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Herbster accused of misconduct

Eight women come forward against Gov. candidate

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Nebraska Republican gubernatorial candidate Charles Herbster has been accused by several women of sexual misconduct.

According to WOWT, eight women, including State Senator Julie Slama of Sterling Neb., have come forward against Herbster, claiming he touched them inappropriately, forcibly kissed them and other similar actions. Slama herself said that Herbster reached up her skirt at one point. The alleged incidents happened in either greeting or exit

lines or during photos at political events or beauty pageants.

During an interview with KFAB on April 14, Slama responded to questions raised by people who were doubting her allegations.

"There's a huge power differential between a 22-year-old newly appointed state senator and one of the biggest donors in the Nebraska Republican Party. [Herbster] is a multimillionaire. I was scared- and I'm scared now to come forward and share my story," Slama said.

She also shared a story about how Herbster was invited to her wedding without her knowledge after the alleged incident occurred.

"We invited over 1,000 people... knowing only a handful of close friends would come," Slama said.

The wedding invitation list was a mix of campaign donors, friends, relatives and political con-

tacts from the groom.

"Without me knowing, [Herbster] was invited, I was horrified that he RSVP'd and said he was coming to the wedding," Slama said on KFAB. "It was a scary thought to have the man who sexually assaulted me RSVP and saying he was coming to my wedding."

Slama states that she has "everything to lose... nothing to gain," from coming forward with these allegations and that she and the seven other women who came forward were being intimidated. For her, it was because of the intimidation of the other women that she decided to come forward.

The election is a few short weeks away, and Slama also addressed the potential political ramifications.

"If he wins, I have to work with him for 2-6 years," she said. "My only interest in this is to protect it from happening to other young women

because they don't deserve it."

Herbster has denied all allegations and believes that current Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and Jim Pillen, the GOP gubernatorial candidate endorsed by Ricketts, are targeting his campaign.

"This story is a ridiculous, unfounded dirty political trick being carried out by Pete Ricketts and Jim Pillen," he said.

Herbster, who has also been endorsed by former President Donald Trump, said in a Zoom interview with WOWT that he was "shocked and surprised at the accusations." He stated several times that the allegations were a liberal D.C. political stunt brought to Nebraska.

"It's obvious to me that it's out of the Democratic playbook (referencing allegations made about Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh), but in Nebraska, we're using it on the Republican side," he said during his inter-

view. While he did not explicitly say Ricketts and Pillen were behind the allegations, he heavily implied that they were involved with it in some way.

"For nearly a year now, Governor Ricketts and Jim Pillen's campaign team have peddled this made-up story from one news outlet to another without any success. Now, with time running out, they've turned to a leftists news site to pick up and repeat their garbage," Herbster said.

Herbster asserts that if the allegations were true, he would not be getting a legal team involved to clear his name. He is currently taking legal action against the accusers as well as putting a litigation hold against Ricketts in an attempt to protect his name and reputation.

Nebraska's primary gubernatorial election is scheduled for May 10. The Democratic candidates are Carol Blood



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and Roy Harris. The Republican candidates are Michael Connely, Brett Lindstrom, Donna Nicole Carpenter, Lela McNinch, Theresa Thibodeau, Jim Pillen, Troy Wentz, Charles Herbster and Breland Ridenour. The Independent candidates are Scott Zimmerman. For more information on the election and the candidates go to <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/2022-elections>.

Mexican cartels blamed by Ricketts

NE Gov. states overdoses result from weak border

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After the recent news and warning released by the United States Drug Enforcement Ad-

ministration (DEA) on mass-overdose events within the United States, Nebraska State Governor Pete Ricketts released a statement on April 12 with his stance surrounding the subject.

According to the DEA's warning sent out to all local, state and federal law enforcement partners, multiple mass-overdose events had been reported in certain cities between January and March of 2022, including Omaha, Neb.

Mass-overdose events relate to any form of

overdosing of three or more individuals all within a certain location and time period.

Ricketts believes that a weakened southern border of the United States has led to this increase in drugs and overdoses.

"Our failure to secure the southern border has enabled sophisticated drug trafficking to run rampant. These deadly drugs are killing Nebraskans, leaving a wake of devastation throughout our communities," Ricketts said in his release.

Leading the drug

uptick are the "mixed drugs," like fentanyl added to cocaine or other drugs. These types of mixes are what the DEA has warned about and cited as the main cause of the recent mass-overdose events.

"Mexican cartels have taken advantage of weak border enforcement to surge the flow of fentanyl in the U.S.," Ricketts said. "Last year, Omaha DEA seized 26 kilograms of fentanyl. That's more than ten times the amount seized in 2020 and it's the equivalent of

13 million lethal doses."

What Ricketts is most opposed to, however, is the upcoming removal of Title 42, a policy that has been extensively used throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to prohibit entry of persons to the United States if they pose a health risk, as per Cornell Law School 42 U.S. Code § 265.

Ricketts mentioned that Title 42 had been used to authorize border patrol agents to deport illegal immigrants as soon as they are taken into custody and that this

was mostly used on single adults, the "most likely" demographic to smuggle drugs across the border into the United States.

"Ending Title 42 incentives illegal immigration by decreasing the likelihood of deportation. As more people attempt to cross the border illegally, there will be additional strain on our federal, state, and local law enforcement along the border," Ricketts said.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

Weekly Nebraska COVID update

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the level of community transmission is low for Saline County.

The Doane COVID-19 Risk Dashboard was last updated on April 7. Doane had reported no current cases of COVID-19.

The cumulative total of COVID-19 cases remains at 100 cases throughout the semester so far.

Doane has broadly lifted their mask mandate as of Feb. 23, meaning that students are able to walk maskless inside buildings on campus.

Faculty can still request students wear masks, but not 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 will still require masks to be worn.

The COVID-19 Task Force is still set to meet every other week due to the decrease in COVID-19 cases seen throughout Doane communities.

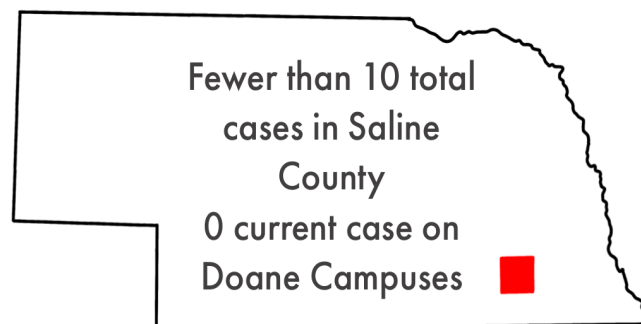
Saline County has reported fewer than 10 total cases of COVID-19 and the case rate per 100,000 residents has been suppressed, as of April 25.

