

the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Linda Canstrom demonstrates sculpting techniques to Doane students. Read more on page 4.

Students selected to showcase art

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

Two Doane art students will have their ceramic art pieces exhibited in the 2020 International Cone Box Show.

Senior Olivia Stinson

and junior Hannah Brust submitted works of arts that were selected as two of 42 works to be shown at Bracker's Good Earth Clays and the National Council for the Education of the Ceramic Arts convention.

Each entry had to be able

to fit into a Large Orton Cone Box, which is 3 inches by 3 inches by 6 inches.

Brust submitted a piece called "Death Bed" of a rabbit fighting a snake on a bed of dead leaves made out of stoneware, glaze and nail polish.

Death Bed was the first one selected for the finals, won the Juror's Choice Award and was selected by the juror to add to her personal private collection.

"Getting accepted really made me look at what my future holds - I have really succeeded this year through my art, and I'm really starting to think that grad school could be a possibility for my future," Brust said. "As an artist, I am finally getting the recognition I've always dreamed about. As a student, I get to watch all of these doors open and am free to choose whatever path fits me best."

Stinson entered a piece named "Old Lovers" which is made of three figurines that are approximately two inches tall. They are made of stoneware with opaque

underglazes and a black underglaze wash, clear glaze and gold luster on top.

Her artwork focuses on the human figure but her normal pieces are around three feet tall so she had to scale down her figures to enter.

"Brackers is a huge company that sponsors a lot of people and events, so it is really neat to show my work at not only their store/gallery but at the largest ceramic conference in the nation," Stinson said.

Winnie Owens-Hart judged the submitted pieces on Nov. 21.

The show will open at Bracker's Good Earth Clays with an afternoon reception on Jan. 11, 2020.

Images from the show will be available online after this date.

The closing reception is on Feb. 28, 2020 and the show will then be moved to the annual NCECA convention center when it is held in Richmond, Va., on March 24-27.



Courtesy photo | Doane Ceramics

"Death Bed", stoneware, glaze and nail polish, 3 inch by 3 inch by 6 inch.



Courtesy photo | Doane Ceramics

"Old Lovers", stoneware with opaque underglazes and a black underglaze wash, clear glaze and gold luster, 3 inch by 3 inch by 6 inch.



Courtesy photo | Eric Stearns

Junior Hannah Brust works on her piece "Death Bed." Not only was this piece selected to be showcased, it won the Juror's Choice Award and was selected by the juror for their private collection.

Grant renewed for CAPE program

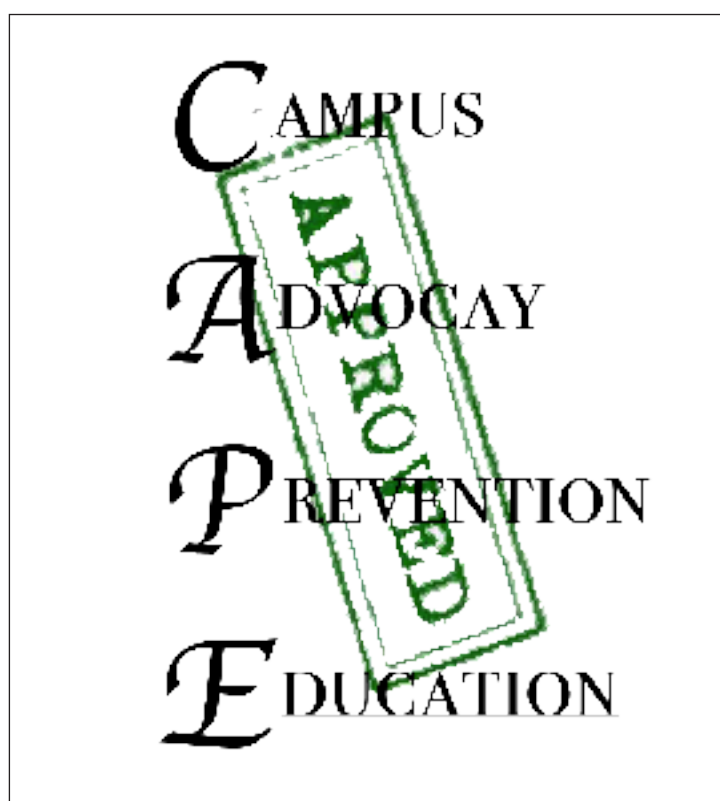
Grant renewal provides for Campus Advocacy and Prevention Education

BRANDON MADISON
Staff Writer

Doane received a renewal grant for \$249,996 from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women according to a press release. The grant was given to the university so it can continue to operate and expand the Campus Advocacy and Prevention Education project and its resources.

Director of the CAPE Project, Suzannah Rogan, said she hopes to enhance Doane's prevention and response to interpersonal violence, which includes sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking.

Senior Gabby Contreras, a CAPE peer educator, said receiving the grant felt like Christmas because it funds the CAPE Project, pays Suzannah Rogan and provides a stipend for CAPE peer educators. Without this renewal grant, the CAPE



Graphic by Nishesh Yadav | The Doane Owl

project would most likely cease to exist and Suzannah Rogan would be gone without it as well.

There are many ways that Rogan hopes to expand the outreach of the CAPE project. She wants to expand the climate survey so it reaches the non-residential campuses in Lincoln, Omaha and Grand Island so they can understand what these students are experiencing as well.

"With our non-residential students, they tend to

have full-time jobs. They come in five minutes before their class. They want to print their paper and go up to their class," Rogan said. "They don't want to talk to me, right?"

