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2023 graduation reminders

Ceremonies held this Saturday

ABBEY REEDY
Staff Writer

As the semester comes to a close, Doane seniors are preparing to say goodbye.

The senior toast is at 4:30 p.m. on May 11, with graduation rehearsal to follow at 5 p.m.

The Baccalaureate Ceremony in Heckman Auditorium will be May 12 at 6 p.m. and is open to all. This will be followed by the President's Concert at 8 p.m., also in Heckman Auditorium, which is also open to anyone who would like to attend.

Graduation will take place on May 13 at 10 a.m., starting with the graduation of students in the Non-Residential Programs, followed by the ceremony for the graduation of students in the Residential Crete

Programs at 2 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held at the Cassel Open Air Theatre on the Doane University Crete campus.

As both parking and seating will be limited, family and friends are advised to show up early in order to secure a spot.

The following lots will be available for guests to park at: Butler Gymnasium North lot (Lot D), Butler East lot (Lot C), Communications Building lot (Lot F), Fuhrer Fieldhouse lot (Lot G), Fieldhouse South lot (Lot H), George and

Sally Haddix Recreation Center lot (Lot I), the Den Lot (Lot J), Hansen Leadership Hall (Lot K-South), Sheldon Hall (Lot M), the Padour Walker Administration Building/Lee Memorial Chapel and Whitcomb Conservatory Loop (Lot O) and the Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art Building Loop (Lot R).

Any changes or accommodations due to weather will be communicated before graduation begins at 10 a.m.

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Farewell to DSM advisor

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

With the departure of Doane Student Media (DSM) Advisor Eric Tucker, the DSM editors would like to share one final goodbye to him.

Abrianna Miller
I feel like I could write millions of pages thanking Eric for everything he has done. For the sake of space and concision, I will just say this. Eric, you have been one of the few people who have consistently allowed me to feel heard, valued and appreciated. For that, I cannot thank you enough. Take care of yourself and Herb, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Jose Villalpando
Eric is one of the best professors and overall people I have ever met. I've only taken two classes with him, both being this year, but I quite literally cannot think of a better person to have been the advisor for DSM

these past few years. He has seen a lot of potential in me even before I began taking classes with him, consistently sending individual emails to those of us on staff with words of encouragement and congratulating us on doing great reporting on news and campus events. He always remembers what we told him our plans were for the week and checks in on us toward the end to see how we're doing, and I know he doesn't just do that for those of us on staff but for a lot of his students as well. He is a genuinely caring person that I've had the pleasure of getting to know (the only thing that could make him even better is if he actually lets me see his dog, Chick).

Joey Winton
While I never had any classes with him, nor did I really have many interactions with him, I was always blown away by Eric's kindness and his gentle but reassuring nature. He's one of those individuals who, when he asks how you're doing,



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he genuinely cares and will follow up if you give him a one-word answer. He would ask about life updates and would always, ALWAYS be sure to make it known that if I needed anything I only needed to reach out. If I had to give someone a list of people that are the definition of a good person, Eric would be close to (if not at the top) of that list. The way he carries himself paired with his quiet

tone of voice makes him a calming presence in any room, to the point where it feels like everyone is instantly more relaxed when he enters a room. Doane is going to miss him, and I truly wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

Kylie Hughes
Eric Tucker is one of the best people at Doane. Not only did he do an excellent job as advi-

sor for the Owl, he also cared so deeply about every single one of his students. One of my favorite things about Eric is that he remembers so many of the little details. Students could tell him something as a passing comment about an interest or a concern, and he does not forget that. Eric constantly checks in to make sure that we are doing okay with the Owl but also because he cares about us as people. He stood by us when it felt like so many people were not. I constantly felt supported and validated by this exceptional professor, advisor and human. His emails telling me that I was doing a great job were the highlight of my day. While I am sad that Eric is leaving because he will truly be missed, I am excited for him, as I know he will do great things.

Cassie Kessler
I physically cannot find words to describe what I am feeling about Eric Tucker leaving Doane. Although entirely virtual for the first year, Eric was

one of the first professors I knew. I asked him about getting involved with student media and he pointed me in the right direction; if you know me at all or have seen my email signature, you know how that played out. I cannot express how thankful I am for everything he has done for me and quite literally everyone he encountered. An individual like Eric is hard to find: he allows for people to be heard and to feel genuinely appreciated; he creates a world where people are allowed to strive for big dreams while having the room to fail and come back from it, and truly has only purest intentions at heart for every person he knows. I've been lucky enough to set the record for students who have taken his classes and getting to experience his kindness in conversations—whether it be emails, in class or in passing—has been part of my favorite things that come with being at Doane. I wish for him really and truly only the best that life has to offer in this world.

Nurse Kelly bids Doane adieu

KYLIE HUGHES
Copy Desk Chief

After 26 years at Doane, Director of Student Health Services Kelly Jirovec (affectionately called by the student population Nurse Kelly) is retiring from Doane.

Though she has been here for the past two plus decades, she is excited for

the next chapter in her life.

