

the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Doane's Wrestling team adds another win to their season. See Page 9 for more.

End of semester reminders

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Residential Life and Education (ResLife) would like to remind students of a few last minute reminders as the semester comes to a close.

24/7 quiet hours are already in effect. Quiet hours begin each evening at 8 p.m., so that students can study or sleep in peace.

Residence halls will

close on Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.; however, students should plan on leaving campus 24 hours after their last final. Staying past the date and time of the halls closing must be approved by a specific Doane department.

All students should attend their floor meetings with their Community Advisors (CAs).

Students are reminded to unplug their fridges and all electronics. They should also take out their trash and lock their windows and doors before leaving campus. Room

checks will be conducted beginning Dec. 16.

Residence Halls reopen on Jan. 15, 2023. Students arriving early must have their move-in time approved by a Doane department, and more information about early move-in will be communicated by doanehousing@doane.edu.

Questions should be directed to ResLife at doanehousing@doane.edu or by checking eResLife at <https://doane.erezlife.com/>.

Residence Halls

CLOSING

8 P.M. DECEMBER 16

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Winter graduation information

Winter Graduation

December 17, 2022

- Commencement will be at 1 P.M. in the Fuhrer Fieldhouse.
- Graduates should arrive on the Crete campus no later than 12:15 P.M.
- You may bring as many guests as you wish.

- Parking available:
 - Parking lot G: In front of Fuhrer Field House
 - Parking lot I: In front of Haddix Recreation and Athletic Center
 - Parking lot J: In the adjacent lot south of Haddix

The ceremony will be streamed on Youtube for guests that cannot attend.

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Nebraska COVID-19 update

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the level of community transmission has risen to high for Saline County as of December 7, 2022.

“Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test or exposure to someone with COVID-19,” the CDC reports. “You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.”

Saline County is reporting 39 current COVID-19 cases as of Dec. 7.

There are 63.4 percent of the Saline County population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County that have been vaccinated, marking 54.9 percent of the total population as vaccinated as of Dec. 7.

Doane does not have a mask mandate, meaning that students are able to walk maskless inside buildings on campus at their discretion. Even with that said, it is still recommended to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.

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

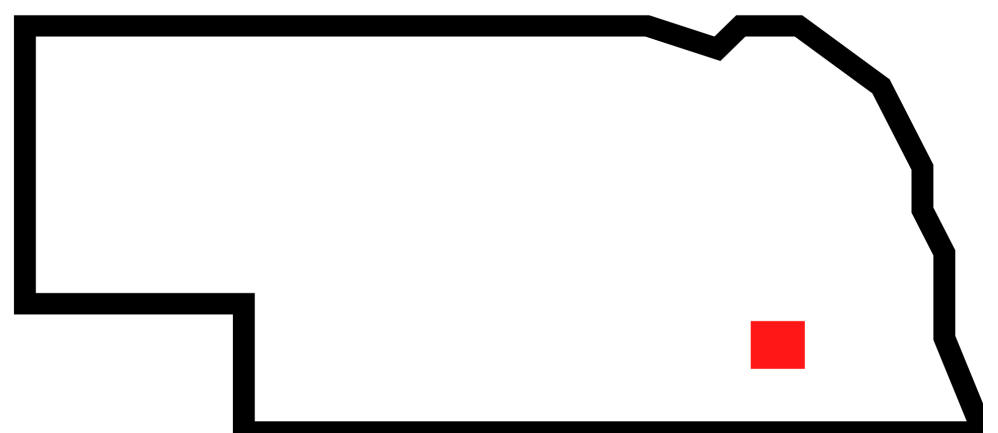
Public health areas,

such as in the Student Health Office, still require masks to be worn.

Students who test positive or feel symptomatic must self-isolate and not attend classes, practice or other activities. Students must also contact the Student Health Office either by email at studenthealth@doane.edu or by calling (402)826-8265.

If a symptomatic student has not yet taken a test, they will need to do so with a rapid at-home test, writing their name and date and time of the test on the card or on a paper placed next to the test to document it for the Student Health Office.

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



**39 REPORTED COVID
CASES IN SALINE
COUNTY**

RISK DIAL - HIGH

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Trump targets Constitution

Trump calling for partial suspension for 2020 results



Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · 3h

So, with the revelation of MASSIVE & WIDESPREAD FRAUD & DECEPTION in working closely with Big Tech Companies, the DNC, & the Democrat Party, do you throw the Presidential Election Results of 2020 OUT and declare the RIGHTFUL WINNER, or do you have a NEW ELECTION? A Massive Fraud of this type and magnitude allows for the termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution. Our great "Founders" did not want, and would not condone, False & Fraudulent Elections!

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Courtesy photo | ASUSA.com

On Dec. 4, former President Donald Trump called for the partial suspension of the United States Constitution to help overturn the 2020 election.

According to the Washington Post, Trump announced on his social media platform, Truth Social, that his loss of the 2020 election was the result of fraud and is calling for a stricter investigation of his case.

"A massive fraud of this type and magnitude allows for the termination of all rules, regulations and articles, even those found in the Constitution," Trump wrote.

"Our great 'founders' did not want, and would not condone, false [and] fraudulent elections."

In November, Trump also announced that he would be running for president again come next election.

