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Forensics makes nationals

Team experiences its best season in history

JOHN DAWES
Design Assistant

The Doane Forensics team is enjoying its best season in team history and is preparing its team for the National Championship in April.

The team enjoyed a breakout season in 2022 after junior Alexandria Moulton took home a national championship title, the first in team history. The 2023 season has built on that success with five students— Moulton, freshman Madison Ramey, junior Olivia Vore,

senior Erik Rodriguez and senior Trey Porter—qualifying nine different speeches for nationals.

“The season has been tremendous. All of the full-time members had already qualified for an event for nationals. The spring semester is getting qualified in additional events and continuing on,” Director of Forensics and Assistant Professor in the Practice of Communications Nathaniel Wilson said.

The team competed in the Good Life Swing at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. After final rounds of competition, Ramey placed first in Poetry, Porter took first in dramatic interpretation and junior Cassie Kessler took fourth in persuasive speaking.

After this weekend's tournament on March 4, the team will then transition into overhauling and polishing their events for nationals. The team is going on a four-day retreat to start the brainstorming process.

“The retreat is always



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a wonderful and creative experience where students come up with so many unique ideas,” Wilson said.

With the success of this year's Forensics team, Wilson appreciates the life skills, confidence, team building and pas-

sion that students develop through competing in Forensics.

“You can see the growth of confidence in students over this competitive year and their careers. There's also the need to decide what you're passionate about

in the world and persuade others how to act on that issue or invoke the same passion,” Wilson said. “I think learning how to do that gives students the ability to communicate what is important and emphasize and make relationships with others.”

The Forensics team will head to the national competition in Santa Ana, California in early April.

Doane welcomes new counselor

Alumnus returns to campus as staff member

KYLIE HUGHES
Copy Desk Chief

As of January, the Counseling Office hired a new part-time counselor.

Licensed Mental Health Practitioner Marysol Cazares started working in counseling in 2017.

Cazares works Tuesdays and Thursdays on campus. During the rest of her week she works at a private practice in Crete.

When she is not working, she spends as much time as she can with her two-year old.

Cazares originally got into psychology and

counseling because she wanted to help out her own community.

“I feel like I can help out because there's not a lot of Spanish speaking counselors. Sometimes it's easier when you don't have to explain something to someone. They just understand what you are talking about because they understand your culture, know about your culture or are your culture. I think that translates to other areas,” Cazares said.

Cazares decided to get into counseling through a job she had during school where she would translate therapy sessions. It helped her establish that this was something that she could do.

As a graduate of Doane, she also attributes her career to her education. Cazares received her undergraduate degree in 2011 from Doane double majoring in Psychology and Spanish. She then went on to receive her Masters from Doane as well.

While gaining her undergraduate degree, Cazares was involved in

Track and Field, Cross Country, a mentoring group, Greek Life, etc. She was also able to study abroad in Spain for a semester.

Her experiences through Doane helped her develop her approach to counseling. For example, she had time to reflect on herself and other cultures while traveling abroad.

“You don't have to agree, but you have to respect and give dignity to another human and that's what's important to me,” Cazares said.

Cazares said it has also been a unique experience coming back to campus now as a faculty member instead of a student.

“I think when you go to a space you have been before, there's memories and stuff like that. So it's interesting to see people [from when I was here],” Cazares said.

Cazares is excited to get to know the students and faculty on campus as she gets further into the semester. She is also excited to work with a new population and in a new setting compared to her



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past counseling experiences.

Students who come to see her can expect a relaxed, no pressure environment where they should know they are supported, according to Cazares.

“My orientation when it comes to counseling is a lot about helping a person be self-actualized. Being part of the process. I know how hard it can be to be vulnerable and take that step. So if I can make it easier by connect-

ing with people and being part of that process, I am attaining that goal,” Cazares said.

Students can schedule an appointment by emailing Cazares at marysol.cazares@doane.edu.

On-campus housing updates

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Copy Desk Chief

With housing for on campus and off campus now open, Residential Life and Education (ResLife) wants to make students aware of the various changes that are occurring with housing this year and into the upcoming academic year.

Students who do not meet one of the off-campus housing requirements and have not been approved for off-campus housing are required to live on campus.

This year, on-campus housing will be slightly different than usual. Like most years, upperclassmen are able to request where they want to live on a first come first serve basis. However, the new residence hall is projected to be done in January of 2024. This means that starting in January, students will have the opportunity to live there.

The new residence hall will be similar to Hansen in that it will have suites, according to Director of ResLife Brian Stutz.

There will be 4-, 6- and 8-person suites. Each person living in the suite will get their own room. There will be a living space with a kitchenette in each.

In order to live in the new residence hall in January, Stutz requests that students fill out the "Interest in the New Building" form sent out in an email on Feb. 24.

In this form, students can request how many people they will be living with, and they need to put the names of those people down. This form is not a guarantee. Priority will be given to groups that have the most credits on average.

However, students that will be living in the new residence hall will be living in Frees for the first semester.

Depending on the exact date that the residence hall finishes, these students will either move their belongings before or after winter break.

Stutz acknowledges that "moving people mid-year is never easy," and hopes to provide as much assistance and guidance as possible.

The goal for ResLife is to have all 126 students that will be living in the new residence hall to be the only students living in

Frees. First-year students will live in Sheldon Hall, as per usual, and the rest will live in Smith Hall. Smith will be a mixture of underclassmen and upperclassmen.

This goal depends on the number of enrollment for next year, which is still unknown at this time. However, if ResLife is able to have only the 126 students that will be in the new residence hall living in Frees in the Fall, Frees will close for renovations during the Spring.

Renovations for Frees include painting, carpeting and working on the HVAC system.

The rest of the halls will be done by the usual lottery system once ResLife figures out who is living in the new building.

"I'm not going to say it's going to be perfect. It's going to be a little messy," Stutz said. "It is going to be the best that it can be."

In addition to the changes with the new residence hall, prices will also be changing. Students will pay more per semester for living in Hansen Hall compared to Sheldon and Smith, and the new residence hall will charge more than Hansen.

New Residence Hall

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- For more information or questions, there will be housing sessions hosted from Feb. 28 to March 9.

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Doane has also hired a new Community Director (CD) that will start this summer. Stutz recognizes that all of the current CDs are male and wants all students to feel comfortable coming to them with any issues. The new CD will be female and Stutz is making sure

to diversify staff. For questions or more information, students can attend housing sessions hosted from Feb. 28 to March 9.

Any other questions can be directed to CDs.