There are 61.3 percent of the Saline County population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County that have been

vaccinated, marking 52.9 percent of the total population as vaccinated.

Although there are no current indoor mask mandates for Lincoln-Lancaster county, county residents can still expect to have to wear masks in some facilities, such as hospitals and airports. All forms of public transportation and school buses are still being required to adhere to masking requirements due to federal guidelines.

The CDC notes that people can now go maskless in most public spaces



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if community hospitals are no longer under high strain.

This information was gathered from the Do-

ane COVID-19 Risk Dashboard and the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker.

Russia Ukraine Update

JOEY WINTON
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The war between Russia and Ukraine enters its third month as Russia continues to try to seize the country.

According to the BBC, Russia is looking to capture parts of southern Ukraine and open a route to the Russian-backed region of Transnistria in Moldova. Major General Rustam Minnekayev stated that Moscow seeks to take "full control" over the south in addition to the eastern Donbas region. However, it is unclear if Minnekayev's statements were officially sanctioned, as Russian defense officials told the BBC that they were "looking into" the general's comments.

Transnistria, a small Russian-speaking breakaway region that borders Ukraine from the west, claimed independence

after the fall of the Soviet Union. Despite making its claim after a bloody conflict, it is not recognized internationally and is officially still a part of Moldova.

Since 1995, as part of a truce agreement, a small detachment of around 1,500 Russian troops has been stationed there. Access to this region is dictated by who controls southern Ukraine, which is why Russia is likely going to launch attacks there.

Minnekayev, while speaking at a military event in the Sverdlovsk region, stated that "control over the south of Ukraine is another way out to Transnistria, where there are also facts of oppression of the Russian-speaking population." However, Ukraine's defense ministry denounced the General's comments, saying they were nothing more than Russian "imperialism."

The supposed oppression of Russian-speaking populations in Ukraine is one of the reasons Russian President Vladimir Putin decided to invade

Ukraine in the first place. None of the claims of discrimination against Russian-speaking people in Ukraine have been verified, and the mayor of one of Ukraine's cities stated that over 90 percent of the population speaks Russian, and there is nothing preventing anyone from learning or speaking the language.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky says that Russia is planning on holding a series of sham independence referendums in occupied regions to create a series of pro-Russian breakaway states to further destabilize Ukraine.

"If they ask you to fill out some questionnaires, leave your passport data somewhere, you should know this is not to help you," Zelensky warns. "This is aimed to falsify the so-called referendum on your land if an order comes from Moscow to stage such a show. This is the reality. Be careful."

According to Ukrainian officials, this further proves that Russia has "acknowledged that the goal of the 'second

phase' of the war is not victory over the mythical Nazis, but simply the occupation of eastern and southern Ukraine."

It should be noted that despite what Putin and Russian officials have said, there is currently no definitive proof that Ukraine was or is harboring a significant Nazi population.

A senior European Union (EU) official stated that it is likely that Russia is going to intensify its attacks in eastern Ukraine and along the southern border in the coming days and that the next two weeks could be decisive in the war.

According to Axios, as Russian forces continue to march towards key cities in Ukraine, Ukrainian Major Serhiy Volynya says "we are probably facing our last days, if not hours." Zelensky is imploring increased action from world leaders.

In a Telegram post, Zelensky recounted the necessary steps he spoke about during a session of the World Bank.

"The first is immediate support for Ukraine so

that the Russian leadership knows that the war will not allow them to realize any of their aggressive goals," he said.

Zelensky demands that Russia also be immediately excluded from all international financial institutions and pay a "special tax" for "violating global stability." Zelensky stated that "[E]very country in the world needs to prepare now for the possible complete severance of any relations with Russia," and that Ukraine cannot hope to last without continued and increased support.

As of the publication of this article, more than 7.7 million Ukrainians have been internally displaced, and the death toll continues to climb. While it is unknown how many have truly died, estimates are that at least 902 Ukrainian civilians have been killed as of late March, according to NPR.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

4/27



High: 81

Low: 58

Thursday

4/28



High: 73

Low: 54

Friday

4/29



High: 71

Low: 51

Saturday

4/30



High: 62

Low: 44

Sunday

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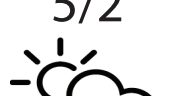


High: 66

Low: 44

Monday

5/2



High: 64

Low: 47

Tuesday

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Alex Jones goes bankrupt

Infowars
host sued for
defamation

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Infowars, the far-right website created by American radio show host and prominent conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, filed for bankruptcy in Texas after he was sued for defamation over false claims that the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting was staged and faked.

Jones falsely claimed that gun-control advocates and mainstream media staged the shooting to restrict gun laws,

claiming that the families suing him were involved and were "crisis actors." The families suing Infowars said that these comments have led to death threats, harassment and forced families to move to avoid harassment from his followers.

According to Infowars, which claims itself as a "conspiracy-theory oriented website and media company" in their bankruptcy hearing, claims that they have spent over 10 million dollars in legal fees.

"Infowars is one of the most prolific spreaders of misinformation in the modern era. Alex Jones profits from pushing conspiracy theories," Professor of Communication Amanda Irions said.

According to previous court hearings, Infowars made more than \$165 mil-

lion from 2015 to 2018. In another former defamation lawsuit in Nov. 2021 stemming from the false claims about Sandy Hook, Jones failed to turn in documents about his companies profiting from the controversy. Infowars lost the case and then proceeded to file bankruptcy during the Texas case, most likely to avoid a large payout to those suing Infowars.

Jones' filing for bankruptcy puts the civil litigation on hold.

However, due to the notoriety of Infowars, the common belief is the bankruptcy hearing will go quickly so as not to stall the defamation lawsuits. Filing for bankruptcy stalls lawsuits because the court must now look into financial history.

"He's going to come under far more scruti-

ny under a bankruptcy court than in state court," Bankruptcy Attorney Sid Scheinberg said in an interview with AP News.

Jones himself believes he has been unjustly attacked for his speech and that he does not belong in prison for it. However, defamation and libel laws are designed so that large platforms, like Infowars, can not push falsehoods or conspiracy theories that directly damage individuals.

"[Infowars] has several very negative effects. It makes people deny reality. This is not journalism. Journalism is an exploration of reality. (Alex Jones) is committed to using lies and misinformation to profit off conspiracy theories," Irions said.

Irions is critical in pointing out that Jones

and Infowars not only spread misinformation about events like Sandy Hook and COVID-19, but also that Infowars promotes hate speech against people of color, the LGBTQ+ community and victims of shootings like Sandy Hook and the 2018 Parkland, Fla. shooting.