The incoming House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries described the statement as strange and extreme. He also noted that Republicans will need to decide whether or not they will continue supporting the former president with this recent information.

"Republicans are going to have to work out their issues with the former president and decide whether they're going to break from him and return to some semblance of reasonableness or continue to lean in to the extremism, not just of Trump, but Trumpism," Jeffries said.

Ohio Representative Republican Mike Turner also commented on Trump's statement, indicating this should be a definitive factor of who Republicans should support for the 2024 election. "There is a political process that has to go forward before anybody is a front-runner or anybody is even the candidate for the party," Turner said.

"I believe that people certainly are going to take into consideration a statement like this as they evaluate a candidate."

As of now, it is still unclear whether or not Trump will receive the support of the Republican party.

There is no further information at the time of this publication.

Coach faces domestic case

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Jail.

ESPN reports that after his arrest, Joseph was placed on administrative leave by Nebraska Athletic Director Trev Alberts.

The 54-year-old coach was chosen as Nebraska's interim coach after Scott Frost was fired on Sept. 11. Before Matt Rhule was brought on to replace Frost, Joseph led the Huskers for a total of 9 games, ending the season with a score of 4-8.

Rhule has not announced whether Joseph will be retained on his staff.

There are no further updates as of this publication.



Courtesy photo | 247sports.com

Mickey Joseph, Nebraska's most recent head interim coach, has been arrested on suspicion of strangulation and third-degree domestic assault.

According to the Associated Press, on Nov. 30, police were called to a Lincoln home in response to a domestic disturbance call. After an investigation, Joseph was arrested at another location and was then transported to the Lancaster County

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday 12/14



High: 48
Low: 26

Thursday 12/15



High: 41
Low: 25

Friday 12/16



High: 42
Low: 25

Saturday 12/17



High: 46
Low: 28

Sunday 12/18



High: 51
Low: 30

Monday 12/19



High: 41
Low: 22

Tuesday 12/20



High: 34
Low: 17

Happy holidays from the Owl

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

Have a relaxing break, we'll see you next year!

-THE OWL STAFF

Balenciaga receives backlash for ads

Balenciaga pushes blame on production companies

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Design Assistant

Luxury fashion brand Balenciaga has recently been hit with a major controversy involving their recent ad campaign that seems to focus on allegations that the brand supports child exploitation.

As a part of their holiday roll-out, Balenciaga had ads featuring children holding bags that looked like teddy bears wearing what many consider to be bondage gear. This ad campaign was called "Gift Shop." The other campaign in question, the 2023 Garde-Robe campaign advertisements, had photos that included legal documents on child pornography.



Courtesy photo | flickr.com

After considerable internet backlash, the controversy rose in prevalence after Tucker Carlson ran a prime-time segment on Fox News. Soon after, #cancelBalenciaga trended worldwide on social media sites like Twitter and TikTok in response to the campaigns Balenciaga was running.

Balenciaga released a statement and pulled the ad campaign following the backlash, and filed a lawsuit against produc-

tion company North Six and Nicholas Des Jardins, as the brand felt the two parties were irresponsible in constructing the ads for the Garde-Robe campaign. The lawsuit has since been dropped as of Dec. 2.

"We sincerely apologize for any offense our holiday campaign may have caused. Our plush bear bags should not have been featured with children in this campaign. We have immediately

removed the campaign from all platforms," a statement from Balenciaga for the Gift Shop campaign reads.

"We take this matter very seriously and are taking legal action against the parties responsible for creating the set and including unapproved items for our Spring 23 campaign photo shoot. We strongly condemn abuse of children in any form. We stand for children's safety and well-be-

ing," Balenciaga said regarding the Garde-Robe campaign.

Balenciaga claims the plush bear bags were meant to be portraying punk aesthetics and not anything inherently sexual, and that executives approved the products and campaign before photographer Gabriele Galimberti took the photos.

As for the Garde-Robe campaign, the legal documents mentioning child pornography were sup-

posed to be "fake office documents" rented from a prop house, according to the lawyers for Des Jordan, who directed the ad.

Balenciaga has effectively pulled both ad campaigns amid the backlash and has created a fund to "help make a difference protecting children."



Courtesy photo | flickr.com

Senate passes railroad strike bill

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On Dec. 1, the United States Senate approved a measure which ended a potential railroad strike set to happen later in the month.

According to NPR, the strike was a protest against the lack of paid sick days for rail workers, along with many workers unable to take any time off for fear of punishment.

Initially, a deal in the form of a pair of bills—one giving paid sick leave and the other preventing workers from going on strike—was to be struck between workers and the federal government.

If both were passed, it would have been sim-

ilar to Nebraska's teacher strike policy, where teachers are able to negotiate their salary but are prohibited from going on strike.

However, the Senate's final vote count was 80-15 prohibiting strikes and 52-43 giving paid sick leave; both bills needed 60 votes to clear the Senate.

While President Joe Biden praised the passing of the bill and signed it on Dec. 2, many are unhappy with the result.

According to the BBC, while the contract the workers were forced into accepting offered a pay rise, an additional personal day and some other benefits, there is still no paid sick leave of any kind. Rail workers are

some of the roughly 30 million Americans without paid sick leave, and the strike that would have occurred would have been the first railroad strike in over 30 years.

