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Seeking the Truth Without Favor

A heart is formed by members of the audience during the drag show to celebrate Doane is Love. However, there were still hateful actions during this happy week. See below for more.

Doane is Love flags destroyed

Several flags were ripped up and thrown in trash cans

KYLIE HUGHES
Editor in Chief

Doane is Love concluded on Feb. 16 after a week of celebrating love held by People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM). Overall, this

week was a success, both in raising money and spreading love. However, despite the successes, there were a few incidents of destruction that occurred over the week.

According to PRISM President and junior Rowan Jolkowski, there were a few isolated incidents of people destroying the pride flags that PRISM members had set up around campus in celebration of the week-long event.

"This happens every year, we know it shouldn't and that it's not okay but it's better to be resilient and to keep our heads up than let it impact us too much," Jolkowski said.

Despite this happening every year, there was a more severe instance where the various pride flags were all pulled from outside of the Communications Building and half of them pulled from Cassel Open Air Theater. Those pulled flags were then thrown into a trash can outside of Perry Campus Center.

Jolkowski and another PRISM member found them in the trash after a Doane is Love event that week.

Such a display of hate created a mix of emotions for Jolkowski.

"Initially I was really scared. There have been so many instances of violence

toward the community recently because of target political actions and religious misunderstanding. I was scared that this was the first sign of something bigger happening. Then I got angry because we have worked so hard to put on this week," Jolkowski said.

In response, PRISM had an emergency meeting with the executive members and then emailed PRISM advisors and DEI staff. In response, PRISM created a garland of the bent flags from the trash.

On the garland read a poster that said, "Bent but never broken, love will prevail" and hung it

in Nyrop Hall.

Since then Jolkowski has received several anonymous apology letters from some of the people that were caught destroying the flags.

Jolkowski shares a message for those students who damaged the flags.

"I hope you learn from your mistakes in a way that helps you realize that the LGBTQ+ community is not trying to exclude anyone or make anyone feel like they are being silenced. We are doing the opposite and our values align much more than I think you realize," Jolkowski said.

Despite this happen-

ing, this did not damage their spirits to carry on the rest of the week. The potluck with Alpha Pi Epsilon Fraternity made around \$150 for the Trevor Project, the trivia night went well and there was a great turnout for the Drag show, according to Jolkowski.

He is overall proud of PRISM for the entire week and has not personally reached the point of forgiveness to those people who damaged the flags, but feels that forgiveness is not far off.



Courtesy Photo | Rowan Jolkowski

Junior Rowan Jolkowski poses with banner where the damaged flags were reused.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Pride flags were in the ground all over campus to celebrate Doane is Love week.



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Several events were put on across campus to show support to all kinds of love including a drag show (pictured left) and Gay Jeopardy (pictured right).

Students provide assistance on taxes

Students can receive help with their taxes

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

Crete Public Library and Doane University

are offering a way for students to learn how to do their taxes for free. The program is called VITA, or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and is for people who: make \$64,000 or less, people with disabilities and people who are limited English-speaking taxpayers, along with the elderly.

The program is designed to provide these people with a free tax preparation service.

"Many individuals

with low-to-moderate incomes may not be aware of the various tax credits and deductions available to them. VITA volunteers are trained to identify these opportunities, helping taxpayers maximize their refunds and improve their financial well-being," Tracy Corr, Assistant Professor of Practice in the College of Business said.

The reason why Doane partners with the Crete Public Library is to reach

a broader audience, and partnering with a public entity is the best way to do this, as they have the funding of the local government.

The program is also working on extending its services within the Doane Community to international students, as the "U.S. tax laws are complicated and different than other countries," Corr said.

Having this service for international students

could serve as a stress reliever for international students, who, "do not have the time or the desire to spend on studying and interpreting the U.S. tax system," according to Corr.

The program also serves as an internship opportunity for students here at Doane University. It also provides the service-learning project for the SVL-422, Service Learning in Democratic Society.

"Students gain firsthand experience by participating in a service-learning experience with a community partner that addresses an unmet community need," the Doane Course Catalog states.

VITA started Feb. 6, and is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Students speak against LB1330

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since the hearing on Feb. 13.

Students from Doane University spoke out against the legislative bill, coded LB1330, which prohibits public educational institutions from doing things in the pursuit of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The bill, whose mechanics are convoluted, is still in committee and has been

What the bill does is target organizations that have training, "even orientation" as the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska writes, in language promoting diversity and inclusiveness, called Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs, or DEI. The bill targets these organizations by prohibiting the giving of public funds to these organizations, thereby

making them solely rely on private funding for their continued existence.

The goal of the bill is to ban public universities from using terms and promoting ideas such as, "allyship, anti-racism and inclusive language", the ACLU goes on to state. DEI is becoming popular within the workforce, "Fifty percent [of people polled] said accessibility was extremely or very important" Forbes writes. This goes to show

that DEI programs are a staple of the modern workplace. There are "52% in the Pew poll said their workplace had DEI training" as Forbes goes on to further state.

Doane students spoke out about this piece of legislation. Critics point out that it unfairly targets students of color and students who are a part of the LGBTQIA+ community with its ban on inclusive language.

The bill does not affect Doane University, as Doane is private and does not receive public funding in the same way that the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Omaha, or Kearney schools do. The only public funding that applies to Doane is federal student loans, and not to the actual school itself. The safety of DEI at Doane is not in jeopardy, but in public schools, it very much is.