This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday
3/1



High: 50
Low: 26

Thursday

3/2



High: 38
Low: 25

Friday

3/3



High: 44
Low: 24

Saturday

3/4



High: 45
Low: 26

Sunday

3/5



High: 55
Low: 37

Monday

3/6



High: 56
Low: 34

Tuesday

3/7



High: 51
Low: 23

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

NSSE to be sent to students

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) will be sent out to eligible Doane students on March 1 via email and will be available through April 15.

The NSSE is administered to gauge students' activities and involvement in the campus community, according to Director of Institutional Effectiveness Kris Williams.

"The NSSE measures how students spend their time and their level of involvement with Doane," Williams said. "Since many other institutions use the NSSE, it also al-

lows Doane to compare itself to other institutions."

As opposed to other student surveys, the NSSE directly aims at understanding students' use and experience of different offices on campus. Results from the NSSE allows the university to adapt their resources to be most useful for students.

"We use the data to monitor student satisfaction with many offices at Doane and compare those to peer and aspirant institutions. The information is also used when Doane applies for grants and is used in accreditation reports to validate our claims about the education Doane provides," Williams said.

In the past, Williams said that about 50 percent

of eligible students have participated in the NSSE. He is hoping to see a similar response rate this year, as the information gathered from the NSSE allows the university to identify appropriate areas "to focus on for improvement."

Past results have informed decisions about Doane's advisor model.

"The data was used to inform changes to the advising model being used for undergraduates at Doane and is used to monitor the change from the Doane Plan to the Doane Core to see the impact on collaborative and experiential learning," Williams said.

Williams hopes to see as many students as possible participate in the NSSE. The last NSSE was administered in the

Spring of 2020, right before the COVID-19 pandemic, so this year's NSSE results will be particularly interesting.

"The seniors who will take this survey were also surveyed [in the Spring of 2020]," Williams said. "We really want to see how the perceptions and experiences of those students have been impacted by all the changes we had to make during the pandemic."

While other surveys ask about students' opinions on classes or events, the NSSE asks about "a

student's complete experience," something Williams considers as one of the greatest benefits to the NSSE.

Post-pandemic, Williams hopes to use the NSSE results to improve campus after the many changes that had to be made to ensure the safety of those at Doane.

"It is an essential way to make sure the student's voice is heard," Williams said. "... It is also important for the first-year students to participate so we can establish a baseline going forward."



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LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Severe winter weather hits the U.S.

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Multimedia
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On Feb. 22, 29 states in the U.S. began bracing for multiple intense winter weather conditions, which prompted six states to issue blizzard warnings while others saw opposite extremes.

According to CBS News, by Feb. 23, several interstate highways from Arizona to Wyoming became blanketed and closed due to the snow, trapping some drivers and cutting off power to hundreds of thousands of others.

Poweroutage.us reported that some one million households across the U.S. were without power by that afternoon. Michigan remained the number one state with the most power outages, with some 811,000 households without power. Other affected states were Illinois, Wisconsin, California and Oregon.

The main issue on the west coast, especially California, was the high winds that came along with the winter weather.

The winds were so strong in California over the course of the severe weather conditions that



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Arizona State University students visiting the Arizona desert after abnormal snowfall hit parts of the state.

several trees, power lines and other stationary equipment were uprooted or toppled. By the evening of Feb. 22, some 42,000 households were without power.

By the time of this publication, 187,000 households in Michigan are still without power. Meanwhile in California, the number of households without power rose to 117,000 after worse conditions hit the state over the Feb. 25 and 26

weekend, resulting in 61,000 still being without power by the time of this publication.

In terms of transportation, CBS News also reported that 1,600 flights were canceled across the U.S. on Feb. 22, at least 4,200 more canceled by the afternoon of Feb. 23 and a total of 5,900 delayed flights over the course of both days, while no statistics were reported over the Feb. 25 and 26 weekend.

On the other hand, other states in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Southeast saw near-record highs for this time of year.

The Miami Herald reported multiple high temperatures between Feb. 22 through 26, nearly matching record highs in comparison to typical temperatures for this time of year.

Feb. 22 in Miami was the closest to breaking records, with temperatures

reaching 85 degrees, two degrees lower than the previously record high of 87 degrees that was recorded on Feb. 22, 1987.

Miami Herald also reported Key West matching and even breaking previous records. Feb. 22, 23 and 26 matched previously recorded highs at 85 degrees from 2019, 2019 and 1991, respectively. The temperature on Feb. 24 was also 85 degrees but broke the record high of 84 degrees set in 2021.

11 Alive news reported that Atlanta, Georgia broke both the monthly and daily high temperature record with temperatures recording 81 degrees at the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. The old records were set at 80 degrees on Feb. 7, 2019 and 79 degrees on Feb. 22, 2018.

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



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Oregon Dept. of Transportation guiding traffic through cleared space after snowstorm knocks over trees.

NE close to passing new abortion bill

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On Feb. 1 the Nebraska Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee took hours of testimony to decide on whether to advance a bill outlawing abortion past a

certain point.

This 'heartbeat' bill would ban abortions once cardiac activity is detected in an embryo. This generally occurs around the sixth week of pregnancy. Nebraska currently outlaws abortion at 20 weeks post fertilization.

The bill appears to need two Republican votes to have enough support to become law. At least 31 senators appear

that they will support the bill and two more Republicans seem likely to join them, which would give it the 33 votes needed to overcome a filibuster.

Although this bill does not list criminal penalties, it would make doctors vulnerable to criminal charges under existing state law. The law makes it a felony to perform an abortion not allowed under state law.

According to data reported to the state in 2021, over 85 percent of current abortions in Nebraska occur at six weeks gestational age or later. The American Pregnancy Association has noted that weeks four through seven are when most women discover they are pregnant.

If the bill is passed, Nebraska would join several states that have

passed cardiac activity abortion bans, including Iowa, Georgia, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee. In 2010 Nebraska became the first state to ban abortions after week 20 of pregnancy. This would also be one of the most restrictive abortion laws for a state that hasn't entirely banned the procedure.

In Nebraska's officially nonpartisan, one-house

legislature, Democrats hold 17 of 49 total seats. This would leave abortion ban backers short of a supermajority.

The hearing ended in a heated debate between the bill's sponsor and a senator who strongly opposes this ban.

For more information visit apnews.com.

President Carter put in hospice care

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Former President of the United States Jimmy Carter has entered hospice care.

According to USA Today, the 98-year-old Carter decided to receive hospice care instead of additional medical procedures. The news was delivered by the Carter



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Center, his charity that he and his wife Rosalynn founded in 1982. "After a series of short

hospital stays, former U.S. President Jimmy

Carter today decided to spend his remaining time at home with his family and receive hospice care instead of additional medical intervention," the charity said in a statement.

In 2015, Carter announced he had been diagnosed with cancer that was found during a liver surgery. The cancer was a form of melanoma that spread to his brain, but after several months of treatment, Carter said his scans showed no more signs of cancer.