While the National Railway Labor Conference, the organization that represented the freight rail firms in the labor negotiations, states that rail workers have ample personal and holiday leave which can be used in the event of illness, workers are fearful of any repercussions that could result in them taking time off.

There are no updates as of this publication.



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Ye speaks of admiration for Hitler

Ye under fire for more antisemitic comments

ISABEL HENSON
Staff Writer

On Dec. 1, rapper Kanye West, also known as Ye after a legal name change, took to the Alex Jones show alongside white-nationalist Nick Fuentes and further elaborated on his antisemitic comments in recent months.

"I see good things

about Hitler," West said.

West continued to insist he was an admirer of the German leader who oversaw the genocide of over six million people, predominantly targeting the Jewish community.

"I love Jewish people, but I also love Nazis," West said.

He later went on to talk about Holocaust denialism.

Deputy Director of Data Analytics at the Southern Poverty Law Center Megan Squire offered her insight.

"This was a mask-off moment, to hear Ye just outright say that he admires Hitler," Squire said.

Often, extremists talk around the subject of

Nazism phrasing true beliefs in cloaked language in order to avoid being banned from mainstream platforms.

"Pushing the boundaries provides a permission structure to other far right voices," Squire said.

West has since been suspended from Twitter and has lost billions of dollars in deals with an array of businesses after his anti-semitic comments.

For more information visit npr.org.

Doane Crime Log

The Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Nov. 28 through Dec. 5 include:

- 12/6 **Drug Law Violations : Suspicion of Drug Use** : Campus Property - Doane Crete : Residence Halls : Sheldon Hall : First Floor
- 12/6 **Larceny/Theft : Theft of Property** : Campus Property - Doane Crete : Other
- 12/6 **Motor Vehicle : Hit and Run** : Campus Property - Doane Crete : Parking Lots : Lot K
- 12/6 **Security Issue : Security Concern** : Off Campus - Lincoln
- 12/11 **Vandalism** : Campus Property - Doane Crete : Residence Halls : Sheldon hall

Leaders celebrated at Gala

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Dec. 7 saw Doane Student Congress (StuCo) host their yearly Leadership Gala, honoring student leaders across campus at the Welcome Center in the Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art Building.

StuCo President senior Will Grixby commented on why this event is so important.

“The inspiration for [the Gala] was just to give back to the leaders on campus,” Grixby said. “So much work is put in behind the scenes by these leaders to make sure clubs, groups and sports groups run smoothly. The Gala was just one way to show them that they are appreciated.”

Executive teams from clubs and Greek groups, sports team captains, Hansen leaders and SPB members were all invited to the Hollywood-themed event. Grixby mentioned that around 120 student leaders showed up to the Gala between 7 and 9 p.m.

Doane President Rog-

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WILL GRIXBY
Student Congress President

er Hughes also attended and gave a speech at the Gala.

“[His speech] meant a lot to me and to a lot of people there,” Grixby said. “He’s the biggest leader that Doane has, so for him to take the time to come to the Gala and speak with us showed he truly cares.”

StuCo Treasurer senior Mandi Laib echoed and added onto Grixby’s comments.

“What I really enjoyed about President Hughes’ speech was how he expressed he wants us as leaders to be able to leave Doane one day better than when we first arrived,” Laib said. “We are always able to improve, and he inspired us to keep working towards becoming stronger leaders while continuously working together.”

Both Grixby and Laib mentioned that the event went very well.

“Sodexo did a great job with the decorations and food,” Grixby said. “The congress and the food committees did an amazing job at planning, decorating and promoting the event to the campus. All the leaders looked great too.”

“Overall, the Gala was a great way to end the semester,” Laib said. “It’s amazing as a member of StuCo to show how much everyone’s work is appreciated. Just taking part of the night to recognize each other’s work and how we really try to make Doane a place that we can all call home.”



Courtesy photos | Will Grixby

Top: President Roger Hughes addresses members of the Leadership Gala in a speech about what being a true leader means.
Bottom: Members of Student Congress pose for a picture after working hard to host the Gala.

Fest teaches ways to cope with stress



Photo by Kylie Hughes | The Doane Owl

Destress Fest featured a wide range of ways to destress from finals, such as therapy goats.

Nearly 275 students attend Destress Fest

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Doane’s annual Destress Fest was held last week on Dec. 7 on the lower level of Perry Campus Center.

The event is designed to provide students with healthy coping mechanisms for stressful situations such as finals week. It also gives both on-cam-

pus and off-campus students a chance to interact with campus partners and the Doane community.

There was a wide range of campus partners helping to sponsor the event. These included Residential Life and Education (ResLife), the Student Programming Board (SPB), Religious and Spiritual Life, Alumni and Advancement Office, Tiger Wellness, Admissions Office and many more.

The event saw around 275 students from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., which is similar to the amount of students that showed up last year.

Both Community Director Eric Jones and Assistant Director of Student Engagement Spen-

cer Munson helped to coordinate the event.

They were both pleased with the turnout and think students had a great time.

“I think students benefited from the event because they were able to connect with campus partners and get tips on how to minimize their stress and take advantage of free items,” Jones said.

These free items included various types of food and snacks, skincare items, fidget toys, adult coloring pages, winter gear, journals, stress balls, etc.