Jones has apologized for any statements that have hurt families affected by the Sandy Hook shooting.

Infowars continues to post even after the bankruptcy. The money they have sent to families for settlements in the Sandy Hook case has been rejected by the families.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

Easter shootings

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something having led to the gunfire.

One person has been arrested at this time out of the three initial persons of interest after turning themselves in along with the weapon used.

Jewayne M. Price, 22, and his attorney claim that Price only fired his gun in self-defense. At the moment, Price is facing a charge of unlawfully carrying a pistol, as he does not possess a permit to carry a weapon even though he lawfully owns the gun, and is on house arrest with a \$25,000 surety bond set.

The second shooting in South Carolina occurred in the early morning at "Cara's Lounge" nightclub in Hampton County on April 17.

The Guardian reports that nine people were injured in the nightclub shooting but none received fatal injuries.

Officials did not immediately announce any arrests in the case.

The shooting in Pittsburgh occurred around the same time period on April 17 as the nightclub shooting and was located at a short-term rental home provided by Airbnb.

The renter had brought over roughly 200 guests for a party that violated Airbnb company policy banning parties at rental homes.

It had been determined that over 50 gunshots had been fired within the home by multiple parties after being drawn into a fight.

Ten people were shot at the party, including two teenage boys who received fatal injuries ultimately leading to their deaths. Other party-goers received injuries in the form of cuts or broken bones by jumping out of

windows while trying to escape the shooting.

Officials did not immediately announce any arrests in this case, though they said that they were going to do everything they can to find those responsible.

No other information has been released as of this publication.

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Textbooks eliminated from curriculum

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor in Chief

According to the Florida State Department of Education, 42 math textbooks have been rejected from public schools because they address critical race theory and social-emotional learning, as reported by The New York Times.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has previously taken measures to monitor public schooling, including eliminating the Common Core curriculum and adopting the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (BEST) standards.



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The Common Core curriculum focuses on preparing students in the public education system for college and workforce success by defining “the

rigorous skills and knowledge in English Language Arts and Mathematics,” according to the Common Core standard ini-

tiative.

The BEST standards target the same subjects as the Common Core curriculum, but it aims to

“prioritize civics” and follows a “back-to-basics” approach, according to the BEST standards fact sheet.

Many of the textbooks that were rejected did not follow the BEST standards, thus they were cut from the curriculum.

According to NPR, about half of the rejected books simply did not meet the state’s standards, while the rest included “prohibited topics.”

DeSantis has rejected the inclusion of the critical race theory in the past, saying it promotes the idea that racism is a part of American society.

“Critical race theory has been described by scholars as an examina-

tion of racism and its impact through systems, such as legal, housing and education,” NPR reports.

The New York Times reports that many textbook publishers adapt the information covered to each state, and publishers may have to be more careful about what they include in their textbooks moving forward.

In this case, cartoons depicting different scenes seem to be the cause of the textbooks’ rejections, as they touch on building confidence and teamwork—a topic deemed inappropriate for math textbooks by DeSantis.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

Gilbert Gottfried dead at 67

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On April 12 actor and comedian Gilbert Gottfried passed away at the age of 67. According to his friends and family, the cause of death was recurrent ventricular tachycardia due to Myotonic Dystrophy Type Two.

Gottfried’s family released a statement on his Twitter, announcing his death and honoring his memory.

“In addition to being the most iconic voice in comedy, Gilbert was a wonderful husband, brother, friend and father to his two young children. Although today is a sad day for all of us, please keep laughing as loud as possible in Gilbert’s honor,” the Tweet reads.

In another Tweet on April 20, Gottfried’s family asked to honor and remember Gottfried by donating to research for Myotonic Dystrophy Type Two.

“In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the research of this debilitating disease,” the statement said.

Gottfried, who performed stand-up comedy for over 50 years, became known as “the



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comedian,” because “his live performances put aside political correctness while he delivers jokes that know no boundaries,” his representative said in a statement.

His comedic career began at the age of 15, when Gottfried started doing stand-up performances at open mic nights in New York City. In 1980 he was hired as a cast member on “Saturday Night Live,” before gaining more notoriety in roles on MTV promos and other small television roles.

He then moved on to

the film industry, with notable performances in “Beverly Hills Cop II,” “Problem Child” and “The Aristocrats.” He gained a reputation as the king of quirky roles in both movies and television, with The New York Daily News saying that “Gottfried steals the picture with a single scene.”

Gottfried also had a very recognizable voice, one that he put to much use in voice acting. He started out as the voice of the parrot “Iago” in Disney’s iconic animated film “Aladdin,” before

going on to be heard in

The Presidential Inauguration

• Monday, April 25

- Leadership Visit Day

• Wednesday, April 27

- Doan Forensics Team Showcase at 4:30 p.m.

• Thursday, April 28

- Education Leadership session with Lisa Utterback at 2 p.m.
- Education Leadership session with Dr. Steve Joel at 3 p.m.
- Education Leadership session with Dr. Joshua McDowell at 4 p.m.
- Public Keynote Speech with Dave Ballesteros at 6 p.m.
- Public Keynote Speech with retired Lt. Colonel Oak McColloch at 7 p.m.

• Saturday, April 30

- Inauguration Ceremony at 10 a.m.
- Inauguration Reception at 11:30 a.m.

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several commercials, cartoons and movies. These include the frustrated duck in AFLAC Insurance commercials, as well as the voice of “Digit” in the long-running PBS Series “Cyberchase.”

More recently, in

2017, he was the subject of the documentary “Gilbert” about his life. He also co-hosted a podcast, “Gilbert Gottfried’s Amazing Colossal Podcast!” on which he and Frank Santopadre interviewed Hollywood icons

and legends.

Gottfried was one of the most sought-after comedians and regularly performed live to sold-out audiences across North America.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. New incidents reported between April 3 through 24 include:

- 04/06 **Vandalism** - Campus Property: Doane Crete: Academic Buildings: Art and Education Building: First Floor: Classroom

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Students celebrate Stop Day

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Stop Day was announced on April 20, and students wasted no time to celebrate the day off.

Students could sign a waiver to participate in the day's activities at 9 a.m. and receive a Stop Day t-shirt. However, according to a poll, many students arrived in Lake-

side at 9 a.m. and all of the t-shirts were already gone.

"I did not get a t-shirt. I showed up at 9 a.m. and the shirts were already sold out, which they said t-shirt sales started at 9... so that's extremely disappointing," junior Liz van der Torre said.

Most of the 136 students who responded to the poll expressed that they wish there had been catering or a food truck

on Stop Day.

Besides that, a number of students were unable to participate in Stop Day because of the timing. Many had work, could not miss class so close to finals, had scheduled required activities, had a sports game, etc.