Carter served as the 39th President of the U.S.

from 1977 to 1981 and is the longest living President at the age of 98.

In 2002, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for "undertaking peace negotiations, campaigning for human rights and working for social welfare," according to the Nobel Prize website.

Carter and his family ask for privacy at this time, but are grateful for the kindness and support.

There are no updates as of this publication.

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Doane Crime Log

The Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Feb. 20 and 27 include:

- 2/26 Security Issue : Security Concern : Campus Property - Doane Crete : Residence Halls : Smith Hall

Tigers on Tour applications to close

Summer internship provides new opportunities

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Applications for the Tigers on Tour Program are now open and close on March 3.

Tigers on Tour is a paid summer internship part of the Alumni Engagement Office.

This program allows accepted students to be involved in the promotion of Doane University externally and internally through both one-on-one conversations and group events.

The Tigers of Tour program is an opportunity for students looking to expand their networking by meeting Doane alumni who have “lived many of the same experiences as them,” according to Director of Alumni Engagement Michael Stehlik.

“Our Tigers on Tour gain first-hand experience in an office and team setting, work off of team guidance to research and set up their own interviews and assist with alumni events throughout the semester,” Stehlik



Tigers on Tour

Applications for Tigers On Tour are now open for students to apply for until March 3

Paid summer internship as part of the Alumni Engagement Office

Find the email sent out by Michael Stehlik on Feb. 17

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said.

To be a Tiger on Tour (TOT), students must fill out an application by March 3. Applications can be found in an email sent out from Stehlik on Feb. 17 to all students.

Interviews will be held in the following weeks and the positions will be offered to three students prior to Spring Break.

Stehlik and Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement Nina Theiler,

who head the program together, are looking for hard working students that can work well individually and together with peers. They want someone who can be trusted with confidential

information regarding the privacy of Doane's donor base, as well as someone who values their experience at Doane.

“[A good candidate is] someone who will remind our alumni of their un-

dergraduate experience at Doane and is excited to hear from them about where life has taken them thanks to their Doane experience and connections,” Stehlik said.

In addition to being a hard worker and loving Doane, a good applicant should be outgoing and eager to meet new people. Good applications should list various campus involvements to show that students are excited about Doane.

Overall, this experience provides students with an opportunity to hone in on new skills or strengthen their current skills. TOTs have the opportunity to meet with alumni as well as take trips throughout the summer. This experience also helps these selected students establish what life after Doane can offer.

Last year's TOTs included juniors Riley Reyes, Robb Foote and Rocco Nevells.

For Reyes, being a TOT was a “life-changing experience.”

“Working as a TOT taught me so many life lessons throughout the summer while learning the rich history of Doane that only alumni could talk about,” Reyes said.

Questions about the program or applications can be directed to Stehlik at michael.stehlik@doane.edu or Theiler at nina.theiler@doane.edu.

Seniors prepare to showcase work

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Journalism Student

The Doane University Graphic Design Senior Show is coming up. Titled “Blueprint to Design”, it is a group show that features the work of four students: Joe Mackin, Kailyn Groski, Sydney Biermann and Joey Winton. The four seniors are led by Assistant Professor of Art and Design William Truran.

The show will be in the Rall Art Gallery with an Opening Reception on April 6, 5 to 7 p.m. It features work that includes both traditional and digital design projects spanning topics such as the environmental impact of lawns, creating eating experiences for those with dietary restrictions, tools to aid young adults in the transition to living on their own and the benefits of video games.

Groski's project is ti-

tled “Let's Cook” and is an app designed for young adults who are learning to cook on their own.

“Now that I am older and on my own, I have found a love for cooking but I'm not as experienced as my family members are, I can't remember how to cook all of the things I like to cook off the top of my head,” said Groski.

The app lets you put all of your favorite rec-

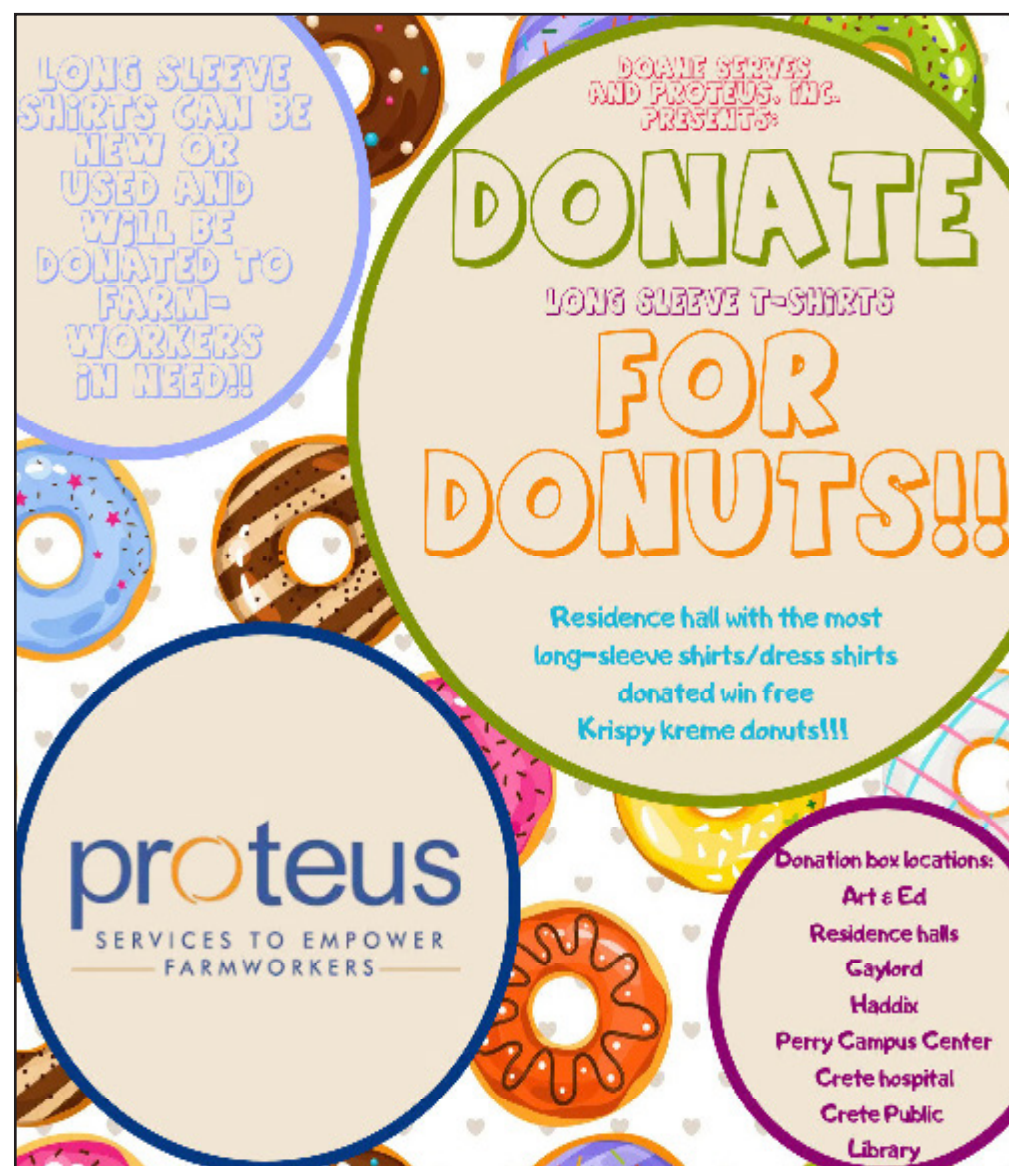
ipes in one, organized place, making for easy cooking, without hours of searching for a recipe, or waiting for Grandma to remember how to work her phone and manage to send a readable picture of the recipe for your favorite meal. It also allows users to plan out their meals and add any items from the recipes into a grocery list for easy, streamlined shopping.