Rogan said she wants to work with community partners and on-campus organizations to "make sure no victims fall through the cracks."

"They don't want to come to a 45-minute bystander intervention presentation, there are things they

don't want to do and so we have to figure out a different approach for those students, and so this grant will allow us to do that," Rogan said.

In her new role with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion division, Rogan hopes to work with underserved populations and student organizations like Prism and the Black Student Alliance to have prevention programming specific for certain populations of students.

"That's something that we talked about in the grant, especially for a predominantly white institution we want to reach out to those populations and say we want to work with you because we understand that you don't see yourself reflected in the programming that we do regularly," Rogan said.

The CAPE Project is always looking for more students to join their team of CAPE peer educators and Rogan said she hopes to have a larger team next year. Prevention is important to Suzannah Rogan and is the main focus of the CAPE Project.

"The thing that most survivors will say is "I wish that it had never happened," and so prevention is my number one thing that I absolutely love," Rogan said.

Dean's council reviews year

The Dean's Council sent an update for the 2019 calendar year. This update covered new events and changes to each of the four Doane campuses.

Celebrating 1st Generation Proud

This year was the first that Doane participated in First-generation Student Celebration Week. In May, Doane was 1 of 80 institutions accepted into First Forward according to the update. First Forward is a recognition program of the Center for First-gen Student Success to honor institutions' commitment to First-gen students.

All campuses were sent pre/post surveys with 169 participants in the pre-survey and 67 in the post-survey.

55 percent of pre-survey participants were First-gen students, 67 percent of the post-survey participants were First-gen students.

10 percent of pre-survey participants did not know if they were First-gen students or not, all post-survey participants knew if they were First-gen students or not.

80 percent of post-survey participants indicated their awareness of First Gen has increased as a result of the First-generation Student Celebration Week.

Lunch and Learn

The Title III grant allocated funds for nonresidential faculty and staff development. One development initiative currently happening is an eight-part series of Lunch and Learns based on themes from the book Essential Teaching Principles. The series has completed three sessions and will resume on Jan. 31, 2020.

Attendance for the first three Lunch and Learns averaged about 25 people (20 percent faculty/80 percent staff).

80 percent of participants were from the Lincoln campus and 20 percent from the Crete campus.

LAR students spearhead conversations



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Marilyn Johnson-Farr's LAR 202 hosts lunchtime surveys

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Copy Desk Chief

On Thursday, students are invited to attend a public forum where they can voice their concerns about potential changes regarding the reported removal of personal advisers and the LAR courses at Doane.

LAR courses are the liberal arts requirement of-

ferred by Doane at the 101, 202 and 303 levels.

The public forum comes in response to an Owl article published last week and an email sent out to students from Vice President for Enrollment and Student Experiences Jake Hoy-Elswick.

Students in Marilyn Johnson-Farr's LAR 202 class have been hosting events at the Beige Desk outside the cafeteria this week asking students to sign a petition and write a letter stating their feelings about the proposed changes.

Sophomore Riley Spicer said that the goal of the event is to bring attention to the higher-ups of Doane,

so they can see the impact their decisions have on students. Spicer said that members of the administration were invited to attend, but Vice President Hoy-Elswick and his team would be in attendance to answer questions for the students.

Spicer said that he understands that the administration is trying to promote a greater Doane, but he feels that the students aren't being listened to.

"They increased tuition, but where is that money going?" Spicer said.

Spicer hopes that in the short-term that content-specific advisers are protected for the students and that in

the long-term there is better communication between the faculty, staff and student body.

There have been over 200 responses from the survey, and sophomore Lillie Bowman said that the biggest concern stated regarded potential changes to advisers.

Bowman said that she chose Doane because the students are catered to personally; something that differs from larger universities.

"I chose Doane because I went to a small rural high school, so I had a small class size," Bowman said. "When I visited, the closeness I felt and the personal touch professors gave me

was something I wanted in that guaranteed experience."

Bowman hopes the event will create a space for students to access and share their voices with administration and have their voices heard.

"There have been other discussions around campus that personal advisers in your area of study will no longer exist. That notion is also false," Elswick said in his Nov. 22 email.

The public forum will be held in the Art and Education 236/242 on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Administration clears up LAR, adviser "rumors"

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

Doane administration has cleared the air of the rumors of LAR and advising changes.

"All of this information is important and it kind of negates what some of these rumors are," said Ryan Mueksch, Senior Communications Manager. "LAR classes are not being eliminated; there was no meeting last Friday."

When asked about the LAR rumor, administrators Paul Savory, Provost and Executive Vice President, and Pedro Maligo, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences responded that they were unaware or had no knowledge of any changes coming to the LAR program.

For student advising, Doane is looking to make

some changes to improve student's experiences and increase retention. Though the details on what the changes will be are not set in stone.

"Jake Elswick, through

ESE, is the one that is steering the ship for this new advising model," Mueksch said. "He wants to make a priority of getting insight from other people on campus."

Elswick is working to create a comprehensive retention model to Doane to increase graduation rates, reduce time and costs to graduation, reduce inequities and improve post-grad-

uate outcomes.

This retention model will include having senior level leadership involved in retention work and leading cross-functional teams of stakeholders on specific situational topics. The goal of the cross-functional teams is to develop strategies to help alleviate concerns, Elswick said.