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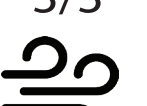
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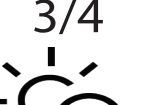
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High: 79
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Monday

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High: 50
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Tuesday

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High: 56
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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

New scholarships for TRiO

TRiO offers

new
Scholarship
opportunity

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's that time again when students start applying for scholarships to make their tuition cost

hard to know what the scholarship committees want to see in an application," Jank said. "This course helps students find scholarships, organize materials, write outstanding essays/personal statements and create clean resumes."

So far there are sixteen Doane students who have signed up for this scholarship program and many other students can sign up over the summer.

"Finding the right

less. Instead of spending countless hours looking for the right scholarships to apply for TRiO students they now have an easier way of finding scholarships in less time.

Academic Success Specialist Rachel Jank and Executive Director of Academic Support Services Beth Jacobsen have found a resource called SheEdits "Scholarship Success, Simplified."

"Applying for scholarships is daunting, and it's

scholarships takes time. The course really breaks down the process of using descriptors of your major, background and interests to find scholarships, then seeing if you meet the eligibility criteria," said Jank. "There are Money Matters workshops throughout the year available to all students, and many focus on scholarship searches."

Another good thing about this resource is how fast and easy it takes

for students to apply, especially if they have busy schedules throughout the remainder of the semester and throughout the summer.

If you are a TRiO student or if you want to see if you qualify for TRiO email Rachel Jank at rachel.jank@doane.edu or go visit her office in the Academic Success Center for more information.

New coach shines in first season after competing for years

Doane
alum begins
coaching
career

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

Success does not come immediately for many first-time coaches, and it often takes years

to achieve notable results. Being a first-time collegiate coach is an even more difficult undertaking. However, for Assistant Track Coach Annika Pingel, her debut came with a tremendous amount of success.

"Right after outdoor nationals, when I was finished with my track career, Ed Fye (Director of Track & Field and Cross Country) asked me if I wanted to be the head sprints coach and an assistant coach. We had talked before about me staying at Doane and coaching, but Ed gave me

the opportunity to step right in," Pingel said.

Pingel, a 2022 graduate, competed as an athlete for Doane for five years, was a multiple All-American, and ran events ranging from the 200-meter to the 6k in cross country. Pingel felt that her experience on the track team made the transition to coaching easy.

In Pingel's first indoor season as the sprints coach proved to be successful. Doane Track and Field won conference on the men's side and the women's team placed second. Pingel's athletes

secured all-conference honors, and she produced two conference champions with freshman Neryah Hekl winning the 60m and sophomore Joaquin Gutierrez winning the 600m.

"My biggest takeaway so far as coach has been my shift in focus in wanting to put all my time and energy into my athletes and wanting to know each of them and cultivate a relationship with them and help them reach their full potential," Pingel said.

Pingel felt that progress was made each week

with her athletes and that her athletes bought into her coaching and made her job much easier.

"Being a recent athlete, being some of these athletes' teammates, it gives me a unique dynamic. I can collaborate with my athletes and I am in tune with what their experiences are," Pingel said.

Pingel and the rest of the Doane Track team are competing at NAIA National Championships in Brookings, South Dakota from Feb. 29 through March 2.

Doane Crime Log

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

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Free drop-in tutoring at the ASC

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Every single semester dozens of students take advantage of the free tutoring here on campus. Academic Support Coordinator Brooke Sullivan explains how students take advantage of these

tutoring services to do better in their classes.

“There are some students that meet with tutors every week to keep on top of the class subject, others use it once in a while as the need arises,” Sullivan said. “Last semester there were 385 appointments with 89 unique students. This

means that over 10% of the Crete students used tutoring last semester.”

These tutors help students with a variety of things. For example, some tutors help students understand the material they are learning in class, some help students figure out new studying techniques and some help

students find an efficient way to study for homework and tests.

“We all struggle in our classes at some point. How you choose to handle it is up to you,” Sullivan said. “You can stress out, spend more time on trying to understand something and miss out on sleep, and get bad

grades; or you can take charge of your learning and get some help from a tutor to save yourself a lot of trouble.”

For some students, they wonder, how can I become a tutor? One of the requirements is that students need to have at least a B or higher in the respective course and

they will also need to fill out the Student Leadership Applications.

“Tutoring is for everyone,” said Sullivan. “It isn’t only for people that are struggling with a concept, it can be for someone that wants to build their skills or have a strong foundation in the subject.”

Students showcase their writing

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

On Feb. 21, the Writing Center held a community event called Write Out Loud, where students could share their written works. The written works could be anything, ranging from fiction, essays, research papers, non-fiction, poetry, DND campaigns, song lyrics, as

long as it was written, the work could be shared for anyone to hear.

“Write Out Loud is a public reading series that showcases and highlights and gives a platform for the writing and stories of Doane community members,” Director of the Writing Center Jeremy Caldwell said about the event. “This gets people out of their comfort zone a little bit. There are

lots of writers on campus, and this gives them a platform to share their works in a new way.”

Caldwell highlights how beneficial it is to share writing in a public setting. It both inspires writers and listeners to apply their writing skills and find commonalities with other writers. Caldwell allows not only students but also staff and community members to

read their works. He feels that this makes the process of sharing writing even more powerful.

“Even if you’re shy and intimidated by sharing your work I hope this is a space that inspires confidence. This event allows for the community. It doesn’t pass judgment or criticize the work. We simply enjoy what the author puts in front of us. We hope it builds a net-

work of writers,” Caldwell said.

Caldwell has students in one of his English classes participate in the event in hopes that it encourages students to push themselves out of their comfort zones and use their writing skills for more than just class.

“This is the first semester I have ever incorporated this into my classes. Me and the English De-

partment wanted to use the resources we had to encourage more students to use their writing in a community,” Caldwell said.