During her time at Doane she has had the chance to connect with a wide range of students as well as faculty members and built a close relationship with many of them.

"I will miss the student interaction and the people I have worked with. Many coworkers and former students have turned into lifelong friends and I will always

cherish those friendships," Jirovec said.

Not only did working at Doane provide her with friendships it has provided her with so much more. Jirovec has learned so much from working at the Director of Student Health Services and Doane has had a role in extending her family.

"Even though I am not a Doane graduate, Doane provided me with an opportunity to find my passion as a college health nurse. Doane has played a big part in expanding my family. My daughter is a Doane graduate and so are my daughter-in-law and son-in-law," Jirovec said.

In addition to providing her with a place to work, Doane has provided her with more knowledge about herself. Through working here, she learned that the needs

of students change over time, making her have to be more adaptable. This taught her how strong and resilient she is. "I've learned that the needs of students have changed over the years and I've learned to adapt to and advocate for those changes. I have also learned that I am resilient and stronger than I ever thought I was," Jirovec said.

While she was here she

also hoped that students gained something from her. "I hope that students have found my office to be a safe place for care and support," Jirovec said. Jirovec became a grandma in January and is looking forward to spending her retirement focusing on her family. Jirovec will be missed as she proceeds toward an exciting future.

Neb. advances abortion bill

Abortion bill advances to next round with 33-16 vote

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Nebraska lawmakers have advanced a bill to vastly restrict abortion. LB 626 would ban abortion once cardiac activity can be detected in an em-

bryo, which is generally around the sixth week of pregnancy and before most women know they are pregnant.

According to Associated Press News, a 33-16 vote advanced the bill, meaning if one other lawmaker had voted not to end debate, the bill would have likely been declared dead for the rest of the year. It needs to survive two more rounds of debate before the end of the 90-day session in order to pass.

An amendment to push the ban to 12 weeks of pregnancy has yet to be considered, but

concerns about the early ban of six weeks may face pushback even from those who want further abortion restrictions.

The bill includes exceptions for cases of rape, incest and medical emergencies that may threaten the life of the mother. Co-sponsor of the bill, Senator Teresa Ibach, has met with doctors who have expressed concern that it doesn't make allowance for fetal anomalies.

There are also specific exceptions for ectopic pregnancies and IVF procedures and allows for the removal of a fetus that

has died in the womb.

It does not ascribe criminal penalties to women or doctors unless a doctor is in violation of the measure. Doctors in violation of the bill may be subject to professional discipline, including losing their medical licenses.

Opponents of the bill said it would strip women of their right to bodily autonomy, put them at financial and medical risk and drive medical professionals and others concerned about abortion access out of the state.

Nebraska Senator Megan Hunt expressed her concern for women and

medical professionals that the bill would negatively impact.

"A lot of doctors have their resignation letters ready to go," Hunt said.

Abortion is already effectively banned at all stages of pregnancy in more than a dozen states. That number would be higher, except that courts have blocked bans in another six states.

There are no updates as of this publication.

Weather Forecast Wednesday

5/3



High: 77

Low: 52

Thursday

5/4



High: 78

Low: 56

Friday

5/5



High: 76

Low: 55

Saturday

5/6



High: 84

Low: 55

Sunday

5/7



High: 82

Low: 52

Monday

5/8



High: 83

Low: 58

Tuesday

5/9



High: 82

Low: 56

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

Trump accused of rape from 1990s

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

For the past two weeks, a Manhattan federal jury has been hearing arguments over a claim by former Elle magazine columnist E. Jean Carroll that then reality television personality President Donald Trump raped her in a New York department store in the mid-1990s.

According to the BBC, the jury heard the closing arguments on May 8, where Carroll's attorneys highlighted remarks about women Trump has made in the past. They specifically mention the 2005 Access Hollywood tape which was released in 2016 where Trump was quoted as kissing and grabbing women without consent. Carroll came forward with the claim in 2019, but it was not until New York passed the Adult Survivors Act in 2022 that she was able to make a case against Trump. The act allows a one-year period for victims to file sexual assault lawsuits in the state over



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claims that would have normally exceeded statute limitations.

Carroll states that she ran into Trump in the Manhattan Bergdorf Goodman store in 1996 and shortly after she was led into a dressing room where Trump closed the door and proceeded to rape her. She also asserts that his denial of his actions cost Carroll her job and romantic relationships and that "[she's]

here to try and get [her] life back."

Trump was not present at the trial in person but was present in the form of an October deposition played for the court in which he denies the allegation.

Joe Tacopina, Trump's lawyer states that Carroll's allegation is too vague and difficult to prove and that Trump cannot be held responsible. He argues that the

lack of an exact date from Carroll and any of the witnesses and the improbability of the attack going unnoticed in a crowded department store means that it is highly unlikely that Trump did it. He also cast doubt on why it took so long for Carroll to come forward, stating that her description of the attack almost exactly matches an episode of the television show "Law and Order: Special Vic-

tims Unit".

