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Junior Abbie Ahrens gets a victory at home in the 136 weight class. See page 8 for more.

# New Hall now houses residents

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor in Chief

The new residence hall, coined New Hall until a name is selected, has been a hit with the Crete and Doane Community in recent weeks.

New Hall officially opened on Jan. 16 as students living in that hall moved in all of their belongings from Frees Hall

where they lived last semester while New Hall was under construction. Students who currently live in New Hall are a range from freshmen to seniors.

Prior to that Residential Life and Education (Res Life) staff hosted a variety of tours to Community Advisors, Doane staff and faculty and to the public.

Community Day was held on Jan. 11 where Director of Residential Life and Education Brian Stutz in addition to other

members of the Res Life team welcomed the Crete community.

New Hall features 126 beds all being single rooms in various sized suites. Suites range from 2 people (CA suites), 4 people, 6 people and up to 8 people.

Each student will have the same amount of space. This means that an 8-person suite will have more square footage than a 2-person suite.

Stutz stressed that students in this hall will get their own space but still

feel a part of a community.

There are 3 floors in addition to a basement. On each floor there are lounge spaces that host either pool, ping pong, or foosball. Each floor also has study rooms that are zoom capable.

In the basement there is a storm shelter that doubles as a large study space, a kitchen and lounge area and access to the back patio. Outside features an outdoor amphitheater similar to Casel Outdoor Air Theatre.

This theater is also yet to be named but Stutz has high hopes that the space can be used for things like Greek events, music performances and entertainers at Doane.

New Hall depicts bright and vibrant colors. One of the common colors seen on the walls and on the couches found in each suite is green. The idea behind so much green is that Doane is an arboretum and Res Life wanted to “bring that outside inside,” according to Stutz.

With this new residence hall the hope is that it will help increase enrollment. Several areas of the building are left unfinished. This was intentional as the future enrollment at Doane will dictate if these spaces become classrooms, more suites, offices or more.

If this new hall does increase enrollment, Stutz hopes another new residence hall will be in Doane's future.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Feb. 5 at noon.

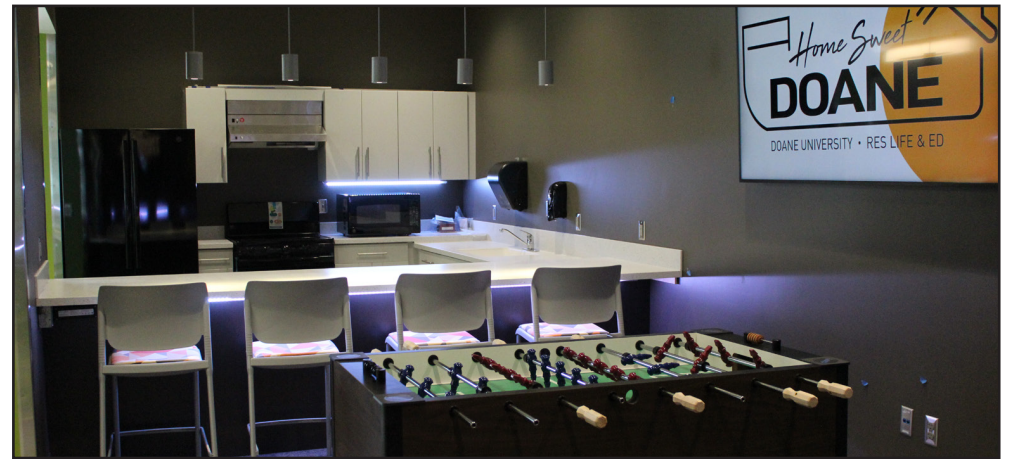


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(Right) The eight person suite has a spacious open-concept flow from living room to kitchen. (Left) One of the four person suites has foosball and aesthetic lighting under the counters.

# New director to start for CAPE

JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

Doane University welcomed a new CAPE and OVW Director this semester, with 2023 Doane graduate Jaden Hilkemmann stepping in to fill the position.

CAPE, which stands for Campus Advacy Protection and Education, is a grant awarded by the Office on Violence against Women (OVW) and aims to help decrease the stigma, provide support and prevent further instances of sexual assault and interpersonal violence. Hilkemmann served as a CAPE Peer Educator, Lead CAPE Peer Educators, interned for CAPE over the summer and was passionate about the work CAPE does.

“When I saw that this position was open, I got a little sentimental. I wanted to make sure this program was in the right hands. I wanted to continue the work I did in my undergrad,” Hilkemmann said.

Hilkemann believes that prevention efforts through education can help curb sexual assault. Whether that is by partnering with advocacy groups in the area like Hope Crisis Center, Voices of Hope or Crete Police and doing peer education, these serve as preventative efforts to curb sexual assault.

“We want to get people thinking about how they might be contributing to an unhealthy community or how they're in an unhealthy situation themselves,” Hilkemmann said.

Hilkemann has a quote in her office that reads,

“There comes a point where you need stop just pulling people out the river, we need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in,” and it serves as one of her guiding principles for CAPE.

“We want all students to feel safe while they're here at Doane, so I prioritize being ahead of that and making sure our students are equipped with the tools to notice red flags or intervene when something is arising,” Hilkemmann said.

One of the main reasons Hilkemmann felt inclined to take this job was her knowledge and familiarity with the culture of Doane and how to target students from Doane specifically. She hopes that she can align CAPE's values with Doane's values.

Hilkemann hopes to inspire the men and male athletes on campus to

become more involved with CAPE, whether that be by having them be peer educators or collaborating with them for halftime events at their games.

“The male athletes on this campus are already such role models, and I feel like targeting that demographic can shift campus views and makes them use their influence to help inspire them to help us,” Hilkemmann said.