Caldwell is hoping to have those who present their writings published in the future and says that events like these can help you become a better writer even if you never read off your own work.

Mark Orsag in support of Delta 8

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

Mark Orsag is a professor of European and Interdisciplinary History here at Doane University. Orsag grew up near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and got his Bachelor’s from Carnegie-Mellon University, then got his Master’s from Pennsylvania State, and his Doctorate in European History from Michigan State University.

Carnegie-Mellon is a very prestigious university, often ranking in the top 50 universities in the nation, and Michigan State has a very prestigious doctoral program.

Orsag, as a seasoned historical researcher, has

about 50 academic publications and presentations, with his most recent work being a book publication detailing the third-century Roman Pandemic, the Plague of Cyprian, which killed approximately 5,000 people a day.

Orsag also does active work within the community as a whole, a prime example being testifying in front of the Nebraska Legislature in criticism of the bill LB999, which was a bill to ban Delta 8, a form of marijuana, in Nebraska.

In testifying, on Feb. 1, Orsag supported the legalization of Delta 8. “If alcohol is legal, why are we deciding to ban these substances, which in many cases, are less

harmful, and less addictive than alcohol, which has been proven in studies again and again,” Orsag said. “Science will always outpace regulation.”

Orsag is also an avid technical rock climber and does competitions at universities, such as UNL, and has had success within his division, often placing well. He also has done mountaineering events in Colorado and Wyoming.

Next semester, Orsag is teaching two sections of 105, Western Civilization I, Russian History, which is “very topical because of the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian War,” according to Orsag. In addition to these he is also teaching his favorite class, Roman History.




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Mark Orsag, a professor of European and Interdisciplinary History, speaks out about his active role in the community.

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ED Cares to talk about ED week

KYLIE HUGHES
Editor-in-Chief

This week from Feb. 26 to March 2, Doane is honoring National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

To honor this week, Tiger Wellness and the Doane Counseling Office are collaborating to bring more information and awareness to campus.

ED Cares in Omaha, an organization aimed at treating adults with eating disorders will be on campus on Wednesday, Feb. 28. This organization treats bulimia ner-

vosa, anorexia nervosa, binge eating and other eating disorders. They will use their experience treating eating disorders to inform students. ED Cares will be at the Information Desk (Beige Desk) from 11 a.m. to 12:30.

There, students can gain resources. To gain a better understanding of eating disorders and how to support someone going through an eating disorder journey, students, faculty or staff can attend a presentation starting at 1 p.m.

Students can also gain more information about

individual conditions, warning signs, symptoms, the effects of that condition as well as treatment options on the ED Cares website at eating-disorder.care.

The presentation will also be on Feb. 28 held in Trobough in Perry Campus Center.

Questions can be directed to Health and Wellness Director Andreea Baker at andreea.baker@doane.edu. They can also be directed to Director of Counseling Darcy Dawson at darcy.dawson@doane.edu.

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Feb. 27- March 3

weekly calendar

Tuesday

Foodie Series- 7 p.m.
Esports- 8 p.m.

Wednesday

ED Care at Beige Desk- 11 a.m.
ED Care Presentation- 1 p.m.
STUCO Meeting- 7 p.m.- Board Room

Thursday

Esports- 7 p.m.

Friday

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- Editorial -

Move past midterms

With midterms just around the corner, we at the Doane Owl would like to congratulate the students of Doane University. College is the most difficult time of your life, and at the same time, it is called the best years of your life, contradictory as that may be, it puts into perspective the short-term thinking that 99% of people employ.

Do not get me wrong, stay-

ing in the moment is definitely a way to get through life, seeing only what is in front of you, and many philosophers, such as Camus, would attest to this lifestyle. But currently, the moment sucks, midterms suck, and it is a lot of work to do to study enough for midterms for most classes to get a good grade in them.

But do not let the current badness of the moment de-

fine your mood, having a positive attitude during diet finals week is a benefit because it should prove to yourself that finals will not be as terrible as you expect. To all of the students in the Doane Community, study hard for your midterm exams, and keep calm during this tumultuous time.

Let us all take comfort in the fact that midterms suck for almost everybody, and

that the only inevitable and unstoppable thing in the universe, the end, and taxes, also applies to these hellish exams.

Hot takes; cookie cake takes the... cake

A weekly rant of random things by Cassie Kessler



CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

I would like to thank The Owl's advisor, Eric Tucker, for this week's hot takes idea. When Tucker suggested pies, I loved the topic and I really wanted to write about it but there is one kind of massive problem... I hate pie.

I just can not get behind cooked fruit guys. Seriously, it's a texture thing and it makes my skin crawl. So I could rank approximately two pies and this would barely be a story. But before I lost all hope, it hit me: write about cake.

So here's the three things I'll be ranking them by. First... nah I'm just kidding. Just keep reading because I can't put into words what ranks a good cake without describing it somewhat in detail.

Cookie cake: One of those giant, soft chocolate chip cookies with just the right amount of frosting might be the closest thing I would compare to heaven on earth.



Marble cake as depicted in the photo is one of Kessler's higher ranking cakes due to the soft texture and mixture of chocolate and vanilla.

I'm rather certain I could eat an entire one of these by myself, but too scared to find out.

Marble: These cakes prove time and time again to be some of the softest and most decadent textured cakes I've ever tasted. Maybe it's the way the vanilla and chocolate mesh so perfectly together, maybe it's that I've only ever had these directly from bakeries... who's to say?