According to Munson, some of the highlights included the therapy goats held in the Nexus Center, junior Mia Guerrero’s

Hula Dance demonstration and the mugs the Alumni and Advancement Office gave away for writing a thank you letter to staff or alumni. Another highlight were the fidget toys handed out by Active Minds.

Jones echoed some of these highlights and hopes to get other therapy animals again in the future.

Both Jones and Munson are appreciative of all of those who helped make the event happen by hosting a table, as well as everyone who went and supported this event.

The goal is to host the Destress Fest again in the future.

Students make various plans for break

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As finals week is finally here, that means that it is almost time for winter break.

Residential Life and Education reminds students that they must be

out of the residence halls 24 hours after their last final or by 8 p.m. on Dec. 16.

After the last final is taken and the last paper is submitted, students are officially able to start their winter break.

Many students are going home to spend time with family and friends. Some students will

spend much of their time working, while others will mainly focus on taking this time off of classes to relax.

For freshman Lilly Arram, she will spend her time relaxing on a vacation to Mexico.

“Over break I will be going on vacation to Cancun, Mexico with my family. However, right be-

fore Christmas, we will be coming back home so we can celebrate the holiday with extended family,” Arram said.

Even though they may not be traveling quite as far, other students will similarly be going on various trips throughout winter break and the holidays.

As various holidays are

held over winter break, many students will be celebrating those in many different forms. However, many agree that they will be spending time with their family.

“Over the break I spend a lot of time with my family. This usually comes in the forms of having other relatives come over and go on a

trip with my immediate family after Christmas,” junior Riley Reyes said.

For those not involved in winter sports, the residence halls open back up on Jan. 15, and the spring semester kicks off on Jan. 16.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Your creative juices are flowing this week Aquarius. Use this to your advantage. Follow through on your big ideas and see where it may take you.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): You are normally a very optimistic person, Pisces. However this week might get to you a little bit. You may start to see things in a pessimistic light. Do your best to see the good in a situation.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Take some time to log off social media and close those computers and really find yourself. You don't need electronics to do this. In fact, things like social media may actually hinder your self-discovery.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Remember that the people who are currently in your life are there for a reason. The reason may not always be a good thing. However, always keep in mind that there is a reason or lesson to learn from those you bond with.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): This is going to be a challenging week. You often find yourself closing off when things get difficult. Yet, remember that teamwork can often be beneficial, you just have to let others in.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Be careful about who you trust this week. Sometimes you trust a little too easy and have been burned before. Don't let that happen again. Just be cautious.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Your family is going to feel extra critical this week. Keep in mind that they may see things from a different perspective and that is not a bad thing. Be open-minded about the critics.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): This is a good time to make a big life change for the better. What is something that you've always wanted to do? Take that leap this week. If you wait for the right time, it will never come.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): This may not be a productive week for you Libra. All you want to do is watch Netflix and sleep but try your best to at least get a few big things done this week.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): This is a great week for learning. You are going to feel curious about so many things around you. Do not be afraid to speak up and ask questions.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You are going to have a major self-esteem boost this week. Don't let it go to your head but soak it in. You deserve it.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): You may feel as though you are stuck in a rut this week. Do your best to pull through and remember that the year is almost over. Do something spontaneous to get out of the rut.

SPB plans to host Winter Club Craze

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

The Student Programming Board (SPB) is going to be hosting their second club fair this academic year.

Winter Club Craze, a club fair dedicated to showing off the various groups on campus will be held on Jan. 19, the week that students arrive back on campus from winter break.

This provides both clubs and students an opportunity to kick-start the semester by getting involved.

Winter Club Craze will be held in the cafeteria in Perry Campus Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

According to an email sent out by SPB on Dec. 12, Club Craze is an "awesome opportunity to connect with students." It is an opportunity for current clubs and organizations to market any upcoming events, recruit new members or share what the group does.

Students in charge of their organizations are encouraged to sign their group up to have a table. The sign up Google form was attached in the email sent out to all students.

The form asks a few simple questions regarding the contact person's information, number of tables needed, if power is needed or if any additional items are needed.

SPB encourages groups to sign



Courtesy graphic | SPB

up as soon as they can.

Students interested in attending should keep an eye on their email for more information.

Any questions can be directed

to Assistant Director of Student Engagement Spencer Munson at spencer.munson@doane.edu.

Students plan gifts for the holidays

ISABEL HENSON
Staff Writer

The holiday season seems to come quicker every year. With the stress of finals, sports and other extracurricular activities it can be hard to balance it all while maintaining the holiday spirit.

Here are some thoughtful and inexpensive last-minute gift ideas to save you from admitting you forgot about your friends and family.

Amazon will be your best friend in this situation. If you're wanting to get a gift a day or two out, this might not be the best plan of attack. However, if you have a week or two, it should arrive just in time. Walmart also has everything you could possibly need.

Socks are always a go-to cheap but useful gift. There are an abundance of different patterns and styles that you can tailor to your recipient.

Lottery tickets in stockings are also a cheap and fun thing to do all together.

Candles are easy and



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fun to give and receive. Some websites allow you to customize the outside which is a cool personal

touch. Mugs are customizable as well and have a large variety of shapes, colors

and themes.