Winton's project focuses on the environmen-

tal impact of lawns and hopes to show homeowners that there are better things for their lawns than just turf grass. With a target audience of homeowners aged 40-55, Winton hopes to show the financial, environmental and aesthetic benefits of using native plants, rather than transplanted grass.

After weeks of hard work, the show will mean a great deal to these students and their professors.

“For the seniors, it shows how much you've learned over your last four years and how much you are able to achieve in such a small amount of time. For the professors, they get to watch us grow and see that all of their hard work and what they have taught us has shown in the work that we have done. For the younger designers, it gives them inspiration and something to work towards for their own show,” said Groski.



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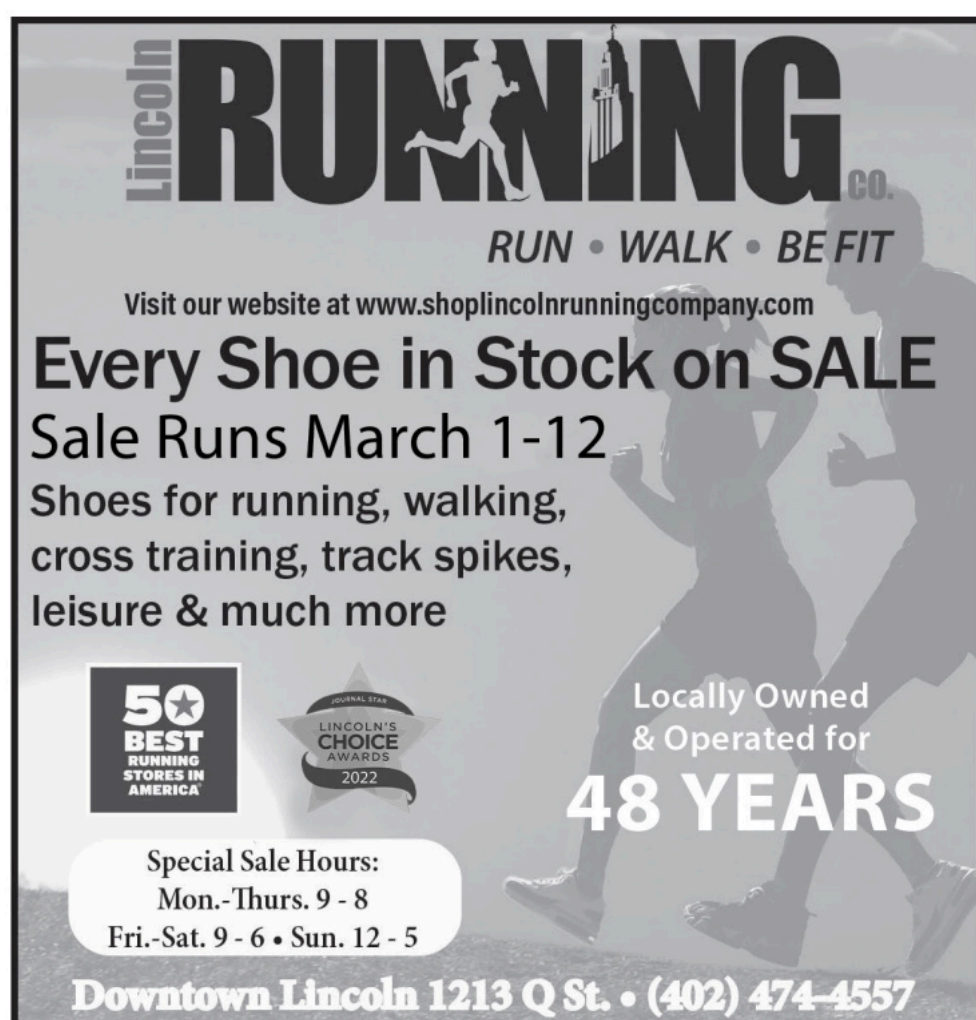
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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Put yourself out there this week, Aquarius. Sometimes you struggle getting out of your comfort zone but good things always happen outside of your comfort zone.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): This week is going to start out busy. You are going to feel like you are running around all week. However, by the end of the week things will look better. You should even reward yourself for your hard work.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): You will have the opportunity to win back someone important in your life. For whatever reason, the relationship ended an opportunity will arise that will allow you to make amends. Do not pass up this opportunity.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Social interactions are going to come easy for you this week. Making new friends might be in your near future. If the opportunity arises, never turn down a chance for more important people in your life.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): This is going to be a great time for you to start networking for a future career. Doing this could get you ahead in your career and you never know who you may have the chance to meet.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Experience something new this week. You've been stuck in a rut lately of doing the same thing everyday. Challenge yourself to a new experience and see what you are able to learn from it.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Lately you've been letting a lot of things slide with yourself. Maybe you've been procrastinating work or putting off going to the gym. Hone in on your self-discipline to do the things you need to get done.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Love is in the air. Take a current relationship to the next level. Ask the question you've been wanting to ask. Those not in relationships could find that things are about to change very soon.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): You might find yourself struggling this week. You may be struggling in various aspects of life. Do not be afraid to ask for help. Asking for help is not a bad thing or something to be ashamed of. Don't forget that.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Do something spontaneous this week. Go crazy (to some extent). Although you are a big planner and enjoy schedules, take some time to do something you haven't planned out. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Spend some time with your family this week. Do something with them that you haven't been able to do in a while.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): This week is going to be great for you money-wise. You may find yourself with some opportunities to earn a little extra cash. Do not pass up this opportunity because a little money can go a long way.