Ice cream cake: If I didn't get brain freeze so terribly, these might jump up to number one for me. But alas, I have to eat it slowly, which is not how I really want to consume cake if I'm being hon-

est. Also, why do they always have so much frosting? Shouldn't the ICE CREAM CAKE be sweet enough?

Vanilla: Old reliable right here, in cake form. I've come across this cake at its best and at its worst and I've never once been disappointed. You always get exactly what you were promised: vanilla cake.

Chocolate: I'm not the sweetest of sweet tooths, so chocolate cake can be a bit overwhelming for me. The predicament I also find myself in with this cake is when I'm in the mood for something with that much chocolate, I usually want

brownies simply because they're better.

Red velvet: This is kind of like chocolate's cousin that tries to trick you about being related to chocolate by being a ginger. (I sincerely hope that's how my cousins describe my brother and me.)

Birthday: I don't love sprinkles, jimmies, whatever you call them. Therefore, I don't love this cake... ESPECIALLY BECAUSE it usually disguises itself as vanilla cake and I am left with the most revolting surprise.

Indomitable human spirit exists



JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

"All that you need now, is in your soul," Ronnie Van Zant and Gary Rossington of Lynyrd Skynyrd fame write. This resonates with the folk who rely on others for their own happiness, what the song points out, the

song is Simple Man by the way, is that the only thing that a person needs in order to be whole and one with themselves is himself.

An interpretation of this song that I like to apply to my own life is the self-determined persistence that I can relate to. "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer." Camus writes in one of his poems, signifying the point I am trying to make, that being that the indomitable human spirit exists, and it is more common than we realize.

The will to make your spirit indomitable is something that has to be persistent, something has to push back to your outside circumstances, or else you will be lost to the powers at play. I am not saying

that outside factors do not play a part in your physical circumstances, as that would be contradictory to the phrase physical circumstances, but what I am saying is that the struggle of and to exist within the world is something that can be fought against always.

Again, it would be naive of me to say that things will just get automatically better because you have a positive mindset, but what I would contend is that satisfaction comes from the struggle to exist, from reaching the peak of the mountain, whether it be a literal mountain or a mountain of doubt, insecurities and anxieties make the whole trek worth it tenfold. The struggle to keep that eternal summer amidst the winter, to know

that your spirit is pushing against all the factors in the world, sometimes yourself included, that opposes you is something that defines our existence.

As an aside, I was not confident in my opinion of the indomitable human spirit until I watched the movie "Rocky" amazing movie, 8/10.

School staff to decide use of AI

MALLORY RIFFEL
Guest Writer

AI is very common within school student use, which can be used in a potentially beneficial way for the students' growing minds. Students use AI in their school work to do their homework for them as well as write full papers for the student. With the common students using AI to do their work for them, it makes students want this to be more of an okay thing to be used educationally. With this, students should leave the input of bringing AI into education, to the faculty and the head of the school. Colleges should use AI with monetization as well as caution.

Negatively, we see students using Chat GPD, a form of AI, to write their English and Writing class essays. Sure, this can be used to correct and perfect one's work, but one

should not be writing someone's work for them to turn it in under their own name. Students who use AI and Chat GPD to write their papers are simply ruining their chance to grow and learn as a student. Often it is shown that students limit their ability to critically think as well as improve their skills.

The developers of the "Flying Cork," a media and marketing organization, commented on the use of AI in school.

"If students depend totally on AI writing tools they don't have the opportunity to practice and improve their own writing skills. This will limit their critical thinking and stunt their creativity. Educators are in the difficult position of having to find ways for students to use AI tools in a controlled and regulated way," the developers of "Flying Cork" said.

Along with the unfortunate stunt of learning



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ChatGPT, one of the many AI applications that have grown in the last few years, is often used by high school and college students.

growth, professors, doctors, and teachers struggle to regulate student AI use with all the unique writing it gives out, differently for everyone.

Within the school systems there are questions about if the students should have a say in the regulation policies of AI or not. Students should really leave this one to the

facility and higher-ups in their education system. Leaving students up to the decision will push the little or no limitation on AI due to laziness, and the simple fact that it is easier to use Chat GDP and AI rather than their own brain. Instead the teachers should be the ones to make a decision like this so there are restrictions

that are appropriate, to continue the growth of a students young mind.

It is also stated by ELearning Industry Author Sofia Riza that "relying too much on AI may reduce face-to-face time with teachers and other students." This also shows the limit of their ability to communicate and learn on their own

educationally. "This can hurt skills like critical thinking and solving problems themselves. Also, always depending on tools may lower students' creativity," Riza said.

This quote helps to further the point of lack of brain development by using AI without many restrictions.

Overall, the best decision to be made among colleges and schools, is that it is best to leave this difficult decision to the higher ups in the education systems. With this will come the continuation of growing minds, as well as letting students get help while still learning their course information. This is why colleges shouldn't leave this decision to the students, and rather leave it to the higher ups in the college or university.

Police develop new methods



ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer



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Police offers develop more efficient ways to pull over speeding drivers such as the use of undercover police.

Over the weekend I decided to travel to the other side of Nebraska to go visit my family. Now driving on the interstate for me isn't a bad thing at all, however, I tend to go 80 mph while driving even though the speed limit says the maximum speed is 75.

However, right when I got off the interstate in Ogallala, Nebraska

that is when I heard a siren. Now I didn't know whether the siren was for me or it was a siren for something else so I decided to pull into a gas station because I needed gas.

When I pulled up to the gas pump the car

that was behind me for probably about eight minutes was behind me, but I thought that I was also another traveler who wanted to get gas, but boy was I wrong.

