



BoJack Horseman, in play form, premieres at the Eisner Center



James Hale/University Communications

Jordan Zelvin '21 and Aidan Iannariono '20 perform as the main characters of the Netflix original show of the same name. In honor of Michael D. Eisner '64, the Department of Theatre will celebrate its new home in the Michael D. Eisner Center for the Performing Arts on south quad with BoJack Horseman produced by Michael Eisner Productions and the Tornante Company.

New social spaces' chosen name is "Moon Hall" from student ballot

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Administration opened a naming contest for the new social spaces on campus, and students selected the name "Moon Hall." The interior spaces will be known as "New Moon," "Crescent Moon," "Gibbous Moon" and "Full Moon."

The contest opened through an email request sent from Vice President of Student Development Laurel Kennedy through an open Qualtrics survey asking for options for the Social Spaces Ballot until 11:59 pm on Monday, September 30. Kennedy asked for three qualities when considering the name authenticity, ease of use, good taste, creativity and cleverness, and

lastly, "fun-ness." The ballot options were selected by students in a variety of leadership roles to score the nominations. The administrators and selected students identified the top seven names for the ballot.

In an email sent October 11, Kennedy announced that the winning name was suggested by Alex Tubbs '20 and William Kelsey '23. The email explained their motivation behind the name choice, "Moon Hall is opposite and reflective of the Sunnies. This is a good way to give a nod to the Sunnies while also indicating a positive forward change."

The prize described in the original request for options for the ballot included \$500 for an event at Moon Hall. "Funds can be used for food,

music, lighting... basically, anything except controlled substances or illicit activities," Kennedy wrote.

The development of the new party spaces are part of an effort to shift campus parties away from dorms or apartments and into designated social spaces, due to safety concerns.

Students were invited to suggest a name for the hall, and for each of the four interior spaces. There were 45 names suggested for the social space, and a collection of students in leadership roles narrowed it down to 7 choices. Nearly 1,100 students voted and selected the winning name.

The social spaces are planned to open on the weekend of October 25-26.

Dr. Laurel Kennedy plans to retire at end of year

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After 30 years of dedication at Denison, Vice President of Student Development Dr. Laurel Kennedy will be retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

It was announced on October 12 in an email by University President Adam Weinberg, who informed the student body about her commitment, legacy to the college and to thank her for her three decades at the college.

Many, including students and staff, have expressed their sadness after hearing this news.

The Denisonian will be writing a feature on Kennedy highlighting her work and commitment



Photo courtesy of University Communications

"Dr. Kennedy is a tremendous leader," Dean of Student Bill Fox said. "Beyond the Hill, she is so highly regarded by peers at other colleges and universities for her many accomplishments over the years and for the way she has expressed care and enthusiasm for the work of other leaders in our field. It will be fun to celebrate her in the coming months."

to Denison according to her and her colleagues.

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According to Student Accounts, this is the amount charged to students for all library fines in 2018-2019. Read more about how much is owed on page 2.

The Doobie undergoes changes, including move to streaming service



Shanti Basu/The Denisonian

The radio station has been redecorated with new bean bags, chairs and a lava lamp. This is a positive change after learning that the Doobie needs to sell their station due to years of missing paperwork and documents with an estimated \$60,000 in fines.

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Staff Writer

Denison's beloved radio station has undergone a lot of changes in the past couple of years. The station was recently coined The Doobie, a nickname that caught on from the WDUB initials. Rachel Weaver '20, senior station manager and president of the station, has been a part of the radio since she was a freshman, when the radio show operated traditionally on the dial as 91.1 FM WDUB.

With this came strict monitoring by the FCC, a governing body to ensure that

programming and formatting was abiding by their rules. "There was always the looming threat that the FCC was like Big Brother," Weaver says, explaining that the Doobie had to exercise extreme caution in fear of paying large fines -- a minimum fine is around \$8,000 -- if the show accidentally violated a regulation.

"That alone is the cost of the stage for Doobie Palooza," Weaver said. Doobie Palooza is the biggest event that the station puts on, happening every spring. A full stage is set up on the east residential quad, and local artists perform for an evening. Food trucks and catering from restaurants and Granville and other local

jointly are available as well. This meant that the station had to be regularly up to date on paperwork, ensuring their DJs were properly licensed, and enforcing safe harbor hours: clean music only during the day, and DJs only being allowed to play music with profanity in it in the late hours of the night.

A big transition happened last year, when the FCC decided to move their documentation system to an online platform rather than physical paperwork. When The Doobie began the process of switching their public file over to abide by FCC, they discovered a problem: about five to six years of missing documents and unsigned papers.

"With everything that we were looking at, the fine could have been around \$60,000," Weaver explains. "That would be the cost of two or three Doobie Paloozas".

With Doobie Palooza being the biggest event of the year that the station puts on, there was a lot at risk.

"We had a lot of people telling us to just 'fudge' the paperwork, and that is a felony." Hiding past mistakes was a risk that was not up for discussion to Weaver. This was the leading decision behind The Doobie switching to an online streaming service.