Carroll and her lawyer Roberta Kaplan argue that as part of the "silent generation" women were taught to keep experiences of sexual assault and abuse to themselves. It was not until the "Me Too" movement of 2016 and beyond that Carroll believed she could hold Trump accountable for his actions.

There are no updates as of this publication.

Disney at odds with DeSantis

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and entertainment giant Disney have been at odds for multiple weeks now over legal disputes.

According to the Associated Press, it all began after DeSantis signed a bill into law in late March that bars instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade. The bill, known as the "Don't Say Gay Bill," has been criticized for its attack on self-expression by many people, and the Walt Disney Company was one of several large organizations that released a statement criticizing the bill.

Shortly after this bill was signed into law, DeSantis took over Disney World's self-governing district through legislation passed by Florida lawmakers and appointed a new board of supervi-

sors that would oversee municipal services for the park. However, before the new board came in, the company pushed through a last-minute agreement that stripped the new supervisors of much of their authority.

For context, the creation of this self-governing district by the Florida Legislature was one of the main reasons why the park was constructed near Orlando. In the 1960s while the park was entering the early stages of development, the company told the state that it planned to build a "futuristic city" that included transit systems and urban planning innovations, and it needed autonomy to decide how to use the land. The city was never built and was instead turned into the second Disney theme park known today, but the legislation giving them autonomy has been in place ever since.

With the new board appointed by DeSantis, they voted to void the autonomy deal which prompted Disney to file a

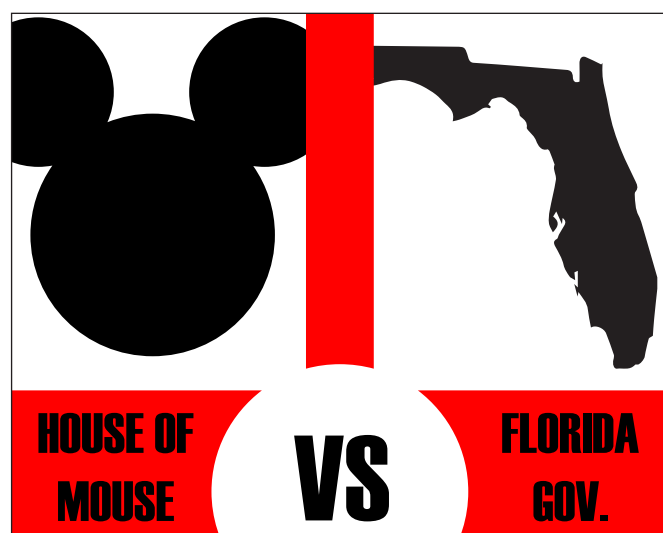
lawsuit against the Florida Governor. They argue that he waged a "targeted campaign of government retaliation," and that they had "no choice but to file this lawsuit to protect [their] cast members, guests and local development partners from a relentless campaign to weaponize government power against Disney in retaliation for expressing a political viewpoint unpopular with certain State officials."

DeSantis states that Disney is operating as an independent government and that it cannot have as much power as it does.

"We are unaware of any legal right that a company has to operate its own government or maintain special privileges not held by other businesses in the state," DeSantis said.

He believes "this lawsuit is yet another unfortunate example of their hope to undermine the will of the Florida voters and operate outside the bounds of the law."

There are no updates as of this publication.



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Doane Crime Log

The Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between May 2 through 8 include:

- 5/2 **Motor Vehicle : Reckless Driving** : Campus Property - Doane Crete
- 5/2 **Harassment/Threats** : Unknown
- 5/3 **Trespassing** : Off Campus - Crete
- 5/3 **Trespassing** : Campus Property - Doane Crete
- 5/5 **Vawa Crimes : Stalking** : Campus Property - Doane Lincoln

Campus residence hall reminders

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

As students are making their way through finals week and working on getting ready for the end of this school year, it also means that students

living on campus are getting ready to move out of the residence halls.

Residential Life and Education (ResLife) would like to remind students to make sure to attend their floor closing meetings, as they are mandatory. Students should have received an

email from their community advisor (CA) as to when their floor closing meeting is. If that time does not work, students must email their CA to work something else out with them.

These meetings will instruct students how to properly move out as well

as provide them with the checklist envelope to put their room key in.

Students who move out of their residence hall without their closing envelope will be charged.

When moving out, ResLife would also like to remind students to be courteous, as 24-hour

Quiet Hours have begun to allow students to study for finals.

The provided closing envelope also provides a list of instructions when it comes to moving out, including turning the thermostat on low, locking the windows, turning the lights off and locking

the door. All students must move out by May 12 at 9 a.m. unless they have filled out the extension form.

Any questions can be directed to a CA or a community director (CD).

Students showcase music skills

ISABEL HENSON
Staff Writer

On May 1, students of Jazz Vocalist and Adjunct Professor Jackie Allen performed a spring concert in place of a final. The concert was an opportunity for the students enrolled in songwriting or jazz lessons to share their progress in music and perform original compositions.

The concert was hosted by Allen and featured six students in total and was performed at Lakeside.

The concert consisted of two songwriters

and four jazz musicians. Songwriters were able to choose two songs that were curated throughout the semester.