This man got out of his car, walked over to

me and asked me "Do you know why I pulled you over?" however I was confused about what he was talking about. Then he proceeded to tell me

how he was an undercover cop and I was speeding on the interstate. And in my head, two things were running in my mind.

The first thing was,

why was this guy just now pulling me over? And the second thing was, can undercover cops really pull people over? Thankfully he asked me where I was coming from and where I was trying to get and let me off with a warning but still. For the whole time I was driving I thought that it was just a person who had the same car as a police car, but I was clearly wrong.

But after this whole incident I legit had to Google if undercover cops can pull you over, I found they actually can if you encounter them. So here is your guys' warning, if you ever see a car that looks like a cop car, maybe go the speed limit. Because it could probably save you a pretty pricey ticket.

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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 shines at GPAC Championships

The Men's won the GPAC title and the Women's team placed second

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On Feb. 17 the men's track and field team took home the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championship having a total score of 195 points.

Starting off in the triple jump taking home first place was senior Trever Malone who had a length of 14.35m. Following Malone was senior Vince Lauenroth who had a length of 14.13m placing him third. And placing eighth in jumps was junior Cordale Moxey who had a length of 13.10m.

Finishing second in the pole vault with a length of 4.65m was senior Mike Pulliam, and following him was sophomore Branson McDonald who had a length of 4.50m, placing him fifth.

In the high jump, there were three Tigers that cleared 1.92m. However the jump attempt was the tiebreaker which put freshman Peyton Herick sixth, sophomore Cooper Grimus seventh, and finally senior Carter Reckling eighth.

Transitioning into the weight throws, finishing in second was sophomore Andrew Schmitz who threw a length

of 17.93m. Following Schmitz with a length of 17.91m was junior Trey Dickey which placed him third. Finishing in fifth with a throw of 17.65m was senior Jaedon Lothrop, and finally finishing up seventh was freshman Jaden Voltenweider who threw a 17.03m.

Going into the shot put was sophomore Colton Dillon who placed second with a length of 15.86m. In fifth was Schmitz who had a length of 15.27m and following him was sophomore Cale Bessler who had a length of 15.17m placing him sixth.

In the track events the Tigers first had senior Zach Turner run in the 60m hurdles having a time of 7.96. Also in the hurdles were freshman Zach Fox, freshman Addison Croghan, freshman Sander Zutterman, and freshman Carter Niles. Fox had a time of 8.63 placing fifth, Croghan had a time of 8.66 placing him sixth, Zutterman had a time of 8.77 placing him seventh, and rounding out the finalists was Niles having a time of 8.79 placing him eighth.

Running in the 60m dash was sophomore Connor Bradley and junior JaDae Moore. Bradley ran a time of 6.93 placing him sixth and Moore had a time of 6.98 which placed him seventh. Turner and Bradley also ran in the 200m, Turner had a time of 21.96 finishing fourth and Bradley had a time of 22.51 finishing sixth.

Also in the 400m was Turner who had a time of 48.90 which placed him third. Running in the 600m was freshman Joaquin Gutierrez who had a time of 1:19.97 and walked away with first place. Along with Guti-

errez was sophomore Emmanuel Yego who had a time of 1:20.74 which placed him third. Finishing up in sixth having a time of 1:23.69 was freshman Eli Marez.

Going into the 800m were senior Duncan Blankenship, junior Will Wenz, and sophomore Will Dawes. Blankenship had a time of 1:59.69 finishing fourth, Wenz had a time of 2:01.65 finishing sixth and Dawes had a time of 2:02.32 finishing seventh. In the 1000m sophomore Michael Grigsby had a time of 2:36.50, placing him fourth and Yego had a time of 2:39.68, placing him eighth.

Running in the mile was Grigsby and senior Thomas Oliver. Grigsby had a time of 4:27.04 which finished him sixth and Oliver had a time of 4:27.69 which placed him seventh. In the 3000m, sophomore Nelson Ruto had a time of 8:47.44 which placed him third and Oliver had a time of 9:00.63 which placed him seventh. Ruto and Oliver also ran in the 5000m, where Ruto had a time of 15:04.99 placing him third and Oliver had a time of 15:19.73 which placed him fourth.

The Men's 4x800 team consisted of Blankenship, Marez, sophomore Jordan Kwiatkowski and Dawes which had a time of 8:00.71 which placed them third. The 4x400m team consisted of senior Chris Vincent, Bradley, Wenz, and Moore who had a time of 3:25.96 placing them second.

Transitioning over to the Women's side starting off in the triple jump, the Tigers had five people place in this event. Taking home first was sophomore Josie Garrett who had a mark of 11.40m, in second place was sophomore Rosa-



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Sophomore Joaquin Gutierrez fights through the pain to secure a win in the 600m

lyn Roggasch who had a mark of 11.07m, in third was junior Lindsay Adams with a mark of 11.02m and placing fifth was sophomore Kyla Davis with a mark of 10.70m.

In the long jump, Adams walked away with first having a length of 5.48m. Garrett had a length of 5.30m which placed her fourth. Garrett also jumped in the high jump having a mark of 1.55m and also walking away with fifth.

In the pole vault were freshman Kaylee Pribyl, sophomore Kennedy Stanley, and junior Samantha Knapp. Taking home first was Pribyl who had a length of 3.77m, and walking away with second was Stanley who had a length of 3.67m. Finishing seventh was Knapp with a length of 3.32m.

Finishing up was throws where senior Macy Fuller walked away with second in weight throws with a length of 17.63m. Along with Fuller was sophomore Mia Knigge who had a length of 15.82m and walked away with

sixth place. In the shot put was junior Alivia Baucom who threw a length of 13.47m which placed her sixth.