Plants of any sort are super easy to find. You can opt for a species that

requires little to no care for someone who doesn't have a particularly green thumb.

Gift cards will make anyone happy. You can get gift cards pretty much everywhere and no amount is too small.

Finally, for those who are 21 or older, alcohol. You can never go wrong with gifting someone their favorite alcohol. It will make the stress of the holidays magically disappear. Please drink responsibly.

For other last minute gift ideas visit amazon.com.

Students study different ways for finals



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Editor-in-Chief

As students enter finals week, we asked students what they have done to prepare for their exams.

Many students said that they have spent time in the library studying. Some students said they studied independently, while others worked in groups.

"[I met] in groups to study material, making sure to take breaks so I wouldn't get overwhelmed," senior Austin Filliez said. "[I made] a list of everything I had to get done."

Other students tried to get ahead of their workload, such as sophomore Jessica Himmelberg.

"I started by prepping

everything early. If I had a paper that I could get a head start on, I did my best," Himmelberg said. "Mostly I just set myself up for success by doing all the work in the class so if I got a bad grade on a final it wouldn't weigh it down."

Some students said they have taken advantage of using a tutor in the weeks leading up to finals. These tutors were found through the Academic Success Center (ASC), and some say they made all the difference in their success so far.

Almost all students we talked to said the Destress Fest put on by the Student Programming Board (SPB) was helpful for them. It gave them an opportunity to relax in between their classes and studying.

"Destress Fest was

"Destress Fest was definitely like a little reward for working so hard for finals with all the goodies."

HAYDEN KLAUS
Sophomore

definitely like a little reward for working so hard for finals with all the goodies," junior Hayden Klaus said. "My suite-mates and I still are using our stress ball while studying."

Regardless of how students prepared for finals, we wish everyone luck on their exams and a happy holiday season.

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week of
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Take advantage of Destress Fest

As the semester winds down and students work on finals and head back home for winter break, the Owl staff wanted to offer final words of encouragement and ideas for break.

First off, we understand that finals can be a stressful time for many students and we hope that many of you were able to take advantage of the Destress Fest last week. If not, it'd be a good idea to give yourself a break sometime throughout this week to let yourself relax between fi-

nals.

Whether it be a quick half hour mindless social media scroll between studying sessions or a two-hour nap after a long, cumulative final, giving yourself a moment to relax can be a huge help.

Even though finals may seem very stressful, they're the last step to finishing out the class you've been working on the entire semester. So long as you've been active in class, you've got it in the bag. We all believe in you.

After finals you'll have a

lot more time to yourself and decide whatever you want to do. Some of us at the Owl will be spending time with friends and family, going on road trips, camping, working, training and getting ready for next semester and graduation.

For some, planning for the future can be exciting as the prospect of going out into the world and living life is all some want to do. However, for others, planning for the future can be a source of stress and anxiety for the same reason. If you're a senior who

gets stressed out from planning for the future, it's okay to take some time and not think about or do anything related to your future. Though it never hurts to be on the lookout for potential after-college opportunities.

Whatever it is that you choose to do over winter break, make sure to have a good, safe time. We all deserve a good break after the semester so that we can pick it up and start the second half of the academic year on a strong note.

Hot takes; cool carolers v2

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

It's the last Hot Takes of the year, so try not to cry as I conclude my ranking of Christmas artists list.

Last week was all about singers, so this week it's going to be instrumentals, and I will be using the same metric as I did before (sound, accompaniment and originality).

Sound is the most important of the three aspects and is essentially how good the instrumentalist(s) is on their own. If their song would be just as memorable without anyone or anything else, then they get major points.

Accompaniment is the next aspect that is considered, and like before, it is



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determined by how elevated the song is with the accompanist. A good accompaniment is like a fine wine, it serves only to enhance the main course.

The final aspect that is graded is the originality of the song. Essentially, how good and unique is the arrangement the group is performing? Keep in mind that unique doesn't always trans-

late to good.

I hope y'all have a great winter break and get lots of rest!

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

S Tier: (The best)- Beegie Adair, Count Basie, Vince

Guaraldi

A Tier: (Second Best)- Pytor Tchaikovsky, Oscar Peterson, Dave Brubeck

B Tier: (Average)- The Piano Guys

C Tier: (Below Average)- N/A

F Tier: (Garbage)- N/A

Again, let me say: no amount of debating with me will change my mind so please save yourself the time and energy, you have better things to do than argue with a college kid about tier lists.

Do you have a topic you want me to make a ranking of? Email me at joey.winton@doane.edu with the subject line Hot Takes and I might write about it!

Media is terribly oversaturated



JOHN DAWES
Design Assistant

only "Spider-Man: No Way Home," "Shang-chi" and "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" were good movies I actually enjoyed.

Even non-Marvel movies like "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "Batman" and "Nope" have escaped me; I just don't have the energy or time to watch them even though I'm itching too.

Don't get me started on music. I'm behind on just about everything. I still haven't heard the new Metro Boomin album, haven't heard the new Beyonce album and the list goes on and on.

I'm aware that this is maybe the most first-world problem of all time, but it poses an interesting question. Do we have too much content? I think the answer is not only yes, but that it's also making what we watch, read and listen to worse.