Games raise money for cancer research

JOHN DAWES
Design Assistant

Next week, on March 5, Doane prepares to have the Festival of Games to help fundraise for the Relay for Life, an organization that helps sponsor and fund cancer research, provide crucial care and prevent cancer from taking lives.

The Festival of Games will help fundraise by having students form teams and buy into competitive events like volleyball, a Nerf war, basketball, dodgeball and

more.

"I think everyone is most excited for either the Nerf war or volleyball," President of the Student Programming Board (SPB) junior Mia Guerrero said.

SPB has organized the Festival of Games in partnership with Relay for Life so that students can not only donate money to the fight against cancer, but also so that students can enjoy quality competition and fun amongst their peers.

Guerrero hopes to get local businesses and restaurants to sponsor the event so they can pro-

vide free food to all students who participate and attend the event.

Anyone who wants to participate in this event must pay a \$5 fee in order to enter their team in the competition. All payment is to be sent to Assistant Director of Student Engagement Spencer Munson and can either be taken as cash or a Venmo payment.

The event takes place on March 5, so students should pick out who their teammates will be and who will pay the entry fee before that date.

Facilities provide tips for winter weather

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Nebraska is known for its fluctuating weather conditions, no matter the season. During winter it can be overwhelming to navigate the changing conditions at any given time. It's important to have the knowledge to stay safe.

Doane Facilities urges students to slow down when driving on or off campus, as well as be cautious when walking. They also encourage students to report any accidents or issues they might see.

Planning ahead for afternoon

or evening travel is also important because the weather is constantly changing. Checking the forecast is an easy way to plan ahead and travel based on that.

It's always smart to keep plenty of layers in the car or carry with you in case the weather shifts, as is having other essentials like an ice scraper, flashlight, jumper cables, first aid kit, water and nonperishable food. This may seem like a lot, but it is best to be prepared for anything that may come.

There are plenty of resources online that offer tips and tricks when driving in winter weather conditions because it can be very

difficult.

It's also beneficial to get familiar with winter words like 'blowing and drifting snow advisory.'

When you live in Nebraska, it is inevitable that winter conditions will change daily, if not hourly. Being equipped for any possible change will be more than beneficial.

Doane Facilities is doing their best to ensure the safety of students, staff and faculty on campus.

Any questions can be sent to facilities@doane.edu or facilities.staff@doane.edu.

TNX submission period to end soon

THE NEW XANADU

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Submissions for the 2023 edition of The New Xanadu are now open. We are looking for original stories, nonfiction essays, poetry, vignettes, paintings, sketches, and photography.

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE FEB. 28

Graphic by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

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After a lengthy submission period, final submissions for The New Xanadu (TNX) 2023 magazine will close at midnight on Feb. 28, the date of this publication.

Although the official end date for submissions is Feb. 28, Head Editor of TNX senior Abrianna Miller mentioned it may still be possible to get in contact with TNX staff to submit pieces.

"Although submissions close on [Feb. 28], if there is something you are dying to submit and miss the deadline, you should reach out to myself, Jess [Himmelberg] or Phil [Weitl]," Miller said. "We're changing it up a bit this semester and want to include everything that is submitted with only some exceptions."

Submissions may include anything from written pieces such as stories, poetry and plays, to media like photography, art and pictures of sculp-

tures. The only main exception to inclusion being that submissions cannot be discriminatory or anything of that nature.

"Anyone can submit things for TNX," Miller said. "It doesn't matter if you are a student, faculty or staff member, anyone is welcome to send stuff in."

"I am overwhelmed by the response so far," Professor of English and Director of TNX Philip Weitl said. "We have been privileged to receive terrific work from a huge number of talented folks."

Anyone that submits their own piece will be entered into one of two categories for a financial award. The first category is for the best story, while the second is for the best media submission. Each category hosts a \$500 prize with no limit on the number of submissions students can make.

This year, TNX has a stipulation set in place that anything that is submitted, unless retracted before the publication, cannot be pulled out. Students submitting their

own pieces must recognize that their submission will be made widely available and read by the community.

The publication date of the TNX 2023 magazine is set for April 11.

"[The publication date] gives us time to make the magazine look the best that it can while also giving everyone at Doane time to read through it," Miller said.

"I am excited to see what my dedicated team of students does with this year's edition of the magazine," Weitl said. "Thank you to everyone who has already submitted. We are grateful for your willingness to share your work with us."

Until the deadline, students can submit their work via email to xanadu.submissions@gmail.com.

If you have any questions in regards to submissions, you can contact Weitl at philip.weitl@doane.edu, Miller at abrianna.miller@doane.edu or Assistant Editor sophomore Jess Himmelberg at jess.himmelberg@doane.edu.

Students prepare for Spring Break

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Spring Break is right around the corner, and students are in the process of finalizing their plans if they have not already.

Most respondents to a poll sent out on Feb. 23 said they are most excited to spend time with their

family and friends. Other students said they would be traveling, working or resting.

Junior Rachel Mittleder said she is going to be touring physical therapy graduate schools over break, as well as "studying for the GRE." Mittleder said she is most excited, however, to see her dogs.

Freshman Kat Vogt said she is looking forward to a break from school by going home.

"I'm going to spend [break] in my hometown with my boyfriend and my family," Vogt said. "I'm looking forward to seeing my pets at home again and celebrating my boyfriend's birthday."

The destinations for

students that plan on traveling range from Texas, to Colorado, to California. Some out-of-state students said they are going home to spend Spring Break there.

Freshman Josh Adeniji said he is going to travel home to Austin, Texas and enjoy the weather.

"The most exciting thing for me this spring

is the opportunity to drop the top on my convertible mustang," Adeniji said.

Freshman Brady Timm said he is traveling to Arizona where he is excited to "[play] a lot of golf and hang with [his] brothers."

Spring Break is from March 13 to 17, and Residential Life and Education (ResLife) reminds

students to fill out the Break Exemption form for Spring Break on Re-zLife. This form allows students to stay on campus over break. Otherwise, students should leave their residence halls by March 13.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Help make Doane better

With the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) being sent out the day after this publication, we at the Owl want to encourage everyone to fill it out.

While other surveys ask about opinions on classes or campus events, the NSSE asks about “a student’s complete experience,” meaning how did Doane do as an institution in creating an enriching and fulfilling environment for its students.

One of the best ways to make Doane and its campus

a better place is to give feedback on surveys like this one. Doane is your campus and your college, so you should be able to impact what it does with its resources. Specifically, the NSSE results informed Doane about making changes to their advisor model.

It also allows Doane to compare itself to other universities who send out the survey. This is useful because Doane is able to see what other universities are doing regarding their student experiences and vice versa.

