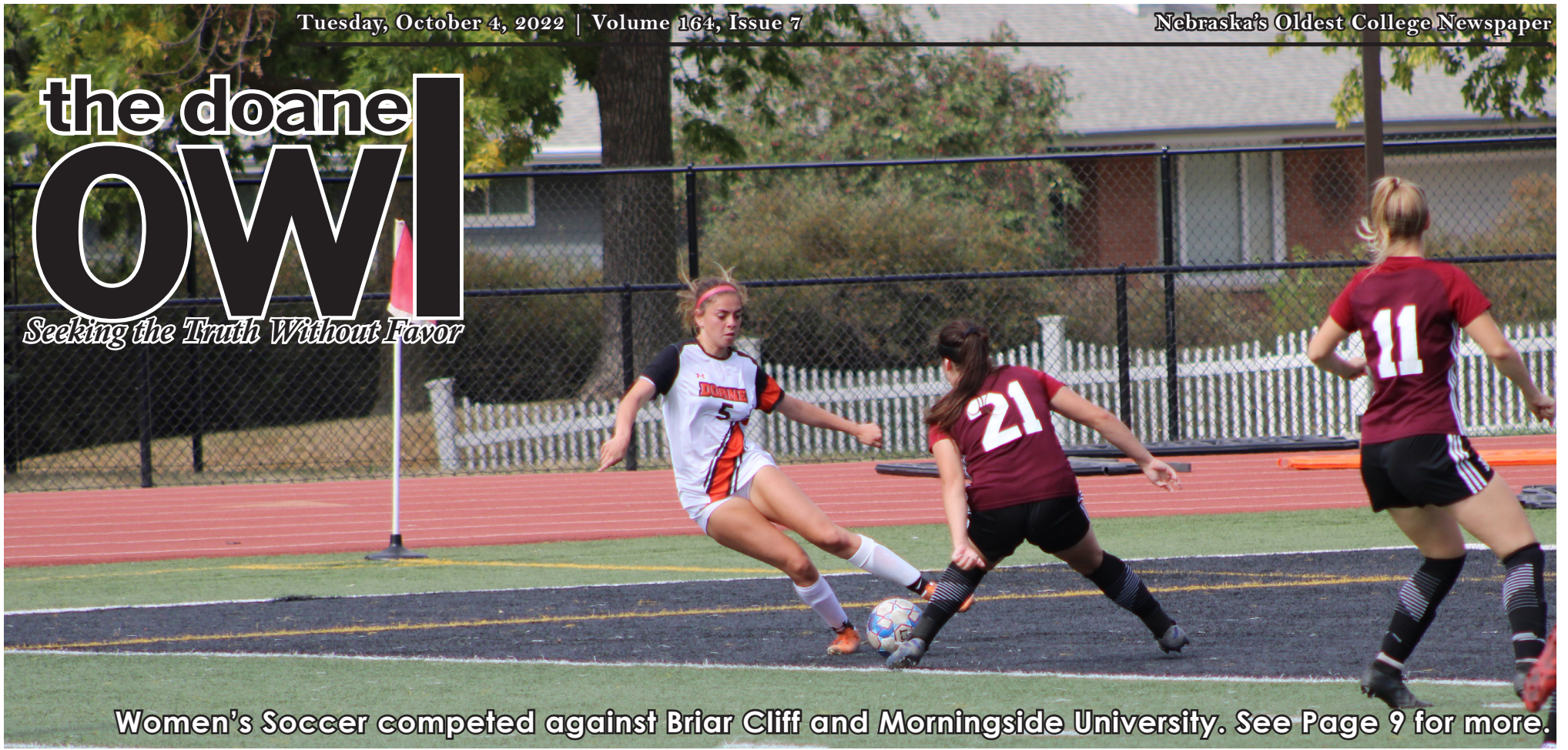


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*Seeking the Truth Without Favor*



Women's Soccer competed against Briar Cliff and Morningside University. See Page 9 for more.

## Greek Life under investigation

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

On Sept. 27 Greek Life announced the suspension of all Greek Life activities while an investigation of “violent hazing” is conducted.

An email detailing this decision was sent out to Greek groups in the evening, followed by a link to report any information sent out the following day by Judicial Affairs.

Greek Life cites Nebraska Statute 28.311.06 in their email. This statute includes “any activity by which a person inten-

tionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation... with any organization,” according to the Nebraska Legislature website.

The statute specifies forced consumption, branding, beating and many other acts as haz-

ing. Anyone found guilty of hazing faces a Class II misdemeanor charge.

As for student members of an organization, that organization “shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars.” The statute reads that alumni of the organization are to not be involved in the punish-

ment of hazing.

In their email, Greek Life says Greek groups will be notified of the outcome of the investigation, and further action may ensue depending on what they uncover. Decisions can be appealed following the Doane University Student Handbook guidelines.

Questions about the suspension of Greek Life activities can be directed to Vice President of Student Affairs Judy Kawamoto at judy.kawamoto@doane.edu.

There are no updates as of this publication.

## Homecoming festivities underway

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

It's that time of year again when Doane University celebrates its annual Homecoming event.

This Homecoming in particular is noteworthy for Doane, as it happens during the 150th anniversary of the university.

Starting on Oct. 2, Doane held multiple events for students and the community, with a visit to the Lincoln Children's Zoo, Crete's annual Pumpkin Festival and a decorating of Perry Campus Center all happening on the first day of Homecoming.

On Oct. 3, a student-designed t-shirt giveaway with campus activities such as inflatables, mini-golf, a high striker carnival game, a velcro wall, an outdoor meal and an ice cream truck was avail-

able for students to enjoy from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Oct. 4, students are encouraged to attend Doane's home Volleyball game versus Bellvue University at 7 p.m. There will also be a bonfire at Tuxedo Park for students to attend at 9 p.m.