Firstly, every piece of media we consume is competing for our attention. Especially with our phones having social media sites that churn out brain-dead content that makes us scroll until 2 a.m. and avoid doing homework or avoid watching that one show you promised your best friend you'd watch one day. Companies and artists have to capture our attention by just churning out as much as they can. That's why it feels like Disney makes a new Marvel or Star Wars product once every week. Some of it is genuinely good, like the Marvel movies I mentioned above and Star Wars "Visions" and "Andor." But the good shows and movies are weighed down by the sheer quantity of other stuff. We

WATCH MORE STUFF



YOU'RE SO FAR BEHIND

THERE'S SO MUCH CONTENT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YET

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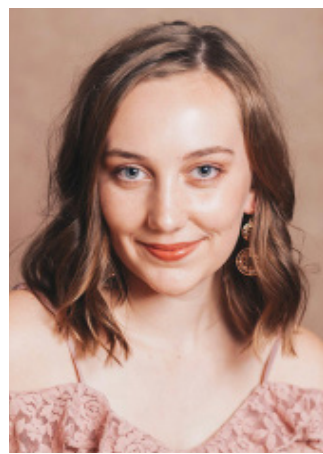
also barely get enough time to appreciate how good something like "Wakanda Forever" or Star Wars "Visions" is because we get the next new shiny thing in two weeks.

It also makes me feel guilty when I start consuming media that is either old, comforting to me, or not something that is culturally relevant. When I got into a funk of listening to nothing but "A Tribe Called Quest" earlier last year, it made me feel out of place when Beyonce did release her album. What do I have to add to the discussion? Why am I reading "Soul Eater," which has been on my backlog for months, when it's not the latest and greatest? Why

am I rewatching "Forrest Gump" for the second time this month when I could just watch the new Batman movie and get it off my list? There's nothing wrong with any of these, but it makes you feel behind.

So as you prepare to binge-watch, listen or read your way through the winter, remember this: just consume the things you like first and foremost. There's no reason there should be so much stuff in the media right now. There's no rush and who cares if you're late and not able to post about it on Twitter the day it comes out, the world is still going to keep on spinning regardless.

Secret Santa needs to be stopped



KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

It's that time of year, just when it feels like life can't get more stressful with finals and the end of semester, there is also the added fun of the hol-

idays.

In addition to spending countless hours studying for your finals, we are also expected to find time to shop for holiday gifts. I don't know about other people, but when it comes to the last few weeks of school I barely have time to eat let alone worry about what I am getting people for Christmas.

For people in my life such as my family, I always wait until the semester is officially over to start shopping for them. However, I can't always do this for friends, as many of them are going back home at the end of the semester.

Even so, buying a few gifts for my friends does not add too much extra stress in my life. However, the "fun" holiday tradition of Secret Santa

does.

Suddenly every campus extracurricular you are involved in and every friend group you once were a part of want to do a Secret Santa gift exchange.

In theory, it sounds like so much fun. Drawing a name and then buying them gifts without them knowing that you have them sounds like a blast. However, when you have multiple Secret Santas to take part in, it becomes less fun.

There is also the aspect of doing Secret Santa in groups where you may not be very close with the people. There is the awkward moment of not knowing the person at all and having no clue what to get them. However, it is even more awkward when you do know the

person quite well and still have no idea what to get them.

There's so much pressure in it to get a "good gift" for your other person. You have to find the perfect balance between something generic enough that anyone would like it, and it must relate in some way to that person.

Also everything is getting so expensive, and it feels hard to get someone a good gift with the price set at "no more than \$15." So, you're bound to go over unless you want to look like you don't care.

In addition, every Secret Santa has the one instance of someone who gets their person a really nice expensive gift, and in exchange, they are met with a singular, usually



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not even wrapped candy bar or something similar.

Overall, this holiday tradition needs to end. It only adds more stress and usually leaves someone with hurt feelings in

the end. Next time I'm given the choice, I'd opt for a White Elephant gift exchange because at least then there's no expectations.

Senioritis is relentlessly kicking in



ISABEL HENSON
Staff Writer

Although I've felt like I've had senioritis for the past three years at Doane, I'm starting to under-

stand how it truly looks and feels to be a senior.

As the first semester comes to an end, I am feeling the effects of being an upperclassman and inevitably having to graduate.

I am one presentation away from completing my senior research project and in four long days will be done with my finals.

Being a senior has come with lots of emotions. The thought of doing everything for the last time hits me daily and the reality of being an adult has consumed my thoughts.

One of the major things that I have struggled with is seeing Doane change. I'm such a creature of habit and tradition that seeing major



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

changes has caused quite the taxing journey to acceptance.

I've shared my sadness about the quads being gone in the past, but I'd like to revisit the topic because that's how much it

means to me.

I am more than aware it was time for the quads to go down for safety concerns, but it was extremely hard to let go. I met some of my closest friends in the quad and

made hundreds of core memories.

Seeing change happen around Crete is bittersweet. They really didn't have to take away De Leon's though- that was a little too far. If

that would've happened my sophomore year I really don't know what I would've done.

Getting to know new students is always fun, but seeing the people you've bonded with leave is always emotional. Watching people you've played sports with for years or just so happen to see around all the time leave will always be tough.

There are infinite reasons why being a senior is hard, but there is so much to look forward to. For me, law school is the next step in my journey. It will be a long and difficult process, but Doane has more than prepared me for what's to come.