Going into the track events starting off with the 60m hurdles was Garrett who had a time of 8.87 placing her fourth. In the 60m dash freshman Neryah Hekl had a time of 7.62 which broke her school record. Placing seventh was senior Isabel Bothwell who had a time of 7.94 and finished eighth was sophomore Morgan Mahoney who had a time of 8.01.

Running in the 200m was sophomore Katie Vogt who placed second having a time of 25.84. Also running with Vogt in the 200m was Mahoney who had a time of 26.47 placing her eighth. Also running in the 400m was Vogt who had a time of 59.55 and placed her fifth.

In the 600m was senior Rylee Rice who had a time of 1:44.12 which placed her sixth. Also running in the 600m was freshman Chaney Nelson who had a time of 1:49.29 and placed

eighth. Running in the 1000m was sophomore Danie Parriott who had a time of 3:10.06 which placed her fifth. And finally running in the 5000m was sophomore Calla Wittland who had a time of 19:13.35 which placed her fifth.

Running in the 4x800m relay team was Parriott, Nelson, freshman Laura Hasemann, and freshman Emily Lytle who had a time of 9:53.16, placing them second. Running in the 4x400m relay team were Vogt, Nelson, freshman Kiley Hejzmanek, and Adams who had a time of 4:07.74 which placed them sixth.

As the scores were calculated the Men's team walked away with first place at the GPAC Championships and the Women's team walked away with second place.

From Feb. 29 to March 2 the Tigers will be traveling to Brookings, South Dakota to go compete in the NAIA National Championships.

Basketball regular season comes to a close

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

Both Men's and Women's Basketball teams ended their regular season last week. Women's Basketball picked up two wins and now awaits their post-season match-up, while Men's Basketball ended their season with a loss at home.

The Women's Basketball team started their week in Omaha, Nebraska on February 21 to take on the College of Saint Mary. Despite the Flames picking up the

first basket of the game, the Tigers took the lead immediately following and never looked back.

The first quarter ended with the Tigers soundly ahead with a 29-13 lead. Doane used the second quarter to go on two big runs and only allowed CSM to score 10 points, going into halftime with a 52-23 lead.

The Flames made a late push in the third quarter in an attempt to reel the Tigers back, but Doane had already created a lead that could not be caught. After ending the third quarter up 74-

47, the Tigers won by 22 points with a final score of 91-69.

The Women's team returned home and joined the Men's team in a doubleheader against Hastings College. Women's Basketball was up first against the Broncos, taking part in an extraordinarily close game to determine post-season play.

During the first quarter, the Tigers and Broncos were extremely close, going back and forth with the lead. At the end of the first, the Tigers were trailing by two, 15-17, before having an im-

pactful performance in the second quarter.

Doane added 22 points to their score in the second quarter, which gave them a lead they would not release. At the half, the Tigers were up by 10 with a 37-27 lead. However, the Broncos were not going to go down easily.

Throughout the third quarter, Hastings tied the score three times and brought themselves close to overtaking Doane, but the Tigers held firm. The Tigers were up by two, 66-64, with a second left when the Broncos sent

junior Rylie Rice to the line twice, where she made all four free throws to seal the victory with a final score of 70-64.

The Men's team was up next against Hastings, who were playing with the goal of winning the regular season championship. The game started out very back-and-forth in the first half, until about midway through when the Broncos went on a 16-2 run.

Returning from halftime, the Tigers were trailing 27-42. The second half was far more successful than the first

for Doane, but they were unable to come back from the deficit and lost 70-83.

The Men's Basketball season ended with a 7-21 record, going 2-18 in conference play. The Women's Basketball team will continue to play in the postseason, facing off against Dordt University on February 28 in Sioux Center, Iowa as part of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championship.

Women's Wrestling clinches third overall in GPAC

Five women received bids for NAIA National Championships

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

Over the weekend, the Women's Wrestling team hosted the Kansas

Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships. The team as a whole placed third, with five athletes receiving bids to the NAIA National Championships.

Sophomore Cristelle Rodriguez repeated as division champion in the 123 weight class after defeating all three of her opponents and winning the championship title in just 29 seconds.

Sophomore Karina Vang went 2-1 on the day and grabbed second place in the 101 bracket. In the same weight class, freshman Kimberly Na-

varrete went 2-2 and snagged fifth place.

In the 130 weight class, junior Abbie Ahrens took home a second place finish after also going 2-1. At 136, freshman Bridgette Sotomayor finished 3-2 on the day which earned her fifth place.

Two Tigers tied for seventh at 143, junior Brianna Membreno went 2-2 while junior Andrea Jones went 2-1. Moving up to 155, freshman Aspen Barber took home second place after going 2-1.

Competing in the 170

division, sophomore Lamia Benn went 3-2 which earned another fifth place finish for the Tigers. Senior Kenisha Jacsaint grabbed a second place finish in the 191 bracket with a 2-1 record.

Vang, Rodriguez, Sotomayor, Barber and Jacsaint will be competing in the NAIA National Championships, taking place in Jamestown, North Dakota on March 8 and 9.

Athlete of the Week



Guy Moran
Men's Basketball

led the Tigers with 16 points, hitting four 3-point baskets in the game against Hastings.



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Cheer and Dance hosts Doane Triangular

Doane
hosted final
regular season
triangular

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Cheer and Dance teams hosted both Hastings College and Midland University in the Doane Triangular on February 21. Despite being short-handed, both teams were able to put together solid performances.

The cheer competition was the first to happen

that evening, with Doane Cheer being up first. The Tigers only had seven athletes able to compete, which resulted in a five-point deduction for having one below the required number.