Hilkemann hopes that she works to get CAPE as a permanent program at Doane instead of being funded by a federal grant by the time she steps away from the position. If you are interested in joining CAPE and being a peer educator you can reach out to Jaden Hilkemmann at jaden.hilkemann@doane.edu or by applying through the student leadership application.



Courtesy Photo | doaneathletics.com

Hilkemann is a former student-athlete at Doane and is excited to transition into this new role.

# Journalism professor back at Doane

JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

With the start of the new semester, a host of new faces came in to teach and work at Doane, but for one teacher, it was not a new opportunity, rather it was a return back to Doane.

Assistant professor of Practice for Multiplatform Journalism Eric

Tucker returned as the advisor of the Owl newspaper and as a professor after taking a semester away and noticing the old job he held at Doane was still available.

“I really missed teaching and the students here at Doane. I missed the students I had gotten to know. I had missed the whole teaching experience. I think the reason I

stepped away in the first place was because I had taught non-stop for thirteen years, and I felt like I needed some time away. When I saw they were looking for a journalism professor, I was eager to reapply,” Tucker said.

Tucker came into teaching while in graduate school at the University of Oregon studying long-form feature writ-

ing, science journalism and copy editing, but did a teaching fellowship for freshman compassion that changed the trajectory of his career. He later went on to teach in Illinois and at Hastings College with his wife before eventually becoming a teacher at Doane in 2020.

“I had never intended to go into teaching; it was a lucky accident. I had a

lot of anxiety teaching in front of a lot of people. When I started teaching writing classes at Oregon, I tried to make a more collaborative environment and it felt less like lecturing and more like we were all working together,” Tucker said.

Tucker's teaching style emphasizes more one-on-one peer education, where he prioritizes more

collaborative spaces that make for more meaningful connections. He sees Doane's smaller class sizes as a reason for him choosing to come to Doane to teach.

“I hope to continue more one-on-one collaboration with students and I hope to provide the newspaper staff with whatever guidance they need,” Tucker said.

# Doane adopts phone IDs

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

In concurrency with the new dorm hall openings, phone IDs are being rolled out in waves. Firstly, to New Hall residents, as it is an Apple requirement to test run these new IDs before they can become readily available to all students. Then in mid-February, all stu-

dents and faculty should have access to the new phone IDs.

The phone IDs will not be completely replacing the physical student IDs.

“While this solution can be a total replacement for physical IDs we know that there will still be a need for them. We have a new card system that we can print cards for individuals as need-

ed,” Director of Technology Operations Ryan Dorshorst said.

While the new ID system is coming into existence within the community of Doane smoothly, that does not mean that there were no challenges in rolling out this new system.

“Finding the right solution that was able to do everything took

almost two years, but Transact, our mobile credential provider has proven they were able to make it work the way we wanted,” Dorshorst said.

As with all technologies that are semi-new, there are going to be some bugs and challenges, but hopefully within the next couple of years, all of these, or at least a majority can be smoothed

out. The building itself is still in its final stages of construction and development, but people are now living there.

The new phone IDs should be rolling out within the next couple of weeks. Moving away from physical IDs has received praise for ease of use and accessibility, while also criticized for not letting people in.

## Weather Forecast

Wednesday

1/31



High: 59  
Low: 42

Thursday

2/1



High: 59  
Low: 42

Friday

2/2



High: 55  
Low: 47

Saturday

2/3



High: 53  
Low: 40

Sunday

2/4



High: 47  
Low: 32

Monday

2/5



High: 47  
Low: 31

Tuesday

2/6



High: 49  
Low: 37

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# Smith has repairs after flooding

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News Editor

Smith Hall flooded almost two weeks ago on Jan. 17, and residents were quickly evacuated into the other dormitories on campus, leaving Smith in a state of needing repair. It was not all misfortune, as the residents of Frees Hall moved out a day before.

“There were a few challenges that day. We just had students leave Frees so the rooms were not turned over yet. We tried our best to make sure we had staff over in Frees cleaning rooms that needed it the most.

We also provided toilet-ry products for students in case they forgot. We had to shut off access to Smith so the Ser Pro team could make sure to get out all of the moisture,” Director of Residential Life and Education (Res Life) Brian Stutz said, when asked about some of the challenges that the faculty staff had with this flooding.

Smith Hall should be open soon again.

“We are hoping by next week they will be back in Smith but just need to hear back from facilities about when we can do that,” Stutz said.

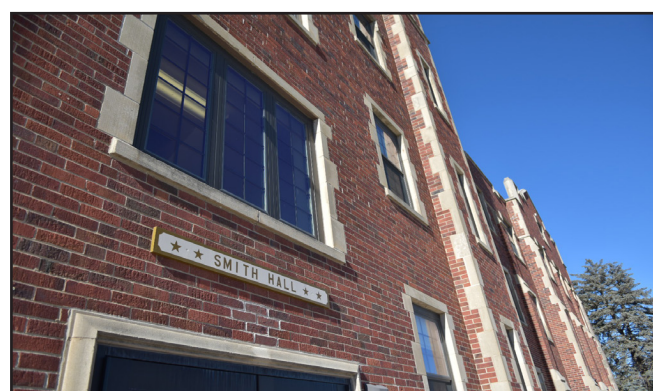
Stutz is overall appreciative to all of those who

put in many hours addressing the problem.

“I want to give a special shout out to Scott Sieck who has been dealing with this from the start and has put many hours in to try and make sure this problem is addressed,” Stutz said.

There were also reports of Doane Housing moving people out of their rooms in Sheldon to make room for the residents of Smith.

All of this is still temporary, as the facilities and Ser Pro team work tirelessly to fix Smith Hall so that the residents can move back there in a timely manner.



Photos by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Smith Hall floods on first day of classes pushing students to temporarily move to Frees.