Oct. 5 features Hoopfest, a student versus faculty basketball game held in the George and Sally Haddix Recreation Center at 7 p.m., followed by the Amazing Race starting at 9 p.m. The race begins at Lakeside and has prizes for first through third place.

Then on Oct. 6, there will be the Employee Communications event held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature 35 different employers for students to interact with. There will also be a Country Dance event held in Fuhrer Fieldhouse with a mechanical bull, a country-western dance, a lasso contest, food and more

beginning at 8 p.m.

Oct. 7 includes the Homecoming pep rally at 9 p.m., which has the showing of the 2022 Shield and Banner winners, the unveiling of the 2023 Relay for Life theme, the announcement of the Homecoming court, performances from the Band and Cheer team and more.

In preparation of the Homecoming football game against Dakota Wesleyan on Oct. 8 at 1 p.m., Stadium Drive parking lots C, D and F will all be closed the night before at 10 p.m.

On Oct. 9, the Band will be performing in the Homecoming Concert at 3 p.m.

For more detailed information, check the Homecoming schedule that was emailed to all students from Director of Alumni Engagement Michael Stehlik.



Photos by Abrianna Miller | The Doane Owl

## Nebraska COVID-19 update

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the level of community transmission is low for Saline County as of Oct. 2, 2022.

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

Doane does not have

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

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

Public health areas such as in the Student Health Office still require masks to be worn.

Saline County has reported 13 current COVID-19 cases as of Oct. 2, 2022.

There are 62.8 per-

cent of the Saline County population equal to or over the age of 12 in Saline County that have been vaccinated, marking 54.4 percent of the total population as vaccinated.

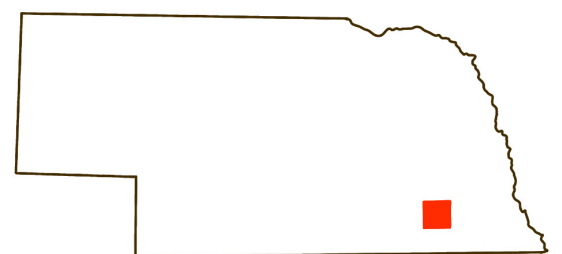
Although there are no current indoor mask mandates for Lincoln-Lancaster county, county residents can still expect to have to wear masks in some facilities, such as hospitals and airports.

According to an email from University Communications on Aug. 19, Doane is now following new CDC guidelines that state anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 does not need to be quarantined so long as they are not symptomatic. Individuals

with no symptoms will need to self-monitor for symptoms and wear their mask for ten days. It is also recommended to get tested for COVID-19 on the fifth day of self-monitoring.

“Free tests are available (while supplies last) at the Student Health Office in the lower level of Perry, residence halls (in the community assistant offices), in athletic training offices and the student affairs office,” the email also read.

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



### 13 reported COVID cases in Saline County

Graphic by PJ Ramsey | The Doane Owl

calling 402.826.8265.

If a symptomatic student has not yet taken a test, they will need to do so with a rapid at-home test, writing their name and the date and time of the test on the card or on

a paper placed next to the test to document it for Student Health.

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

# Souчек and co. visit CO

### Souчек's GEO 101 class rocked out in Estes Park

**JOSE VILLALPANDO**  
News Editor

Back in September, Professor of Environmental Science in the Natural Resources and Environmental Department Russ Souчек took students from his GEO 101-Environmental Geology class on a trip to Estes Park, Colorado to observe different geological features in and around the Rocky Mountain National Park.

The class began their trip at Beaver Meadow Overlook. There, Souчек instructed his students on how to “zoom in and zoom out,” first looking at the rocks around them, then focusing on the mountains and features seen from the overlook.

“When they’re zooming in, I talk about what granite is, chemical erosion and physical weathering. Then, when they zoom out, I talk about glaciation and how the moraine’s in the distance were formed,” Souчек said.

The initial idea for this trip came up in the late 1990’s when Souчек and his wife took a vacation to Estes Park and noticed the amount of geological features in the area.

Thinking that it could

be a great opportunity and learning experience, Souчек then enrolled in a geology course provided by the Rocky Mountain Nature Association on the geology of Rocky Mountain National Park.

“I ended up staying in Estes Park for a few days at that time and then would go into the park while being toured by a professor that was a geologist from Colorado State [University],” Souчек said. “That’s how I got a feel on it being a good trip to take my students on [and] how to manage the class for when we got there.”

The first year that the Environmental Geology trip began was in 1999. Since then, Souчек had been able to take students every Fall except for the semester that COVID-19 quarantines began. This year was the first year Souчек was able to take students since the beginning of the pandemic.

“It was wonderful to be able to get the students outdoors again and be able to teach them some geology in the field,” Souчек said. “It’s one thing to look at a picture of a mountain in a book and talk about the type of rock that mountain is made up of, it’s totally different to stand outside and look up at that mountain.”

In mentioning some of the key differences between reading about geology in a classroom versus actually going to Rocky Mountain National Park, Souчек said there were many things that the students enjoyed.

One thing in particular that Souчек men-



Courtesy photos | Russ Souчек

tioned the students really enjoyed was the Alluvial Fan.

“The Alluvial Fan was an area of rock that was swept out by water as a dam broke,” Souчек said. “After talking about it for a bit, I let [the students] hike up the fan.”

Another part of the trip that Souчек mentioned was a favorite was hiking up to Chasm Falls, then

to the Alpine Visitor Center and eventually down to the Kawuneeche Valley where the Colorado River is. Then, at nights, going back into the park to listen to the elk bugles.

Souчек also noted how grateful he is to have the support of the university in order to take his students on trips for better learning experiences.

“Doane has always of-

fered the resources needed so that I could include wonderful opportunities like this in my courses,” Souчек said.