The Cheer team finished third with a final score of 65.83. Hastings

College posted a score of 79.75 which earned them second place after barely being edged out by Midland University, who won with a score of 80.45.

Next up for the night was the dance competition. Hastings finished in third place, scoring 68.80

points. Meanwhile, only 0.27 points separated Midland and Doane, with the Warriors just barely getting the upper hand with a score of 83.10 while the Tigers finished with 82.83 and a second-place finish.

Both the Cheer and Dance teams will be

hosting the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships/NAIA Regionals on March 8.

Softball collects quality wins in Kansas

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON-
Staff Writer

The Softball team were on the road to Kansas to compete against the McPherson College Bulldogs, the Tabor College Bluejays and the Bethel College Threshers.

The Tigers first double header game was against the McPherson Bulldogs where they walked away with two wins which helped their season tremendously.

Starting off in the first game, pitching the first two innings of the game was sophomore Abbi Arroyo who faced ten batters. While she was pitching she allowed one strike out, two hits, and two walks. Throw-

ing in the next three innings was sophomore Alexis Hubbard where she allowed three hits and three strikeouts. She also faced fourteen hitters and gained her first win. And throwing for one inning was senior Sarah Shevenell where she faced seven batters, allowing two walks, a strikeout, and two hits.

Scoring the runs for the Tigers was sophomore Isabella Beauchamp who had two hits and a run batted in (RBI). Scoring the other two runs was junior Anna Prauner where she had a 2-for-2 along with a walk. Which ended the first game with a score of 2-0.

Into the second game, McPherson scored a run within the first inning af-

ter the Tigers had an error. In the second inning senior Payton Cooley scored a run which tied up the game. In the fifth inning is when the Tigers were starting to lead the game. Cooley started the fifth inning with a single, and stole second. Then she scored on a double that was hit by Shevenell to bring the score to 2-2. Following Cooley scoring, freshman Jeryn Allen hit an RBI double 3-2.

In the seventh inning junior Marisa Marquez doubled to plate freshman Katelyn Hays to score, and Prauner had an RBI double that brought both runners home, ending the game with a score of 5-2.

Going into their game on Feb. 23 against the

Tabor Bluejays, the Tigers walked away with first a loss of 8-6 but then avenged their loss with a 9-2 win.

The Tigers final games of the week were against the Bethel Threshers. In the first inning, senior Jadyne Hunt and Marquez both had RBI's, making the score 2-0. The Threshers posted a run in the second, cutting into Doane's lead and making the score 2-1

In the third inning the Threshers managed to take the lead with five runs while the Tigers were only able to get two making the score 4-6. However the Threshers wouldn't be having the lead for long when the Tigers had five runs in the fifth inning, two runs in the sixth inning, and

one run in the seventh inning.

In total the Tigers had a grand total of 13 hits in this game. These hits came off the bats of junior Grace Dowding, Allen, Cooley, Hunt and junior Rylee Sands, who all had two apiece. Hunt, Marquez, and sophomore Emma Sorensen all drove in two runs in this game. The Tigers walked away with a win having a score of 9-6 in the first game against the Threshers.

In their second game against the Threshers, both teams were able to get one run within the first inning. At the beginning of the fifth inning Cooley was to hit a three-run home run, which gave the Tigers the lead of 4-1. Howev-

er at the end of the fifth inning the Threshers were able to catch the lead with a score of 5-4. In the sixth inning Allen tied up the game with an RBI-triple and broke the tie with Hays batting an RBI-single that brought Allen home.

In the seventh inning the Tigers were able to gain another run after Hunt batted an RBI-single. The final score for the Tigers was 7-5 after the second game. Meaning the Tigers won five of their six games while they were in Kansas.

On March 6. The Tigers will be competing at home against Benedictine College at Ballfield Complex at 2 p.m.

Tennis stutters in recent matches

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Men's and Women's Tennis teams were on the road this last week. Both teams started in Red Oak, Iowa on February 20 taking on Grand View University. The Men's team then continued on to Omaha, Nebraska on February 23 to play against Creighton University before returning to Red Oak, Iowa on February 24 to face off

against Ottawa University.

The Women's team would find a victory on the road against Grand View. In the singles matches, freshman Maria Purizaca Soto won with scores of 6-1 and 2-3. Sophomore Sofia Hurst picked up a win of 6-1 and 7-6 while junior Cierra Schwarzkopf added a win of 6-0 and 6-0.

Meanwhile, in the doubles action, freshman Isabella Castellero and senior Emily Guiton

won their match with a score of 6-1. The Tigers walked away with a sound win of 6-1.

The Men's team also soundly defeated Grand View with a final score of 7-0. In the doubles matches, brothers senior Federico Infante and sophomore Diego Infante won 6-4. Senior Esteban Gutierrez and junior Jose Purizaca won 6-1 while freshmen Andre Hartman and Elliot Dassel won 6-0.

In their singles matches, Gutierrez brought

home another victory after going 6-1, 2-6 and 1-0. Purizaca added another win with 6-1, 7-6. Federico Infante won with scores of 6-2 and 6-3 while Harman and Dassel both won with scores of 6-0 and 6-0. Freshman Julio Avila won 6-3 and 6-4.

The tables were then turned for the Tigers as they faced off against the Bluejays in Omaha. In doubles, the Infante brothers lost 1-6, Gutierrez and Purizaca fell 2-6 and Hartman and Dassel

lost 0-6.

Doane also struggled in the singles action. Both Gutierrez and Hartman lost 0-6 and 0-6. Purizaca fell 3-6, 0-6 and Federico Infante lost 2-6, 1-6. Diego Infante also fell 2-6, 2-6 and Dassel lost 0-6, 1-6.

