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Two students compete in the annual canoe races during Stop Day. See Page 3 for more.

SAAM finishes with organized walk

Walk and run hosted to raise money for survivors

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is concluding as April comes to an end and with that comes one last event, #Steps \$4 Them, a community walk and run held on April 28, which has participants paying a four-dollar entry fee that will go to sexual assault prevention centers and charities such as the Crete Hope Crisis Center. Anyone who pays

the entry fee will do either a one-mile walk or a 5k run on the southeast corner of campus where the cross country course is, and any participants will be eligible for a raffle with prizes such as a free pair of shoes.

"This event encourages our community to come together in support of survivors on our campus and everywhere in the world and to recognize the important work of victim service," Campus Advocacy Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project Director Jaden Hilkemann said. "Organizations like the Hope Crisis Center, our local, non-profit, victim service organization which provides advocacy and confidential emergency services to victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse."

The events CAPE has

hosted this month are meant to help foster community and support within Doane to stand against sexual assault. Hilkemann hopes that CAPE has encouraged students to use the resources at their disposal and advocate for survivors over the course of SAAM.

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JADEN HILKEMANN
CAPE Project Director

"My hope, as we close out SAAM, is that students know all of their resources, they know how to help a friend, and they recognize that sexual assault is a prevalent issue that requires everyone in the community to end rape culture, be an upstander and stand in solidarity with survivors," Hilkemann said.

Students who win the raffle will have a free voucher for Lincoln Running Club, where they can get any pair of shoes they want for free. There are also trophies given to anyone who runs the fastest time and wears the best costume, among other awards that will be announced.

Students who wish to pay the entry fee can pay either at the event or use the link sent via the CAPE email announcement about the event.

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This event may be sensitive for some individuals

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Students showcase research

Day filled with presentations of research projects

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

Doane hosted Mind Expo in the Don Nyrop Great Hall on April 18. Mind Expo was an event where students in their undergraduate studies at Doane could present their scholarly works.

Mind Expo was sponsored this year by the Institute for Computing, essentially a think tank for people across all disciplines who use computing to solve problems.

The Institute for Computing is a program that is sponsored by Doane and managed by a Board of Directors, who coordinate the cooperation of students, faculty, corporate partners and alumni of Doane University.

The event was all day, and students could present their scholarly works through two different avenues: a poster presentation or an oral presentation. These events were scheduled by the

Undergraduate Research Committee, who also reviewed the applicants for Mind Expo.

Mind Expo was not confined to one particular discipline of study either, they had 12 different disciplines featured at the expo, and had a few dozen students who were presenting.

Students were dressed in professional attire to present their findings and their work.

Junior Riley Brazda was one student who presented her research.

"I am looking at different levels of sucrose-acetate between flossers and non-flossers," junior Riley Brazda said. "Flossers

are people who floss, and then non-flossers are people who don't floss."

Students who participated in Mind Expo had an overall positive attitude towards presenting their work.

"It's a lot of fun," Brazda said.

The discernable purpose of the Mind Expo is to give undergraduate students the opportunity to get a taste for what they would do if they decide to take their studies to the professional level, where talks by professional scholars are commonplace.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Senior Haley Peek presents research on mental health in prison systems.

Endowment dinner honors donors

Event hosted for scholarship providers and recipients

KYLIE HUGHES
Editor in Chief

Last Wednesday April 17, the scholarship endowment dinner was held for potentially all donors of endowed scholarships and the students who

benefit from those scholarships.

"The evening is meant to help donors see firsthand the impact their philanthropic support has on students and their Doane experience," Donor Relations and Stewardship Manager Megan Forbes said.

Students who benefit from an endowed scholarship were asked to save the date for the dinner in advance. Once their donor indicated they would be attending the event, students were reached out to and formally invited to the dinner.

During the social hour



Courtesy Photo | Mike Stehlik

Doane Alum Andre Davis '89 speaks on the importance of endowed scholarships.

of the dinner the evening featured Doublewide Choir for entertainment.

The dinner also featured speeches from se-

niors Ryan Evans and Payton Detavernier who spoke about the impact and importance for these scholarships. Director of

Planned Giving Thom Reeves also shared information about Doane's endowed scholarship program. Finally, the feature speaker was alum Andre Davis '89 who shared his perspective on why endowing scholarships is important.

"Doane donors are passionate about supporting students, and there is no better way for them to see their generosity in action than to connect them directly with the student or students they support," Forbes said.

The dinner allowed donors to hear first-hand how their gifts impact the

lives of students.

The event was a successful evening and Forbes is grateful for the donors who attended and the students who attended and helped to make it so successful. In addition Forbes thanks those in the athletic, music and theatre departments who enabled the attendance of their students to this event to share their experiences.

In addition to those in attendance, Forbes said that they worked closely with events staff as well as FreshIdeas to make sure this event was successful.

Professor returns to Doane

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

Doane hosted former professor and current professional Historian Molly Rozum for a talk about her research. The research was about agricultural businessman George Will, and how his evolving relationship with the Native Americans of North Dakota helped him morph his view of the region he was living in.

Rozum received her bachelors from Notre Dame and later got her Ph.D from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. After she got her Ph.D, she taught at Doane University until 2001, where she went and started work for the University of South Dakota.

Former colleagues were happy to hear that Rozum was coming to

speak.

Professor Mark Orsag said that Rozum was "very respected and liked during her time" at Doane. He also said that she had "great successes as both teacher and scholar."