# New director hired for Sheldon

ELIYAH JOHNSON  
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The residents of Sheldon Hall finally have a new Community Director, Nadia Lanik. Prior to coming to Doane, Lanik worked at the University of Wisconsin. There they were working as a Hall Director. From there they realized that working in a higher education setting was something they were passionate about.

“I worked closely with my mentor and previous supervisor during the job search process and decided to apply at Doane,” Lanik said. “I loved the mission statement of the department, the campus and it is close to family.”

Although most of the job qualities are

similar to their previous one like being within the Student Affairs Department, it being a live-in position and prioritizing resident interactions and community building, it also has its differences.

“This job is different because I have more of a supervisor role and more administrative responsibilities,” Lanik said.

On the contrary, coming into their new job Lanik is still trying to figure out goals that they can hopefully accomplish for the future residences of Sheldon Hall.

“I’ve been focusing on trying to make this transition as smooth as possible, especially coming in mid-year,” Lanik

said. “I’m looking forward to supporting my staff and residents as they grow this semester and in future semesters. I also can’t wait to help continue to build upon the amazing work that Doane Housing is doing.”

Walking into the third week of the semester, Lanik believes that they have found their community here at Doane.

“My fellow Community Directors, as well as Brian [Stutz], Emily [Hand], [and] the Student Affairs Division in general have been super supportive and helpful during my transition here,” Lanik said.



Courtesy photo | Res Life Instagram

# Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between Dec. 11 through Jan. 29 include:

- 1/22 - VANDALISM - DOANE CRETE : RESIDENCE HALLS : SHELDON HALL
- 1/22 - LARCENY/THEFT- DOANE CRETE : RESIDENCE HALLS : SHELDON HALL
- 1/22 - FALSE FIRE ALARM- DOANE CRETE : RESIDENCE HALLS
- 1/24 - FALSE FIRE ALARM - DOANE CRETE : RESIDENCE HALLS

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# Rush season is upon Doane University

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Students at Doane are rushing fraternities and sororities for the first time since 2022. Fraternities and sororities prepared for a wave of new members with a series of Greek events, mixers and open houses in the hopes they can hopefully recruit prospective students to their groups.

Students who are interested in Greek groups join for a variety of reasons, whether they be for community, finding a home away from home, making new friends or following existing friends into Greek Life.

"Everyone's reason for rushing is very different. For me I didn't think I was going to rush, but I wanted to see at least what it was about. It wasn't until the very end that I realized my group was a place that made me feel like I didn't need to change who I was to be friends with them, and that is when I understood that is what I needed in my college experience," senior and Gamma Phi Iota rush chair Kiersten Anderson said.

The rushing process is fairly straightforward. After drumming up interest in the fall semester with several events, the rushing process begins in earnest in the second semester. Each group has its first rush party open to anyone interested in their respective group. After the first rush party, members of the fraternities and sororities send out an invite to a select number

of people for a second rush party and then a final round of invites for a third rush party. Each rush party makes the pool of potential pledges smaller and smaller.

"I would expect potential new members to step out of their comfort zone and meet new people. It can be scary, but this is how you find the place that is best for you, and that is all each member of each group wants for you," Anderson said.

Greek life at Doane is different from larger universities, with many of the groups collaborating together and frequently working together. Senior and Delta Kappa Pi rush chair Jason McIntosh emphasizes that Doane Greek culture builds connections between each other.

"Greek Life at Doane is an opportunity to expand your connections and be a part of something bigger than yourself. You get the chance to grow and develop and give back to the community," McIntosh said.

Those who rushed can expect to hear back from their respective fraternities and sororities about whether or not they made it through the final selection process on Feb. 3. This day is known as bid day. Groups will deliver bids, or invitations into their group, on that morning and potential new members will turn in bids later that day.

Any questions about the recruitment process can be directed to Director of Greek Life Eden Diehl.



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Courtesy photo | Alexander Brandenburg

Numerous Greek group rush parties have taken place over the last week with some of which pictured above.

# Band and choir go on tours

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Editor-in-Chief

The season for music ensemble tours is up and running with Doane Concert and Jazz Band only just having returned from their tour and Doane Choir preparing to leave for theirs.

The Doane Band Tour was held from Jan. 11 to Jan. 18, performing for five high schools before a home concert back at Doane. The band performed at schools in Nebraska as well as schools in Ohio.

Director of Instrumental Music Andrew Feyes led a group of 46 to Cleveland, Ohio stopping at high schools along the way.

"The 2024 Band Tour was a great success. Tours are always special because they create unique performance and bonding opportunities for our students," Feyes said.

In addition to showcasing Doane with a series of "strong" performances, according to Feyes, students also had the opportunity to bond

through music.

Feyes said that a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Cleveland Orchestra performance broadened their musical horizons.

Despite the cold and snow along the trip and the rescheduling of the final home concert, Feyes believes that the students represented Doane well.

Doane Band is not the only ensemble that gets to travel while sharing music.

Doane Choir is in the midst of preparing for their upcoming tour trav-

eling through Minnesota, South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma. They will give six formal performances in addition to some informal performances as well.

Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Kurt Runestad works to get students unique signing experiences during the tour. For example, this year they will be performing in a large cathedral that has a unique echo when signing.

The tour will take place Feb. 7 through Feb. 12.

Music tours are significant because they allow students to grow together musically and as a group, according to Runestad.

When Runestad speaks with alumni it is always the music tours that remain their treasured memories.

"Travel with people you love singing music you have in your heart, mind, and spirit, makes touring so special. I'm grateful for all the experiences we share on tour and we return a better choir in every way," Runestad said.

In addition to the countless hours that musicians put in for these tours to prepare there are so many other people that help make these tours happen.

"It takes a village," to have these tours every year and the Music Department is thankful for all those who make it happen.