Now that he was able to take his students to Colorado again, Souчек looks forward to other opportunities for outside-the-classroom activities and trips in the future.

### This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

10/5



High: 76

Low: 51

Thursday

10/6



High: 72

Low: 38

Friday

10/7



High: 58

Low: 35

Saturday

10/8



High: 66

Low: 43

Sunday

10/9



High: 74

Low: 45

Monday

10/10

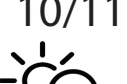


High: 73

Low: 47

Tuesday

10/11



High: 75

Low: 50

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

# Trump's legal woes continue

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

The legal battles of former President Donald Trump continues as former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is set to testify against Tom Barrack, Trump's ex-Inaugural Committee Chair.

According to ABC News, Barrack is accused of secretly working as a foreign agent for the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

and is being charged with acting as an unregistered agent of a foreign government, obstruction of justice and making false statements.

Prosecutors have evidence of emails and other communications they claim shows Barrack's “unique access” to Trump to manipulate his campaign and his administration in advancing the interests of the UAE. One such effort is helping arrange an Oval Office meeting between Trump and Abu Dhabi's

Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nuhyan in 2017.

This is happening at the same time as Mike Lindell, Chief Executive of MyPillow and prominent Trump supporter, is facing a defamation lawsuit from Dominion Voting Systems.

The Guardian reports that the voting machine company is suing Lindell for \$1.3 billion for baseless allegations that the company's machines rigged votes in favor of Joe Biden in the 2020

election.

Initially, Lindell had been appealing an Aug. 2021 ruling by federal court judge Carl Nichols, who refused to dismiss the lawsuit. On its first day back from its summer break, the U.S. Supreme Court decided it would not take up Lindell's appeal for consideration, meaning the lawsuit against him can proceed.

As for Trump himself, his battle against New York Attorney General Letitia James continues. The Associated Press re-

ports that Trump's lawyers are objecting to the state court judge who is overseeing the case, as he has repeatedly ruled against Trump in related subpoena disputes. Manhattan Judge Arthur Engoron has been involved in multiple similar cases and, in various disputes, has held Trump in contempt, fined him \$110,000 and forced him to sit for a deposition.

While Trump's lawyers are accusing James' office of attempting to “judge shop,” James' of-

fice states that the case should remain with Engoron because of his “level of familiarity” in handling discovery and subpoena issues.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

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<b>Career Talks</b> 11am-1pm EW Dining Room	<b>Employer Connections</b> 11:30am-1:30pm Nyrop Hall
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# Great Pumpkin Fest comes again

Community enjoys Pumpkin Festival

**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

Dozens of booths, activities and vendors filled Main Street on Oct. 1 and 2 for Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival. Among those lining the street were several Doane organizations, either hosting their own booth or volunteering for the city.

Senior Grace Deines considered the Pumpkin Festival to be "a hit." She helped run a ring toss game stand through Phi Sigma Tau sorority.

"I think the Pumpkin Festival had a great turn out, every kid I saw had a smile on their face," Deines said. "We had one kid that came back to our ring toss six times trying to win a 2 liter. We even had some parents play too."

Junior Zach Turner said he enjoyed supporting the Crete community through his service. Turner was able to volunteer through the Men's



Photos by Abrianna Miller | The Doane Owl

Crete community members and Doane University students celebrate Crete's annual Great Pumpkin Festival on October 1 and 2. Activities included: festival games, zip-lining, contests, food trucks and more.

Track and Field team and Delta Kappa Pi fraternity.

Turner helped vendors set up and tear down their booths, and through the

Track team, he picked pumpkins the Friday before the event.

"I'd say it was a great experience being able to

get out and make Doane's presence known in the community," Turner said. "Locals were really appreciative of all the

help they got from Doane students over the weekend."

The Great Pumpkin Fest was a success not

only for the Crete community, but also the students at Doane who had the opportunity to branch out into the city.

# Russian troops withdraw from Lyman

**JOEY WINTON**  
Managing Editor

The war between Russia and Ukraine continues with Russia seeming to experience several setbacks in their campaign to capture Ukraine.

According to the BBC, Russia has withdrawn its troops from the Ukrainian town of Lyman, which is a key strategic location for both sides. Recapturing Lyman could allow Ukrainian soldiers to reach more contested territory in the Donetsk and Lyhansk regions. Donetsk is among the regions Russia declared it was annexing on Sept. 30, which Ukraine and its Western allies are calling an illegal land-grab.

While this is a victory for Ukraine, there are fears that Russia will



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Left: unknown soldier posted outside Lyman, Ukraine. Right: Ukrainian soldier pictured with a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS).

escalate to using more dangerous weapons in response.

Chechen leader and Putin ally Ramzan Kadyrov stated that Russia

should consider using low-yield nuclear weapons in the face of this defeat.

The Hill reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin called up 300,000 reservist soldiers in addition to threatening the West with the use of nuclear weapons as a response to Ukraine's victory.

The Pentagon announced that it would provide Ukraine with

additional armaments to assist in the fight against Russia. They will receive 18 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) which has been crucial in helping Ukraine's military. The main benefit of HIMARS is that they are long-range weapons capable of striking targets from close to 50 miles away.

According to NPR, the annexation of Ukrainian territories is set to pass

through Russia's parliament to be ratified on Oct. 4. The lower house unanimously approved the decision, and the upper house is expected to pass it on Oct. 4.

There are no further updates as of this publication.

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## Doane Crime Log

The Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. The public crime log was last updated on October 3 and no other incidents have been reported as of September 26

# Love/Sick to premiere this week

**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

The first Doane Theatre Department production of the year kicks off on Oct. 6 this week. The show runs from Oct. 6 through Oct. 8 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitcomb Lee Conservatory (the Con).