Senior Drew Pennington spent the semester working on original compositions to perform for the concert and chose to demonstrate his progress in songwriting by performing his first and last songs at the concert.

"I chose the first and last song I created in songwriting class. It was my first time performing my recent song 'Dance of Love' that was in collaboration with [senior] Maddy Hickock," Pennington said.

This was an opportunity

for students to share passions and improvements with their peers as well as the community.

Junior Jason McIntosh shares his gratitude to Allen and is grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow as a composer and vocalist.

"Jackie Allen has really been an amazing mentor to me and has allowed me to create my own music and guide me in the right direction to perfect my songs" McIntosh said.

Other performers included seniors Noah Restman, Jess Pelchat and Stephanie Wright and juniors Julia Ramirez.



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Celebrating seniors in Honors

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

On May 2, an Honors Banquet was held to celebrate the efforts of this year's graduating Honors Cohort seniors.

The banquet itself consisted of introductions by Assistant Professor and Director of the Honors Program Andy Johnson, a speech about the group and program by Professor of Political Science and Honors Program Senior Mentor Tim Hill, a presentation of the Cohort's senior capstone project and a celebratory dinner.

This year's Senior Honors Cohort consisted of Joey Winton, Abrianna Miller, Kelsey Brady, Nicole Harms, Jack Krecji, Liz van Der Torre, Nicole Carraher, Katelyn Jindra and Samuel Province.

The capstone project this year's Cohort studied was a literature review titled "The Effect of Patterns of Behavior and Media Consumption on Cognitive Flexibility." This topic focused on the

brain's ability to process and store information, as well as ways to improve those processes.

"Our project was really cool in that it allowed us to look into something that is practical and useful for everyone," Miller said. "Everyone can improve their cognitive flexibility with just a few easy steps which we didn't even realize before doing our research."

The project itself came from a combination of multiple disciplines, including the Humanities,

"My favorite part of this whole process was watching everyone's different disciplines mold together and create a unique project."

ABRIANNA MILLER
Honors Cohort Senior

Natural and Social Sciences.

Winton noted the great work dynamic this year's Cohort had.

"I really enjoyed working with everyone and getting to know people that I had never really interacted with before this class. The group dynamic was one of positivity and productivity and while I'm glad the project is done, I'm going to miss working with such a hardworking and caring group of people," Winton said.

Miller also commented on the dynamic, mentioning how everyone's different disciplines came together.

"My favorite part of this whole process was watching everyone's different disciplines mold together and create a unique project. Everyone was able to provide a very particular perspective on the topic, and I loved seeing people get excited about little factions of the project," Miller said.



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Doane hosts senior send-off

JOHN DAWES
Design Assistant

Last week Doane dedicated a full week to graduating seniors and celebrating their accomplishment of graduating from Doane University.

Doane hosted four events for seniors to enjoy. Starting on May 1, seniors attended "Champagne and Free Canes"

at Frees Field. The seniors had complimentary champagne, Raising Canes and enjoyed activities such as sand volleyball, cornhole, inflatable soccer darts, music and more.

On May 2, seniors enjoyed the "Forbidden Campus Tour," where they were guided through many rarely-seen-or-visited spots on campus, such as boiler rooms, storage spaces, server rooms, basements, balconies and

other rarely-seen locations.

On May 3, seniors were given free coffee and donuts, courtesy of The Pour Horse Coffee Trailer and LaMar's Donuts.

Finally, on May 4, Doane seniors had a bar night at Eagles, where seniors had free drinks and food as a celebration of their upcoming graduation.

"Celebrating our seniors as they transition from students to alums is

critical. It's a completely new stage in life they're about to step into... One where they'll no longer be constantly surrounded by one another and the nearby support of Doane's faculty and staff," Director of Alumni Engagement Michael Stehilk said.

Stehilk thinks it's important to send seniors off on a high note and reward them for their hard work by having them enjoy a fun week before fi-

nals and graduation. He hopes that these events encouraged seniors to reflect and appreciate their time at Doane before they graduate.

"I'd also encourage our seniors to always remember their time at Doane and to remember that they're always welcome back on campus- especially during events like Homecoming! Also, that giving back in whatever way possible now- whether financially, through

volunteering, as an expert in their field or just generally promoting the good news of Doane- will go a long ways into continued involvement in Doane throughout their lives," Stehilk said.

Graduating seniors will graduate at the Crete Campus starting at 10 a.m. for non-resident students and 2 p.m. for residential students.

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Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): While it can be hard to do, being brutally honest with yourself and others can be one of the most refreshing acts to do. Don't let politeness stand in the way of your happiness.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Leaning on others is absolutely important, but be careful not to let it become a habit. Know the difference between needing support and wanting to complain about something.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Do something spontaneous! Find something that you've always wanted to do but never have and take this week to explore it.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Take a day and devote it entirely to yourself. Treat it like a total recharge day and get yourself in a state of complete relaxation and happiness, you deserve it!