Rozum gave a talk titled, "The Old Woman Who Never Dies: Settler Colonialism and Sense of Place." This put the story of George Will into a broader United States historical context, mentioning significant events like the Homestead Act of 1862, the splitting of the United States down the 98th Meridian, the idea of Manifest Destiny and how the people of the United States used to call the Midwest the Northwest.

The Dredla series was started during Rozum's time at Doane, and back when the series started,

she invited professors to come speak for this series.

"I came back to see colleagues, friends [and] the campus. It's a beautiful place. It's an honor to be invited to the Dredla research series. I used to invite professors to speak, so getting invited is an honor," Rozum said.

Rozum also has books published, dealing primarily in Northern Great Plains region history.



Photos by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl
Molly Rozum showcases her research focused on the Northern Midwest to a room of students and faculty.

Weather Forecast Wednesday

4/24



High: 69
Low: 50

Thursday

4/25



High: 70
Low: 58

Friday

4/26



High: 77
Low: 52

Saturday

4/27



High: 75
Low: 48

Sunday

4/28



High: 68
Low: 43

Monday

4/29



High: 74
Low: 51

Tuesday

4/30



High: 79
Low: 58

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

CLS helps alumni with job search

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

Doane seniors are graduating in a little under a month from now. Although their time taking classes for Doane's Undergraduate program is nearing a close, it is potentially not their last time getting help from Doane.

Doane's Career, Leadership and Services (CLS) Office offers alumni help in transitioning into life outside of Doane. One of these people who can help in this transition is Associate Director of Career Development Sarah Begay.

"Having an updated resume, having your resume reviewed by our office, completing a mock interview - if interviews are stressful - or knowing

how to properly prepare for an interview are all good ideas," Begay said. "Spend time regularly searching for opportunities that fit your interests and strengths, keep track of what and or when you apply for so you can follow up and keep connected with your network, like professors or past internship supervisors."

There are also things that students should be encouraged and aware of

in the face of entering the job market.

"Finding a job can take as few as a couple of days or even a few months - you need to be patient and have a strategy. Remain confident and optimistic when being told 'no' and keep applying," Begay said.

On the bright side, the CLS Office at Doane helps handle some of these stresses.

"Accomplishing the

goal of obtaining a bachelor degree, students should feel proud. The work, effort and sacrifice put into obtaining a degree should be recognized," Begay said. "Also appreciate the support of those that helped this become a reality because your family and friends are proud of you."

Seniors success to be celebrated

KYLIE HUGHES
Editor in Chief

The Advancement Office has been hard at work planning Senior Week and preparing for the upcoming senior gift campaign.

Senior Week will be held May 6 through May 9 as a way to celebrate the seniors and send them off in style, according to Director of Alumni Engagement Michelle Faltin.

Senior Week will kick off on May 6 where there will be yard games, champagne toasts, food,

gift card giveaways and more at Frees Field.

May 7 will host the forbidden campus tour where students can have the opportunity to see things on campus that they might not have gotten the chance to see or student access might have been restricted.

On the morning of May 8, there will be a coffee truck and donuts for seniors to indulge in and the week will conclude with bar night on May 9 at Eagles bar. Bar night will feature drinks and pizza.

"[This week is] really just a celebration for all

seniors to talk about the successes that you've had as students. Trials, tribulations but also successes," Faltin said.

Simultaneously, while senior week is going on and for the following week after, the Advancement Office will be working on the Senior Campaign.

The Senior Campaign is an opportunity where seniors can give back to their university. Every year, seniors are asked to make a gift for their graduating year. This year's seniors will be asked to donate \$20.24. Yet whatever students have the

ability to donate will be accepted and appreciated.

"You have things available to you as a student because of the people before you that have given back to the institution," Faltin said.

The goal according to Senior Marketing and Brand Specialist Michael Stehlik is to get 50 percent of the senior class to donate. Each student who donates gets a philanthropy cord for graduation. Last year 64 percent of the graduating class donated and the year before that 74 percent donated.

"It's more about the

idea of starting early, making an impact and showing that you really appreciate your university," Stehlik said.

Seniors will be receiving all of this information via their email with finalized dates and times as well as the website to donate.

Students will also be reminded of the senior campaign at the senior toast which will be hosted at President Roger Hughes' house this year.

Any questions can be directed to Faltin or Stehlik.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported up until April 22 include:

- 4/15 - SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
- 4/17 - FRAUD



Please join us on April 28, 2024 from 4p to 7p in Art & Ed 236 - 242 to celebrate our second annual TRIO End of Year Celebration!

We will be giving awards, regalia for graduation, and planting a tree in honor of the graduating class!

We are so proud of the accomplishments you have made that have helped you make it to this point! Please feel free to bring family, friends, coaches, teachers, and mentors to celebrate with you!

The TRIO and Academic Success Center Staff

RSVP using this QR code or email beth.jacobson@doane.edu to let us know you are coming and if you are bringing anyone with you.



StuCo with successful Stop Day

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 17, members of Student Congress (StuCo) went around the residence halls at 7 a.m. to wake up their peers for the annual and long-awaited Stop Day. Junior Blake Skoumal, the 2024-25 Stu-

Co President, was blown away by the amount of people who participated in Stop Day.

"I loved seeing everyone at volleyball and cornhole this year," Skoumal said. "In years past we have separated the two events but having both events happen concurrently made the environment more electric." Along with sand vol-

leyball and cornhole, there was also a spelling bee, canoe races, a wing-eating contest, dodgeball and Doane Idol.