Students can see the final home concert for the Choir Tour on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in Heckman Auditorium.



Courtesy photos | Anna Harveson

Students on Doane Band Tour post for a group selfie (left). Senior Jaron Brown and junior Kidyn Timms test out the drums and guitar at one of the group's stops (right).

# Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Bring back an old trend.  
**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Allow loved ones the freedom to question and demand changes to the foundation of your relationships.  
**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Suck it up buttercup.  
**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** The law enforcement is out to get you. Stop at stop signs, please.  
**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Stop making excuses.  
**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** You should address the unhealthy addictions you have.  
**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Don't do anything by halves.  
**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** No one else can speak the words on your lips.  
**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** This is a time to choose between your comfort zone and embracing something unfamiliar.  
**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Enjoy the nice weather before it disappears, and you're back to not being able to breathe correctly because the air is so cold.  
**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Time to start adding money back to your account because it's not going to get there itself.  
**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Your ambitious nature will drive you to conquer challenges. The first one: resisting the urge to not nap all day.

# MLK week hosts events

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With MLK Week wrapping up last week, it is important to recognize the great things Martin Luther King Jr. did for the nation and for civil rights within that nation. His march on Washington in 1963 and the speech that followed progressed civil rights to an unprecedented level.

With that in mind, it is important to recognize the role the US played in King's life, including the note where the CIA encouraged Dr. King to harm himself, threatening his family and also threatening to tarnish his name.

With all of this in mind, Doane celebrates the work of Martin Lu-

ther King Jr. during MLK week by hosting a series of events focused on either the life of King, or the work that he did during his lifetime. There was a workshop and a panel discussion on civil rights on Jan. 23 and lunch and learn for civil rights discussion on Jan. 24, another Workshop Thursday. On Jan. 26, there was a candlelight vigil and two sessions with Marlon Johnson, a counselor primarily focused on race relations.

Doane hosts MLK week every year, as a celebration of the work and life that King did, and with this in mind, celebrates the work that Dr. King did. Also, a moment of silence to King's child, Dexter Scott King, who passed away during this week.

# Glow Casino is coming up

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Staff Writer

Do you want to play casino style games, get free food and have the chance to win amazing prizes? Well you're in luck. On Feb. 2, the Student Programming Board (SPB) will be hosting their annual Glow Casino.

Spencer Munson, the head of SPB, thinks that people will be amazed by the spectacle of the

blacklights and the glowing decorations and toys.

"It's a super fun event revolving around casino style games in the backlit glow atmosphere with a chance to win big prizes by winning fake money," Munson said.

SPB spent over \$1,500 on prizes ranging from 50" TVs, Apple AirPods, Bluetooth speakers, Hydroflasks, Doane merch, giant plushies, Legos and more.

"It was started as a tradition years ago and

has grown into one of SPB and campus' biggest events. Since Covid, we have started pulling 250+ students attending," Munson said. "We hired an event company from Omaha to bring the casino games."

This event is set to take place on Feb. 2 from nine to eleven in Art and Ed rooms 236 to 242. Any Doane student who is taking classes at Doanes campus can attend this event.



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# Club Craze held spring term

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

On Jan 23, a range of different clubs and student organizations gathered together in the Dining Hall with the intention to gain a couple of new members and share what they are doing. Club Craze is a great opportunity for students to explore all the different things on campus along with question what clubs are currently working on.

This semester, Doane Student Programming Board (SPB) thought it would be a great idea to hold Club Craze during dinner hours with the goal of gaining more people than in the lower level of Perry.

"This was my first ever Club Craze so I think

the dining hall is a great place to have it because there's a lot of traffic with students and it's nice to remind students of what activities and clubs are out there during the semesters," Director of Health and Wellness Andreae Baker said.

Along with meeting different clubs, SPB also had bingo cards that students could fill out in order to win a Doane Nike Bag along with other prizes as well.

Some of the clubs that made an appearance were People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM), the Kindness Project, Student Congress, along with many other organizations. Junior Rowan Jolkowski, the president of PRISM,

thinks that this event has a much better turnout in the fall rather than the winter.

"It's a great way to remind students, it's also a great way to talk to people about these especially if they're thinking about joining it but don't have the time to do it this semester they can potentially do it next semester," Jolkowski said.

Although the turnout of Club Craze this semester was not huge, the students who did attend found out more information about the different clubs around campus.

Students interested in any of the clubs at Club Craze can reach out to any of the clubs via email or by attending any of their meetings.



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From left to right, Sophomore Ryan Spieker talks with members of PRISM.

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## Jan. 30 - Feb. 4 weekly calendar

### Tuesday

Foodie Series- 7 p.m.- Lakeside  
Professional Headshots- 6:30 p.m.- Lied 254

### Wednesday

Moving Day Giveaway- 5 p.m. Hansen Parking Lot

### Thursday

No scheduled events

### Friday

Glow Casino- 9 p.m.- Art & Ed 236  
Softball- 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
Women's Basketball- 5 p.m.  
Men's Basketball- 6:45 p.m.

### Saturday

Softball- 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
Women's Basketball- 2:45 p.m.

### Sunday

Intramural Basketball- 12 p.m.- Furher

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- Editorial -

## Take on leadership roles

Doane University- the place where “we build leaders.” This is the slogan that so many students hear. It is likely a combination of the liberal arts education, the unique learning opportunities provided to students and the chance to be involved that helps to build leaders.

It is a pivotal moment for many students. Coming back from winter break, many students are back and rejuvenated. Students are getting a feel for what they want to

be involved in and what they would like to be involved in for the future.

The Student Programming Board held Club Craze last week to allow students to get interested in other clubs and student organizations. In addition to that, student leadership applications for next year are officially open. There, students can apply to be a Community Director, CAPE Peer Educator, Orientation Leader and numerous other opportunities on campus.