However, it is especially important for us to fill out the survey as we can share what Doane did and didn’t do well during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the class of 2023, COVID took away most of the second semester of 2019 (at the very least), and much of the subsequent year was heavily adjusted to accommodate for the risks posed by the virus.

In years past, roughly 50 percent of Doane’s eligible students filled out the survey, which is very solid. However,

we as students have everything to gain from having as many people fill out the survey as possible.

So, keep an eye on your email for the NSSE and encourage each other to fill it out.

There is no downside to filling out the NSSE, aside from losing a few minutes. On the flip side, students for years to come will appreciate the time we took to improve their experience at Doane.

Hot takes; Goya part 1

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

This week’s Hot Takes will be the first part in a two-part series where I’ll be ranking the 14 “Black Paintings” by Francisco Goya. I am nowhere even remotely close to being a good enough artist to “judge” paintings by one of the best and most important artists in history, so don’t take this as me insulting Goya’s work because that couldn’t be further from the truth.

First, a brief history of Goya and the paintings. Goya (1746-1828) spent most of his life as a royal portrait artist and is considered one of the most influential painters of the 20th century. He had a severe and undiagnosed illness that left him deaf which, when paired with his living in Madrid during the Peninsular War between Spain and France, gave him a bleak outlook on humanity.

Goya moved to a house in the countryside in near-total isolation where he painted his “Black Paintings.” They were painted on the walls of his house and while none were titled, many guess that the paintings were Goya’s way of coping with his own mortality and failing body.

Each painting will be graded on visuals, iconography and how it makes me feel.

Visuals is simply how the painting looks and how “good” it is based on the values of art composition and such.

Iconography is how iconic and well-known in the public zeitgeist the painting is. If any random person on the street could at least recognize the painting, then it’s awarded points.

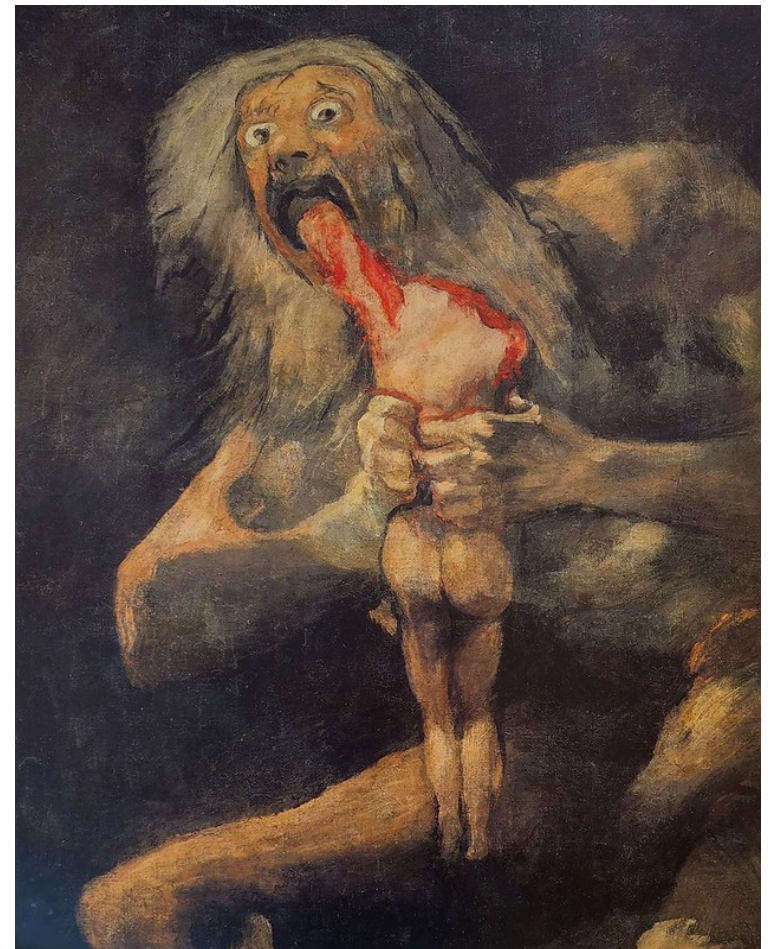
The final category is the most subjective because it’s how the painting makes me feel. Not in a “oh, this painting makes me sad” way, but more of a “seeing this inspires me and I would love to be able to do something as cool as this someday” way if that makes sense.

Tune in next week for the ranking of the other seven paintings.

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

None of the paintings had titles so I will be using what they are colloquially known by.

S Tier: (The best)- Saturn Devouring His Son, The Dog, Two Old Men



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A Tier: (Second Best)- Men Reading, Man Mocked by Two Women

B Tier: (Average)- La Leocadia, Judith and Holofernes

C Tier: (Below Average)- N/A

F Tier: (Garbage)- N/A

Again, let me say: no

amount of debating with me will change my mind so please save yourself the time and energy, you have better things to do than argue with a college kid about tier lists.

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

Allowing myself to take time



JOSE VILLALPANDO
Multimedia Coordinator

“Some people take a little bit longer to do things than others, but that doesn’t mean those people never get it done. They just need a little bit more time to make the most out of their potential.”

That’s what our Doane Student Media advisor Eric Tucker told me after a pretty hellish week and some time beating myself up, which I think I really needed to hear.



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Even though I was pretty dead set on wanting to go to graduate school, I ended up completely missing the deadline for my top choice in master’s programs because of how hectic this past semester has been. There was no one to blame but myself, so I did, which I know isn’t healthy in excess, but it’s how I felt at the time.

I am constantly feeling

like this semester has just been gut-punch after gut-punch with how things are playing out. It hasn’t even passed spring break and the fact that I and many other people are feeling this way is crazy.

Before that conversation with Eric, I was genuinely annoyed with myself but knew that it would probably be good if I were to take a

break from academia. Now, I think I’m feeling better about being able to take that break for the betterment of myself.

I don’t want to have to rush myself into something I don’t feel comfortable doing right now and that’s the most important thing to consider. Being able to make that choice to let yourself take some time, work on other things, then come back to continue education if you want to.

I know that I am at least going to take a semester break. Realistically it’ll probably be a year, but that’s okay. If I am able to get a bit more experience before going into graduate school, it’ll be all the better.

I also know I’m not one to talk since I just now got to this point, but take Eric’s advice, it’s okay to take your time. You’ll get to where you want to be eventually, don’t burn yourself out by trying to do something you’re not ready for.

H2No thank you, Liquid Death only



CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Another word of the day opinion piece. I know you all have been dying to see my random take of the week that is based on nothing other than my favorite website ever (randomwordgenerator.com). Today we will be discussing... drumroll please... water. Wow – what a controversial thing to be discussing. How will we ever tackle such an influential topic

in an appropriate way? I'm kidding obviously.