Winning sand volleyball was junior Britney Hoffman, sophomores Emma Sorensen, Ashton Sagehorn, Lily Vaughn, Harper Case, Jarett Boggs and freshman Keegan Shuler.

For the spelling bee, it was freshman John Schmidt who walked away with the first victory and senior Zeke Krejci-Hyde grabbed the second. The canoe races were won by freshmen Chaney Nelson, Abbie Ferraci, Carter Baete and Isaac Pistulka.

For cornhole, the winners were juniors Hunt-er Bennett and Kasten

Grape, and the wing contest was won by sophomore Savannah Franzoy. For dodgeball, the winner was the wrestling team, and for Doane Idol, it was Phi Sigma Tau's pledge class of 2024.

"The students' favorite for as long as I remember is sand volleyball," Skoumal said. "We have over 200 people sign up and play this year. I think

it is super well liked because it is our first event of the day and a great start to Stop Day."

Next year Skoumal will have the opportunity to plan Stop Day, but along that, he is also excited to see what new and improved items StuCo will bring to the table when it comes to activities, prizes and a variety of other things.



The wrestling team takes the line as they prepare for their next opponent in dodgeball.



Sophomore Savannah Franzoy is cheered on while she competes in the wing contest.



Phi Sigma Tau members celebrate as they are announced the winners of Doane Idol.



Freshmen Abbie Ferraci and Chaney Nelson fight for their victory in the canoe races.



Sophomore Harper Case digs up the volleyball in hopes of setting up her teammates.



Freshman Carly Rains poses for a picture during canoe races.



Delta Kappa Pi performs their skit for Doane Idol, earning them second place overall.

Honors Program to have trivia

Teams of two to six welcome to compete

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Students wanting to test their knowledge or just connect with the Honors Program a little better have the opportunity this Thursday April 25. The Honors Program is holding their first-ev-

er Honors Trivia, which is also known as the Knowledge Knockout. It will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in East/West Dining Hall.

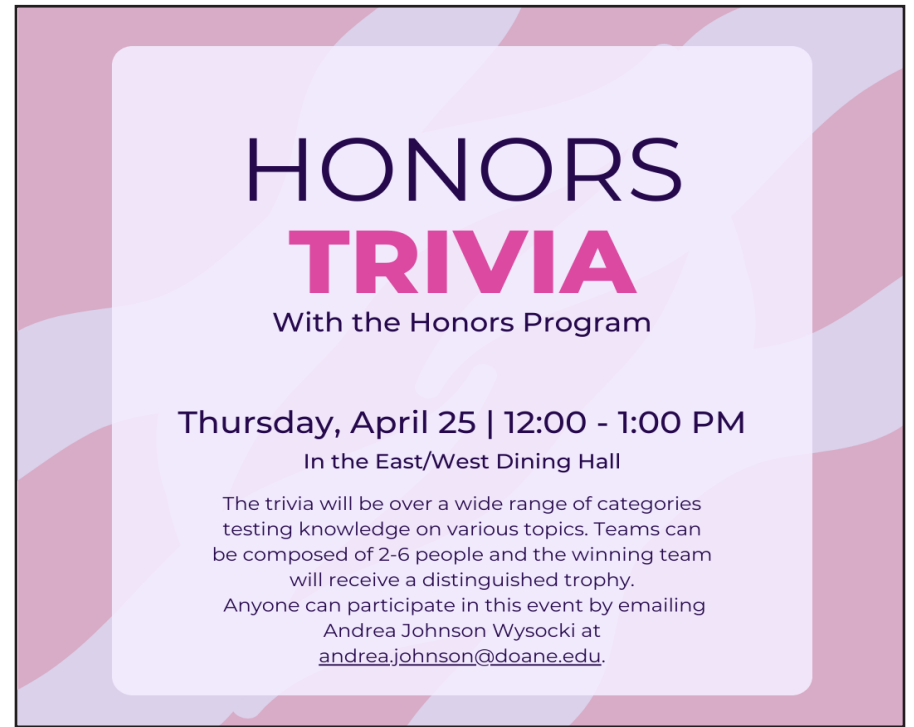
Director of the Honors Program Andrea Johnson explains how this event is a battle of wits across the Doane Community.

"The entire campus community can participate and we hope to engage people from all parts of campus," Johnson said. "In fact, we already have one faculty team, an Advancement team and a team hosted

by the illustrious Becky Hunke. We hope this event can connect Honors Students with the greater Doane community."

The trivia will be over a wide range of categories testing knowledge on various topics.

Anyone can participate in this event by emailing Andrea Johnson Wyszocki at andrea.johnson@doane.edu for the Google form, scan the QR code sent out in Tiger Weekly or walk-ins are accepted. Teams can be composed of 2-6 people and the winning team will receive a distinguished trophy.



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Study abroad offers opportunity

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

With the semester coming to an end, students are preparing for their summer break and creating their schedules for the next fall semester. However, some students are taking on a unique opportunity and preparing to study abroad over summer break or to be fully abroad when the fall

semester starts.

"I think all students should at least consider studying abroad or do it. Although I have not gone yet, I know studying abroad gives you an amazing opportunity to grow yourself and your individualism," sophomore Megan Chambers said. "College is a time for someone to figure out who they are and who they want to be, and traveling to another country and having to essentially start over is an awesome

way to do that. It sounds drastic, but I have already figured out so much about myself just from researching the place I am staying and how to travel from city to city."

Chambers is planning on studying abroad in Paris, France. She has long wished to study abroad in Paris, having her childhood bedroom modeled after Paris. Chambers was given the opportunity to go abroad to Costa Rica her senior year of high school and it

made her excited to study abroad.