Finally, it is also recruitment season for Greek Life. Potential new members have been going through the rush process to see what groups interest them and if Greek Life does at all.

All of these opportunities help to do what Doane advertises that it does to students; build leaders. These opportunities to be part of student organizations help to build on those soft skills that classes may not have time to hone in on.

Furthermore, starting in a student organization as just a member can easily turn into a member of the executive team or some other leadership position. There students must learn the ins and outs of being a leader and the leadership style that works best for them and their group.

Therefore, students should not let these opportunities pass them by.

## Hot takes; some people lucky with birthstones

A weekly rant of random things by Cassie Kessler



CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

Alrighty gang, we're back and at it again with another edition of Hot Takes, and I won't lie to my ever so devoted fans, I really had to rack my brain to figure out what this week should be about. I'll lie and say it was because I was deciding between so many topics and not because I genuinely could not think of a single thing.

I recently got a tower of amethyst as it is my birthstone and I just loved the colors in this particular crystal. Later that night, I decided to look up images of all the birthstones just to compare, and I wanted to know what they were.

So if you haven't already guessed, I'm ranking birthstones this week. Now I feel like it's obvious but it needs to be said that this does not correlate with any particu-

lar person and the way I feel about them as an individual. This seems like a pretty extreme length to go just to slightly insult someone by telling them I think their birthstone is ugly.

There will be three things I am considering about each birthstone: color, luminosity and rarity. Color seems self explanatory, luminosity in my opinion here applies to the way it looks in direct sunlight, rarity is how common this particular stone is. So without further adieu...

Opal: There's no set rules for this stone which is what I love. Color options are endless, all of them beautiful, and inherently uncommon as no two opals ever look the same in my opinion.

Peridot: I absolutely adore the green, it's so vibrant as well and yet not too out there. I also feel like I never see these all that often.

Amethyst: Am I a little biased? Maybe. But the color purple is up there as one of my favorites, and I just adore the way this crystal looks.

Aquamarine: I'm so jealous of those that have a baby blue birthstone, especially one that looks so mystical and beautiful in the sun.

Pearl: While not as rare as some of the others, pearls are a classic I can't help but enjoy. Just a beautiful and elegant white bead, what can I dislike about that?



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Kessler's birthstone amethyst on display in her room as it is one of her favorite birthstones.

Tanzanite: Typically I enjoy my crystals a bit lighter in color so I can see all the different veins, but I can't help but love how regal this stone appears. It's just a little bougie, and who doesn't need that in life?

Garnet: Colors on the colder side of the spectrum (green, blue, purple) are my cup of tea, so it's hard for me to be obsessed with a red stone. I like that it's not too vibrant though and that's what really saves this one for me.

Emerald: This one just seems rather basic to me. Don't get me wrong, they are still very pretty crystals,

but it feels like one I see a lot more often.

Sapphire: This ranks similarly to emerald in that I've seen a lot of sapphires in my rock shopping days. Pretty, but gets boring.

Ruby: I hate bright red. That, and rubies feel like they're everywhere.

Diamond: Diamonds are not this girl's best friend. They're literally all over the place, is it your birthstone or an engagement ring?

Citrine: To be brutally honest, it looks like regular rocks, like a rock I'd find on campus.

## Living for the sake of living



JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

During my younger years as a middle school and elementary school student, and extending into my years as a

young adult in high school, I often found myself pondering.

These inquiries that I subjected myself to did not have to be about anything in particular, oftentimes it was not, but I found myself thinking. Invariably, this has been a trend for myself since those days, but this time a little different, a little more focused, and a little more broad at the same time.

On this go-around, I found myself thinking about Sisyphus. As anybody who has talked to me within the last couple of weeks has known, I am obsessed with Camus' inter-

pretation of Sisyphus and what it means to live and be happy. Camus makes the argument that doing an incompleteable task, something that is futile, should make me happy, as he writes during the last chapter of his work, “The struggle itself toward the heights is enough to fill a man's heart,” when speaking about Sisyphus.

All of this is interesting on its own but paired with Camus' other statements within the book itself, it can be extrapolated that Camus makes the argument that it is worth living for the sake of living, not for oneself or not even for others, but liv-

ing so that you can continue living. On a personal level, this thought had never occurred to me, but now that I think about it, the more I like the idea.

Contrary to what I have heard from my professors about his other works, “The Myth of Sisyphus” is actually one of Camus' more uplifting books, but I cannot speak to these as I have not read them yet. This will probably be the last time that I talk about this book in any sort of detail, as I know people are tired of me talking about it.

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# Legos make the best presents



ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Legos no longer just for kids

Now most people would think “You’re 19 years old, why do you want a Lego set when all it’s going to do is just sit there.” Well I am so glad you asked, the reason I

want a Lego set is because it gives me something to do for an extended period of time.

Think of it this way, when an artist constructs a piece of art it takes them hours, days, weeks, months, years, to complete. And all it does is sit there, but it’s a beautiful piece of artwork. Legos are the same thing.

I’m not talking about the Lego sets that are dedicated to little kids, although many adults enjoy those types of Lego sets. The ones I am talking about in particular are the adult Lego sets like the Eiffel Tower, the Lego Flower sets, the Atari 2600, etc.

Not only are Legos good gifts for collectors, it is also a good gift to give for your significant other. About two years ago, my significant other gifted me a Lego flower set that they built for me. Upon receiving this gift they told me that real flowers die within one to two weeks, but these Lego flowers will never die. \*hint hint, great valentines day gift\*

Say you are into architecture and historical

landmarks, well there’s lego set for those as well. For example there is the Eiffel Tower, the Titanic, they even have the Colosseum. But those sets are usually over \$100, but there are many other affordable ones as well.