This production is a romantic comedy entitled "Love/Sick," written by John Cariani.

The show is a collection of nine "slightly twisted" but "completely hilarious" short plays.

"This 80-minute romp explores the pain and joy

that comes with being in love. Full of imperfect lovers and dreamers, 'Love/Sick' is an anti-romantic comedy for the romantic in everyone," the Theatre Department email stated.

Since auditions were held on Aug. 23, 24 and 25, the cast and crew have been working hard on memorizing lines, building the set and putting the whole thing together.

Overall, the cast and crew are excited to show off all of their hard work to the Doane community this week.

Students interested in attending "Love/Sick" can reserve their tickets online through an email

sent out to all students by the Performing Arts.

Tickets are free for Doane students, faculty and staff and prospective students. General admission is \$10.

For students not able to attend the dates scheduled, there will be a student preview held on Oct. 5 in the Con where students can attend without reserving tickets.

The Theatre Department encourages any students who are available to attend and immerse themselves in live theatre, especially after it was taken away for so long by COVID-19.



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# CLS Office hosts career events

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Wear something you are comfortable in, but that would still create a positive image of yourself.

## Career Talks

- Thursday, October 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Held in the East/West Dining Room in the Perry Campus Center.
- Four dynamic alumni will share 20 minute presentations about their career journey.
- Register through Handshake.

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## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** This is the week to focus on healing yourself. You have been extra hard on yourself lately so practice self-acceptance this week, Aquarius.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Lately you have been carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders. This is not your weight to bare. Take the weight off and let yourself breathe. You will be surprised how it feels in the end.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Time is not going to be on your side this week Aries. It is always going to feel like you are three steps behind. Make a plan and stick to it so you don't fall behind.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Focus on your goals this week. Whether it is reevaluating them or making all new goals, knowing what you want makes achieving it a lot easier.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Take a moment this week to look at life from a new perspective. Talk to someone you never talk to. See where that takes you and have an open mind about the situation.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Your relationships with those you care about may feel like they are at a standstill. Make sure to do different things to spice up why you care about them.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** This week is going to ask a lot from you in terms of commitment. Though commitment has never been your favorite, Leo, you need to make up your mind and decide.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Things may have been carefree lately but this week things will not be. Practice self-discipline or else life will take control.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** You've been working hard lately, Libra. Take some time to express your creative side.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** This week may not be looking great for you financially. Now is a good time to start a budget so that you'll have money to spend on things you want in the future.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** This is going to be a transformational week. Make sure that the changes that occur are for the best and will set you up for success.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Take some time this week to focus on yourself. You've been stressed and need some time off.

# COVID booster clinic to come to campus

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## The New Xanadu continues to grow

*The New Xanadu*

**The 2021-2022 Xanadu literary magazine is in the process of being edited and put together.**

**Students can start preparing submissions for this year's magazine.**

**Submissions can be emailed to [xanadu.submissions@gmail.com](mailto:xanadu.submissions@gmail.com)**

**Check your email for more information about upcoming events**

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**KYLIE HUGHES**  
Life & Culture Editor

The New Xanadu started off as just the Xanadu literary magazine where students were able to publish their fiction and nonfiction short stories, photography, art, poems, narratives, etc.

Since then, it has evolved into what it is today. While it is still that literary magazine where students can show off their creativity through mediums such as writing and art, it is now much more than that.

Last year, The New Xanadu worked to create

a website that would host the literary magazine but also a range of other similar branch topics that students might be interested in. Much of what now falls under The New Xanadu includes various interdisciplinary discussions and talks, such as the Wounded Healers events. These were conversations held last year based around medical humanities. Similarly, there are Fireside Chats, which have already kicked off this semester. There are also various workshops honing in on writing skills.

These workshops include the Personal Statement Picnics held last

year that allowed students to learn about what really goes into this important piece of applying for a job or graduate school.

With the help of the Director of The New Xanadu and English Professor Phil Weitz and various students helping out in different ways, The New Xanadu continues to expand.

The 2021-2022 Xanadu literary magazine is in the process of being edited and put together. Students will be able to view it sometime this semester at the Xanadu online website <https://thenewxanadu21.wixsite.com/thenewxanadu>.

Students can start pre-

paring submissions for this year's magazine.

All submissions can be emailed to [xanadu.submissions@gmail.com](mailto:xanadu.submissions@gmail.com).

Anyone interested in seeing more from The New Xanadu can follow them on Instagram (@the.new.xanadu) or watch their email for more information about upcoming events.

## “Write Out Loud” creates safe space

**ISABEL HENSON**  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 28, Active Minds and the Writing Center teamed up to host a “Write Out Loud” event. Students were able to bring a piece of original writing or a piece selected from other authors to share.

President of Active Minds senior Maddy Meredith explained that this Write Out Loud event served as a space for students to “share the struggles of mental health through poetry.”

“[The event] showed that we can all relate through our struggles, and we are definitely not alone,” Meredith stated.

Writing Center Director Jeremy Caldwell was pleased with the turnout.