"This was something I was not able to pass up, so I decided to go for about ten days. On top of all the fun activities and adventures we went on, I learned so much about the culture, food, language, and other great experiences I wouldn't have just sitting in class," Chambers said. "After this experience, I knew it was imperative that I see the world again. I had learned so much in such

a short time, that I craved more knowledge on other cultures."

Chambers is going abroad in-part because she is an Honors student. The Honors Program requires students to go abroad for a minimum of four weeks if they wish to graduate with Honors. The program offers significant financial support in helping students pay for study abroad. Students who are majoring in any language courses, are also required to study

abroad in a country that speaks the language you major in. Students who have accumulated 60 credits are also given a financial aid package to help them study abroad.

Anyone interested in studying abroad can reach out to Director of International Programs Tim Burge who helps students organize their study abroad. You can email him at timothy.burge@doane.edu or visit his office in Student Affairs.

SPB to hold Coffee Shop Series

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

Doane's Student Programming Board (SPB) is hosting another event in its Coffee Shop Series today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The artist this time is Jack Rodenburg, a multi-instrumentalist who plays

in a "Piano-Bar" style.

Jack is a Ph.D. student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a specialization in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior (EEB). He also graduated from UNL with his undergraduate degree.

This is not Jack's first time on the Doane Crete Campus, as he is considered a regular by upperclassmen.

"This is Jack's third time on campus. Once with 'A Ferocious Jungle Cat' and two times with his 'Solo' project. This time he will be playing the grand piano doing sing along covers with a few backup singers," Assistant Director for Student Engagement Spencer Munson said.

At the venue, Rodenburg will be performing

live music, but there will also be the Painting With a Twist series, where students can paint on a blank canvas as a stress reliever and those who are 21 and up can enjoy a glass of wine.

"[Rodenburg] is really easy to work with and has an aura of fun around him. He is so musically talented I never have to worry that the

show will be anything by 100%. Last time he was a hit and I thought it would be good to bring him back," Munson said. "His ability to float between covers and originals keeps the crowd enthralled. He's goofy and humble but probably the smartest person in the room. I think our students will love him."

Rodenburg will be per-

forming within a variety of genres.

"Part Marc Rebillet, Part Ben Folks, with a dash of Bruno Mars. Come sing along," Munson said.

Again, Jack Rodenburg will be performing today in Lakeside from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tigers Together puts on seminars

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With finals and the end of the year coming up, it's important to be on the lookout for others, especially when it comes to their mental health. Briana Guevara, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration Tigers Together Project Coordinator, explains how these seminars focus on mental health and suicide prevention topics, providing strategies for becoming effective advocates in these areas.

"These seminars play a great role in the lives of Doane students," Guevara said. "By delving into topics like mental health and suicide pre-

vention, students are empowered with the knowledge that they are not alone in their struggles and their well-being truly matters."

The first of the 4-week Zoom seminar kicked off on April 11, which started at 12 p.m. Each of these seminars is held on the same day and time, with upcoming seminars scheduled for April 25 and May 2, and all staff,

faculty and students can attend.

"We've chosen to focus these seminars on diverse populations, with topics covering the LatinX, LGBTQA+, Black and African American communities, along with High Achieving Students," Guevara said. "So far, we've covered seminars on the LatinX and LGBTQA+ populations. These seminars

also help to foster an environment where discussions surrounding mental health and suicide are encouraged among peers, family, and colleagues."

Guevara thinks that these seminars can cause a ripple effect of spreading awareness about mental health and suicide prevention and could potentially impact individuals.

"We are just grateful to

have the opportunity to offer these seminars with the Doane community and are excited for what's to come in the future," Guevara said. "I also want to add that whether you're passionate about mental health advocacy or simply interested in learning more, we welcome all individuals to join us on the final two weeks of these seminars."

Forensics team travels to Wisconsin

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On April 1, the Doane Forensics team packed their bags and traveled to Eau Claire, Wisconsin to compete in the 2024 American Forensics Association's National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST).

This year Doane was able to take five students

in a variety of events. Senior Olivia Vore competed in Prose Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation (P.O.I) Duo Interpretation and Communication Analysis. Senior Alexandria Moulton competed in Poetry Interpretation, Persuasive Speaking and After Dinner Speaking.

Senior Cassie Kessler competed in After Dinner Speaking, freshman Jackson Finner in Communication Analysis and

Duo Interpretation, and freshman Jordyn Jerby in Prose Interpretation, Duo Interpretation with Finner, and Duo Interpretation with Vore.

Assistant Director of Forensics Jennifer Torres explains how she was proud of these students and was glad she was able to experience this experience with these students.

"This year's team truly had a passion for their event topics," Torres said. "These speech events

really are for many year-long research projects. It has been such a joy for the director and I get to work with such inquisitive and passionate students that love to learn, whether it be about a speech topic area or human behavior and emotions while studying an interp character."

Torres also thinks that Finner and Jerby have had a lot of growth as researchers, writers, and performers this year. She

also explains how they have already generated new ideas for next year's speech events, meaning they have the potential to start the next season on a good foot.

"There were about 60 schools, with 1,150 speech entries at this year's AFA-NST," Torres said. "With that, Moulton quarter-finalized in After Dinner Speaking, taking 17th place and was 'next out' in Poetry (meaning, out of

the 6 judge ranks from preliminary rounds, she was one rank away from quarter-finaling), placing 29th. She also became the first collegiate to use an 'Augmentative and Alternative Communication' device in a public address event."