Looking back on the past year



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

2022 has been a rough one in every sense. I'm really hoping 2023 treats me a little better, but I thought I would take my last opinion piece of the year to reflect on some of the good things that have happened in the past 12 months.

Right from the get-go, I got to live with seven awesome people in the quads. While my overall experience in the quads is another story, the people

that I got to share almost five months with will always hold a special place in my heart.

Living in the quads was like a movie, and I'm pretty sure someone has a film reel of it somewhere.

I also got to go on several fun trips over the past year, like Kansas City. I found this little bookshop, and fell in love with the city a little bit. It was fantastic.

Throughout the year I was able to meet some really awesome people. A lot of the people I wouldn't have met otherwise, and I'm really grateful that life brought them closer to me.

Moving into my apartment has been a huge highlight of the year. I have my own space for me and my cat, and it truly is the best. While paying rent and stuff sucks, it's still fun to have a place to call my own.

The greatest thing about 2022, though, has been personal and professional development. I have had amazing opportunities to write for the

university, volunteer at a grief camp, conduct research, build up my skill set and so much more.

It was really easy for me to focus on all of the negative things about the past year, but it truly wasn't as horrible as it could have been. Losing things ended up being one of the hardest but best things that has ever happened to me.

It allowed me to value myself and value the good things remaining in my life. I'm not saying that it has been easy sailing, but 2022 taught me a lot- a lot I wasn't really prepared for. As is life. Here's to 2023.

...THUMBS UP

Cashews



Walruses

Fiesta Blend Cheese



Gift Bows

White Elephant



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...

Basketball teams win every game

Women kick week off with three wins, Men add one

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Women's Basketball team had an action packed week with three games, two at home and one on the road. Although having a tad lighter load, one game at home allowed the Men's Basketball team more time to drill during the week before finals.

Doane started the

week at home on Dec. 7, hosting the College of Saint Mary (CSM) Flames. The Tigers started with a strong lead and an even stronger appearance on defense, holding the Flames to just seven points in the first quarter.

CSM started to have a stronger showing in the second period, shooting better from all areas and increasing their overall percentage. They attempted four more shots than in the previous quarter but still trailed 21-47 going into the half.

Coming back from halftime, the Tigers continued their domination with 33 points, their most in a quarter for that game. Freshman Libby Traush was the leading scorer in the third quarter with ten points.

Despite being out-

scored in the fourth quarter, the Tigers held on to their lead and would win the game 90-68. They had just one day to rest before hosting Viterbo University V-Hawks on Dec. 9.

Similar to the first game, Doane got out to an early lead in the first quarter, 26-15. Although they were once again outscored, the V-Hawks played their best offense in the second quarter and the Tigers still led.

Following the pattern, Doane had a standout performance in the third quarter and amassed 33 points. They continued their dominance over Viterbo in the fourth quarter and won the game 96-65.

The Women's team continued their win streak the next day, traveling to Manhattan, Kansas to compete against Man-

hattan Christian College. Doane made quite the appearance on the road, hitting over 100 points for the first time since 2016 and tying the school record for three-point shots made in a game. They won the game soundly, 109-37.

On the same day, the Men's Basketball team hosted Manhattan Christian College Thunder in their second meeting of the season. Similar to the first meeting, Doane would have a dominant lead in the first half that lasted through to get the win.

Doane had a great offensive showing, scoring 37 points in the first half. Likewise, their presence on defense was solid, as they held the Thunder to 26 points. Despite their continued dominance on



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Sophomore Boston Boucher lets a shot fly from three point range in the game against College of Saint Mary.

offense, the Tigers' defense struggled more in the second half.

They allowed 38 points to be scored by their opponent. Although the Thunder looked much better on offense, Doane

still won the game 73-58.

Over break, the Women's team will play Dec. 29 and 30, Jan. 4, 7, 11 and 14. The Men's team will play Dec. 19 and 20, then all the same dates in January.

Men's Wrestling sweeps home event

Team continued their season by hosting Midland

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

There was a home battle last week when the Men's Wrestling team hosted Midland University in a dual. The Tigers guarded their territory, as well as their No. 4 ranking in the recent NAIA polls, winning in a clean sweep.

Up to mats first was sophomore Hunter Bennett, competing in the 125 division. At the two minute mark, Bennett

used one takedown to eventually pin his opponent. This win would kick off the night and was followed up with a forfeit win for junior Daniel Vargas at 133. Both are nationally ranked in the NAIA poll with Bennett at No. 18 and Vargas at No. 8.

Senior Baagii Boldmaa (No. 1) picked up another win with a minute left to go in the first match. His

teammate junior Tristan Zamilpa (No. 10) was wrestling in the 149 division, bringing in another win 5-2.

Juniors Nate Lendt (No. 11) at the 157 mark and Benjamin Dobler (No. 17) picked up wins as their domination of Midland continued. Junior Chinges Tsermaa (No. 7) was in the 174 division and defeated his opponent after a series of

major takedowns.

Senior Garrett Cornwell wrestled Connor Rinn from Midland for the fifth time in his career, adding to his win column. The rivalry went all the way to a major decision where Cornwell would win 13-5.