"No one wants to kill the radio, and a lot of alumni are upset, because we are losing a bit of nostalgia with this," Weaver said.

She explained that the upside to this switch is that there are countless opportunities that have been created.

The Doobie sold their share of the radio to WOSU, The Ohio State's station, and with that Denison is forming a good relationship with the Columbus, creating internship opportunities for Denison students. The Doobie now has a global stream as well, something they did not have before.

Perhaps the most important part of this change is the door it has opened for a rebranding for The Doobie.

DJs now have room for artistic freedom that they never had before, no longer having to abide by safe harbor hours.

"We still hold our DJs to the highest standard," Weaver says, but explains that now that the FCC isn't keeping a close eye on the station, there is a large sense of relief and less rigidity with what the DJs choose to play.

The inside of the station has a new look, too, with new bean bags and chairs and a lava lamp. Even though the radio is gone, the station is still clearly sticking to its roots with a nostalgic vibe. The inside of the station is covered in vintage pictures of The Doobie from the early 2000s, and there is some old memorabilia from when The Doobie went by a different name as well.

"We're trying to incorporate where we came from, and where we are going from here," she said. Weaver has a lot of goals for the station in the future, but is confident in where it is going from here. With streaming numbers up from this week alone, the future of The Doobie is promising, but they most definitely have not forgotten their past.

Library eliminates late fees in pursuit of fostering community equity

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The Denison Library is striving to make themselves more accessible and convenient for the Denison students. In order to make their space more friendly and available, The Library has officially waived overdue fees. Circulation Supervisor of the Denison University Library, Pam Magelaner, confirmed this news.

"We are striving to make the library as user-friendly as we can," Magelaner said.

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"The library decided to go fine-free to help with campus initiatives of equity and affordability."

Fees can create an additional barrier for low income students. According to student accounts, in the 2018-2019 school year all library fines accrued to be \$18,730.35 charged to student's accounts with \$12,313.91 still owed.

In 2017, the Columbus Metropolitan Library eliminated late fees. This follows concerns from some libraries that fees erode a trusting, community

relationship between a library and its patrons.

As of this past summer, the Denison University Library no longer assesses overdue fines on most of their items. The items that still have overdue fines assessed are MTS equipment (Chromebooks, cameras, audio recorders, etc.), items that have been recalled, and items that are on course reserve—these three types of items are not subject to automatic renewals.

"If the item is not returned after all of its available renewals, then a re-

placement bill will be assessed and the patron is blocked until the item is returned," Magelaner explained. "When the item is returned, the bill is removed."

More and more library professionals contend that charging overdue fines undermines the mission of libraries to provide free and equitable access to information so that all citizens may educate themselves. In the case of the Denison University Library, waiving the library fees allows them to hopefully foster a more inclusive community for everyone.

Granville Fire Station relocating to the entrance of Lake Hudson



Photo courtesy of Casey Curtis

The Granville Township Fire Department is outgrowing their station on 133 N Prospect St. Pictured above is the model for the new fire station, which is estimated to be complete by the end of August, 2020.

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Out with the old and in with the new. The Granville Fire Station was built in 1972, and was originally intended to be occupied by a volunteer staff. The

Granville Township Fire Department (GTFD) currently owns two buildings adjacent to the fire station which are housed on 133 and 135 East College Street.

47 years later, the department, which now operates 24 hours a day and seven days a week, is relocating

to a larger space better suited to accommodate its volume.

The new-and-improved facility will be 20,825 square feet, and will be located by the entrance of Lake Hudson on the corner of Old River Road and Lancaster Road.

The project is estimated to cost \$6 million in total, most of which will be funded from a \$4.1 million loan awarded to Granville in March of 2019 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Casey Curtis, a life-long firefighter and paramedic, is the current Granville Township Fire Chief. He puts into perspective just how little space he and his team have to work with in their current station.

"There's not enough room to be able to open truck doors next to each other because they will hit. We have truly just outgrown this space," Casey says.

Casey wants to make it clear that they are starting fresh, and will not be continuing to use their current facilities in any capacity: "We are not adding on. We are relocating," he says.

The hope is that the department will be fully transitioned into their new station by August or early September of 2020.

The move leaves the question of what will happen with the current fire station and accompanying buildings on North Prospect Street.

Casey comments that he is not aware of an immediate plan for the station, which is owned by the Village of Granville. He does add, though, that there are multiple possible outcomes for the two adjacent buildings.

"We will end up selling the two houses owned by the Granville Township for them to go back on the market. They could either be for commercial use or for residential use," Casey says.

At this point in time, there are a number of possibilities for how these spaces will be used by the time next Fall rolls around. Because they are technically three separate lots of land, it remains possible that they could either be sold individually, or packaged together.

Student workers have no limit of hours permitted to work

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A common perception on campus is that students can only work an average of 10 hours a week, which varies depending on your student status, such as whether you are a domestic or international student, or receive federal work study. However, Alexis Hanscel, Benefits and Payroll specialist, contends that there is no set limit, regardless of a student's status.