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): If an old flame or friend is on your mind, see if you've been on their mind. Now is the perfect time to explore the possibilities of rekindling a relationship, romantic or otherwise.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Find the one imperfection that you wish would just go away and figure out why you want it gone. Nobody is perfect and our imperfections are what make us unique.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Ask around and see if there's a friend or family member who needs help with something. A little goes a long way and it's important to show your loved ones that you care about them.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Let go of that one person or event that's been taking up too much room in your head. It's not worth your time or energy to dwell on and you're better off putting that energy elsewhere.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Never be afraid to be yourself. If there's someone who you're trying to impress by concealing part of your personality, drop them. You shouldn't have to change who you are for someone to notice you.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Pick one day this week and prepare a meal for yourself or others. It doesn't have to be a five star dish, but food is one of the easiest ways to show that you appreciate someone.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Take this week to really dig down and do the thing you've been putting off. You'll find that you'll feel much better once it's done.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Find something to celebrate this week. Regardless of how insignificant it might seem, it's important to acknowledge accomplishments, no matter how small.

May

Tue	9	Final Exams
Wed	10	Final Exams
Thu	11	Finals Exams Senior Toast Graduation Rehearsal
Fri	12	Honors Convocation DEI Graduation Celebration Baccalaureate President's Concert
Sat	13	Graduation
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- EDITORIAL -

Keep DSM alive in my absence

As the faculty adviser for the Owl for the past three years (and as a former participant in student media myself), I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the vital role that student media plays in nurturing and maintaining a healthy campus community. Though I seldom stray from my natural Gaylord habitat, every once in a while I emerge from my den to get some fresh air and sunshine. Whenever I find myself wandering around this achingly beautiful Doane campus, with its majestic trees, verdant grasses, and blooming flowers, I am reminded that a robust student-led media is kind of like an underground mycorrhizal network that facilitates nutrient exchange and communication among all the trees in a forest. Similarly, student media connects otherwise disconnected individuals and disparate departments and offices across campus. When we simultaneously open that PDF of the Owl on Tuesday mornings, we are all looking at the exact same publication. From that point on, we have its words and images in common. Its pages bind us together.

Student media enriches and strengthens a campus community. It gives voice to those who might not otherwise be heard, and it shines a light on people, events, and issues that sometimes are in desperate need of some illumination. Through student media, we get to know the

members of our community a little bit better: their ideas, their accomplishments, their worries, their hopes. A regularly published student newspaper like the Owl serves as a touchstone for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other members of the community; it is a shared cultural artifact that links the communication major with the chemistry major, the librarian with the business professor, the university president with the custodial staff. In a world where individuals are increasingly sorted into silos by their social media feeds, a well-supported and ethically run newspaper represents much-needed common ground. Like a mycorrhizal network, it nourishes as it connects.

This crucial work comes at a cost. The students who produce the Owl each week spend a significant amount of their scant free time gathering information, conducting interviews, writing and editing stories, and laying out pages. They do all this on top of their heavy class loads, sports, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs, familial obligations, and so on. Though constantly busy and often stressed, they, too, understand the important function that student media serves on a college campus: to inform, to entertain, to raise concerns, to spark ideas and meaningful conversations, to propose solutions to nagging problems. Doane must continue to support these students. They, too, require

nourishment.

Will students occasionally make mistakes in their reporting? Yes, of course. They are not professionals just yet. But I have been so impressed with the diligence and speed with which the Owl staff have corrected any errors they've made. They take their jobs very seriously and hold themselves to high ethical standards. And they want to hear from people. They do outreach; they conduct surveys. They are always open to story ideas and suggestions for improvement from members of the campus community. The connection between a newspaper and a community is never a one-way street. The two entities depend on one another. They nurture one another. This is symbiosis, my friends.

Though my time at Doane is drawing to a close, I am more optimistic than ever that Doane Student Media will not just survive but thrive in the years ahead. The ongoing redesign of Doaneline and the introduction of DSM Live—spearheaded by Professor Nathaniel Wilson and graduating senior Trey Porter and based in the new Gaylord video production studio—will further enhance the scope and reach of student media output. The senior Owl editors who are graduating this spring (editor-in-chief Abrianna Miller, managing editor Joey Winton, and news editor Jose Villalpando), along

with new editor-in-chief Kylie Hughes, returning sports editor Cassie Kessler, and returning staff members John Dawes and Abby Reedy, have helped lay a sturdy foundation on which future Doane writers, editors, illustrators, photographers, videographers, broadcasters, podcast hosts, and web designers will continue to build. I am so proud of the work the Owl students have done during my stint as adviser, and I urge the university to show how much it values their efforts by ensuring that DSM staff continue to be fairly paid. With democracy under threat at home and abroad, there has perhaps never been a more crucial time to support ethical journalism, whether on a college campus or on the national stage. Professor Wilson, Professor Amanda Irions, Dean Pedro Maligo, VP Luis Sotelo, and President Roger Hughes have been incredibly supportive of DSM, as have many other faculty and staff. The media students provide such an important service to the entire Doane community, and they deserve adequate compensation for their hard work. To these students, I say thank you, keep going, and keep growing. May DSM nourish, and be nourished, for many years to come.