Along with that, there’s even Lego sets from shows and movies. For example you can have the “Friends” apartments and coffee shops, or you can get “The Office” Lego set, you can even get the “Back to The Future” or “The Ghostbusters” cars.

Speaking of cars there are also numerous car sets like the Vespa 125, or the Chevrolet Camaro Z28. If you’re into vintage video games, they have sets of those as well.

Although many people would think that Legos are for kids, they can also be for adults as well. And like I said before, they make a really good gift for your friends, family, significant others, or for that one random person at a white elephant Christmas party.



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Kessler agrees that Legos make perfect gifts as she has several flower lego sets on display.

# “Iron Claw” movie holds life lessons



JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

“The Iron Claw” promises all the hallmarks of a standard sports story. A series of prodigies who shape their sport, high-flying action, over-the-top ma-

cho masculinity and a curse that torments our main character. But “The Iron Claw” can not be compared to your average sports stories. Doing so would be a disservice to it. What happens in the ring becomes an afterthought. All I was left wondering by the end of its run time was, “Where did it all go wrong?”

“The Iron Claw,” directed by wrestling superfan Sean Durkin, follows the real-life story of the Von Erich family, who became wrestling royalty in Texas and laid the groundwork for modern-day pro wrestling such as the WWE. However, the Von Erichs built their wrestling empire at the steepest cost. By age

35, Kevin Von Erich, played by Zac Efron, is the only surviving brother of an original six.

Durkin felt that the losses the Von Erich’s faced were so catastrophic that he only included five of the six brothers, as he worried that the story would seem unbelievable and unrealistic for those not acquainted with the Von Erich story. This is the biggest mistake the movie makes, as it does a disservice to the real-life story of the Von Erich’s in exchange for an easier narrative structure.

Despite Durkin essentially softening the real tragedy, “The Iron Claw” does not hold its punches. After Fritz Von Erich instills in his sons the need

to compete and strive for wrestling glory, each brother bonds in their shared chase for immortality in sport. You feel the love and care each brother has for each other, how badly they want each other to succeed, but also the need to prove to each other they’re man enough.

The most powerful moments of “The Iron Claw” come when tragedy befalls the Von Erich’s. The quiet tears shed alone, the arguments at dinner tables, the sense of failure and fear Kevin feels watching his brothers slowly leave him. The macho masculinity and need to perform

that wrestling requires become shields for these brothers to avoid facing the loss and suffering around them. As long as they can wrestle, everything will work out alright.

During the back half of the film, you start pleading with the film to stop tormenting this family, but the history is already written. The loss of family makes the brothers drift apart and double down on their vices. Drugs, alcohol, loneliness and the expectation to always appear strong ultimately result in the quiet death of the Von Erich brothers until only one is left.

Zac Efron’s physical transformation for “The Iron Claw” pales in comparison to the emotional transformation needed for his role. From his point of view, you see his world crumble around him as his brothers, his greatest friends and rivals leave him with nothing but memories.

“The Iron Claw” is bombastic and loud, quiet and meditative, angry and frustrated, tragic and heartbreaking. “The Iron Claw” effortlessly makes you feel connected to a band of brothers, only to leave you hollow and sobbing at the end.

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The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in ‘Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down’ every week. Votes are simply impulse responses open to interpretation with no context.

## Thumbs DOWN...

# Track and Field adds seven national qualifiers

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 27 the Doane Tigers traveled to Seward, NE to compete in the Concordia Classic. Throughout this meet, a couple of competitors came home with a ticket to the National competition, along with great outcomes as well.

Starting on the Women's side, sophomore Josie Garrett came home with a first place in the high jump having a height of 1.65m. Also walking away with a first place finish was freshman Kaylee Pribyl having a height of 3.72 in pole vault. Following Pribyl was sophomore Kennedy Stanley who had a height of 3.47m.

Transitioning over to the triple jump was sophomore Rosalyn Roggasch who had a mark of 11.52m, placing her at first. Behind Roggasch was sophomore Josie Garrett, having a mark of 11.49, placing her at second, and sophomore Kyla Davis in third with a jump of 10.95. Going into the long jump, the Tigers had junior Lindsay Adams, having a length of 5.47m placing her third. Finally in the weight throw was junior Alyvia Thomas, throw-

ing a 14.38m, which placed her eleventh.

Switching over to the running events the Tigers had freshman Neryah Hekl win the 60m dash with a time of 7.71, the fastest time in the GPAC so far. After that Adams ran the 200m having a time of 27.11, placing her ninth. Going into the 400m was freshman Kiley Hejzmanek, who had a time of 1:02.63 placing her sixth in this event.

In the 600m was freshman Chaney Nelson who had a time of 1:42.32 placing her third. Running in the 800m was freshman Emily Lytle having a time of 2:34.51, placing her fifth.

Going into the distance running events, the Tigers first had sophomore Danie Parriott who ran in the 1000m with a time of 3:00.85 which put her in second place. Finishing the distance portion for the ladies was freshman Delaney Catron running in the mile having a time of 5:54.40, which placed her sixteenth.

Jumping over the hurdles in the 60m race was Garrett with a time of 9.33, placing her third and qualifying for nationals. The Tigers also had a 4x400m relay

team which consisted of Hejzmanek, Nelson, sophomore Jerzi Maher, and Lytle, having a time of 4:13.09 which placed them at fourth.

Now going into the Men's side, we start off with the track side. First the Tigers had junior Jadae Moore in the 60m dash having a time of 6.96, placing him third. Following Moore was sophomore Conner Bradly who ran in the 200m having a time of 22.96 which placed him fifth.

Going into the 400m was sophomore Joaquin Gutierrez who had a time of 49.21 which ended in him receiving first place and a trip to nationals. Following Gutierrez was senior Zach Turner who had a time of 49.26 who received second place and a trip to nationals as well.