"There used to be a limit that students could not work more than 10 hours per week and that was to keep your focus on your academics, which is still a top priority. But we do un-

derstand that certain students have federal work study, they have needs outside of just being here to learn."

There is, however, a designated amount of hours that students are allocated to work per academic year. Elizabeth Taylor, Senior Assistant Director of Financial Aid, affirms that students can regulate their weekly work hours how they like, but they cannot exceed the yearly limit, which is 300 hours for domestic students and 600 hours for international students. This is where the misconception of the 10 and 20 hour work limit comes in.

"It's not necessarily 10 hours a week, it's 300 hours a year," Taylor

summarizes.

Taylor is tasked with monitoring student employment to determine where students are at for their yearly eligibility. Students who are approaching their limit early in the academic year are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Reasons for overworking often vary, such as going abroad in the spring, or graduating early. One's financial status, a student's grades, department budgets, and more are all taken into account in the review, which will determine whether the student can continue working.

The news on student hours is beneficial to those like Isaac Andrews 21',

who works on-campus at the costume shop and as a peer safety monitor. He, like many others, was not aware of the change on weekly hours.

"It's a good thing. It makes students more independent and those who need it can benefit from it the most. It's a big step for adulting."

Despite the lack of a weekly limit, Hanscel says that it is still typical to see an average of 10 hours per week on the timesheets she approves.

Of course, employers are able to regulate the amount of hours their student employees can work. Departments are encouraged to seek out student workers for jobs before reaching outside of Denison.

The Wellness Center hires new counselors, now has full staff

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Whisler has taken a shift since last year. For one, Whisler is rebranding themselves as the Wellness Center because they want to demonstrate that they offer more than just medical services (i.e. therapy). Nonetheless, there are other modifications to the system that the Wellness Center is currently trying to make.

Darlene Compton is the Associate Director of Counseling Services. She has worked at the Wellness Center for nearly six years. As the supervisor, she has confirmed that three counsel-

ors from last year have left their position at the Wellness Center.

"Last year was a very difficult year for the counseling staff—all of my team experienced stress and even some trauma from all that we've managed and supported on the campus... [However] My team gave tirelessly and always came together as a team supporting each other to not just 'get through' an incredibly difficult time for our campus, but also to lift each other up, and carry the burden when another teammate [couldn't]. While staff members moved on to new ventures, it was because they were ready to write the next chapter in their lives," Compton stated.

Since the Wellness Center was short-staffed at the beginning of the year, they made the decision to cut back on their outreach, so that they are meeting the demands of individual counseling.

"We'll still do outreach, but not at the high level that we were doing last year," Compton confirmed. "If you want counseling staff at an event then you need to keep in mind that you're taking away their hours from individual counseling."

According to Compton, there are approximately 6.5 counselors to every 2,100 at Denison. To put that in perspective, the standard for staff to student ratio is that there will be one counselor for every 1,000-1,500 students.

"Our staff to student ratio is remarkable," Compton said. "But that doesn't mean that there are times when students can't get an appointment at the time that they want to."

As of October 11, 200 students are receiving counseling at Denison. Contrast that to last year, 217 students were receiving counseling.

"This year, with that number, there were 3.5 clinicians. Last year, there were 5 clinicians," Compton said. "So, it's a pretty comparable number in terms of the number of students we're seeing.... We break things down into intake appointments, follow-ups, walk-in hours, on-call crisis, and drug and alcohol. This year, with those numbers combined, equals 311 visits so far. Last year, those numbers were 342."

Compton can't emphasize enough the importance of each of us being responsible consumers of health services to ensure that resources are available to the maximum number of students.

Last year, amidst the increased demand for individual counseling services, there was a 20% no show/late cancellation rate for counseling appointments. This year already, they have experienced an 18% no show/late cancellation rate.

"We currently have slots allotted to treat 115 students per week. If 18% of students fail to attend or give proper notice, this is equivalent to 20.7 slots that open at the last minute, but that we cannot offer to other students because we are not given proper notice. Thus, the importance of emphasizing as a community we must be responsible for health consumers and responsible for how we use services on our own behalf and on our neighbor's behalf."

On October 15, the Wellness Center will be fully staffed. Compton went on to affirm that every one that is hired at the Wellness Center is licensed, and students that have been on their waitlist have been assigned a counselor.

Jessi Sheppard, The Wellness Center Client Service Representative, said, "Regarding wait time, there is no set wait time between appointments, as these times are determined between the student and clinician, based on the student's needs and the availability of the clinician. In cases where the student's needs are greater than what the Wellness Center can provide, we are happy to refer students to private practitioners in the Granville community."

Additionally, they are officially bringing on three new clinicians to the team—Lindsay Buchanan, Eli Elyey, and Brad Brewer.

"I can tell you that we took the utmost care to recruit clinicians with varied and diverse experiences and clinicians who we thought would continue to rise to the standards that our team has identified, and continue to support students in evidenced-based, helpful and creative ways."

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