Eric R. Tucker
Visiting assistant professor of journalism and faculty adviser for the Owl and Doaneline

Hot takes; that's all folks

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Well this is it, the last Hot Takes ever. Honestly I never expected this to even become a thing and it's been great ranking the most random assortment of things for the last four years.

I figured it'd be bitter-sweet to end where it began, by grading various cereals (I think this was the first one I did but I don't know for sure). If you ever read these I greatly appreciate it and I wish you success in all your future endeavors. It's been real!

Each cereal is based on taste, texture and milk flavor.

Taste is the taste of the cereal on its own. Dry cereal might not be the most appetizing thing in the world, but it's the surest way to determine the quality of the cereal's taste by isolating it.

Texture is the second most important trait because there are some cereals that just have a bad mouth feel and it completely spoils the eating experience.

Milk flavor is basically how the cereal tastes when it's added with milk and how the milk tastes when all the cereal is gone. As an avid milk drinker, I can't stand it when the remaining milk tastes like garbage after there's no more cereal.

S Tier - These are the god-like cereals that are hands down the best of the best, no question about it.

A Tier - While not as super awesome overall as the ones above, these are still superb choices that are worthy of recognition.

B Tier - The cereals here are very okay. Nothing great but nothing horrible either.

C Tier - These are mid, like pretty meh. Not super worth the money but if there's nothing else then it's better than nothing.

F Tier - Good god almighty why on EARTH are these still in circulation.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Count Chocula, Krave, Life, Cocoa Pebbles, Raisin Bran

A Tier: (Second Best)- Lucky Charms, Corn Flakes, Rice Crispies, Cocoa Puffs

B Tier: (Average)- Fruity Pebbles, Honey-Nut Cheerios, Mini Wheats, Golden Grahams

C Tier: (Below Average)- Cookie Crisp, Frosted Flakes, Reeses' Puffs

F Tier: (Garbage)- Froot Loops, Pops

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? Too bad, you can email john.dawes@doane.edu if you want to commission an opinion.



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Handing DSM off with optimism



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

It's been a long time coming, my final issue of the Doane Owl as Editor-in-Chief. I feel like I'm relinquishing a part of myself when it comes to letting DSM go, but I know it's time, and I can't think of a better person

than Kylie to hand it off to.

I have worked on the Owl for the past two-and-a-half, almost three years. In that time, I passionately kept DSM afloat through prioritization, studying abroad in Spain and Lord knows what else. It's been a time.

Kylie, you're going to do great. I am beyond excited to see what you decide to do with the paper, and I will be there supporting you every step of the way. Don't hesitate to reach out, but if you don't need to, by all means forget I existed.

Joey, you are a character my man and one I will be hard-pressed to forget. You Pavlov-ed my brain into thinking I can only focus to jazz covers of video game music, specifically Mario Kart's Coconut Mall.

Cassie, I have loved

seeing you grow into yourself over the past couple of years. Seeing you learn to love and respect yourself has been amazing, and I am fully prepared to see you on TV or something later in life. Keep doing you and things will be fine.

Jose, I like to think that DSM is the single common denominator in our friendship, but Tapa is also a strong contender. Jokes aside, I'm very excited to be living with you, and I think that our house with Mandi is going to be one filled with laughs, scary-movie-screams and everything in between. I am very lucky to have gotten as close to you as I have.

Eric, you have been my favorite person on campus since I met you. You are so attentive and caring, and I want to be you when I grow up. I want to



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be the place where others feel safe and supported, and I hope you carry all of that with you as you begin this new chapter in your life.

DSM has consumed much of my time at Doane, and I have zero regrets about it. Despite the late nights, the head-

aches, the frustrations, I wouldn't trade it for anything. My experience at DSM has been the single most important character-building experience that I have had over the past four years.

Thank you to the faculty, staff, students and community members that

take the time to read this stuff every week. Thank you for your support, and I hope you continue to recognize the value of student journalism, especially in the liberal arts. I will continue to support DSM from a distance, but that doesn't mean it's any less close to my heart.

Thanking my professors for their help



JOSE VILLALPANDO
Multimedia
Coordinator

Well everyone, the time has finally come for graduation and I'm both relieved and anxious at the same time, but there have been a lot of people here

at Doane who've helped ease some weight off my shoulders throughout my time here.

It's only thanks to the many professors I've had that I was able to truly say that I want to go into the counseling field with a possible focus in addiction. Although I haven't yet had the opportunity to individually thank all of them in person—in no particular order—I am massively grateful to Associate Professor of Psychology Brian Pauwels, Professor of Psychology Heather Lambert, Adjunct Faculty Cindy Betka and Professor of English Brad Johnson.

Pauwels was my Academic Advisor and although I didn't meet too often with him (com-

pletely my fault), he was always very honest with me about what to expect both throughout and post-college ever since I had my first class with him in my freshman year.

Lambert is an overall amazing professor that manages to bring a new sense of curiosity into each class she taught me and even helped me get a short internship with Mourning Hope last semester.