"I was hoping Stop Day was on a day where I could actually participate in events all day, but with rehearsals in Lincoln for Beethoven, I had to leave

early," sophomore Jason McIntosh said.

A number of students expressed a desire to have Stop Day be announced the night before in order to do the next day's homework and to be able to fully enjoy a day off.

"I was hoping Stop Day wouldn't be so close to the end of the semester because Stop Day is supposed to be a fun not stressful day, and all I could think about the en-

tire day was all of the assignments I needed to get done for the end of the semester," one student shared.

86 percent of respondents said they participated in at least one activity, the most popular being sand volleyball. The most attended event of the day was the t-shirt giveaway, with 70 percent of respondents attending.

Despite some criticism of Stop Day, several stu-

dents did enjoy the day.

"This was my first Stop Day, and I had a really good time. I was constantly busy either competing or watching all of the different events, and it looked like everything ran pretty well," freshman Abby Ulrich said.

Now Doane's campus is running the countdown to next year's highly-anticipated event.

Theatre Dept. prepares for show

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Manager

Doane University students and faculty have been preparing for the upcoming production of "The Bacchae." Students will be performing April 28 through April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitcomb Lee Conservatory, or "the Con."

This plot is a Greek tragedy that can be traced

back to 405 BC. This show is thought to be one of the first Greek tragedies. Though historic in nature, this play will be taking on some "Doane-style" modern twists.

Junior Nicole Carraher explains that even though the play has been translated into modern language, it holds the weight of history. Carraher describes the plot as "wild and violent and emotionally packed." Carraher plays

the character of Agave.

"Being able to develop our own sense of movement and dance in this show has been incredibly, creatively fun. The cast works well together and is filled with interesting people, so every night brings something new," Carraher said.

Junior Trey Porter plays the roles of the Guard and Messenger. Porter has enjoyed digging into the script for his

character, the Messenger.

"The Bacchae truly captures the essence of theatre, it's a show where the audience can become lost in what's happening on stage while also feeling like they are a part of the show. I've had to hone in two massive monologues for this show, and it was a blast challenging myself to not only memorize all the words, but taking the words in and realizing each one's meaning,"

Porter added.

Senior Maya Mohr is a member of the Bacchae Chorus and the choreographer for the show. Mohr explained that students should come to this show because it is hilarious, and their fellow students have put in many hours to make the show come to life. Mohr also explained how collaborative this production has been.

"My favorite part of

the show has been creating this cohesion with the Chorus, known by us as the 'Hive Mind.' The process of making this show was very collaborative, and our director Joel Egger gave the cast a lot of creative freedom to make this show our own," Mohr added.

Students, faculty and staff are able to reserve tickets for free online.

Doane choirs celebrate Beethoven

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On April 22, Doane Choir and Collegiate Choir participated in the Beethoven Ninth Concert at the Lied Center in Lincoln.

Beethoven's 250th birthday was in 2020, so the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra is concluding its goal of performing all

nine of his symphonies.

On top of performing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the Choirs and Orchestra performed a premier for music composer Jake Runestad titled, "A Silence Haunts Me."

This piece also honors Beethoven as it was written based on a letter that Beethoven wrote.

Getting to perform with the symphony as

well as premier Runestad's piece was considered an exciting event and an honor to be able to attend for students. Runestad has a Master's degree from the prestigious Peabody Conservatory, a Grammy award nomination, as well as other honors.

Doane was not the only choir granted this opportunity.

The two Doane Choirs

sang side-by-side with the Nebraska Wesleyan Choir and Abendmusik chorus, as well as the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

Senior Alexa Thompson said that at the following choir rehearsal, she could hear all of her peers discussing their positive experiences. She said all of the Doane students had a chance to sit by members of the vari-

ous other choirs and had a good time bonding over music.

Leading up to the performance included various rehearsals. Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Kurt Runestad organized rehearsals between the two Doane Choirs as well as organized travel to Lincoln for the various rehearsals the days prior to the performance.

Overall, many choir students agree that it was an exciting experience.

"I really enjoyed it. This was the first time I got to have a connection with music since before COVID. This was just one of those really cool music moments," Thompson said.

CAPE addresses stigma with exhibit

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While walking through Perry Campus Center, students may notice outfits hanging on the walls of Nyrop Hall. Each outfit represents a story inspired by a member of the Doane Community.

For Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) have installed the "What Were You Wearing?" exhibit.

hibit.

"To ask 'what were you wearing?' to a survivor of sexual assault is an invasive question. A question that tells a survivor that their choice of clothing is partly to blame for their assault... This installation helps humanize survivors and seeks to undo the harm the question has caused to survivors and our culture," the installation explains.

This year's exhibit is made up of nine different outfits. Each outfit contains the individual's stories. Some stories are lon-

ger than others, providing the emotions of the individual. Other pieces are shorter and only briefly explain what the individual went through.

Senior Riley Spicer reflected on viewing the exhibit.

"It invokes a lot of pure emotion. Even when names are not stated, you know this is a real person when viewing it. You know they faced struggle on this campus and that they were brave enough to come forward. It makes a lot of people, including me, to an

ent, feel guilty. You want to help those people and step up to individuals. I think it is essential to see. Just like it is important to visit certain monuments and museums when you travel. It is an exhibit that people should be exposed to become educated on the fact," Spicer said.

Students should be warned about the contents of the exhibit may be a trigger and should take in the exhibit carefully. On the wall hangs a QR code that will lead the observer to resources if needed.



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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): It's easy to get so caught up in the negative sometimes. That doesn't mean it's necessarily a bad thing, but you may just be surprised with what good surprises may come.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Repetition, repetition, repetition. Everything seems to keep repeating over and over again, Pisces. It's time to try something new so that you can finally break that cycle of repetition.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): This week, Aries, change will not happen unless you make it happen. Get outside of your comfort zone and tackle your problems head on. The sooner the better.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Try to take a step back this week, Taurus. Continually pushing yourself only works for so long before you burn out, give yourself a rest. You deserve it.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Life seems to keep pulling you in different directions lately, Gemini. Try not to let the choices overwhelm you, trust your heart and you'll choose the right path for you.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): The needs of other are always on your mind, Cancer. This week, try to make some more decisions that help you. It may seem selfish at first, but a little self-spoiling never hurts once in a while.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Life seems special this week, Leo. Some new and exciting news may just be coming your way here soon. Whether it be big or small, embrace the adventure.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Having to set aside your longterm goals has no doubt been rough, Virgo. Focusing on the here and now, however, may be just what you need to keep working towards the future.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Having the strength you do to keep on pushing through hardships can't be easy, Libra. Try to let yourself fall back and feel everything for what it is without worrying about saving face.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Staying on guard so much has left you with a smaller imagination, Scorpio. Keeping up your walls may help keep you safe, but are you willing to remain stagnant for safety?