Here's my hot take: water has to be the most boring drink on the face of the planet and I cannot imagine consuming it just for fun. People who drink water as their primary source of hydration, I have just one question for you guys. Why do you hate the fun things in life?

My taste buds are thoroughly disappointed every time they encounter water as they are expecting at least SOME flavor. Some of you might be thinking, "Cassie, stop being a massive child and just add some Mio or other water enhancing packets. Idiot." That would be a very valid thought to have, especially since I'm about to polarize myself even more with this next sentence.

I hate flavored water. It's still just water – have you ever heard of putting lipstick on a pig? That is the purpose that any type of water flavoring serves: metaphorical lipstick on

the piglet of the drink world.

I will make one and only one exception. Liquid Death. What? Huh? What is Liquid Death Cassie? Is it the tallboys of beer you are constantly carrying around campus? Why yes it is, but here's the catch: it's water.

I know that negates the entire point I was just making about water being awful. What I have come to accept is that I truly am just a material girl. I love the packaging, I love the marketing strategy, and I LOVE drinking water out of a can.

Something about water from a can is so wildly refreshing and I wish I could put my finger on it. It feels like God's nectar being organically harvested and deposited directly into the can for my consumption.

I have an even bigger aversion to sparkling water than still water, but Liquid Death makes sparkling waters that I quite literally cannot

drink enough of. The part I love most about Liquid Death, besides the brutal murder of my thirst? They are dedicating their brand to ending plastic pollution.

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This article is not sponsored, although if anyone deserves a Liquid Death sponsorship, I would humbly say it should be me. Basically, stay hydrated even if you don't want to drink water. And if you want to give water a second chance, I will give Liquid Death a glowing recommendation.

Get out there and kill some thirst. And have a great week, friends.



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Show thankfully returns for third season



GAVIN STRAUSS
Photographer

On Feb. 22 at midnight, the third season of the Netflix Original Drama "Outer Banks" was released worldwide. Now I'm not one of the superfans who stayed up to binge the whole season in one night, however, I

did watch it over the last week...

To begin, many fans were worried about whether there would be a third season. Most OBX fans are aware that co-stars Chase Stokes and Madelyn Cline, while portraying star-crossed lovers in seasons 1 and 2, actually had an offscreen relationship that ended in 2022. This also had fans wondering if the entire cast would return to make a third season possible, and thankfully they all did come back for the epic chain of events that unraveled.

The season picks up with the gang (John B, Sarah, JJ, Pope, Kie, and their new friend Cleo) on a deserted island, following jumping from the cargo ship at the end of season 2. They are quick-

ly rescued by a stranger and end up in Barbados, where much of the season takes place. While trying to return home and recover a large number of gold bars and the Cross of Santo Domingo, which were stolen from them by Sarah's crooked father, they learn of a third treasure that is far larger than anything they had ever chased before.

I'll try not to spoil much more than that so you can see it through yourself. I personally thought it was pretty good and while the ending was epic and extremely dramatic, it also allowed the season to end on a more hopeful note. It was also released that the show was renewed for a fourth season, so we'll see what happens next.

You can watch Outer Banks on Netflix.



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Writer's block hitting



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Writing has always been cathartic for me, but lately, I just can't do it. I have hit a wall when it comes to letting myself express what's in my head.

For as long as I can remember, I have written down all of my feelings. Not in a diary or anything like that, but I would just write random thoughts down on any piece of paper I could find. That has

carried on throughout my whole life, except for recently.

I just haven't had the motivation or the drive to write. Maybe it's because I spend all day sending a million emails, or maybe I've just run out of ideas. I don't know what it is.

A piece I wrote recently unlocked emotions I didn't know that I was holding so close to me, and it felt really good to get the words on paper. That's what I miss about naturally gravitating towards writing- I don't have any other outlet to expose and acknowledge some of my feelings.

Trust me, I have tried going on walks, drawing, etc. Writing is the only thing that genuinely works for me to be able to process what I'm feeling- sometimes I don't even know I'm experiencing something until I start writing.

Maybe I just need a rest before I keep writing. Even writing this is

a chore, and I genuinely do enjoy writing opinion pieces. It just feels like there's no direction for me to write, no purpose. Yet, here we are.

Unfortunately, I don't think I'm going to be able to recharge anytime soon. Between work, class and Alternative Spring Break, it isn't really an option for me not to write.

Emails and to-do lists are easy, they just pop out, but things that require more introspection and actual care are at a stalemate.

This whole semester has been weird, and I'm hoping that I can reset soon and rediscover my love for writing.

...THUMBS UP

Thunderstorms



Road Trips

Walnuts



Dr. Seuss

Abstract Art



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...

Cheer and Dance host conference

BRANDON ORGILBOLD
Journalism Student

This last weekend, the GPAC Championships for Cheer and Dance were held here at Doane University at the Haddix Center, with both teams having very successful

turnouts.

Feb. 24 was the Dance GPAC Championship/NAIA Regional Qualifier. The Dance team placed first in the GPAC Championship for the first time in Doane's history.

After the preliminary round, Doane was in fourth place. After the

final rounds, Doane edged out a lot of great dance teams to take the victory. The Dance team finished with a score of 86.49, beating out Midland (85.25) and Viterbo (84.78). Outside of the top three, Morningside, Hastings and Concordia all also scored over 80.

Senior Kelsey Brady

was named GPAC Dancer of the Year with the highest audition score of the night. The Dance team will be returning to the postseason once again, back-to-back for the first time in Doane's history as well.

Feb. 25 was the Cheer GPAC Championship, and Doane's Cheer team

placed fifth after a long day of adversity.

During warm ups, the Cheer team suffered a loss due to an injury, meaning they would have to compete one cheerleader down. Doane's first performance was lowered due to that fact, and they stood at a 73.25.

The second perfor-

mance was strong on the other hand, where they earned 81.57, which was a season-best score. The Cheer team finished with 79.49.

The NAIA National Championship for Dance will be held in Ypsilanti, Michigan on March 10 and 11.



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Doane's Dance team serves attitude during their routine, lead by freshman McKenna Wiley.



Photo by Abrianna Miller | The Doane Owl

The team paints the picture with a rather intense and intricate move.

Women's Wrestling qualifies for nat'l's

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last week, the Women's Wrestling team competed in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Con-

ference Championships in York, Nebraska. The team would amass 102.0 points to finish sixth overall.

Freshman Cristelle Rodriguez was Doane's champion in the 130

weight class after going 3-0, qualifying for the NAIA National Championship in March. Along with Rodriguez, freshmen Karina Vang and Aevri Ciha also qualified for nationals after finish-

ing runner up in the respective weight classes.