Betka was the first person who truly fueled my interest in the psychology behind addiction, making her Addictions class super interesting and informative, so when I heard she was teaching an introduction course to counseling, I knew I had to take it.

Then, as my last professor to thank, Johnson was a part of the Integrated Humanities program focusing on the Opioid Epidemic, relating back to the psychology, biology and humanities take on addiction, further fueling my interest in the subject and led me to pursue the Certificate in Integrated Humanities for the Addictions pathway.

As a final thought to wrap up this entire experience here at Doane, I'm going to end off by thanking two last people who have been integral to making me feel comfortable here at Doane. Those two people are our Doane Student Media (DSM) Advisor and Visiting Professor of Journalism Eric Tucker and Vice

President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Luis Sotelo.

Tucker is one of the most helpful, understanding and nice people I've ever come to meet. He has never hesitated to help whenever possible and I am both massively sad and happy that he is moving on from Doane. He has seen a lot of potential in me as both a student and DSM worker, and I know that he'll do amazing things wherever he goes next just like he knows that I'll be doing the same.

As for Sotelo, I know that I've said it before but I definitely would not be here at Doane if not for him. Sotelo was the main reason why I came here and offered me so many

opportunities for both personal and professional growth that I can't even include here or else it'll get way too long. He has seen a massive amount of potential in me since before I even stepped foot on campus and I am immensely grateful for every opportunity that he's given me to grow into the person that I am today.

Although I've only mentioned faculty and staff, know that I also hold a massive appreciation for so many other things and people at Doane, I just do not have the space to continue. You all know who you are but I will see you and we'll all have a great time before graduation.

Feeling grateful while seeing seniors off



CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Alright opinion fans. The last issue of the Owl calls for an extraordinarily special random word to be generated. To be quite honest, my bestie randomwordgenerator.com was not really doing the trick for me.

So I had to do better. As my dedicated readers, you all deserve better than some randomly generated word by a computer for the LAST issue. Instead, I give to you a randomly generated word from the brain of Cassie.

The word of the day is relationships. I know, I know. The end of the year puts everyone in a sentimental mood and

you're probably tired of all the sappy tears and stories about who's going to miss who.

However, I need to write this as a final way of showing my gratitude for all those that have come before me. I've watched a lot of friends come and go during my time here, losing more of them every year I get closer to graduation. Next year is my year, and losing the senior class is going to be incredibly hard for me, but for Doane too.

To every senior before me: thank you for paving the way. Your hard work and dedication towards cultivating a campus environment has made Doane what it is today. The impact you make lasts a lifetime and you have truly provided an exemplary template of what a senior should do as that burden now falls to me.

You've shown grace when it comes to all underclassmen. Regardless of how unbelievably annoying we were or how immature we acted, almost every single one of you made this a welcoming environment where people could thrive.

I have truly cherished every relationship built

this past year, whether it was a brand new friendship or one that was strengthened. I owe a lot of things to the people I surround myself with and if I had any interaction with you this year, know that it made a difference to me.

So thank you seniors. Thank you for showing me what it looks like to take matters into your own hands. Thank you for showing me how to take up space and how to make that space matter. Thank you for showing me what it means to make a difference and how to speak up for what I believe in.

Finally, thank you for your friendships. I have lost a lot of friends to this concept of graduation, but a giant chunk of my heart will be leaving with this class. So to my coworkers, team mates, partners, acquaintances and friends, thank you. I love and appreciate you all.

And to all my fellow juniors, it is now upon us to continue making Doane a place where people come together and find themselves. I believe in all of us.

...THUMBS UP

Binx



Seahorses

Dryer Sheets



Totes

Lawn Chairs



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...

Track looks ahead to conference

BRANDON ORGILBOLD

Journalism Student

Doane University's Men's and Women's Track teams competed in the Great Plains Athletics Conference (GPAC) Track Championships this past weekend in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Men finished in second place with 163 points. Sophomore Ja-Dae Moore placed fifth in the 100m dash with a time of 10.91. Sophomore Dalton Whisenhunt placed seventh with a time of 10.91.

Moore used his momentum from the 100m to place seventh in the 200m with a time of 21.89 which was behind junior Austin Drake, who placed in second with a time of 21.65.

Freshmen Joaquin Gutierrez and Caleb Mulder finished in third and fourth in the 400m with times of 49.32 and 49.73, respectively. Junior Kingdom Hawes finished sixth in the 800m with a time of 1:56.78.

Junior Kalen Dockweiler finished fourth in the 1500m with a time of 4:02.23. Freshman Luke Bonifas finished fifth in the Men's 10,000m with

a time of 32:50.47.

Senior Jack Krejci finished in second in the 110m hurdles with a time of 14.88. Krejci also finished in fifth in the 400m hurdles with a time of 55.91.

In the 3,000m Steeplechase, Dockweiler finished in first overall, as well as qualifying for the NAIA A Standard with a time of 9:07.89.