The Doane Forensics team placed 6th overall in Limited Entry Team Sweepstakes, and was also able to make great memories throughout their trip to Wisconsin.

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Post-Graduation help from CLS

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April 23- April 28
weekly calendar

Tuesday

Coffee Shop Series- 7 p.m.- Lakeside
Softball- 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Greek Dance- 8 p.m.- Nyrop
Advocacy Workshop- 6 p.m.- East/West Dining
Blood Drive- 11 a.m.- Nyrop
Denim Day

Thursday

Honors Trivia Knowledge Knockout- 12 p.m.- East/West Dining
Women's Track and Field

Friday

Track Meet- 10 a.m.
Baseball- 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Tennis GPAC Championships

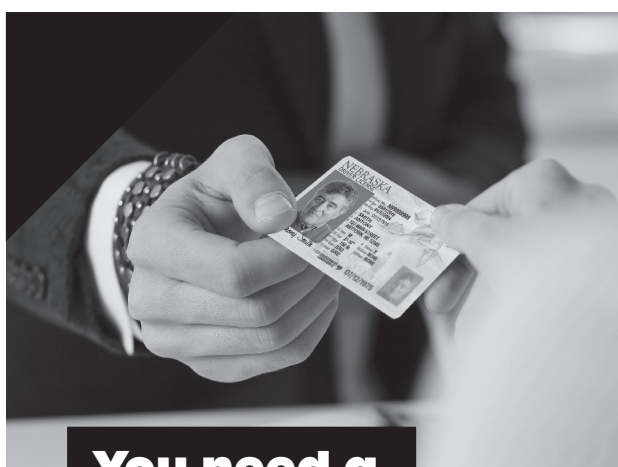
Saturday

Track Meet- 11 a.m.
Baseball- 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Softball- 3 p.m.
Tennis GPAC Championships

Sunday

Steps for Them- 10 a.m.- Cross country course
Phi Sigma Tau Carwash- 1 p.m.- Field-house
TRiO End of Year- 4 p.m.

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- Editorial -

Importance of giving back

As the semester is starting to come to a close, there are more and more opportunities to give back.

Specifically with the senior gift campaign students are going to have the opportunity to give back. This past week also held the scholarship endowment dinner where donors could meet students who they are directly impacting. Both of these are examples of potential ways to give back.

When looking at ways to

give back such as donating an endowed scholarship, these make large differences in someone's life.

However, when giving back it does not always have to be these big grand gesture or large checks. Whatever a person may have to give is enough.

This goes to show the importance of giving something back to things that have helped you in one way or another.

The process of giving back is also a reflective time to think about how a person, organization or institution helped you and why you decided to give back to them.

Of course, Doane encourages students to give back to the university because the money is going to benefit them, rightly so. However, giving back is about giving to where you feel needs the support. It is about what you have been impacted by directly.

Despite the fact that when thinking about giving back, money is typically thought of there are lots of ways that someone can give back.

Time is another huge dedication. Volunteering to help or offering a niche talent demonstrates support that you show toward that organization. Similarly, offering supplies or resources is another great way to give back.

Hot takes; Earth Day Special

A weekly rant of random things by Cassie Kessler



CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

Earth day happened yesterday, and while I'm not the biggest lover of the outdoors, I do still love the natural environments our world has to offer. In an attempt to honor the theme of Earth Day, I wanted to rank some of the cool places I've been!

Now ranking places from best to worst on Earth Day seems a little counterintuitive, so instead I'm just going to pick my top five favorite places and give my best travel agent pitch for these locations. So pack your bags, call the post office to hold your mail and get someone to water your plants because it's time to travel.

Padre Island National Seashore, Texas - Corpus Christi is home to Padre Island National Seashore. Not only does this beach have the finest sand I've ever felt, but you can camp there or even drive along the shore. There are coastal prairies, insane sand dunes and even a saline lagoon (which are very rare). As a national seashore, there are a number of endangered species that live there or visit there, including Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles. If you time your visit right, you can watch sea turtles come ashore and lay their eggs. It is so beautiful to see "the longest stretch of undeveloped barrier island in the

world."

Angel Oak Tree, South Carolina - Before you read about the Angel Oak Tree, look up a picture. I'll wait... okay now that you've done that, you'll understand what I mean when I say it's almost indescribable. This oak tree is estimated to be between 300 and 400 years old, 65 feet tall, 25 feet wide and its limbs shade 17,000 square feet of land. I would describe it as on par with seeing the redwoods. This tree is so gigantic and the branches are so winded and curled all over. It genuinely left me speechless and I would go all the way back to South Carolina purely to see this tree.

First Encounter Beach, Massachusetts - Now I am a little biased here because my family came from Massachusetts, specifically Cape Cod and I've visited many times. But there is an incredible beach here known as First Encounter, and it is

incredibly noteworthy due to what happens at low tide. During this period, the water goes so far out that you can walk almost two miles looking at shells and little creatures before you reach ankle deep water. One thing that's also very common at First Encounter is an incredible amount of kites, which I KNOW aren't natural, but to walk for hours where the water once was and see beautiful kites lining the sky, it almost seems like something out of a movie.

Huntington Beach, California - Moving over to the opposite coast, this one is a little bit more known but that doesn't take away from its beauty. The pier here is one of my favorite structures because it goes far off the coast into the ocean. When you walk to the end, not only are there cute little gift shops, but it feels like what I assume Rose felt like in Titanic. Standing on

the edge, it feels like you're absolutely surrounded by water, which is a really fascinating and somewhat out-of-body feeling.

Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee - To wrap things up, the Great Smoky Mountains have one of the most lush and beautiful ecosystems I have ever had the pleasure of seeing. At the lookout point, you can see the peaks coming through clouds and miles upon miles of green. Star Wars reference coming, but as someone who's from Nebraska, I didn't know there was this much green in the entire galaxy. It's so tranquil it makes me want to disappear into the mountains and leave the rest of the world behind.



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In celebration of Earth Day, Kessler shares her favorite 5 places that she has ever visited. This photo was taken on First Encounter Beach in Massachusetts.

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Take college up on opportunities



KYLIE HUGHES
Editor in Chief

Getting close to the end of my senior year, I have begun the dreaded process of job interviews. I have gone to a handful so far and after each one, I feel glad that I was so involved in college.

Very seldom will a job interview ask you about what you learned in a class. While incorporating components of your in-class education may be essential to explain why you are qualified, the majority of what they are asking about will come from outside experiences and opportunities.

Whether it is internships, study abroad, leadership positions, research work or even just student organization involvement this is what job interviewers are often looking for in addition to the skills that you took away from that experience.

Therefore, it is so important to take opportunities both inside and outside of the class. Looking back on my four years, things that I never would have seen as amounting to much has been so influential on my experience and the person that I am today.

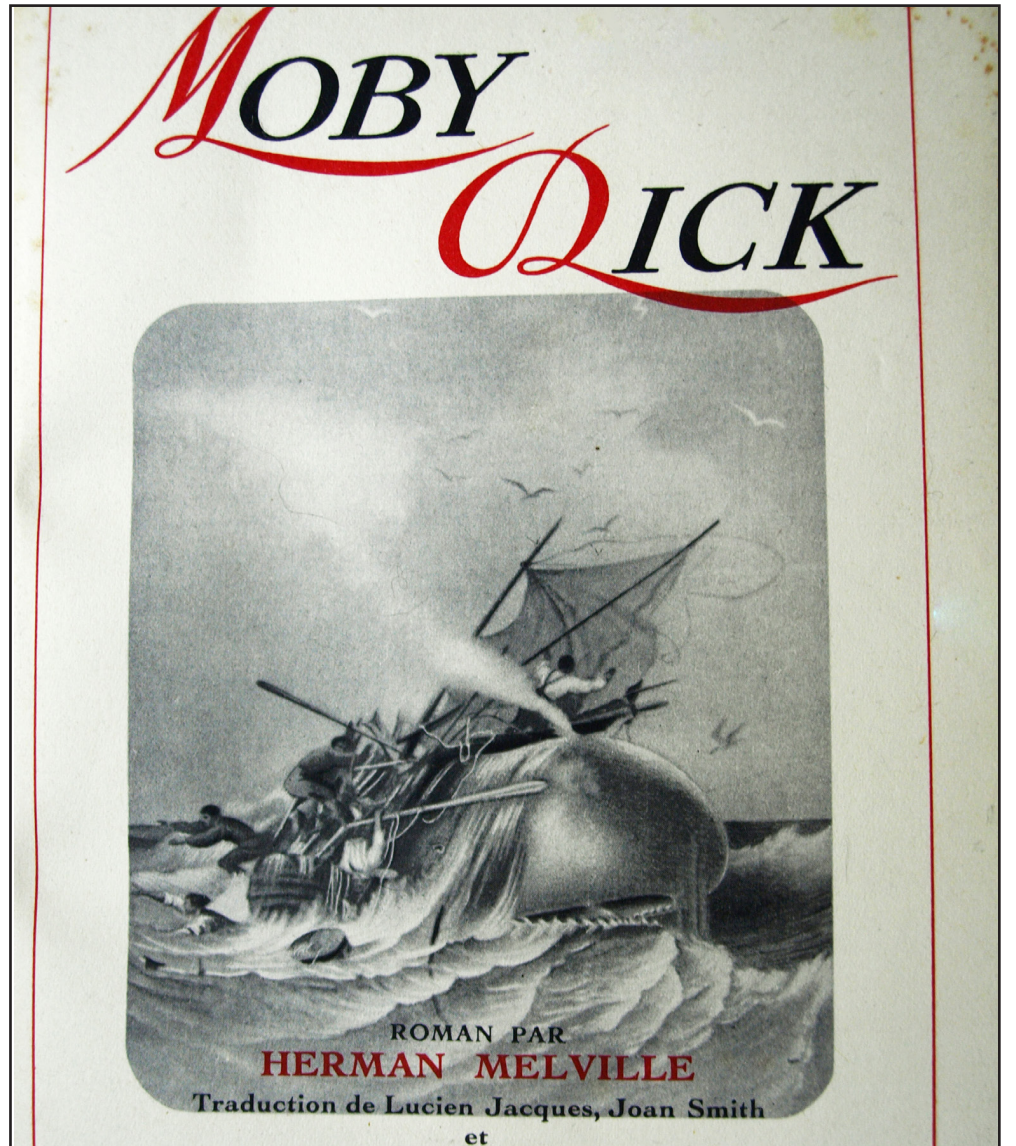
Joining student organizations or jobs and running for leadership positions were things that I did because I figured that I might have time or wanted to make some money. Yet these experiences have personally taught me new skills but also showed me what I need to work on and allowed me to improve them in a low-stakes environment.

