the overall United States workforce. The economic benefits are profound here, and should be noted when discussing Doane's future.

The climate crisis is fundamentally changing the way Americans live their

daily lives. Last spring, intense flooding and droughts swept through the Midwest damaging farms and bottom lines. Local farmers are finding that adding solar panels to their farms is a better alternative compared to the crop losses and negative impacts of the trade war.

It is time Doane began leading the state in how localized solutions to the climate crisis are key. The benefits of Doane's Commitment to 100% Renewable Electricity will reach not only Doane's pocketbooks, but to the local community as well.

Don't become numb to mass shootings

John Celesky
News Editor

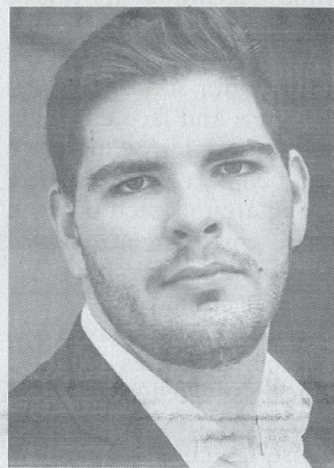
Thinking back to December 14, 2012 I could tell you exactly where I was when I heard the news.

I was at physical therapy on the second elliptical from the end when the "Breaking News" bar shot across the TV. "Sandy Hook Elementary Shooting" scrolled across the screen with live video footage of teachers and children being directed out of the school holding hands while officers pointed them to a safer location.

This was almost seven years ago and I still remember the insignificant details of that fateful day.

To be completely honest I couldn't tell you where I was, what I was doing, or even the date that the last mass shooting took place.

It's not my memory fading, it's the frequency of these awful events that we



"It is important that we as a nation do not become numb to these events and continue to speak up."

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out it wouldn't impact me. I was wrong. I still feel the pain and frustration that the grief brings.

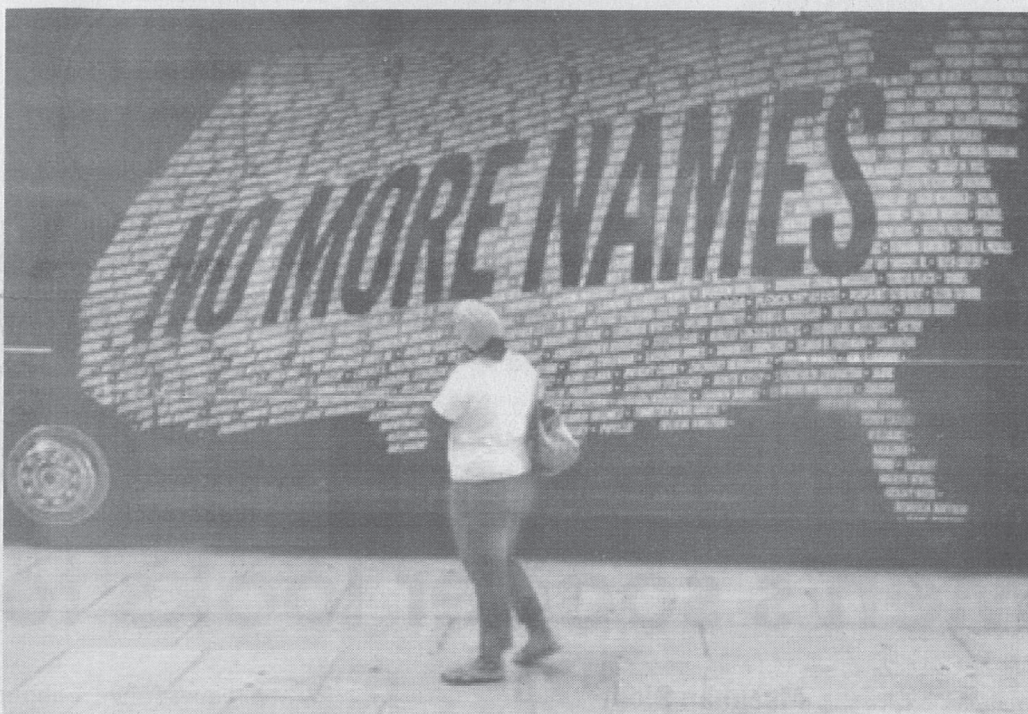
With so many mass shootings in recent weeks it is hard to know what to do. It is important that we as a nation do not become numb to these events and continue to speak up.

Do not forget the feeling of watching those names come across the screen and use those emotions to stand up for not only yourself, but others and our country as a whole.

as a society are recognizing as normal.

While watching the news one evening I read the headline "Mass Shooting America." The entire news broadcast was dedicated to the victims of both the El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio massacres. I honestly just hit mute and continued with my evening.