Doane's Men's 4x100 relay team placed in third with a time of 40.91 and also qualified for the NAIA A Standard. Doane's Men's 4x400 relay team placed in second with a time of 3:16.38 and qualified for the NAIA B Standard.

Junior Carter Reckling and sophomore Dylan Starr both finished in fifth place in the high jump with marks of 1.95m. Freshman Cooper Girmus finished in eighth with a mark of 1.95m but scratched twice.

Freshman Branson McDonald finished in second in the pole vault with a mark of 4.55m, and senior Mike Pulliam finished in sixth with a 4.40m mark.

Krejci finished eighth in the long jump with a mark of 6.48m. Junior Trevor Malone finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 13.80m.

Freshman Andrew Schmitz placed fifth in the shot put with a mark of 15.00m. Senior Zachary Stieb took sixth with a mark of 14.88m. Sophomore Trey Dickey took eighth place in the discus with a mark of 44.48m.

In the hammer throw, senior Luke Partridge took third place with a mark of 58.82m, Schmitz took sixth with a mark of 53.73m, and junior Jaedon Lothrop took eighth with a mark of 50.94m.

Fifth-year Mason Krause took first place in the javelin with a mark of 62.10m.

Senior Mason Zimmerman took fourth place in the decathlon with a score of 5,493.

The Women scored 117 points and finished third in the conference.

Senior Caitlyn Cotton ran a time of 12.36 and came in third in the 100m dash, with senior Isabel Bothwell right next to her in fourth with a time of 12.53. Cotton also took home fourth in the 200m with a time of 25.55.

Senior Annika Pingel came in eighth in the 800m with a time of 2:16.46. Fifth-year Allie Binder brought home second in the 10K with a time of 39:59.04, followed by senior Jaden

Hilkemann in third with a time of 40:54.95. Binder also brought back fifth place in the 5K with a time of 19:14.66.

In the 100m hurdles, fourth place was secured by freshman Josie Garrett with a time of 14.96. In the 400m hurdles, junior Rylee Rice claimed eighth with a time of 1:07.60.

Bothwell, Pingel, freshman Morgan Mahoney and Cotton's 4x100m relay team took second and snagged an A Standard time of 47.69. The 4x400m relay grabbed fifth place with a time of 4:03.90, consisting of freshman Kat Vogt, freshman Kristen Walters, senior Morgan Burnett and Pingel. In

the 4x800m relay, Burnett, Rice, senior Rachel Walters and Pingel took fourth with a time of 9:47.41.

On the field, freshman Kennedy Stanley grabbed second in the pole vault with a B standard height of 3.55m. Senior Nicole Harms jumped 5.33m in the long jump to take third.

Freshman Rosalyn Roggach became back-to-back conference champion in the triple jump with a jump of 11.09m, followed by Garrett who placed fifth with a jump of 10.91m.

Sophomore Alivia Baucom was also a conference champion in the shot put with a toss of 14.22m. Freshman Alex-

ia Mach was close behind in eighth with a toss of 12.80m.

Baucom also took home fourth in the discus, throwing 43.10m, with senior Katie VanLaningham coming in sixth after throwing 41.41m.

Junior Macy Fuller broke her own school record yet again in the hammer throw, this time with a throw of 55.38m and brought back second. Junior Molly Vander Hamm came in fifth in the javelin after throwing 35.79m.

The Doane Tigers will be competing in the NAIA National Outdoor Championships on May 24 through 26 in Marion, Indiana.



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Junior Jeremy Allgeyer throws the javelin during the first day of conference competition.

Women's Golf finishes season

CASSIE KESSLER

Sports Editor

On May 1 and 2, the Women's Golf team traveled to Spencer, Iowa to compete in the Great

Plains Athletic Conference Championship. Out of 12 teams to compete, Doane finished in 11 with a score of 1,211 over the three-day tournament.

Sophomore Emma

Sheaffer was the top scorer for the Tigers, scoring 269 during the three days. Following was freshman Jordan Bocock, who placed 44th with a total score of 307.

Sophomore Hayden

Klaus followed right behind Bocock in 45th place with a score of 310. Junior Ivana Lopez finished 48th with a total of 330 after the three rounds.

Freshman Savannah

Franzoy only played the first and the last round, shooting 109 and 111 respectively. Freshman Mazzi Melton rounded things out after playing only the second round with a score of 109.

The Tigers finish their regular season with Sheaffer shooting an average of 87.0 strokes per round, the second best in program history.

Scoreboard Snapshot

BASEBALL

May 4 @ HOME

3:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERISTY

TIGERS
15-1

May 5 @ HOME

10:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERISTY

TIGERS
0-3

5:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
16-0

May 6 @ HOME

10:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

GAME 1	GAME 2
TIGERS	TIGERS
10-4	14-11

WOMEN'S GOLF

May 1 & 2 @ SPENCER, IOWA

GPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

TRACK AND FIELD

May 5 & 6 @ SIOUX CENTER, IOWA

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Athlete of the Week



Alivia Baucom
Track & Field

placed first in shot put at the GPAC championships with a throw of 14.22m.



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