Running in the 600m was freshman Eli Marez having a time of 1:25.14, placing fifth. And running in the 800m was senior Duncan Blankenship who had a time of 2:01.10, which placed him fifth as well.

Transitioning over to the distance running was sophomore Emmanuel Yego, who ran in the 1000m having a time

of 2:30.86 placing him second and a spot at nationals. Running in the 3000m was sophomore Nelson Ruto with a time of 8:49.51, placing him fifth. And finally was senior Thomas Oliver who received first place with a time of 15:22.64.

The Men's team also had a 4x400m team which consisted of Gutierrez, Marez, Yego and senior Chris Vincent having a time of 3:23.53 and placing them first. Running over the hurdles was Turner who ran the 60m

in 7.88, finishing him in first place and securing the top NAIA time in the nation.

Transitioning into the field events, the Tigers started off in the pole vault with Senior Mike Pulliam having a height of 4.85m, placing him second. Following Pulliam was freshman Peyton Herrick who had a height of 1.92m, placing him third.

Moving over to long jump, freshman Cameron Leeling had a jump of 6.52m placing him

fourth. In the triple jump the Tigers had senior Vince Lauenroth jumping 13.88m, who walked away with first place.

Over to shot put was freshman Tad Dimmitt who threw a 14.12m placing him ninth. Going into the weight throw was sophomore Carson Lavaley who threw a 14.63m, which also placed him ninth.

On Feb. 3, the Tigers will be competing in the Fred Beile Classic at home.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Sophomore Danie Parriott qualified for nationals with 2:58.9.

# Men's Basketball slide after losses

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

The Women's Wrestling team competed in a dual at home to kick off their return from winter break before competing in the Saint Mary Spire Open. The team took the victory at home and had strong individual placements at the open.

The team hosted York University on January 23 for their first home dual. Out of the nine wrestlers competing, all but one posted a sound victory. The only match dropped was to the NAIA ranked No. 10 wrestler for the 170 weight class.

Freshman Kimberly Navarrete was the first Tiger to the mat in the 101 weight class, and she opened the dual with a 10-0 tech fall victory over her opponent to give Doane four easy points. Sophomore Karina Vang was next on the mat at 109 and posted the same results as Navarrete before her.

At the 116 division, freshman Taylor Weber won by forfeit. Soph-

omore Cristelle Rodriguez moved up a weight class to 130 in order to compete against York, as their spot at 123 was open. Rodriguez was still able to get the upper hand and win with another 10-0 tech fall.

Junior Abbie Ahrens was next on the mat competing at 136. Another 10-0 tech fall was secured for the Tigers by Ahrens, followed by a forfeit win for freshman Brianna Membreno at 143.

Freshman Aspen Barber followed up in the 155 division, with the first match to go to the second period. Despite the extra time, Barber still got the victory by 14-4 tech fall. The only victory for York came at 170 against freshman Hailey Romero, and the 7-0 victory made the team score 30-4 in favor of Doane before the final match.

The dual was rounded out at 191 by senior Kenisha Jacsaint, who took just 35 seconds to get the pin on her opponent, securing the school record

for that weight class. The Tigers won the dual 35-4.

On January 26, the Women's Wrestling team headed to Leavenworth, Kansas to compete in the Saint Mary Spire Open. Navarrete competed at 101 again and took second place, dropping only the final match due to injury. Weber started her day at 116 with a loss before picking up three wins. She closed the day with a loss, going 3-2.

Ahrens competed at 130 this time and ended up taking home third. Despite dropping her first match, she won every following match to go 4-1. Sophomore Brooke Cox added a victory of 12-1 in this weight class.

Freshman Bridgette Sotomayor also took home third at 136. Similarly to Ahrens, Sotomayor dropped her first match but came back to go 5-1 on the day. Freshman Kalli Sutton grabbed third place at 155 after a comeback in her final match of the day.

Romero also took a third place finish at 170



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Sophomore Cristelle Rodriguez slams an opponent to the ground, securing a win.

with a similar outcome as teammate Sotomayor. Romero dropped her opening match but then went 5-1 on the day. Sophomore Lamia Benn added another win at 170. Finally, Jacsaint finished third place at 191 with three wins on the day.

ers opened the game with three three-point baskets, answered by the Tigers with three two-point baskets. Doane

would then go on a 9-0 run before Northwestern answered with a 17-9 run that gave them the lead back.

At halftime, Doane trailed 29-39. After getting within eight points, the Red Raiders went on a 9-0 run and held the Tigers scoreless for three minutes. Northwestern went on another 7-0 run, which was answered by Doane's 11-4 run. It would not be enough to

come back from behind, and Doane fell 70-86.

The Men's Basketball team finishes 2023 with three games, all on the road. They will begin in Kansas on Dec. 16 to play against Bethany University. The Tigers then head to Bellevue, Nebraska to first play Haskell University on Dec. 29 and then Bellevue University on Dec. 30.

# Cheer and Dance star in season opener

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

Both the Cheer and Dance teams hosted four teams total to compete in the Doane Invitational on January 27.

The Cheer team kicked things off, scoring 66.97 out of 100 possible points. Doane averaged a 7.2 in their pyramids,

7.3 in basket tosses, a 7.6 in choreography and an 8.5 in jumps. All of these categories were scored out of 10 points.

Cheer took home third with their score. Xavier University took home first with an impressive score of 91.20. They were followed by Northwestern College in second with a score of

73.78. Rounding things out in fourth was Dordt University, with a score of 62.33.

The Dance team followed the cheer competition, scoring 82.37 again out of 100 points. This score secured a Tiger victory as they averaged 8.2 in jazz technique, 8.1 in pom technique, 8.2 in hip hop technique, 8.8 in

choreography and 8.8 in performance impression.