The Tigers also had a pair of third place finishes courtesy of freshmen Lamia Benn and Brooke Cox. Freshman Makiaya De La Cruz placed sixth

in the 170 division, and freshman Victoria Hernandez finished eighth at 191.

The next match will be the NAIA National Championship in Jamestown, North Dakota on

March 10 and 11. Rodriguez, Vang and Ciha will be representing the Tigers at the tournament.

Women's Basketball ends postseason

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Women's Basketball team played their first postseason game in the last six years against the top-ranked Dordt University Defenders in the GPAC Championship. The Tigers made quite the effort in their final

road game, but would ultimately fall short of advancing any further.

It did not look like the Tigers would last long against the Defenders during the first quarter of play. Dordt opened the game with a 7-0 run, but Doane soon answered by taking a 17-16 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter

was even more of a battle between the two teams. Back-to-back runs resulted in multiple lead changes, but it was Dordt who led 37-34 by halftime. Despite being able to stay within reach of the lead in the first half, the second half saw things take a turn for the worse for Doane.

Freshman Rylie Rice

started the second half by tying the game with a three-point basket. However, it was immediately negated by another 7-0 run for the Defenders while Doane failed to score for two entire minutes of the third quarter.

A late run, started by sophomore Macy Holtz, broke the drought for Doane that would result

in the Tigers trailing by just three. However, soon after, Holtz was injured during play and would remain out for the rest of the game.

Losing a key player, Doane struggled to regain footing in the third, heading into the fourth quarter trailing 48-60. While it looked like the Tigers might attempt a

comeback, another 9-0 run by Dordt put them up by 19, which was their largest lead of the game.

The Tigers dropped the game 64-80 against the Defenders. They finished their season with a 14-15 record overall and a 8-14 record in the GPAC.

Men's Golf kicks off spring season

JAKOB TADLOCK
Journalism Student

Spring sports are right around the corner, and the Doane's Golf team is gearing up for another season.

The Men's team is

coming off of a respectable finish in the Las Vegas Shootout, placing 7 out of 16 teams. They look to carry some of that momentum into their next competition on March 13 at the Oak Tree Invitational in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Sophomore Blake Sk-

oumal said that for the upcoming season, the team needs to find their areas of improvement and focus on that.

"When you go to the course, it is very apparent which parts of your game are off and which parts are on, so we use that distinction to our ad-

vantage by emphasizing those portions of training when we practice," Skoumal said. "We have a one-of-a-kind facility up the road, and we use that all the time to hone our skills 24 hours a day."

The Women will be opening their season up March 12 at Lake Tex-

oma, Texas. They want to start their season off strong to give themselves the best chance at a conference championship.

"Golf is such a mental sport that we need to constantly keep our mindsets sharp and focused," junior Ivana Lopez said.

Not only does Lopez

want to succeed in tournaments, she also wants to enjoy the moment as well.

"I wish to make the best of my time here at Doane and create many more memories with my teammates," Lopez said.

Tennis teams drop both away matches

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

It proved to be a rough week for the Men's and Women's Tennis teams, with both teams dropping

the two matches they each played. Both teams started in Lawrence, Kansas before returning to Nebraska and competing in Fremont.

In their first match of the week, the Tigers took on Ottawa University

in Kansas. The Women were on the court first, only winning two matches via forfeit before dropping all others in a 1-6 defeat.

The Men's team did not fare any better, with only a single match being

won in doubles by junior Federico Infante and freshman Diego Infante. The Tigers fell 0-7 before getting back on the road.

In Fremont, Nebraska, the Tigers were going against McPherson College. The Bulldogs got a

clean sweep over Doane, defeating the Tigers 0-7 before the Men's team was up to the chopping block next.

McPherson completed the sweep of the day by not dropping a single match against the Men's

Tennis team. Doane was shut out with another 0-7 finish.

Both teams will be in Liberty, Missouri on March 6 to play against William Jewell College.

Baseball & Softball find success

GAVIN STRAUSS
Photographer

On Feb. 25 and 26, Doane's Baseball team went 4-0 in two doubleheaders in the Rube Foster Classic in Kansas City, Missouri.

On Feb. 25 the Tigers beat MidAmerica Nazarene University 3-1 and William Penn University 8-2.

On Feb. 26, the Tigers allowed a run in the top of the fourth in their first

game against Columbia College. In the fifth, senior James Greiss sent sophomore Logan Amick home on a 2-out RBI single. The sixth inning saw leadoff hitter senior Lukas White hit a homer to pull ahead of Columbia College for a 2-1 win.

The second game against the Baker University Wildcats saw the Tigers come out on top, 6-0.

After two innings with no score, senior Brett Meyer scored after a wild pitch. Doane scored four more points in the fifth and sixth innings and

finished it off with junior Justin Nevells sending senior Joe Osborn home on an RBI double.

Doane Baseball will play again on March 4 and 5 in Parkville, Missouri.

Doane Softball had a great weekend in Atchison, Kansas with a doubleheader against Benedictine College on Feb. 25 and Kansas Wesleyan University on Feb. 26. The Tigers came back with three season wins.

On their first day in Atchison, the Tigers started off with a 6-3 win but fell off, getting blown

out 9-23 in the second game. Some highlights include junior Kristen Malloy hitting a two-run double in the second inning, and senior Angelina Esquada with two hits, two RBIs and one run scored in the first game.

On Feb. 26 in Salina, Kansas, Doane shut out Kansas Wesleyan with a 6-3 score in the first game, followed by a 5-0 win in the second game.

Doane Softball will be back at Friends University in Kansas on March 3 and 4.

Athlete of the Week



Emily Haines
Softball

threw a complete game shut out, scattering five hits while striking out one in the victory against Kansas Wesleyan.



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BRAVES
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February 26 @ FREMONT, NEBRASKA
1:00 versus MCPHERSON COLLEGE

BULLDOGS
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SOFTBALL

February 25 @ ATCHISON, KANSAS
10:00 versus BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

GAME 1	GAME 2
TIGERS	RAVENS
6-3	9-23

February 26 @ SALINA, KANSAS
10:00 versus KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GAME 1	GAME 2
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WOMEN'S WRESTLING

February 25 @ YORK, NEBRASKA
KCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

February 24 @ LAWRENCE, KANSAS
9:00 versus OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

BRAVES
1-6

February 26 @ FREMONT, NEBRASKA
2:00 versus MCPHERSON COLLEGE

BULLDOGS
0-7

BASEBALL

February 25 @ KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
10:00 versus MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
3-1

3:00 versus WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
8-2

February 26 @ KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
10:00 versus COLUMBIA COLLEGE

TIGERS
2-1

3:00 versus COLUMBIA COLLEGE

TIGERS
6-0