Building close connections with staff and faculty is another opportunity that all students get yet

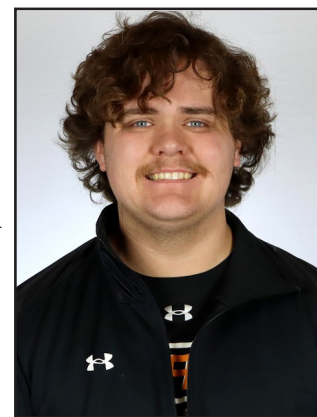
not everyone takes. Becoming close with some of my professors has been one of the greatest parts of my college experience. I now have people who are just as excited when I give them an update on my job search as I am. These are people who can help for so many years even after graduation that often get overlooked.

Finally, I am so glad that I pushed myself out of my comfort zone to do things that I thought were scary. I did a summer study abroad experience that I never would have pictured myself doing. While there was definitely some saving up involved prior to the trip I learned so much about myself traveling abroad and more students should consider it as an option.

So many opportunities are within reach, it is about reaching out and taking them. While these may be things that will help with job interviews and resumes they are so much more than that. They have helped me grow in so many ways.



Not a big fan of classic novel



JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

Moby Dick is a book that was written by Herman Melville and was published in the mid-to-late 19th century. Moby Dick is about whale hunting, more specifically, a whale hunting boat crew that embarks on an odyssey to hunt down the titular Moby Dick, who also gets referred to as the White Whale.

And to spoil the book as to save you the experience of reading it, they all die in the end except for Ishmael, who is the

narrator. As my tone in the previous sentence uncovers, I did not enjoy reading this book.

For a bit of background, I read this book as a part of a class, so that may have had something to do with it, but I doubt it as my opinion should reveal. The book Moby Dick is a great book from a scholarly perspective, as it is nauseatingly depthful in its writing for those who want to explore that, but as a reading experience, it falls flat in every conceivable facet.

When Melville was writing Moby Dick, I suspect that he was not in his right mind, as almost all of the coherency has been lost due to Melville's geriatricity. The novel is incoherent at some parts, with Melville breaking the whole chronology to go on philosophical rants that add absolutely nothing to the story of Moby Dick.

Moby Dick also does not really work as a story,

to paraphrase all the major beats, Ishmael leaves Nantucket aboard the Pequod and gets into shenanigans with the crew of the Pequod, kills a couple of other ships because they were searching for it, they find Moby Dick and pursue it for three days, and at the end of the third day, Moby Dick kills all of them and sinks the ship, leaving Ishmael to float on a coffin.

Moby Dick is written as a nonsensical story with aside adventures and philosophical rants that add nothing to the main story and in my opinion detract from the story. Moby Dick did not need to be 400 pages if Melville had any amount of foresight into how his story was read and cut out the fat from it, the story itself would only be about 200 pages if I am being generous.

Government environmental policies hypocritical



JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

April 22, 2024 was Earth Day and with it we do our usual song and dance. You'll hear people rave about how important it is to be outside and enjoy the natural beauty of nature or how important it is to curb climate change. In fact President Joe Biden unveiled \$7 billion in grant funding for solar power under the Inflation Reduction Act to help start clean energy in Virginia with the hope of more grants given to states across the country.

I want first to say that it is good to invest in clean energy and work to ensure the safety of our planet. I am excited about the possibility of clean energy. However, at the same time, I am often skeptical about government or institutions spitting out the same message every Earth Day and nothing substantial changes.

For example, Biden's investment in clean energy falls on deaf ears when the US House just invested 96 billion dollars in foreign aid for war in Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan. The money is to be mostly used to replenish their defenses and help fund air strikes and ballistics in Ukraine and Israel. Israel's plan for the funds it received is to continue its assault on Palestine and level the area so they can eventually begin colonizing the area.

The US supporting warfare has a direct impact on the environment, with the water, soil and land being damaged and polluted from the constant bombardment. Even if the Palestinian people survive, their land will be polluted for decades and they won't have access to a clean environment.

When we think about our future for our environment we need to understand two things. One is that our actions don't exist in a vacuum and if we truly wish to protect our environment then we must work to break the war machine in the United States, we can't claim we care about the environment and also openly allow countries to bombard the planet and destroy the environment permanently.

Two is that we need to understand it is all our planet. When we give money to say a country like Israel and we allow

them to destroy land permanently we are drawing a line in the sand that says "this is an acceptable act" but simultaneously we are working to protect our environment here in the US. If we wish to curb the demise of our planet and work towards a healthy planet then we must treat all countries as equals and push towards a collective effort to stop excessive damage to our environment. Again we can not pick favorites in saying our country should have a clean and accessible environment while other countries do not deserve that.

The act of warfare not only hurts people and destroys cultures, homes and history. But it also destroys our environment. This Earth Day I hope to hammer home this point, if we truly wish to have a clean Earth then we must stand in opposition to war and cease funding to countries that practice outright destruction to our planet.

Understand that our politicians might be promoting green energy here in the states and might be enabling systemic environmental destruction elsewhere. Hold your elected officials and companies to a consistent standard. If you wish to protect the environment then you'll be opposed to all environmental destruction.

...Thumbs UP

Couch

Bulls

Chargers

Pickle ball

Shuffle

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 & Field compete at home

HUGO SANTOS
Journalism Student

This week, the Doane Men's Track and Field team had a busy schedule, participating in two meets: the Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic at home and the Kansas Relays on the road.