I told myself I didn't want to hear it anymore. I told myself that if I shut it



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Doane Athletics brings in 284 student-athletes

Nishesh Yadav
Art Editor

Doane brought in over 250 student athletes to the incoming freshman class, for the third time in the last 11 years

Including both first-years and transfers, the athletics department has brought in 284 new students to campus according to Doane's Office of Admissions.

Doane's Athletic Director Matt Franzen said this number is well above what the department brought in last year. Franzen said most teams met or exceeded their goals.

These team goals stem from what the university is

looking for as a whole. "It's never going to be the same [for each team], men's and women's golf is never going to be the same as the football goal just because it can't be"

Athletics sets their target goal at anywhere between 230-250 student athletes.

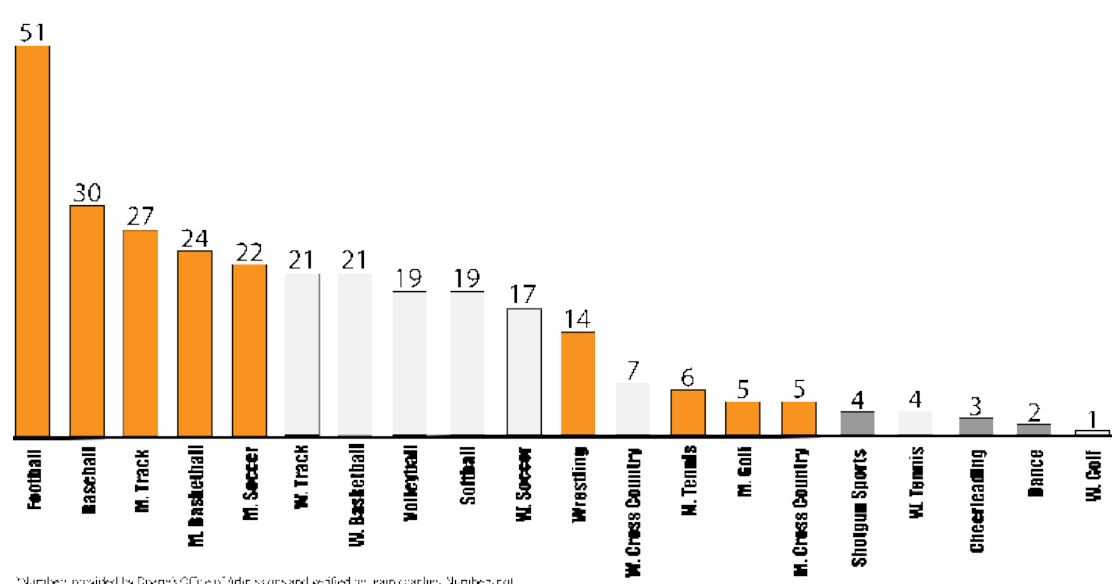
Each year, the department breaks it down to see how many each sport can realistically bring in.

According to Franzen, 5 of the 20 sports exceeded their goals by a fair amount while 4 fell just shy of their goal. The five that well exceeded their goal were baseball, men's basketball, softball, volleyball, and women's basketball. The

four sports that fell short are football, wrestling, dance, and women's golf. The remaining 11 teams were either shy or hit their goal.

One team that Franzen was particularly pleased to see a high number was wrestling. With a goal of 15, wrestling fell just short at 14. When Coach Dana Vote came in to the program in March, the program had about 4 commits. "What I was happy with was that he was able to scramble late in the process this year and almost get to that goal of 15, which leaves me to believe that next year he'll be in really good shape," said Franzen.

Doane Athletics Number of New Players per Team



*Numbers provided by Doane's Office of Admissions and verified by team coaches. Numbers not verified by coaches are Chess, Doane M. Golf, Softball, and W. Golf.

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*Dual athletes were not considered in the total tally of new student-athletes.



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Senior Jordyn Knipp dribbles the ball in Doane's home opener against York on Tuesday.

Women's soccer ranked 11th in GPAC, but have strong home

Nishesh Yadav
Art Editor

Doane's women's soccer team was picked to finish 11th in the GPAC this season, but the team has a point to prove this year.

Following a 3-15 overall (1-11 in GPAC) record last year, which earned a 12th place finish for the group, the team has brought in 17 new players with only one senior graduate last year.

Coach Jennifer Kennedy-Croft, seniors Kelly Luekens, and senior captain Courtney Ramaekers were not surprised by the low ranking received by the pre-season coaches' poll. Coach Croft says the team has a lot to prove, but that they have some new faces that will

bring some more speed and talent into the squad.

"I was not surprised, but I definitely want to exceed expectations this year. I think we do have the talent for it," said Luekens. "[With past seasons] a lot of times the score didn't show what work was put in the game, we just kind of get unlucky and weren't always in it for the full 90 minutes, but with this new team we will be in it for the full match."

Ramaekers believes that this will be a rebuilding year for the program. Ramaekers said, "Our recruiting class coming in this year is going to help out a lot, and we have a much better chance at having a better record."