The Men's Tennis team then had to bounce back and take on Ottawa University the following day. The Tigers struggled to catch a break in the doubles matches, losing all three by scores of 2-6, 2-6 and 1-6.

In the singles matches, three Tigers played to a tiebreak. Gutierrez fell 5-7, 7-5 and 0-1, while Purizaca lost 7-6, 3-6 and 0-1. Finally, Dassel dropped the match with scores of 7-6, 1-6 and 0-1. Doane as a whole fell to Ottawa 0-7.

Both teams have upcoming matches on February 27 in Hillsboro, Kansas before heading to Baldwin City, Kansas on March 3 to play against Baker University.

Strong start continues for Baseball

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

Doane Baseball continues their dominant start to the season, with a strong 9-1 record through their first ten games.

The Tigers took a trip to Oklahoma City to play Oklahoma City University in a doubleheader on Feb. 18. Doane's starting pitching dominated game one. Starting pitcher senior Aaron Forest secured his second win of the season with 6.0 innings of work, and 11 batters struck out to break the career strikeout record at Doane with his final strikeout of the sixth inning. He only allowed four hits and a walk in six innings.

Despite scoring 13 runs in a seven-inning game, Doane was limited to five hits but each hit secured runs and created an insurmountable lead. Junior Logan Amick was the first Tiger to score, making it to home off an RBI-single by senior Joe Osborn. Osborn was brought in by junior Narumi Okayasu. The

Tigers closed the first inning with redshirt junior Justin Nevells bringing in junior Aaron Vulcano with an RBI double.

Osborn brought in a run with a single that brought freshman Brandon Jones home, and redshirt freshman Max Harris scored on a fielder's choice, bringing the score to 5-0 in the second inning.

The final runs were secured in the fourth with a Jones RBI single that brought in Nevells and an RBI double from Okayasu that brought in Osborn. The score became 7-0, which held through the next three innings.

The Tiger bats woke up in the second game against Oklahoma City University. Doane secured an early lead with a five-run second inning due to capitalizing on the mistakes made by Oklahoma City University. With a passed ball moving Okayasu to third base and Vulcano to second base, the opposing catcher made a wild throw in an attempt to tag Okayasu out, Okayasu went on to score, and Vulcano moved to third, where he

later scored off of another past ball.

Senior Ben Grigsby and Amick both secured RBI singles later that inning that brought in two more runners, and Osborn ended the inning with an RBI double. Oklahoma City University secured their first run of the doubleheader with a solo home run in the bottom of the second, setting the score at 5-1.

Doane added to their lead with an RBI-single from Osborn in the fourth. In the fifth Jones brought in a run with an RBI-single and Amick followed suit with an RBI double. Oklahoma City University hit their second home run of the game and added a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth to cut the lead down to 8-3. In the sixth sophomore Dane Kelsey added to the lead with a pinch-hit two-run home run. Despite an RBI-double by Oklahoma City University, Doane iced the game when Nevells hit a three-run home run, and made the game out of reach with a final score of 13-4.

Doane's next game

on February 20 against Tabor College was postponed. Doane's next two games came against William Penn University and Dakota State University on February 24. Their first game against William Penn University proved difficult, as the Tigers were handed their first loss of the season after William Penn University out-hit the Tigers, 11-5 and posted a run in four of the seven innings.

Doane rebounded from their first loss with a 3-1 win over Dakota State University, the Tigers put up three runs, an error allowed the first run, with senior Luke LeChance batting an RBI-groundout. Doane secured the final run of the game with a junior Noah Wilkman an RBI-double. The Tigers only allowed one run and the pitcher, Foster allowed only one run on five hits over 7.0 innings. He walked one batter and struck out nine. The Tigers won 3-1.

Doane baseball played two more games on February 25, against Clarke University and Baker University. In the first game against Clarke

University the Tiger bats hit everything in front of them, as they went on to win 13-4. Doane made history hitting a school-record seven home runs. Jones batted in the first run with a RBI-double. The Tigers posted a six-run inning in the second with Harris having the first run of the inning with an RBI-double. Amick posted an RBI-single, Wilkman added to the scoring with a three-run home run, and Jones stayed hot securing a solo home run. Through the first two innings, Doane had seven runs.

The scoring continued into the third with Harris and Amick clocking back-to-back home runs for a 9-0 lead. Despite Clarke University having their two-run home run in the fifth, the Tigers did not relent and continued to attack the ball.

In the sixth, Osborn and Jones both hit solo-home runs, adding to the lead. Despite a wild-pitch giving Clarke University the ability to score, it proved futile as the Tigers added another two-run home run in the seventh off the bat of

Polard. Clarke University squeezed in one more run, and the game ended with a Tiger win of 13-4.

The following game against Baker University lacked the offensive pop. Doane scored their first run after Freshman Isaiah Miller scored on a wild pitch with two outs in the inning for a 1-0 lead in the third inning. The score stayed 1-0 until the sixth when Baker University jacked a three-run home run to take a 3-1 lead. Miller proceeded to hit his first career home run and tied the game 3-3. Miller's heroics continued into the seventh, with the bases loaded and two outs, he drew a walk that brought LaChance home and secured a Doane win. Miller, who was originally brought in as a pinch runner went 1-2 and drove in three runs and helped LaChance walk home.

Doane's next game comes against NAIA No. 10 Missouri Baptist University St. Louis, Mo., on March 1. Following their doubleheader with Missouri Baptist, they have a rematch Clarke University on March 3.