"To be crystal clear, nothing in this framework is eliminating LARs. It is not eliminating faculty advisers or LAR advisers," Elswick said. "It's really about getting together and having more conversations to coordinate things and making sure we are taking the best of what we do and amplifying that and identifying more opportunities to improve."

The framework has been presented for this comprehensive model, but it is still in the early stages.



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This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday 12/4



High: 53
Low: 27
Precip: 10%

Thursday 12/5



High: 51
Low: 25
Precip: 10%

Friday 12/6



High: 38
Low: 28
Precip: 0%

Saturday 12/7



High: 53
Low: 35
Precip: 10%

Sunday 12/8



High: 53
Low: 29
Precip: 10%

Monday 12/9



High: 35
Low: 18
Precip: 10%

Tuesday 12/10



High: 31
Low: 12
Precip: 10%

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

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The Doane Owl is looking for determined writers who are eager to learn and write 1-2 stories a week.

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Doane tops volunteer ranks

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Editor-in-Chief

Doane University has taken over the number one spot on the NAIA leaderboard in community service according to the Helper Helper app, which logs service hours of groups and individuals at Doane.

Doane currently has 4,101 hours of community service which a 92 percent rate since July 1.

In a Facebook post by Hansen Leadership mascot Mack Hansen on Monday, during the fall semester, Doane students have had an economic impact value of \$104,028.

Helper Helper is a community service app and platform that connects Doane to volunteer opportunities. Students can view opportunities, commit to individual events as well as track their individual and team progress, according to the Helper Helper app.

The top three Doane branches that have logged service hours are:

- Greek life
- Student groups
- Athletics

The top three organizations that Doane has served are:

- Crete community
- Crete Chamber of Commerce
- Alternative Break

The top three categories that Doane has participated in are:

- civic and community
- children and youth
- education

Doane continues to provide volunteer opportunities that are posted weekly on the "Find Opportunities" tab on the Helper Helper website.

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Logan Thurston throws a bowl on the potter's wheel to be sold in the pottery sale during final's week.



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Logan Thurston shapes the base of his bowl on the potter's wheel in Art/Ed building.



Photos by Oliva Stinson | The Doane Owl

Cups designed and created by Oliva Stinson to be sold at the pottery sale on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 10.

Ceramic students sell pottery during finals

The Doane ceramic class will be selling their pottery during finals week to raise money for student travel and to bring artists in for workshops.

The pottery sale will be next Monday and Tuesday in Art and Ed 204, the pottery and ceramic room, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be many pottery pieces to purchase includes mugs, cups, bowls and other items that could be used for Christmas presents or around your dorm.

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98 percent agreed or strongly agreed that they could apply the information to their job or classroom. The other two percent stated they had no opinion or disagreed.

The information discussed at the lunch and learns were titled "How to best meet students' unique needs," and "How to be mindful of the student." Other topics with a similar theme were also spoken about.

2019 Nebraskan of the Year Ceremony

Deans Bossard and Cook-Benjamin, along with full-time and adjunct faculty members attended Lincoln's

Rotary Club #14 ceremony honoring JoAnn Martin, CEO of Ameritus. The award was established to honor and recognize the accomplishments of a Nebraskan who exhibits distinguished service to others. Ameritus employs a significant number of Doane graduates.

Potential for Extended Collaborations

Personnel from Doane University and Southeast Community College met on Nov. 11 to discuss collaborations between the two institutions. The purpose of the meeting was to explore extended opportunities for Doane's programs.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents reported on its public crime log. Incidents reported between Nov. 9 and Nov. 24, include:

- 11/18 - **Larceny/theft of property** - Perry Campus Center lower level
- 11/22 - **Larceny/theft** - Had-dix Athletic Facilities Center



Courtesy Photo | Eric Stearns
Students watch intently as Linda Ganstrom (far left) demonstrates how she works with clay to create her figurative molds.



Courtesy Photo | Eric Stearns
Fort Hays art professor, Linda Ganstrom shows students how to press and smooth clay into a figure mold.

Fort Hays professors show off art techniques

External art professors led an art demonstration

BAILEY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

Paintbrushes fly across canvases while clay is molded by gentle hands. Within the pristine walls of the Art/Ed building, art is born.

On Nov. 21, two art professors from Fort Hays University led art demonstrations for Doane art students interested in ceramics and painting. These professors were Linda Ganstrom, who specializes in ceramics, and Jee Hwang, who specializes in painted works.

Doane professor Eric Stearns set up the artist demonstrations for Nov. 21, and has a close connection to Ganstrom, having been a student of hers when he was a graduate student at Fort

Hays.

"She's basically my ceramics mom," Stearns said. "There is a familiar kind of bond within the art community."

This comes after Stearns and five students traveled to Fort Hays University to check out the graduate art program last month.

Ganstrom's specialty is figurative sculptures and body molds. According to her website, Ganstrom's sculptures "are focused on realistic figurative sculpture with a touch of magic."

Ganstrom said she prefers to work with ceramics because she thinks in a three dimensional way.

"What I thought of in my head is not what came out on paper when I would draw on paper," Ganstrom said. "When I touched the clay, I can mold it to fit the image in my head."

Senior Olivia Stinson was at the ceramics demonstration. Stinson said she learned more about

adding texture and depth to her ceramic works from this event.

"I was excited about the demonstration and found it to be helpful to see how another artist assembles their work," Stinson said.

Stinson added that it was nice to see an artist with the same subject focus as her since it allowed her to see how the figurative sculpting process differs for everyone. This also gave Stinson a chance to learn more about art career options for after she graduates.