“I’m really excited to bring more events like these on campus, to have

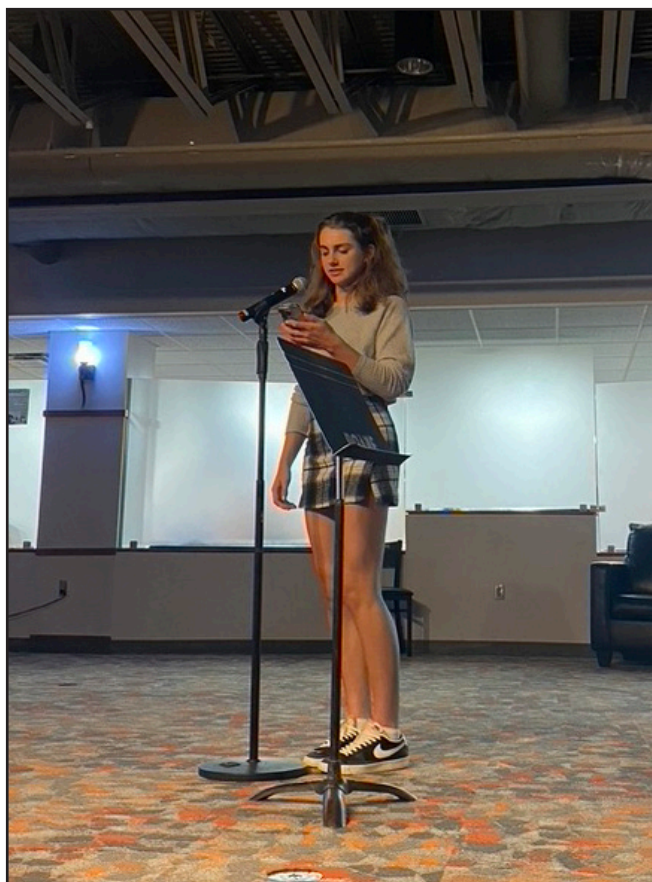
others inspired to share their story, share their voice,” Caldwell said.

Senior Jacy Vacha, who is a consultant at the Writing Center and the Treasurer of Active Minds, also noted that there was a great turnout, and the event “impacted a lot of people in a different way than expected.”

“There were people who spoke that I’ve never seen on campus who came willing to share those deeper parts of themselves,” Vacha said.

Keep an eye out for an email from the Writing Center about the next Write Out Loud event. Until then, Caldwell encourages students to attend the “Mad Hatter Tea Party” on Oct. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lakeside.

Any questions can be directed to [writingcenter@doane.edu](mailto:writingcenter@doane.edu).



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“Write Out Loud” event gives students and faculty a change to express themselves in a safe space. The Writing Center teamed up with Active Minds to make this event happen.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

## Homecoming is for you too

With Doane celebrating its 150 year anniversary it can be easy to forget that the festivities are just as much for current students as they are for the alumni.

While it is easy to look at the list of events being put on and dismiss some or all as not being meant for you, that could not be further from the truth. You are part of the Doane community, and that means everything Homecoming related is for your enjoy-

ment.

While there are events that are specifically for alumni, those are not the ones being advertised to you around campus.

One thing Doane prides itself on is the community it creates. Though alumni are an important and valued aspect of the Doane community, current students are where the future of the institution lies, so don't write any of the festivities off as being only for

alumni.

Everyone, all together, is what makes Doane the university that it is.

Whether you decided to attend the Homecoming kick-off on Oct. 3, or if you choose to participate in something else throughout the week, you are more than welcome to join in the festivities wherever you see fit.

You can join in at the bonfire in Tuxedo park on Oct. 4 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 5

has Hoopfest from 6 to 9 p.m. and the Amazing Race from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 6 has a networking event from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the country dance starting at 8 p.m. at Furher Fieldhouse. Then on Oct. 8, Homecoming ends with a Big Bucks Bingo from 9 to 11 p.m. in Lakeside.

Whatever you choose to do, do so with confidence that you are welcomed to join in on the festivities. It's Doane 150, make sure to have fun.

## Hot takes; stars are bursting

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON  
Managing Editor

It's October and that means candy. This week for Hot Takes I'll be ranking the unexplainably juicy "Starburst" flavors.

Each flavor is based on how good it tastes and how common it is to get one in your standard 2-pack of "Starbursts."

While there are like 20 or so different flavors, I'm really only grading the four prominent ones. I mean, how likely are you to run into the "tropical" flavored ones compared to the regular flavors? Plus, some of these flavors are likely discontinued, so it doesn't make much sense for me to include them.

If the flavor tastes good and is pretty common, then it ranks high on the list; if the flavor is doo-doo or is rare, then it ranks lower on



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the list.

This Hot Takes is pretty short but in the following weeks I'll be covering some pretty bulky stuff so be prepared for that, in the meantime, stay spooky and eat your veggies.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Pink, Orange

A Tier: (Second Best)- Yellow

B Tier: (Average)- Red

C Tier: (Below Average)- Pretty much all the rest

F Tier: (Garbage)- N/A

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

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

## Rewatching a favorite film



JOSE VILLALPANDO  
News Editor

Since October has officially come upon us and Halloween is getting ever-closer, I found it to be a great time to reintroduce people to one of my favorite movies of all time, John Carpenter's "The Thing" (1982), of which he was the main director.

"The Thing" is a science fiction horror film that borders on themes of anxiety-provoking suspense. The movie stars an all-male cast with big name actors. Kurt Russell plays R.J. MacReady, Keith David as Childs, Wilford Brimley as Dr. Blair, T.K. Carter as Nauls, David Clennon as Palmer, Richard Dysart as Dr. Copper, Charles Hallahan as Vance Norris, Peter Maloney as George Bennings, Richard Masur as Clark, Donald Moffat as Garry, Joel Polis as Fuchs and Thomas G. Waites as Windows.

"The Thing" centers on a group of American char-

acters at a remote research station in Antarctica up until they notice a helicopter chasing and shooting at a dog through the arctic plains until it gets to their camp.

After the Americans take in the dog, they don't notice until it's too late that the dog was not what it seemed, and it began attacking the humans and other dogs in the camp. After discovering that the "dog" can actually assume the shape of whatever it eats, paranoia and distrust breaks out between the cast as they all begin to turn on each other assuming they are "the thing."

In the end, the Americans do whatever they can in a desperate attempt to fight back as "the thing" begins to pick them off.