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): It's time to pick yourself up this week, Sagittarius. Too many things have pushed you back and the new normal seems to be just that. Once you get back into your old routine, you'll be back on your feet in no time.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Be wary of your emotions this week, Capricorn. A lot of things may begin to test you, but just remember to keep your cool.

Doane walks for suicide awareness

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

On April 24 Doane University hosted its first annual "Out of the Darkness" campus walk with the help of Doane's Active Minds chapter in order to raise awareness surrounding suicide.

Check in for the event began around 12 p.m. while the main event itself started just after 1 p.m. in the Cassel Open Air Theatre.

While students were waiting for the walk to begin, they could visit the Active Minds table to try their luck spinning a wheel to answer trivia questions about the American Federation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) in hopes of winning a prize.

The AFSP also had tables set up giving away and selling merchandise to raise more money for suicide prevention.

"It honestly went so much better than I could have hoped," Active Minds President and junior Maddy Meredith said. "We had 292 people in attendance and raised \$5,725, and there is still more to be added from merch sales and checks from [April 24]."

Once the main event began, multiple people stood and spoke about the AFSP, suicide prevention and what their experience or connection was to the cause.



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Students walk a lap around campus in the first annual "Out of the Darkness" walk organized by Active Minds.

After the speakers, Meredith and junior Ryan Hellmuth began speaking about the symbolization of the beads available. Through the use of different colors, the beads were meant to symbolize the reason why a person was at the walk. An example being the color blue, which was meant to represent support for the cause of suicide prevention.

Meredith expressed her content with how the event went and mentioned how excited she is for it to grow.

"The amount of people at the event was inspiring and to see the long train of people 'walk out of the darkness' was something I will not soon forget. It is so comforting to know so many people want to help prevent suicide, and I think this was a great way to remind the Doane community that we are all supported and loved," Meredith said. "I am so excited for this event to grow in the future and become something the Doane and Crete community gets behind every year."

Greek groups honored with awards

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

On April 22 Doane's Greek Council hosted a Greek Banquet to celebrate the Greek community's achievements.

President Roger Hughes gave a speech followed by each Greek group's newly elected presidents for the 2022-2023 academic year. This included a speech from Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity who were recently reinstated this last year.

Horderves, desserts and drinks were served as students celebrated all of the accomplishments

their groups had done this year.

Several awards were given out for groups and individuals who have completed various achievements. All Greek students had the opportunity to vote for the winners for some of these awards via a survey sent out on April 3.

Among one of the awards was the Outstanding Sorority and Fraternity Presidents. Senior Haley Miller from Gamma Phi Iota sorority won Outstanding Sorority President and senior Riley Spicer from Delta Kappa Pi fraternity won

Outstanding Fraternity President.

Spicer also spoke on behalf of Delta Kappa Pi fraternity's sponsor Michael Stehlik who won the award for Outstanding Sponsor of the year. Spicer mentioned Stehlik's continued support for not only Delta Kappa Pi fraternity but all of the Doane community.

"Advisors are the backbone of many of the groups. Providing real world insight and care for members," Spicer said. "When nominating Mike via Google Form, I concluded my message by saying everyone on cam-

pus needs a Mike and I think advisors do that for a lot of Greek members. Truly a thankless job done for the love of their members."

Another top award was Greek God which went to senior Sean Murray from Sigma Phi Theta fraternity, and Greek Goddess was given to senior Madi Warrelmann from Chi Delta sorority.

Outstanding Philanthropy event was awarded to the Chi Delta sorority's No Means November event. Phi Sigma Tau sorority won the Overall Community Service award, accomplishing

over 770 hours of civic service. Delta Kappa Pi fraternity and Chi Delta sorority were named the groups with the top Grade Point Averages.

"I think the banquet played an important role for the Greek Community. Many people view Greek Life as party groups that happen to put on Greek letters a few times a week. The banquet and the awards handed out show that we are so much more. They highlighted individual group successes and new benchmarks," Spicer said. "Don't get me wrong, we all enjoy our groups' in-

dividual successes, but having the platform at the banquet helped outline how hard individual groups worked."

Greek Council representative and junior Maddy Meredith said she believed this would be a continued tradition at Doane.

"Having this banquet gives groups accomplishments to strive for and everyone knows that their hard work isn't going unnoticed," Meredith stated.

"Green Week" works to educate

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

For the week of April 18 through 22, the Doane University (DU) Campus Corps hosted "Green Week" in celebration of Earth day and to help spread awareness about current environmental issues.

"One of the main motivations behind holding Green Week at Doane University is to educate the Doane student body about environmental issues," DU Campus Corps President and junior Maya Mohr said. "[Green Week is] important even beyond Doane because everyone will ultimately be affected by [environmental issues]. If you are a young person today, you will definitely be affected by changes in our Earth's atmosphere, weather and social climate."

Throughout the week,

the DU Campus Corps worked at the Beige Desk to promote a 100 percent renewable energy petition that had been amended from a previous 2019 version which had received over 750 signatures.

"The [2019] petition was for Doane to commit to 100 percent renewable energy use by 2030. We launched the campaign in 2022 this spring with the same demand on that petition. As of [April 22], we have 95 signatures on that new petition to reflect more current student signatures," Mohr said.

On April 19, the DU Campus Corps hosted a film viewing of "Don't Look Up" on Netflix, a disaster/comedy movie centered around two astronomers who need to go on a media tour to warn people about an incoming comet that would destroy the planet.

According to Mohr, the motivation behind the film viewing was to



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"show students how the world might react to news that the world is ending or that climate change is here and that urgent action is needed to mitigate those worse effects."

Then, on April 22, a tree planting group was made and set off to plant trees outside of Sheldon Hall.

"[The tree planting] was very successful for us, [and] we had a lot of

volunteers able to help us plant around nine trees in the ground," Mohr said. "Overall, Green Week went pretty well for us."

Even with Green Week now being over, work isn't quite over for the DU Campus Corps. Mohr mentioned that a future plan for the group is to present the "100 percent committed" petition to the Doane Board of Trustees this spring.

"I have gotten myself on the Innovations Committee, where I will present our 100 percent committed proposal. That proposal has been adjusted since our original demand of 100 percent renewable energy by 2030 because there is state legislation in Nebraska that limits the capacity of renewable energy production at Doane," Mohr said.

According to Mohr, Nebraska state legislation currently caps renewable energy production to 25 kilowatt hours per month.