This preseason, the team

spent four days away from campus during their camp.

They spent the time in Denver, Colorado where they trained, hiked, and were around each other all the time. According to Coach Croft, the idea behind the trip was to get the girls off campus for some good experience and face challenges they wouldn't experience by being in Crete. Also, being around each other in that environment helped to strengthen the bond between teammates.

The team has played two exhibition games to date. Luekens liked what she saw from the team during those matches. "We got to see a lot of our new talent and put them in different

positions," said Luekens. "I think we just need to figure out where people need to be and get the team chemistry, but overall we are looking pretty good."

Coach Croft said the team is chasing a better record this year and their 3-0 win over York in their home opener Tuesday night was a great start. Along with this, Ramaekers and Luekens are hoping to make it to the GPAC tournament - something their senior class has yet to achieve, but are keen to do in their time at Doane.

Men's soccer looks to improve with large

Meaghan Stout
Life and Culture Editor

Coach Voigt, who has nearly 30 years of experience coaching soccer, is starting his 9th season with Doane's soccer team. When asked about the strengths and weaknesses of the team, he said, "Our strength will also be our weakness, we have a lot of young players that we will rely on heavily so the quicker we understand each other's tendencies and learn how to be good teammates, the more success we will have." There are 22 new incoming players, along with

22 returning, making it an even split between those who have previous experience and those who are still getting to know their fellow athletes. Voigt believes that once they become acquainted and understanding of each other, they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Junior midfielder Quinn Martin answered questions about the upcoming season. He noted that he is excited to work with a large team this year, putting together their strengths into an effective gameplay.

When questioned about the team's biggest strength, Martin pointed to the chemistry of the players. "We are a group of best friends playing the sport we all love, which is incredibly helpful when being put to the test against other teams," Martin said

The team has been going through a lot of changes this season, especially with the large amount of new players. Quinn mentioned that he felt a personal responsibility as a returning player to ensure the comfort of his new teammates and to make them feel welcome. In the short amount of time

since preseason has started, the players have already seemed to bond together by the sport that they love. As for how they expect to do this season, Coach Voigt said this. "Everyone in our conference will be difficult this fall, our conference is getting better every year.... we are in a place if we get it right in training and grow together, we will be very difficult to deal with," Voigt said

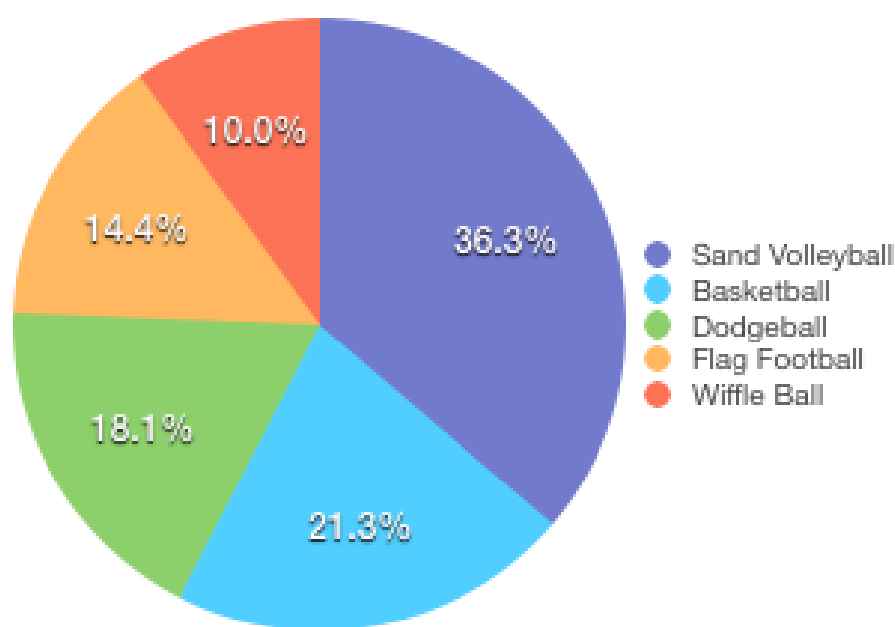
With all of the new players on the team this season, it is hard to know what to expect. Based on preseason and the testimonies from players, it's safe to say that you won't want to miss it!



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Sophomore Andreus Abner practices with the men's soccer team. The team's first home game is Thursday against York.

Intramurals Wanted by Doane Students



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When Doane's Crete campus was polled on the question of "What intramural sports would you like to see at Doane?", the most popular answers were recorded above.

Doane Athletics Schedule

- Thurs 8/22 7pm: Men's Soccer vs York College
- Fri 8/23-24: Volleyball @ Mid-America Hazarene Invite
- Sat 8/24 7pm: Women's Soccer vs Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.
- Tue 8/27 6pm: Men's Soccer vs Sterling College



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