Although this was probably my tenth time having watched "The Thing," the suspensefulness of the movie is one that can't be topped and is the reason why I have watched it so many times. The suspense the viewer feels from the actual scenes coupled with the created suspense of the film score by Ennio Morricone brings about a thrilling experience to let the viewer feel the anxiety, suspense and paranoia that is happening with the cast.

For example, the movie sets up the movie's iconic double drum beats in "Antarctica, Winter 1982" as the introduction scene of the helicopter chasing after the dog plays. This drum beat is



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revisited later as "the thing" begins its subterfuge and assimilation of the Americans.

As I said before, the suspense, anxiety-provoking scenes and soundtrack make this movie a cult classic and an inspiration for filmmakers in the generations after it. Even though the movie is not as action-packed or over-the-top as other science fiction horror movies can be, in my opinion,

the movie holds the test of time as one of the greatest in its genre for the themes it played with. I highly recommend anyone watch this movie if they haven't yet.

If you would like to watch "The Thing," it is available on Peacock TV, Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV and other platforms.

It's October, do yourself a favor and make it a must-watch this Halloween season.

# Team finally makes it to playoffs



**JOHN DAWES**  
Staff Writer

haven't even been any farther west than Colorado, so I've never seen them play in person, but still, it's the team I fell in love with; it's the team that made me love baseball again.

It was at the end of the 2019 season and all throughout the 2020 season that this team won me over. I was ecstatic when we would beat the Yankees or Astros (I still am). I followed our top prospects in the minor leagues, learned way too much about advanced stats and watched as many games as possible—both legally and not-so-legally.

It finally happened. After 20 years without playoff baseball, the Seattle Mariners will be playing in the playoffs for the first time since 2001. It feels almost surreal to say, I still get goosebumps when I say it. It'll be the first time the Mariners have played playoff baseball in my life.

I was not a Seattle Mariner by birth, and I

Throughout learning about Seattle baseball, the fans and communities around the team taught me something. This is a sport that is about winning, but since we don't even win enough to play meaningful baseball in October, we have to make this sport about something more significant



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than winning. We have to find wins in the players on the field, especially the players who played out of their minds just to miss the playoffs every year.

You've got to root for players like Kyle Seager, who played his whole career in Seattle and is the best third-basemen in Mariners history, but he retired one year too early

after the Mariners missed the playoffs by two games in 2021.

You have to root for Felix Hernandez, who is the last person to throw a perfect game during a dreadful year for the Mariners, who won the Cy-Young award and put up elite numbers just to watch his team flounder year in and out.

You have to root for Ichiro Suki, who made his Hall of Fame case with the Mariners and was present for their last playoff game in 2001, who spearheaded a team that tied the all-time regular season record of 116 wins.

These players aren't losers just because they missed the playoffs; their

stories aren't incomplete.

The playoff drought unburdens the Mariners of today. They're a team of the future. Young players like Julio Rodriguez, Cal Raleigh and Logan Gilbert are all rookie sensations and give the Mariners a core that'll keep them competitive for years to come. We have a great manager, an aggressive and well-structured front office and an elite minor league system.

But still, even if we go through another playoff drought, I'm alright with it. This is a team that may not have a championship, let alone an appearance in the World Series, but it's a team with a story and that story is finally complete. The Mariners of old are finally put to ease. What happens now is something I'm excited and nervous about exploring.

So thank you Mariners baseball, I'm a better sports fan because of you.

# Must-see horror movie of the year

**KELLY HARRIS**  
Journalism Student

Horror movie fans were treated with a new film to watch on Friday, Sept. 30, just in time for the Halloween season. Parker Finn's third film, "Smile," received lots of attention through its unparalleled marketing tactics and horrifying advertisements. Clips of random people smiling in the background of sports games and news broadcasts drew the attention of the Internet, successfully promoting the movie before it had even been released.

I was skeptical that this movie would be disap-

pointing or cheesy, as the concept seemed similar to films that have already been made. The idea of an other-worldly being attaching itself and creating a cycle between victims has already been done before in films like David Robert Michael's "It Follows." Knowing this, I was expecting "Smile" to be another overdone, poorly executed remake.

The film follows Dr. Rose Cotter, a therapist working in the mental health facility of a hospital. She sees a client who had witnessed her college professor commit suicide, and had since been seeing visions of people smiling evilly at her, telling her she is going to die next. The client then commits suicide in front of Rose after having a severe breakdown. Rose then begins to see those visions her-

self and worries that a sort of evil presence attached itself to her.

Although the concept of this film is nothing near unprecedented, the execution was remarkable. The director did a fantastic job of portraying the sudden collapse of Rose's mental health and the journey she goes on to understand what she had unknowingly gotten herself into.

As a viewer, I found myself feeling just as confused and hopeless as Rose was. The horror of learning how close one may be coming to death and not being able to do anything about it is extremely disturbing, and this film exhibits that incredibly well.

This can't just be attributed to the writing, though. Sosie Bacon's performance flawlessly

illustrated Rose's fears, insecurities and trauma. The portrayal of mental illnesses like paranoia, psychosis and self-endangerment were almost disturbingly accurate.

I would suggest that anybody experiencing dark times would hold off on seeing this film, as I could imagine how triggering the imagery in this film could be.

"Smile" has soared to a number one spot in the box office, even after just three days following its release. Earning roughly \$22 million in ticket sales thus far, I would argue that the film earned its place as the most horrifying and unsettling psychological thriller of the year. It is a film that any horror fan should have on their must-watch list.



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# Staying focused



**ABRIANNA MILLER**  
Editor-in-Chief

helped me so far this semester that I have tried to implement in the past, but I had always missed the mark.

First up, I put my phone away. I leave it somewhere, and I walk to another room. This has helped tremendously when it comes to tight-deadline assignments. Without my phone there to distract me, the only thing I can do is work. It also takes out the question of whether or not to have a break because we all know how horrible it is to get up mid-study session.