"We already have a 6 kilowatt hour solar system on top of [the Chab Weyers Education & Hixson Lied Art Building] so we are looking to get the Board of Trustees to commit to producing up to that 25 kilowatt hour limit per month as well as implementing a free bike-share program by 2030 and gaining 'Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design' (LEED) certifications for all new buildings and renovations on Doane's Crete campus," Mohr said.

For any questions or more information on the DU Campus Corps, students can contact Mohr at maya.mohr@doane.edu.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Quickly moving into finals week

With finals being next week, we at the Owl would like to take this time to remind everyone to take care of themselves.

With the stress that comes with taking tests, finishing projects and any other things of the sort, it is extremely easy to get overwhelmed.

However, there are a litany of different strategies to keep yourself mentally healthy and relaxed during such a stressful

time.

The first is to get plenty of restful sleep. While it can be tempting to stay up late to work on assignments, projects, etc. nothing is worth sacrificing your sleep for. Sleep is how your body and mind recover from the day, and when you don't get 6 - 8 hours of sleep, your brain quite literally is not able to learn or retain new information.

Another strategy to keep

yourself grounded is to drink lots of water and eating healthier foods. Your body is a machine, and it only works as good as the fuel you give it, so try to keep the sweets and fats at a reasonable level and always have a water bottle with you.

As far as ways to keep your actual school assignments in check, having a schedule or a calendar is one of the best ways to ensure you have your

assignments planned out. If you break your assignments down by day, you might find that you have less to do than you thought.

As easy as it is to put your assignments before yourself, for your sake, keep you and your best interests in mind. Try your best to not let the stress of finals get to you, and keep doing great. You only have a week left.

Hot takes; Lost in the sauce

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON

Managing Editor

For the penultimate Hot Takes of this semester, I am going to be ranking the dipping sauces for hot wings. This is by no means a definitive list of the sauces one can use for their hot wings, but this is the list of the ones that I have had with mine.

Each sauce is graded based on taste, texture and versatility.

Taste is the most important and is defined simply by how good the sauce is by itself. I know that no one is ever just going to drink the sauce by itself (unless you're a psychopath), but tasting the sauce by itself is the best way to judge its quality.

Texture is the second aspect and is not super important compared to the other two, but it's still important. Basically, if the sauce feels yucky to chew, it loses points.

The final category is versatility. This translates to how many different types of wings and other appetizer foods the sauce can be used with. If it can really only be used with chicken wings, it's not going to rank as high compared to one that could

be used with multiple other dishes.

S Tier - These are the sauciest of the sauces. The ones that are far and away the best.

A Tier - While not as good overall as the ones above, there is still plenty to like about these sauces and you can't go wrong with any of them.

B Tier - These are the ones that are just mid. Nothing is really awesome about them, but nothing is super horrible either.

C Tier - The sauces here are the mediocre ones, the ones that more often than not, it's simply not worth the calories to eat.

F Tier - Nothing exists in this tier because there isn't a bad chicken wing dipping sauce.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Ranch, BBQ, Honey BBQ, Chipotle Lime

A Tier: (Second Best)- Bleu Cheese, Buffalo, Garlic Parmesan

B Tier: (Average)- Kore-



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an Dip, Chili Garlic, Miso Ginger

C Tier: (Below Average)- Honey Mustard, Chimichurri

F Tier: (Garbage)- Nothing

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!

Needing a long, restful break



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

I am completely and utterly exhausted. In every way imaginable.

We are all feeling the pressure and tiredness that comes with the territory of finals approaching, but it seems to be hitting me especially hard.

Luckily, I'm sleeping and eating just fine, but I can never seem to be rested enough to suffice. All I want to do is snuggle up my cat and fall asleep, is that too much to ask? Apparently so.

To relieve some of my stress, I have been sitting outside in the sun when it finally decides to show itself. I'm too lazy to walk around campus so I figure that is the best choice.

The suicide prevention

walk was really helpful in alleviating some of my stress, too. I got to walk around with some of my closest friends for a good cause, and it was absolutely wonderful.

Still, I can't seem to focus on anything, and when I do, it is just a mess of information that I know I will not retain.

But summer break is almost here.

I'm banking on summer break to more or less reset my brain so that I can have a few moments of peace.

I want to go to the lake. I want to nap in the sun with my dog. I want to cook really good food for myself and my roommates. I want to read books.

Basically, I just need time to forget about this nightmare of a semester and have some time for myself.

I don't remember the last time I stuck to a proper showering schedule, and I am so pumped to take a four-hour long shower.

If you couldn't tell, I just want to enjoy the little things, the things that I take for granted especially during stressful times.

I recommend everyone take some time to figure out what small things you can appreciate over the summer. It has the potential to change your outlook on life.



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Take the time to give feedback



SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

I think that students need to take 25 or so minutes out of their day sometime and fill out their course evaluations. It is easy to dismiss or think that what you are saying will fall on deaf ears, but it is so important to make change.

Being a senior, I have seen massive amounts of change at Doane in my four years. There have been positive changes and fake “changes” that people have made to appease people short term. Course evaluations are a great way to create a paper trail. Building a case or evidence may take time. Even if change is not immediate to you, this could help future students.

On a positive note, it is always great for teachers to hear how they are making an impact on stu-



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As the semester comes to a rushing end, we have so many projects, papers and commitments that we are balancing. I sometimes feel like a tornado that is running around trying to survive for the next few weeks. However,

students. You can explain how a course or a professor has helped you in your future goals. As an educator, I would always feel extra energized after receiving a note from a student. Sending positive feedback on courses or

professors can help them on their respective career goals too.

Doane University sent out an email to students on April 25 with the links to fill out course evaluations. There are also instructions to follow if

you are having technical issues. Students may need to check their spam folder if they do not see the email in their inbox. Remember that the course evaluations program does not work with Safari, so students have to

use Chrome or Firefox. You have until May 6 at 11:59 p.m. to complete these evaluations.

Students, please use your voice to make changes and make this university better for future generations of Tigers!



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Spending less for the same thing



ERIN BURKE
Staff Writer

Walmart brand. But these days it has gotten harder to bring myself to make my own pot of coffee.

Instead, I turned to buying a cup from Casey's. I know some people are thinking I should just go to Scooter's or Lakeside. To that I say, “don't sleep on the gas station coffee!”

At Casey's, I can get a large cup for \$2! That is the collection of quarters I collected over the summer. The coffee is not gross either. The gas stations I regularly go to have upgraded to individual brewing machines. They no longer make a pot of coffee that sits there for hours on end.