At the 125 mark was junior Bradley Antesberger (No. 2) taking a win over another top ranked competitor (No. 25). Se-

nior Brandon Antesberger (No. 10) wrestling in the 285 division needed just one takedown to pin his opponent.

Doane closed the night with their sixth win as a team this season, 50-0. The Men's Wrestling team will be back in action on Dec. 17 when they compete in the Concordia Duals, the third and final match of the Conference Duals.



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Junior Chinges Tsermaa gets the lock on his opponent as he looks to get a pin in.



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Senior Brandon Antesberger finishes the match strong by getting the pin.

Track competes in first open events

Teams open the season with big marks from home

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

On Dec. 10 the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams competed in the Concordia Early Bird Meet in Seward, Nebraska, walking away with seven combined event wins, one provisional mark, four national qualifying marks and one meet record.

The Women started off strong with senior Isabel Bothwell hitting a PR in the 60m dash with a time of 7.96 in the prelims and 7.93 in the finals.

In the 200m dash, senior Caitlyn Cotton ran a PR time of 26.80. Senior Morgan Burnett ran 1:47.83 in the 600m dash.

Senior Rachel Walters won the 800m with a time of 2:30.84, and senior Annika Pingel came in second in the 1000m with 3:04.94.

The 4x400 relay team of Pingel, Cotton, Walters and freshman Morgan Mahoney placed fourth with a time of 4:14.23.

On the field, junior Sarah Theiler earned fourth in the high jump with a height of 1.59m. Freshman Kennedy Stanley placed second in the pole vault with 3.37m.

Freshman Rosalyn Roggash won the triple jump (10.93m), and sophomore Abby Fontana placed tenth in the

long jump (4.51m).

The Women's only national qualifying mark was brought home by junior Macy Fuller in the weight throw with a distance of 15.91m, putting her in fourth place. Senior Katie VanLangingham placed 11th in the shot put with 11.80m.

The Men also posted impressive marks throughout the meet, beginning with sophomore JaDae Moore running 6.99 in the prelims and 6.96 in the finals for the 60m dash. These times earned him third place.

Junior Zach Turner won the 200m with 22.42m. Junior Ivan Varela ended in fourth place in the 400m with a time of 51.27.

In the 600m, senior Jordan Tasler also finished fourth with a PR of 1:23.33. Sophomore Will Wenz took home

second in the 800m with a PR time of 2:03.18.

Junior Ryan Evans finished fourth in the 1000m with 2:43.41, and junior Thomas Oliveira posted a PR time of 9:02.39 in the 3000m, finishing second.

Turner went on to PR and pick up a win in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8:03. This time also allowed him to bring home an automatic qualifying mark.

The Men's 4x400 relay team of Turner, Tasler, Varela and freshman Caleb Mulder won the event with 3:26.15.

On the field, the Men racked up three automatic qualifying marks in the weight throw, with junior Luke Partridge placing second (18.11m), sophomore Trey Dickey placing third (17.47m) and junior Jaedon Lothrop placing fourth (17.10m).

Dickey also went on to place seventh in the shot put with a throw of 14.03m.

Junior Carter Reckling placed third in the high jump with a height of 1.91m, and senior Jack Krejci placed ninth in the long jump with

6.33m.

Senior Vince Lauenroth dominated the triple jump with a distance of 13.96m.

Both teams will be back on the field on Jan. 7 at home for the Ward Haylett Invite.

Athlete of the Week



Abby Boyes
Women's Basketball

led the team with 22 points and 10 rebounds, both career-highs while pulling in her first double-double in the game against Manhattan Christian College



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Scoreboard Snapshot

MEN'S WRESTLING

December 8 @ HOME

7:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
50-0

MEN'S BASKETBALL

December 10 @ HOME

4:00 versus MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

TIGERS
73-58

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

December 7 @ HOME

6:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

TIGERS
90-68

December 9 @ HOME

6:00 versus VITERBO UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
96-65

December 10 @ MANHATTAN, KANSAS

2:00 versus MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

TIGERS
109-37

TRACK & FIELD

December 10 @ SEWARD, NEBRASKA

12:00 CONCORDIA EARLY BIRD MEET

Next week for Tiger Athletics

MEN'S BASKETBALL

December 15 @ SEWARD, NEBRASKA

7:45 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

December 19 & 20 @ BABSON PARK, FLORIDA

3:00 WEBBER INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC

January 4 @ FREMONT, NEBRASKA

7:45 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

January 7 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA

3:45 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

January 11 @ HOME

7:45 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

January 14 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA

3:34 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

December 15 @ SEWARD, NEBRASKA

6:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

December 29 & 30 @ BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA

BELLEVUE CLASSIC

January 4 @ FREMONT, NEBRASKA

6:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

January 7 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA

2:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

January 11 @ HOME

6:00 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

January 14 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA

2:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

MEN'S WRESTLING

December 17 @ SEWARD, NEBRASKA

CONCORDIA DUALS

January 5 & 6 @ LOUISVILLE, KANSAS

9:00 NWCA NATIONAL DUALS

January 13 @ SEWARD, NEBRASKA

7:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

January 14 @ YORK, NEBRASKA

9:00 YORK OPEN

TRACK AND FIELD

January 7 @ HOME

WARD HAYLETT INVITE