"I want students to find the courage to explore their own potential," Ganstrom said.

Junior Hannah Brust was also at the ceramics demonstration. Working with clay to create a work of art is one of Brust's favorite things to do.

"I love to get my hands dirty and physically change a lump of clay into art," Brust said.

Brust said this demon-

stration taught her more about making corrections to her art and where her art education at Doane will lead her later on in life.

While the ceramics demonstration happened downstairs there was a painting demonstration upstairs led by Fort Hays assistant professor Jee Hwang. Hwang was unavailable for comment, though according to her website, Hwang's art "is focused on realistic depictions of metaphorical scenes." Through observations of the world around her, Hwang is able to turn mundane reality into a meaningful piece of work.

She has an attention to detail that is stunning and students will benefit from learning more about her work and techniques, Stearns said.

Senior Katie Petersen attended the painting demonstration and critique session hosted by Hwang.

"I was excited for this demonstration," Petersen

said. "I follow Hwang and her work on Instagram and it was cool to see how her art has changed from her college years to now."

At the demonstration painters did lip studies, painting lips onto canvases with attention to the detailing to make them look realistic.

From this demonstration, Petersen said she learned a new technique for a painting called Alla prima, which involves painting over the wet paint with wet paint.

"It is a useful skill because it makes painting go faster and allows painters to build up colors on their work," Petersen said.

Petersen also said having someone to learn from whose focus is on the same subject matter helps to visualize what her future in art could be like.

Having art demonstrations at Doane allows students to get a new perspective on art, Stearns said.

"For example, I don't do

"We are like one big family. We try to help each other out as much as possible and artist demonstrations are one way we give back to one another,"

Eric Stearns
Professor

body castings, so bringing in someone who does lets the students learn more about artistic techniques we don't specialize in personally," Stearns said.

Stearns said the department tries to do at least one artist demonstration a semester to give students a broader perspective of the art community.

"We are like one big family. We try to help each other out as much as possible and artist demonstrations are one way we give back to one another," Stearns said.

Thomas the Tiger: 40 years of giving Doane spirit

Doane mascot has a long history and continues to

TREY PORTER
Staff Writer

It's primetime at Haddix gymnasium, the ball is 30 seconds away from tipoff. The gym is full of Doane tigers cheering, sweating and yelling. The speakers blare "Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns and Roses. Thomas the Tiger can be seen playing air guitar and jumping to the jungle beats on the hardwood floor.

Thomas wasn't always named Thomas.

According to Anne Ziola, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement, Thomas received his name in 2002-

2003 school year when a naming contest was held. The name Thomas was chosen because it reflects Doane's founder, Thomas Doane.

So how long has Thomas been here before he got a name?

Every day is a new day for Thomas, so his long term memory doesn't quite hold up, according to the tiger.

Doane alumna and historian Janet Jeffries notes that Thomas was on campus in 1987 when she was a student here, though it looked like Thomas had been living there for quite some time.

The first recorded instance of Thomas was in the 1979 yearbook. He doesn't appear in any photos in the yearbooks prior to that year.

Thomas is at least 40 years old and still partying like it's 1979.



Photo by Caitlyn Nelson | The Doane Owl

So what makes Thomas stick around Doane after so many years?

Through body gestures and poorly written words, Thomas says Doane is his

home and would never dream of leaving his beloved campus. He loves every student and wants to support everyone through their clubs and teams.

"(Thomas) makes me smile when I see him," freshman Cierra Meyer said.

Meyer said she has seen Thomas dancing at football games and giving high fives to students on Fridays.

Along with dancing and cheering at sports games, Thomas likes to nap and eat when he isn't at events. He is a tiger and needs to eat his body weight and get plenty of rest to survive, according to the tiger.

Though Thomas may seem like a simple tiger that likes to have fun, there may be more to him than meets the eye.

Thomas is quite skilled in both chess and pool.

"It was fun seeing a differentsideto Thomas," assistant director of Greek Life, Phillip J. Foster said after losing to Thomas in a chess match in the library one day.

"Thomas does what Thomas does,"

Phillip J. Foster
Assistant Director of Greek Life

Foster said he feels that Thomas is friendly, warm-hearted, compassionate and intelligent. He believes he can beat Thomas in a rematch in five months.

Senior Alex Lange said that he and sophomore Nick Schickert lost to Thomas playing pool one day in Perry when Lange scratched the eight ball in.

"I'm surprised how capable tigers are at playing pool," Lange said.

Thomas has been around for many years, and he says there's no chance he is leaving anytime soon.

"Thomas does what Thomas does," Foster said.

Volunteer opportunities this week

Classroom Assistant

DEC
4, 6, 9

Volunteers will assist in tutoring, small group instruction and leading additional classroom activities for adult basic education at Doane Public Schools Special Programs.

Tutor

DEC
4, 6

Volunteers will help with reading, writing, spelling and math preparation for students with English as a second language at Doane Public Schools Special Programs.

Nursery Volunteers

DEC
4

Volunteers will assist in the nursery watching children, ages infant to preschool, during their bi-weekly meetings and will be responsible for age appropriate care.

Classroom Assistant Community Dinner

DEC
5

Volunteers will assist with preparing students for the GED course and lead literacy activities between parents and kids.

DEC
7

Donate and distribute holiday gifts at the United Church of Christ in Omaha from 10 a.m. to noon to distribute holiday gifts to Doane community members.