If you are looking for a few recommendations I have prepared a list. First, Casey's. Start close to home and maybe grab a donut on your way out. Next, Hy-Vee. I cannot stress enough how good the Hy-Vee gas station coffee is. They often do

specials where all sizes are \$1 and they have a whipped cream station that does not cost extra. Finally, and I know this is surprising, the U-Stop on 84th and Cornhusker highway. It may be because it is right off of the interstate and truckers stop there, it may be the smiling faces I get when I walk in, or it may be the collection of creamers there to fulfill my every need. Either way, it is great.

Coffee is essential for college students, but why break the bank when you could be getting your fix at the same time as filling up your tank?

I will admit, I have been slacking lately when it comes to being financially responsible and making my own coffee at home. I used to be able to wake up, make a pot of coffee and use a fun creamer from the

Ready to graduate



MATTHEW MITTLIEDER
Staff Writer

The year is finally winding down, and I am nearly at the end of my four years here at Doane. It has been quite a long journey to get here, but I'm glad to have made it.

The past four years I've done a lot to try and work on myself and become someone that I actually like to be around. When I first started here, I did not have a lot of confidence in myself and struggled to make friends. I found

that I was always worrying about what others thought of me, and it was partially because I didn't really know what I even wanted to be.

In response to this problem, I ended up trying a whole lot of different things to see what I liked and didn't like, to better orient myself on what direction I wanted to go in life. Whenever I had space in my schedule, I would add a class or two on a subject I hadn't learned about before that I thought might be interesting.

I tried my best to meet new people, people who weren't the same as me and who would lead me to new experiences. I always kept an open mind and was willing to try whatever sounded fun or interesting. In some cases, it led to less-than-pleasant experiences, but I'm glad to have tried something new and learned from my mistakes.

I'm still learning more about myself and figuring

out exactly where I'd like to go in the future, but I haven't given up on trying to like myself. I think I've begun to finally find my place in the world, and I'm ready to move on from college. It has been a lot of work to get here, and I'm proud to be where I am.

If I were to give some advice to someone younger than me, I would say to always be open to trying new things (within reason). It's ok to get outside of your comfort zone, but also remember to come back to the things that make you happy.

And if you do ever end up unhappy, don't let yourself continue on that path. Make a change, find something that makes you happy and remember that eventually it will all get better.

...THUMBS UP

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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...

Baseball and Softball bring in wins

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Over the weekend, both the Softball and Baseball teams played two days worth of doubleheaders. While the Baseball team picked up another clean sweep, the Softball team split games on both days.

The Softball team kicked off the weekend off on April 22 in Mitchell, S.D. to take on Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU). Their day started off seemingly slow, despite out-hitting DWU 3-2, Dakota Wesleyan scored off one of their hits and an error committed by the Tigers, giving them the win over Doane.

During the second game, Doane kicked off with a 1-0 lead after scoring in the third inning. However, DWU came back quickly in the fourth inning after a singular home run was hit.

The Tigers were not to be outdone, as demonstrated by sophomore Megan Elliott in the fifth.

Elliott delivered a home run that would pick them up three more runs before junior Jadyn Hunt would hit in another run and bring their lead to a solid 5-1. Despite a late push by DWU, scoring a run in both the sixth and the seventh, the Tigers would hold strong with a 5-3 lead to finish the game.

The Softball team continued on April 23 to Jamestown, N.D. to face the University of Jamestown. Although there was an early lightning delay, the Jimmies were able to get a strong start in the first game, scoring twice in the first inning. However, the Tigers cut the lead in half during the second inning.

This wouldn't be enough and Jamestown would close out the game in the fourth inning, picking up another

run and a 3-1 win. Doane was ready to come back strong after the first game and started off the second with three runs in the first three innings. By the end of the third inning, the Tigers were up 4-0 and not done yet.

DWU picked up a single run during this game, and Doane finished out with another run in the fifth and completed the game with a win of 5-1. This now puts the Softball team at a 10-25 record for their season.

The Baseball team picked up two wins on April 23 at home against Hastings College. Doane started out the first game with a quick jump to a 5-0 lead over Hastings in the first two innings. However, the Broncos came back very quickly with a grand slam in the third inning.

The Tigers were able to extend their lead to 6-4 during this inning after freshman Cristian Yanez hit an RBI. Howev-

er, the Broncos brought in two more runs in the fourth inning and finally tied the game up 6-6.

During the fourth inning, Doane hit back-to-back home runs from junior Nate Mensik and sophomore Justin Nevells. Senior Joe Osborn added to his record-setting season with his eighteenth home run in the fifth season and pushed the Tigers to a 9-6 lead.

Mensik was the final run brought in during the sixth inning off a walk. Although the Broncos tried to come back with two more runs in the seventh inning, the Tigers would hold out with a 10-8 win.

The second game at home had Hastings kick off strong this time, bringing in a run off and error committed by Doane in the first inning. Doane would make up for this shortly after with two runs scored in the second inning, but Hastings, still putting up a

fight, scored four runs in the third inning and took the 5-2 lead.

The Tigers started to come back in the fourth inning with two more runs and another in the fifth, matching the Broncos. However, Doane decided to put it away in the sixth and brought in eight total runs. They continued on in the seventh with another run and put themselves up 14-6.

Hastings hit another run in the seventh and their final run in the eighth. But after Doane picked up three more, the Tigers capped the game with the ten run rule and grabbed the sweep at home with a final of 17-7.

The next two games took place in Hastings, Neb. on April 24, and although there was a new location, there was no new outcome. Doane capped out the weekend with another clean sweep of their double-

header against Hastings and a guaranteed part of the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) regular season title.

This set of games was much more of a shut out. With an impressive 25-0 final, the Tigers kicked off the day on a hot streak and did not let up. After the 15-2 win over Hastings in the second game, Doane only needs one more win to pick up full possession of the GPAC regular season title.

The Baseball team will finish out their regular season at home, first on April 30 against Mount Marty University before continuing on April 24 against Midland University. The Softball team also continues their season on April 26 at home against Midland University and continues on April 30 in Omaha, Neb. against the College of Saint Mary.

Track & Field scores big at home meet

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Track and Field hosted the Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic on April 21, 22 and 23, walking away with 10 event wins and 15 NAIA qualifying marks.

On the Women's side, senior Allie Binder won the 10,000m run with a time of 40:51.54. Junior Allison Skala won the shot put with 14.86m, meeting the automatic qualifying standard. Skala also posted marks in the javelin (39.64m) and the discus (42.71m).

In the multi-event competitions, both freshman Lindsay Adams and sophomore Nicole Harms met NAIA marks. Adams wracked up 4,924 points, earning her third in the NAIA standings, and Harms brought home 4,384 points.