Another thing I have found useful is listening to soft music. The genre of the music doesn't matter for me— I just can't sit in silence. I need some other sound going on so that my brain has to intentionally focus on the work I am doing.

The last tip I have to share is to set limits for yourself. For me, I work intensely for about

40 minutes, and then I give myself a 20-minute break. During those 20 minutes, I just relax and stretch. Every other break I will go on my phone but not every single one. This helps me realize that the work is not an infinite mass, rather it is manageable and doable.

There is no saying whether or not these strategies will work for you, but I think it's at least worth a try if you are struggling. It has taken me years to nail down a pattern that works for me. Don't feel like a failure if your method is different from mine or your friend's or your roommate's.

Trial and error is the only way to figure out what will work for you. Start now so you can get ahead of the stress and panic that comes with the progression of the semester.

## ...THUMBS UP

Funko Pops 

 Keychains

Haunted Houses 

 Science Fiction

Trains 

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...



# Soccer has uneventful week

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Last week was a rather uneventful few days for the Men's and Women's Soccer teams, with neither team being able to come away with a win during the four games. Despite a slow week, both teams are seeing changes in their play that

reflect their new confidence.

The Women's team, who was initially off to a strong start, has experienced some bumps along the way, as they haven't come away with a win recently. However, junior Emily Guiton sees that despite these recent results, her team is becoming more adaptable from each game.

"We've been going back and forth between two formations, so that definitely can play a

part in how we play as a team," Guiton said. "The competition has also been a little higher in our league, so we've had to adapt to that."

That does not mean there are not things the team could constantly be improving upon. As the season progresses further, both teams have to stay focused on executing the little things seamlessly.

"As a team, I think we need to work on connecting our lines on the field

and just connecting with each other," Guiton said. "There's a little piece missing right now that I know we can find."

Both teams have the opportunity to capitalize on these small details to the best of their abilities in an upcoming series of road games. Junior Zane Boudreau knows that these games away from home are just as important to perform in.

"We want to make it to the conference tournament and hopefully win

it, so to do that we need to keep winning games in conference," Boudreau said. "We have a tough road schedule ahead, so picking up results on the road will be important down the line."

Picking up results has become a team motto for the Men's team, who originally started 0-8 and have gone on to win or tie all four of their last games. These changes are only the beginning of future successes for both teams as they enter the

final stage of the season.

"Everyone realized we only have a certain amount of games in a certain amount of time, so you can tell everyone in practice is more focused and has a drive that wasn't there before," Boudreau said. "We've got a little bit of edge now, and we believe in ourselves."

Both teams will take to the road on Oct. 8 and head to Mitchell, South Dakota to take on Dakota Wesleyan University.

# Football team fumbles road game

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Football team traveled to Jamestown, North Dakota to take on the University of Jamestown Jimmies. Despite getting points on the board to close in on the lead, Doane was unable to overcome the deficit and fell 17-41.

Things originally seemed to be going

smoothly for the Tigers, after their overtime victory the previous week against Dordt University. Senior Cedric Gooch was overall very pleased with the performance he saw from his team, both while on the field and on the sidelines.

"We had a lot of energy and we stayed constant against Dordt," Gooch said. "We were very communicative, and the coaches set a bunch of goals for us to achieve

on the field, which I think helped push us."

However, this level of play and energy was not carried into the next week. A lack of preparation allowed the Jimmies to hit the ground running and pull away with a 31-0 lead at halftime.

"We saw everything [Jamestown] brought to the field during practices, and I think we made simple, small errors that led to big plays for them," Gooch said. "There

wasn't much energy on the sideline, and it just went downhill from there."

After a beatdown like last weekend, it could be easy for teammates to feel discouraged and blame themselves or others. Doane, however, is choosing to stay focused and push past the loss in order to get ready for their next home game.

"We need to clean up the little mistakes and try not to point fingers about

this last game," Gooch said. "We just need to shake it off and play again like we did against Dordt."

Regardless of the outcome of each game, the overall team dynamic has been the one improvement nobody saw coming. With half the season behind them, each game looks more and more cohesive between the players.

"You can clearly tell we have a lot more chem-

istry and have become a lot closer as teammates," Gooch said. "We're clicking in ways we haven't before, and we're starting to see things from fall camp come to fruition and it's helping a lot."

Doane hopes to capitalize on this chemistry in the near future. They will host Dakota Wesleyan University in Crete on Oct. 8 for Doane's Homecoming game.

# Shotgun team has quick turn around

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

The Shooting Sports-Shotgun team was back in action on Saturday and Sunday in Brainard, Nebraska competing in the Concordia Sporting Invite. While it was not the best overall team performance, it was still an opportunity to improve as their fall season continues.

As a team, the results they saw this weekend were not exactly what they had been hoping for. However, junior Payton Detavernier was proud to see individuals getting their scores to the place they need to be.

"I think the overall performance of the team this weekend was not what we wanted, but it is definitely an improvement from how our sporting scores have

been," Detavernier said.

While the leadership on the team is exceptionally strong, newer members of the team have been pulling their weight at these shoots. Although it is always a team effort, these members have proved just how much they can bring to the table.

"We had a great individual achievement from our freshman, Cody Eye, and his performance this

weekend," Detavernier said. "His scores were great considering this was his second meet on the team."

Things will only become busier for the team as the fall season continues. While that type of stress could put strain on the members of the team, they are instead using it to focus on their flaws.

"We try to make the most out of every prac-

tice and focus on our weaknesses," Detavernier said. "Everyone's weakness is different, and we all learn from each other."

Before the next shoot, the team is looking to capitalize on the errors from the previous week. This means several hours of hard work to see the improvements necessary at their next match.