Log into [Helper Helper](#) to learn more about opportunities, sign up and log

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Be wary of your “free time” this week, Aquarius. Keep a schedule to ensure you don’t miss anything!

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): The holiday season is exciting but don’t forget to save your money, Pisces! Bills come first, gifts come second.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Invest in some mistletoe this holiday season, Aries. You never know who you’ll bump in to!

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Time-management will be your saving grace this week, Taurus. Don’t get overwhelmed for no reason!

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Try not to be too suspicious of others, Gemini. Vulnerability is not always a bad thing!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): It’s time to start thinking about new years resolutions, Cancer. Some self-reflection would do you some good!

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Don’t focus too much on what you want this week, Leo. Tis the season for giving and being kind to others!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Enjoy your free time this week, Virgo! The holiday season has everyone running around, so enjoy it when you can.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Don’t let others get you down this week, Libra. Confidence will take you a long way!

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): With a long break coming up soon, you will find a lot of free time. Spend it in a constructive way, Scorpio!

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): It’s your time, Sagittarius! Get into the holiday spirit with your favorite drink and some fuzzy socks.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Resolutions are meant to be kept, Capricorn. Stay truthful in your promises and your goals for the new decade!

Declassified: Finals Survival Guide

Here are a few tips for how to survive finals and the end of the semester

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Life and Culture Editor



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With finals beginning, it can be difficult to stay on task and get everything done in time. Often, it becomes overwhelming and homework begins to pile up. Tis the season for endless stress and a lack of motivation.

When approaching dead week and finals week, the first response is usually one of fear and panic. No matter how prepared you are for finals, there will still be a certain amount of stress. In order to better prepare for this upcoming finals week, there are a few things to keep in mind.

First off, never forget to take care of yourself before anything else. Plan to get six to nine hours of sleep each night and give yourself plenty of time to rest. Without enough rest, your study session will be less beneficial to you.

Second, while studying be sure to take a break every once in a while to stand, walk around, stretch, get a snack or whatever else you need to do to refresh your

mind.

Another tip for studying, try chewing a specific flavor of gum while you study and then save a piece of that same flavor for when taking your exam. The familiar flavors will help you remember what you studied.

Don’t be afraid to ask others for help while studying. Your professors are paid to teach you, so if you need help ask them. Your classmates may be available as well.

If you do not feel comfortable going straight to your professor, try going to library to the Study Help Desks.

If you have trouble focusing, try finding a classmate to study with you and keep

you on track. If you wanted to go further, you could even create your own game or quiz to help keep you from getting distracted.

One of the most important things to keep in mind when approaching a final is the amount of time that you have. Try to begin doing a small amount of work as early as possible and break up the work over your time.

Leaving things until the last minute will always lead to increased stress and even lower scores. Being well prepared is essential for having a successful finals season. If you spend 20 minutes a day studying for a week or more before, it will be more beneficial than studying for 12 hours straight through the

night before the exam.

Breaking up study sessions over time will allow you to learn more and stress less.

Lastly, it is important to remember that final exams are not the end of the world. As long as you do your best, you will survive finals. Be sure to take time for yourself to calm down. Spend some time with friends or animals doing something you enjoy.

There is an entire world outside of the university. While it is easy to forget, a perfect grade on a final is not necessary for survival. Take care of yourself and do the best that you can without sacrificing your sanity.

Tiger Timeout

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Courtesy of Doane Computer Science Department

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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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Semester of student voices

Student voices have proven to be a force to be reckoned with this semester.

LAR/adviser backlash, climate strikes, Sodexo contract being reassessed and the firing of coaching staff were all spearheaded by the student body.

Students have begun to realize their individual and collective power in the academic realm.

Students are using the tools learned here at Doane to ensure that their opinion

is made known and validated.

In Linda Kalbach's LAR 202, students have been discussing the ideas of "voice and power" and how these play out in our country.

These factors have proven to not only come into play on the national and international levels, but on our own local level as well.

Students are fighting for not only representation on campus, but an equal chance at their own future globally.

Many students helped organize or took part in the climate strike back in September.

Students shut their books and stood up for the Earth that they are inheriting.

Students are paying a lot to be here.

And with the price tag should also come the experience that we are paying for. This includes living conditions, food services, academic excellence and quality of encounters within extracur-

riculars.

In an institution like Doane, the students hold much more power than we may recognize.

When decisions are made without our input, we notice.

When students are not getting their money's worth in their experiences here, we notice.

When our world is dying and no one else will bat an eye, we notice.

Relax this holiday season

TAYLOR BALL
News Editor

December is a month meant for watching movies under warm, fluffy blankets with hot cocoa in hand and a belly full of delicious food.

You shouldn't do this only on Christmas day but rather all month long.

Everyone reading this deserves to have an entire month dedicated to joy and revitalization. With so much time spent focusing on our studies and doing other activities we are all involved in on campus, we neglect our mental and physical health.

We get less sleep than is required to function properly and still perform at a high level. Waking up late and taking a three-hour nap while binge-watching a show on Netflix is a daily goal we should all strive for over the holiday break.

We have been eating food from the cafeteria and the Den which, as we all know, is not nutritious or delicious. Having access to amazing holiday meals and treats is something we need to take advantage of while we can. January is for



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resolutions to get healthier and get in shape. December is for gaining a couple of pounds through eating great food.

Spending time with friends and family is important; getting to reconnect with those loved ones brings a joy that brightens up our holidays.