Freshman Abby Fontana and transfer sophomore Caitlyn Cotton did not hit any marks at this meet, but they are excited to see what the rest of the season has in store for them.

"I'm hoping for everyone to keep the grind going. Track season is a really long season so I just hope everyone has the courage to keep going and do their best, and I just hope everything goes well for the team at the end of the day," Fontana said.

Cotton hopes to keep PRing throughout the rest of the season, an attitude that Fontana mirrored.

These hopes for the season were echoed by the Men's team, with sophomore Jeremiah Payne also looking forward to seeing his team succeed.

"For the team, I want

us to go to nationals and just win and come back with a ring for Doane," Payne said.

Freshman Cordale Moxey is also looking forward to seeing the success the team is working for this season.

"I'm looking forward to getting better and coming back next year better. For our upperclassmen, I'm looking forward to seeing them put up some big marks," Moxey said.

Sophomore Aidan Wheelock won the 800m run (1:58.65), and freshman Sisey Tirop won the 10,000m run (35:02.75).

Sophomore Kalen Dockweiler posted the eighth-fastest time in Doane's history in the 3,000m steeplechase with a time of 9:32.65.

Fellow sophomore Zach Turner also made Doane history at this meet while also grabbing an automatic qual-

ifying time. Turner won the 110m hurdles with a time of 14.17, tying him for third-fastest at Doane.

The 4x100m relay team earned a qualifying mark with freshman Ja-Dae Moore, sophomore Chris Vincent, sophomore Andrew Mahoney and freshman Luke Davis clocking in at 41.53.

Senior Logan Hammond, senior Kingdon Hawes, sophomore Jordan Tasler and Turner competed in the 4x400m relay with a time of 3:20.20.

In the 4x800m relay, junior Trace Ebert, Dockweiler, Wheelock and Hawes posted a time of 8:05.90.

Sophomore Carter Reckling hit the standard with 2.05m in the high jump.

Senior Matthew Campbell left the meet with two qualifying



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Freshman Clayton Berry takes an attempt at the long jump.

marks, one in the discus with 47.91m and one in the hammer throw with 57.87m.

Both sophomore Luke Partridge and senior Mason Krause hit the B standard in the javelin, Partridge with a throw of

56.34m and Krause with a throw of 56.36m.

Sophomore David Arcos earned 6,023 points in the two-day decathlon, putting him in the 12th seat nationally.

Tennis teams conquer packed week

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last week, both the Men's and Women's Tennis teams took on several matches, both at home and on the road. Both teams took on four competitors over the week and was one match away from locking out the entire week.

The week started on April 19 at home against Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU). The Tigers saw a slow start to their day, with the

Prairie Wolves winning two of the three doubles matches played and picking up a point for their team. The duo of senior Ava Macke and junior Liz van der Torre were the only doubles win of the day and gave Macke her 28th doubles win, moving her to tie first place on Doane's record board.

Doane was able to come back quickly at the start of singles play, winning four of the first matches played and eventually winning the set. Ruiz-Martinez

capped the night off for the Tigers with a straight sets victory, and both Men's and Women's Tennis teams beat NWU 5-2.

While many students spent the next day enjoying Stop Day, the Tennis teams returned to their home court on April 20 to take on Mount Marty University. The Women would take on both Mount Marty and Concordia University after their original meeting was postponed.

The Women had an easy path to victory as Mount Marty would for-

feit four points right off the bat. After a single doubles match and a few singles, Doane was able to shut out Mount Marty with a 7-0 victory, the Men matching this score as well.

The Men's team was done for the day after this matchup, but the Women then went on to take on Concordia University. Doane carried over their doubles matches victories from last week's postponement and started the day up 3-1. They shut out the Bulldogs with a final score of 6-1,

keeping the Tigers' title run alive.

After Doane's Women shut out Concordia, it was the Men's turn to take on the Bulldogs. When they picked up their matches from last week, the Tigers were originally up 2-0 before the Bulldogs tied up the score. The singles matches allowed Doane to pull ahead and finally shut out Concordia up 5-2.

To cap out the weekend, both Men's and Women's teams traveled to Fremont, Neb. and

took on Midland University on April 24. Both teams were shut out by the Warriors, losing the match 0-7.

Both the Men's and Women's Tennis teams will begin play in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Tournament on April 29 in Fremont, Neb. against teams that are still to be determined at the time of this publication.

Golf earns top five finish

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On April 22, the Men's Golf team played what would end up being the only day of the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Tournament in Vermillion, S.D. Out of the eleven teams in the conference they

took on, Doane finished top ten and looks at competing in the National Championships next.

The first two rounds of the GPAC tournament were played earlier this year in the fall, Doane also finishing top five with a fifth place finish. The Tigers were on their way to an even higher finish before the second day was canceled due to high winds. Do-

ane would end up placing fourth overall.

Senior Micah Ramirez was frontrunner for Doane as he blazed forward with a fifteenth place finish, shooting 226 after the 54 holes were over. Junior Blake Andersen was right behind his teammate with a sixteenth place finish, just behind Ramirez with a 227.

Sophomore Ryan

Weiss was next in line for the Tigers and placed 26th, shooting a 233. The other two Tigers, freshman Sam Arnold and junior Andrew Paquette, were competing for the first time in this competition and did not qualify for placing.

The Tigers' next match will be on May 17 in Silvis, Ill. when they compete in the NAIA National Championship.

Athlete of the Week



Kalen Dockweiler
Track & Field

won the 3,000 m steeple chase with a time of 9:32.65, the eighth-fastest in program history.



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Scoreboard Snapshot

MEN'S GOLF

April 19 @ VERMILLION, S.D.
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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TIGERS
[5-2]

April 20 @ HOME
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TIGERS
[7-0]

5:30 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[6-1]

April 24 @ FREMONT, NEB.
12:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

WARRIORS
[0-7]

SOFTBALL

April 22 @ MITCHELL, S.D.
1:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GAME ONE	GAME TWO
DWU	TIGERS
[0-2]	[5-3]

April 23 @ JAMESTOWN, N.D.
12:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

GAME ONE	GAME TWO
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[1-3]	[5-1]

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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

April 21, 22, 23 @ HOME
JIM DUTCHER CLASSIC

[10 NAIA QUALIFIERS]

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

April 21, 22, 23 @ HOME
JIM DUTCHER CLASSIC

[5 NAIA QUALIFIERS]

BASEBALL

April 23 @ HOME
1:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

GAME ONE	GAME TWO
TIGERS	TIGERS
[10-8]	[17-7]

April 24 @ HASTINGS, NEB.
1:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

GAME ONE	GAME TWO
TIGERS	TIGERS
[25-0]	[15-2]