"I would love to see the team excel at sport-

ing clays, as it is one of our weakest disciplines on the team," Detavernier said. "Our trap and skeet scores have been great so far this year, but that is what the team would love to see in these final two competitions in the fall."

The Shooting Sports team will be competing again Oct. 8 and 9 in Grand Island, Nebraska at the Hastings Invite.

# Golf teams compete side-by-side

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Last week, both the Men's and Women's Golf teams were in Norfolk, Nebraska competing in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Invite. Despite facing some serious obstacles along the way, both teams left the match prepared to work even harder for the next one.

As the teams were headed into last week-

end's match, they were feeling ready to take on the challenges. Sophomore Blake Skomaul and his team were caught by surprise by this particular course.

"The course was really difficult, and we didn't expect that because we've played it before, but it was set up in a way that kicked our butts," Skomaul said. "It was a disappointing tournament, but I think with things looking the way they do, we can only im-

prove from here."

Although course conditions were able to get the best of the Tigers, that does not mean there were no successes to be found. Junior Tiffany Carnahan was pleased with her team's ability to persevere through the challenges.

"I was proud to see each of us get out of the tough situations when we were faced with them," Carnahan said. "This course had a lot of trees, bunkers, stuff we

weren't used to so I think we handled those situations pretty well."

Of course, there are still things that need to be worked on before getting back into competition. While each player has their own strengths and weaknesses, there are things that the team as a whole will be focusing on.

"I think our short game can always be improved," Carnahan said. "That's where we rack up a lot of our points,

especially with chipping and getting out of the sand."

Between now and their next match, everyone knows what they need to work on for self and team improvements. Preparation will be key as they head into a tournament that everyone is unfamiliar with.

"I know what I need to work on, everyone else knows what they need to work on," Skomaul said. "We have to have our own game prepared

because this is one of the only courses none of us have seen before, so we need to be ready."

The Men's Golf team will be back on the course first in Kansas City, Missouri on Oct. 9 and 10 to compete in the Virginia McCoy Invitational. Afterwards, the Women's Golf team heads to McPherson, Kansas on Oct. 17 and 18 to take part in the Bethany Invite.

# Volleyball continues to fall at home

Team drops two more matches in straight sets

**CASSIE KESSLER**  
Sports Editor

Over the weekend, the Volleyball team had back-to-back game days on Friday and Saturday. The task proved to be too much for the Tigers, as they would lose both matches in straight sets.

This first game was against the University of Jamestown. Doane

had just come back from a series of road games to face off against the Jimmies, who haven't lost a match since their first game of the season. Their win streak stood at 15 in a row, and the Tigers would not be the ones to end it.

The first set was their closest of all three and was fairly back and forth between the two teams, neither having a lead extending above five points. Doane looked like they were ready to make a comeback at the end, but a block of sophomore Taylor Sluka's attack ended the first at 20-25.

The second set was a

far different scene. Doane scored their first six points off errors committed by Jamestown, and the Jimmies grabbed two runs late in the set that made it impossible for the Tigers to come back. The set finished 15-25 Jamestown.

The third set was more of the same experience. Despite a late game run by Doane, it wouldn't be enough to force a fourth set, and Jamestown would seal things off with a 25-19 win over the Tigers, finishing the match in straight sets.

Doane would continue to experience much of the same struggles in their game the next day

against Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU). The first set demonstrated just how hard the Tigers had it, losing 11-25 to DWU.

The second and third sets saw Doane pull it together, getting better in each set. The second set got the Tigers a little closer, with a final score of 16-25. In the third, Doane was starting to really close in, but DWU would pull away with a 12-2 run for the win of 25-18.

The Volleyball team has the opportunity for redemption, first at home on Tuesday when they host Bellevue University. They then head to Iowa

on Oct. 7 and 8 to compete against Northwest-

ern College and Dordt University.

## Athlete of the Week



**Jorge Chevez**  
Tennis

won his first five matches, defeating three seeded players, to make it to the championship at the ITA Regional Tournament



# Scoreboard Snapshot

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

September 28 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA

1:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

CHARGERS  
0-3

October 1 @ HOME

1:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

MUSTANGS  
0-3

## MEN'S SOCCER

September 28 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA

3:15 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

TIE  
1-1

October 1 @ HOME

3:15 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

TIE  
1-1

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 @ NORFOLK, NEB.

NEBRASKA INTERCOLLEGIATE INVITE

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## VOLLEYBALL

September 30 @ HOME

7:30 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

SET ONE JIMMIES	SET TWO JIMMIES	SET THREE JIMMIES
[ 20-25 ]	[ 15-25 ]	[ 19-25 ]

October 1 @ HOME

3:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

SET ONE DWU	SET TWO DWU	SET THREE DWU
[ 11-25 ]	[ 16-25 ]	[ 19-25 ]

## SHOOTING SPORTS

October 1 & 2 @ BRAINARD, NEB.

CONCORDIA SPORTING INVITE

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## MEN'S GOLF

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 @ NORFOLK, NEB.

NEBRASKA INTERCOLLEGIATE INVITE

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# Next week for Tiger Athletics

## VOLLEYBALL

October 4 @ HOME

7:00 versus BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY

October 7 @ ORANGE CITY, IOWA

7:30 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

October 8 @ SIOUX CENTER, IOWA

3:00 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

## SHOOTING SPORTS

October 8 & 9 @ GRAND ISLAND, NEB.

HASTINGS INVITE

## MEN'S TENNIS

October 8 @ HOME

11:00 versus WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

October 8 @ HOME

3:00 versus WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

October 8 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

1:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

## MEN'S SOCCER

October 8 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

3:15 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

## CROSS COUNTRY

October 8 @ SIOUX CENTER, IOWA

DORDT INVITE

## FOOTBALL

October 8 @ HOME

1:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