However, making time to spend with yourself is crucial. Many of us live on campus and are constantly within a few feet of our

peers. While this can be fun and it contributes to the campus atmosphere, it's healthy to take a break from it and treat yo' self to some me-time.

Take extra long showers, do a face mask (they are for everyone and they are amazing), slip into a pair of \$10 pajama pants from Old Navy and fuzzy socks. Do what brings you joy and reboots your system after a semester of working hard.

Take the time to appre-

ciate the Christmas lights and holiday cheer. The decorations will soon be taken down and everyone will be chilled to the bone by the relentless cold of January. The holidays are a time when we can embrace the snowy weather and make the best of it.

Stay warm, watch all the movies you can (good and bad), eat as much food as your body can handle and love yourself and those around you.

Dead week earlier, breaks combined

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

Colleges that have a Thanksgiving break followed by a few weeks of school before Winter Break should change their schedules so the two breaks are combined.

This year, colleges around the nation are having Thanksgiving break followed by two weeks of school before taking about a month off for Winter Break. While some feel the Thanksgiving break is a chance to recharge ahead of what is referred to as

dead week and finals week, it forces a high amount of out-of-state students to not go home and enjoy the time with their family.

According to Money.com, Americans spend on average \$491 for single and round trip flights around Thanksgiving. Imagine a college student and their family having to decide whether they can pay the nearly \$500 for them to be home for just a few days when they are going to be coming back for winter break in two to three weeks.

The sentiment goes beyond just being able to go home for students far from home. On Twitter it can be seen through students from

different parts of the country. One student at Prairie View A&M University, @imdeviii tweeted, "College should really just let us take finals before Thanksgiving so we don't have to come back for a week then go back home." The tweet, from November 29, 2019, is up to 20.4 thousand retweets and 125 thousand likes.

The same Twitter thread showed that some schools do this. Emilio, @emiliop_, responded with "De Paul University does. We go back on January 6th."

So why can't all schools do this? Schools on the quarter system typically line up with the proposed schedule, so how hard is it

to change semesters to end the same time? It would also mean students could truly enjoy it as a break, as some students end up doing homework, make-up assignments, extra-credit and studying during the days they should be relaxing.

I feel as if changing the schedule to end the fall semester earlier and start the spring semester earlier would also allow for students and faculty to have more time to do things they enjoy. This would make the break about one to two weeks longer and so they can do research, plan vacation trips or just relax at their home.

Have ideas for stories?

See something on campus and want more information? Have a unique story to share?

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Clinging to Christmas, hope comes in many ways

JOHN CELESKY
Managing Editor

I've been listening to Christmas music for almost a month now. There, I said it.

Now don't get your tinsel in a twist. Let me explain why this season is special to me and my family.

Christmas has been a big part of my family for as long as I can remember. Being Catholic, our family holds Christmas in high regard. Nativity scenes and faith-based decorations can be found around our house.

Christmas is when many Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and with this celebration comes a sense of hope.

Hope: grounds for believing that something good may happen.

The Messiah that the people had waited thousands of years for had finally arrived. And that hope carries into today as we remember the elation of the shepherds, angels and wise men of the biblical stories and reflect these tales in our own lives.

My family has had interesting Christmases traditions and ways to celebrate. We order Valentino's Pizza every Christmas Eve. We have celebrated in the confines of our hallway while our house was being renovated after a tornado. We have hosted grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and too many boyfriends to count.

One thing has remained con-



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stant; the music. Our family is very musically involved; all the kids sing and some of us play instruments

But Christmas music holds a special place in our hearts. Mom loves playing Christmas music all through the house whenever she can. We were raised on the John Denver Christmas album with the Muppets. As we got older we developed our favorite songs, All is Well by Carrie Underwood, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays by NSYNC, Oh Holy Night from the Glee Christmas episode and countless others.

It wouldn't matter how loud, obnoxious or upset we were at the time; once the music started, we stopped. We all found comfort in the music and were reminded that no matter what was going on in our lives, whether it be a tornado, a breakup or even cancer, there is always hope.

"A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices. For yonder breaks a new glorious morn."

Look forward to the morn. The sun will rise.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



Students need recognition

CAITLYN NELSON
Editor-in-Chief

As an art student, I am so proud to see fellow classmates getting the recognition they deserve for the time and effort they put into their artwork.

The students spend hours upon hours in the studio working and alone sketching ideas.

This applies to all art students whether they paint, create ceramic pieces or draw. Even graphic designers go through the timely process.

Senior fine art and graphic designers are busy this week proposing their senior show.

Theater students had auditions this week. Instead of studying for exams, they were busy memorizing monologues and perfecting audition songs.

Music students are sacrificing their weekend to put on the annual Christmas festival

which features Doublewide, Concert band, collegiate choir, Doane choir and the strings ensemble.

Our students are so busy, but when they receive recognition and praise, it can mean a world of difference in performance.

When you see your fellow students this week, give them a smile and remind them they can get through this.

If you see someone doing something great, such as making great projects, singing great songs, getting callbacks, tell them that you noticed.

Hannah Brust said it well in the article about her ceramic rabbit getting a very impressive award and accepted into a very competitive art show.

"As an artist, I am finally getting the recognition I've always dreamed about."

While a lot of us won't get into an international art show, the recognition is still something that fuels motivation to do well.

...THUMBS UP

Ugly Christmas Sweaters



Hot Chocolate

Cyber Monday



Black Friday Shopping

Fuzzy Socks



The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in 'Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down' every week.