This was a sound victory for the Tigers over Dordt, who took second place with 64.23, and Hope International University, who took third place with 52.30.

Both teams will compete again in the York Crown Classic on February 9 in York, Nebraska.

## Athlete of the Week

### Dance Team



placed first place at the Doane Invitational with a team score of 82.37.





# Slow start back for Doane Basketball

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

The Men's and Women's Basketball teams returned from break to hit a series of road games. Both teams went to Fremont, Nebraska to take on Midland University before heading to Sioux Center, Iowa to play against Dordt University. The Women's team was first against the Warriors and kicked things off with an evenly matched first half. Both teams exchanged scoring

runs back and forth and ended the first quarter with the Tigers up 21-20.

The second quarter saw Doane begin to pull away, and the closest Midland ever got to retaking the lead was when they trailed 30-28. At the end of the first half, the Tigers were up 37-32.

The second half was dominated by the Tigers, who outscored Midland by eight in the third quarter, the biggest difference between the two teams' scoring. Despite another evenly

matched quarter in the fourth, Doane was able to clinch a 74-60 victory.

The Men's team was next on the court against Midland University. Doane was hot from three to kick things off, and the Warriors led by just one after the first ten minutes of the first half. However, Midland kicked off a 15-0 run that put them up substantially.

At halftime, the Tigers had managed to get the lead back within single digits, trailing 37-28. The final nail in the coffin for

the Tigers came in the opening minutes of the second half as Midland went on a 21-3 run. Doane was unable to come back from that deficit and lost 59-84.

Both teams were then on the road again to take on Dordt University. Once again, the Women's team was up first and prepared to take on the No. 1 team in the NAIA.

The Tigers were simply outshot in all areas and were unable to match the amount of

scoring runs the Defenders had. Although there was a late push in the fourth quarter from Doane, the damage had already been done and the Tigers fell 58-102.

The Men's team was up next and faced a similar fate against the Defenders. Much like the previous game, things started off back and forth between the two teams before Dordt pulled away with several scoring runs.

At the half, Doane was trailing 30-53 and

would be unable to come back from such a deficit. Despite a late 23-6 run, the Tigers were defeated 77-108.

Both teams have back-to-back games this weekend at home. The Men's and Women's Basketball teams will host the University of Jamestown on February 2 before hosting Dakota Wesleyan University on February 3.

# Men's Wrestling sweeps GPAC duels

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

Over the weekend, the Men's Wrestling team competed in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Duals. The Tigers took on University of Jamestown, Dakota Wesleyan University and Morningside University, winning all three duals.

To kick things off against Jamestown, junior Hunter Bennett won 14-3 at 125. Doane dropped a match at 133,

but came back courtesy of sophomore Matthew Terrence at 141, who got a pin in just over a minute.

Senior Nate Lendt pinned his opponent at 149 in 29 seconds, tying his school record for the fastest pin at that weight class. Junior Benjamin Dobler picked up a 7-5 win at 157 and sophomore Benjamin Miller secured the pin at 165 in 1:33.

Senior Michael Scarponi took home a forfeit

win at 174 and sophomore Tyson Beauperthuy got another pin for the Tigers at 184. Senior Kasten Grape won the 197 weight class with a tech fall of 19-4. Freshman Eli Criblez got the last pin of the day in the heavyweight division. Doane won the first dual 48-4.

The Tigers then moved on to take on Dakota Wesleyan University. Senior Nathan Rizek opened the second dual with an 11-4 win at 125

for the Tigers. Sophomore Devin Avedissian went 5-0 at 133.

DWU grabbed a win at 141, but Doane jumped right back on top at 149 with a 7-3 win from Lendt. Miller added on to the victories at 157 with an 8-3 win. DWU picked up another win at 165, but three forfeits put the Tigers back on top. The match rounded out with a win from Criblez in the heavyweight.

After defeating DWU 33-8, the final opponent

for Doane was Morningside University. Rizek kicked things off with a 16-0 win, followed by another victory from Avedissian by forfeit. Similarly to the dual against Dakota Wesleyan, the match afterwards was dropped by Doane.

Lendt pushed the Tigers back on top with a pin in 34 seconds, and Dobler snagged another victory in overtime. The next two matches were won by Morningside, but Beauperthuy put an end

to their run with a win at 184.

Junior Bradley Antesberger grabbed a forfeit win at 197 before Criblez fell in the final match of the day. These three wins ensure that Doane has secured at least part of the GPAC title.

The Men's Wrestling team will be home on February third to host Concordia University in their final home dual.

ing Dakota Wesleyan University on February 3.

## Scoreboard Snapshot

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 24 @ FREMONT, NE  
8:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

WARRIORS  
[ 59-84 ]

January 27 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA  
2:00 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

DEFENDER  
[ 77-102 ]

### MEN'S WRESTLING

January 19-20 @ MARSHALL, MO  
@ MISSOURI VALLEY INVITE

[ 32nd ]

January 26 @ SIOUX CITY, IA  
versus UNIVERSITY of JAMESTOWN

TIGERS  
[ 48-4 ]

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 33-8 ]

versus MORINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 29-15 ]

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 24 @ FREMONT, NE  
6:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 74-60 ]

January 27 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA  
3:45 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

DEFENDER  
[ 58-102 ]

### WOMEN'S WRESTLING

January 23 @ HOME  
versus YORK UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 35-4 ]

January 26 @ LEAVENWORTH, KA  
@ SAINT MARY SPIRE OPEN

TIGERS  
[ 35-4 ]

### CHEER & DANCE

January 27 @ HOME  
@ DOANE INVITATIONAL

CHEER  
[ 3rd ]

DANCE  
[ 1st ]