THUMBS DOWN...

Dead week needs a do-over

JOSH BUNDY
Sports Editor

Dead week is supposed to be a week of catching up and reviewing for finals, but Doane doesn't do it that way.

From my experiences, the supposed dead week is usually filled with last-minute lessons, final homework assignments, and the lack of the often needed review time that students are expected to cram into our last weekend before finals.

Of course, students should be staying on top of things and studying throughout the year, but that usually isn't the case.

With an average full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours, though some opt for 15, 18, or more credits, it becomes hard to balance a personal life with college requirements.

Professors and colleges constantly preach the need for balance between academics, social life and leisure time, but doing that is not as easy as it seems.

My question is what exactly is dead week?

The name would suggest



that classes would be lighter on teaching and homework, and emphasize the review aspect.

If dead week is meant to be a full week of preparing students for the dreaded final week, why does it amount to just a normal school week with the looming threat of finals with no time to prep in advance?

Dead week needs to be structured to suit students' schedules more.

I would propose a full week of review.

Many classes don't do a cumulative final assessment (I'm not complaining), so this suggestion might be in vain for those professors.

For the classes that go

over every single lesson over the semester and expect their students to know everything, they need to be more open to a week of review.

Students aren't taking just one class, and professors can't be expecting their students to know every single thing from every single class over a semester.

I believe this is simply unrealistic.

Students need to be able to succeed, and a review week would be a great stride in that direction.

I believe that with a dropoff in homework assignments and new information, students would be much less stressed about finals week. They would feel prepared for their big tests and would be in a better mood headed home for the holidays or summer.

The goal of a college education is to teach, not to test.

If professors are setting their students up for failure, they themselves are failing at their job.

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Cross country takes on Nationals

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

The Doane men's cross country team hopes to finish ahead of their 18th rank at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Cross Country National Championships in Vancouver, Washington on November 22.

The team qualified for the national meet after posting a second place finish at the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships on November 9 in Sioux Center, Iowa. Dordt topped the meet with 28 points and the Tigers had 44 according to the GPAC website.

While the Defenders took the GPAC's automatic berth to the NAIA National Championship with the win, the Tigers qualified through one of 12 at-large berths. The field is set by the 24 automatic qualifiers from conference championships and the 12 at-large berths, according to the NAIA website.

In the final coach's poll rankings, Doane was ranked 18th in the nation after receiving 248 points, 37 points behind 16th place Dordt. This poll is voted by a panel of head coaches representing all the conferences within the NAIA. The top 25 are determined by a point system, with each team receiving 30 points for a first place vote, 29 for a second and so on down the list.

On Friday November 22 at 10:30am, the team will compete for the national championship. According to a previous interview with junior Alec Wick, who won the Great Plains Athletic Conference individual title, the team wants to finish ahead of the end of season ranking. "Our goal is to do better than 18th place and to compete with some of the top schools."

Senior Rosten From said the team is looking forward to another chance to defeat Dordt University. "I definitely think we're looking towards another chance

to take down Dordt," said From. "And [we want to] overall place top 12 in the nation. I firmly believe those goals are within reach of this team."

To accomplish these goals, the Tigers hit the road on Tuesday November 19 to begin their over 1,600 mile trek to the west coast. The team flew out from Omaha to San Diego, California where they had a layover before heading to Portland, Oregon.

To prepare for the meet, the team will have a night time yoga session to loosen up after landing in Portland and getting to their hotel. On Wednesday, the Tigers will then have a morning "shakeout" run before being allowed to have a workout on the nationals course later that afternoon.

On Thursday, the team will have some Championship events to attend, beginning with the NAIA's Champions of Character Outreach at noon. Later in the evening the team will get to attend the Student-Ath-



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Rosten From (pictured) and the men's cross country team will be competing in the NAIA national championships. The team is ranked 18 in the nation, but are hoping to finish in the top 12 at the meet in Vancouver, WA, on Friday.

lete Experience which is typically a banquet-style event for all the national qualifiers, according to the

NAIA.

The awards ceremony will be Friday at 1pm, following the race. They will

Basketball teams face rough starts



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Senior Isiah Sykes pulls up for a jumper for the Tigers. Both the men's and women's teams have struggled so far in the season with both being winless in GPAC conference play. The men are 2-7 overall, while the women are 0-5 overall. Both teams will host Morningside Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

The Doane men's and women's basketball teams are off to a rough start in Great Plains Athletic Conference play after each losing both of their opening games by double digits.

The Tigers hosted Hastings College and the University of Jamestown last week. On the men's side, the Hastings Broncos won 78-66 while the Jamestown Jimmies won 97-71. For the women, the Broncos dominated 107-55 and the Jimmies won 78-56.

For the men, the GPAC opener against Hastings was lost due to a strong-shooting first half from the Broncos according to Doane Athletics. In the second half, the Tigers were able to pull within three points at one time during the match, but the Broncos would extend that lead with back-to-back 3-pointers to extend their lead again. On the night, four Tigers hit double figures in points while the Broncos had five players hit that mark.

The men's second loss came at the hands of the 16th-ranked Jimmies. The Jimmies are ranked 16 after receiving 152 points in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II based on a preseason coach's poll.

Again the Tigers faced a strong opponent in Jamestown as Doane went into the halftime break down 63-28 after the Jimmies shot 75-percent. Doane would continue to fight in the second half and outscored the visitors 43-34 in the final half. The Tigers were able to hold the Jimmies to 36-percent shooting in the second half, but the opening half lead was too much to overcome as they ended up falling to the visitors by a total 26 points.

For the women, the GPAC opening loss was against the 16 ranked Broncos. The Broncos are ranked from a similar poll to the men's side.

According to Doane Athletics, Hastings used a full-court press to create a 45-13 lead in the first half,

with 20 points coming on fast breaks and turnovers. By the end of the game, the Broncos shot 53-percent from the field and the Tigers were held to 36-percent. Doane had two players finish in double figures for points while Hastings had three players accomplish the feat.

The Tiger's second loss came after shooting 31-percent from the field against the Jimmies, the second-worst shooting percentage for the Tigers during the season. The bright spot on the night was junior Haylee Heits who posted a double-double after scoring 19 points and securing 10 rebounds.

The men's team is now 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the conference, with the women's side 0-5 and 0-2 respectively.

Both Tiger teams will be back in action again this week with a home match against Morningside College on November 20 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Morningside is ranked 4 and 19 nationally on the men's and

Wrestling starts season off strong

NISHESH YADAV
Art Editor

Doane's wrestling team is off to a strong start. The team placed three wrestlers in the top three spots at the Baker Invite and two in the top four at the Grand View Open. The Tigers also received votes in the coach's preseason national poll.

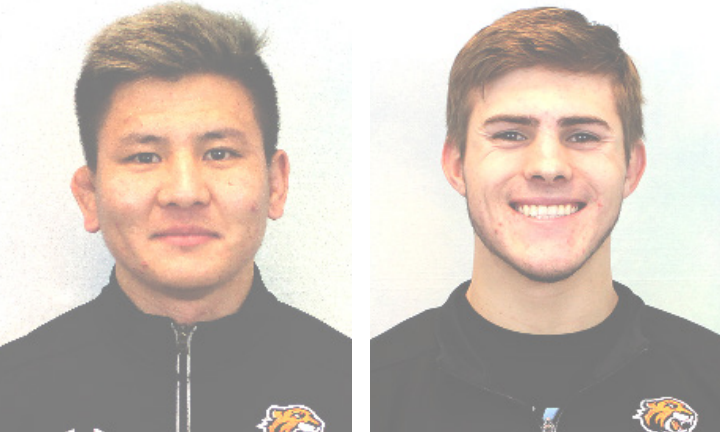
At both meets, sophomore Baagii Boldmaa led the Tigers in finishes. Boldmaa is ranked eighth in the nation for his weight class in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics after receiving 54 points in the preseason poll. The ranking is based on a panel of head coaches representing each of the eight con-

ferences in the NAIA. Individuals receive 20 points for a first-place vote, 19 for a second-place vote and so on down the list. The same methodology is used for the team's ranking.

At the season-opening Baker Invite, Boldmaa went 3-0 in the 141 weight division to win the title. He won the opening match by pin and then followed up with two decision victories by scores of 11-5 and 7-2 in the semifinals and finals.

Following that performance, Boldmaa placed third at the 141 open division in the Grand View Open. According to Doane Athletics, the GVO had wrestlers from National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I all the way down to the junior college level. Boldmaa went 4-1 at the event, losing to the University of Iowa's Justin Stickley in the semifinals before bouncing back with two back-to-back decision wins to claim 3rd place on the day.

Freshman Michael Scarponi also had a strong opening couple of tournaments after placing second in the



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Baagii Boldmaa (left) and Michael Scarponi (right)

Baker Invite and fourth at the GVO, both in the 165 weight division. Scarponi went 2-1 at the Baker Invite with a major decision victory 13-2 and a 6-5 decision win before losing to Baker's Isaiah Luellen in the championship, 9-4.

At the GVO, Scarponi went 3-2. He started off with another major decision 10-1 before knocking off his next opponent 3-1. Scarponi then lost in the semifinals by tech fall 17-2. He bounced back with a win in overtime in the consolation bracket to earn a spot in the

third-place match, where he eventually fell 9-1 to Iowa State's Caleb Long 9-1.

According to the stat sheets for both meets, the Tigers have now had 31 individual wins with 38 individual losses through the first two meets. Matchups, where Tigers wrestled a teammate at the tournament, counted as one individual win and one individual loss in these totals.

Doane's matchups this week include a dual at Midland University Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. and the University of Nebraska at Kearney Holiday Inn Open on Nov. 23,

Doane Athletics
Schedule and
Results



This Week's
Schedule:

Wednesday 11/20

W Basketball vs
(19) Morningside
College
6pm

M Basketball vs
(4) Morningside
College
8pm

Thursday 11/21

JV W Basketball vs
McCook Community
College
6pm

Wrestling @ Midland
University
7pm

Friday 11/22

M Cross Country @
NAIA National
Championships
(Vancouver, WA)
10:30am

M Basketball @
Presentation
College
5:30pm

Saturday 11/23

Wrestling @ UNK
Holiday Inn Open
9am

M Basketball @
Dakota State
University
6pm

Tuesday 11/26

W Basketball @ College
Saint Mary
6pm

Last Week's
Results:

M Basketball lost to
Hastings 66-78 and
Jamestown 71-97

W Basketball lost to
Hastings 55-107 and
Jamestown 56-78

Wrestling had two
individuals place in
the top four at the
Grand View Open.
Baagi Boldmaa placed
3rd in the open 141
weight division.
Michael Scarponi
placed 4th in the 165
weight division.

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Athlete of the Week



Baagii Boldmaa
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