At the Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic, hosted by the Tigers, junior JaDae Moore showcased his talent by clinching victory in two events. He dominated the 100m with a swift time of 10.84 and secured the 200m crown, clocking in at 22.18. Sophomore Connor Bradley demonstrated his skills by winning the 400m with a notable time of 49.88, while sophomore Emmanuel Yego triumphed in the 800m, crossing the finish line in 1:56.61.

In other events, sophomore Michael Grigsby claimed second place in the 1500m with a time of 4:07.15, and junior

Jakob Tadlock conquered the 10,000m with a strong performance of 34:27.67. Freshmen Sander Zutterman and Zach Fox secured second place in the 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles, respectively.

The relay races were a triumph for Doane, with victories in both the 4x100m and 4x800m relays. Additionally, notable performances were seen in field events, with junior Dylan Starr and senior Carter Reckling meeting the NAIA automatic qualifying standard in the high jump and junior Trey Dickey excelling in both the discus and hammer throw.

Meanwhile, at the Kansas Relays, sophomore Nelson Ruto finished eighth in the 10,000m run with a time of 31:58.13, while senior Zach Turner showcased his skills in the 110m hurdles, earning seventh place and an NAIA automatic qualifying

mark in the prelims. Senior Thomas Oliver impressed with an NAIA automatic qualifying time in the 3,000m steeplechase.

Looking ahead, Tiger athletes for the Men's team are gearing up for either the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa or the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite in Lincoln in the upcoming week.

The Doane Women's Track and Field also had a bustling schedule, hosting the Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic over three days while also participating in the Kansas Relays simultaneously.

At their home meet, freshman Neryah Hekl blazed to victory in the 100m dash, clocking in at 12.19 seconds, while sophomore Katie Vogt triumphed in the 200m with a time of 25.49. Vogt's prowess continued as she clinched second place in the 400m, meeting the NAIA automatic qualifying standard with

a stellar time of 55.90.

Among other notable performances, sophomore Calla Witland secured victory in the 10,000m run with a remarkable time of 41:46.11, while sophomore Josie Garrett and senior Sarah Theiler showcased their talent in the high jump, both meeting the NAIA provisional qualifying standard.

Meanwhile, at the Kansas Relays, freshman Kaylee Pribyl impressed with a sixth-place finish in the pole vault, meeting the NAIA automatic qualifying standard with a mark of 3.80m.

Looking ahead, the Tigers are gearing up for the Drake Relays and Nebraska Wesleyan Invite, fine-tuning their skills before the GPAC Championship.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl
Senior Carter Reckling clears the bar and achieves the NAIA qualifying mark for high jump.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl
Freshman Delaney Catron rounds the corner in the 5k, she finished fifth with a time of 20:57, a one-minute PR.

Baseball sweeps their competition

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Baseball team played back to back doubleheaders against Dakota Wesleyan University this past weekend. It was a clean sweep for Doane, who took home four victories over the weekend.

The Tigers started game one with a single run in the second inning that was immediately answered for by DWU in the same inning with two

runs of their own. Dakota Wesleyan followed it up with two more runs in the third inning to jump out to an early 4-1 lead.

DWU would not score another run while Doane began to rally. With one run in the sixth inning and two in the seventh, the Tigers tied things up 4-4. This remained the score through the end of the game, which forced an extra inning. In the tenth inning, Doane added two runs to come

from behind and win game one 6-4.

Doane was much more dominant in the second game against DWU. The Tigers picked up two runs in the second inning and three more in the third inning. Doane's defense kept Dakota Wesleyan scoreless for the whole game, while the Tiger offense collected four more runs to win the second game 9-0.

The following day,

Doane faced off against Dakota Wesleyan University for their second double header of the weekend. The first game of day two got off to a much slower start than the games the previous day.

DWU was first on the board with a single run in the first inning. After a few scoreless innings, Doane added two runs of their own in the fourth inning and held strong until the end of the game

to win 2-1.

In the final game of this four game series, Doane got on the board quickly with one run in the first inning. DWU followed it up with two runs in the second inning to take the lead. In the fourth inning, the Tigers answered with two runs of their own, but DWU acquired one more run to tie everything up 3-3.

The Tigers regained the lead with a run in the sixth inning and pad-

ded their lead with two more runs in the seventh inning. Despite another run added in the seventh by Dakota Wesleyan, Doane held fast to the lead and won 6-4.

The Baseball team has another four game series this coming weekend against Hastings College at home on April 26 and 27.

Softball splits their doubleheaders

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Softball team had a weekend full of doubleheaders, starting in Jamestown, North Dakota before moving on to Mitchell, South Dakota. The Tigers split their doubleheaders, winning one against each opponent.

Doane started the week against University of Jamestown. The first game was incredibly de-

fensive as neither team was able to get on the board until the sixth inning. The Tigers earned a single run in that inning, but the Jimmies took the lead with two runs in the sixth inning.

Jamestown stayed ahead 2-1 to take the victory in game one. In game two, both teams improved their offensive efforts. Doane got on the board first again, this time with a run in the second inning but

the Jimmies were soon to answer with a run of their own in the third.

In the fourth inning, the Tigers had a great performance, earning four runs to go up 5-1. They added another run in the fifth inning, and despite a late push by the Jimmies, Doane still won the game 6-3.

Doane then took on Dakota Wesleyan University, starting off the first game with a run in the second inning. DWU

answered with two runs of their own in the second. Dakota Wesleyan continued to push their lead further with three runs in the fourth inning.

The Tigers tried to retake the lead with two runs in the sixth inning, but DWU added two of their own in the sixth. Doane dropped their first game 3-7 before moving on to the second game against Dakota Wesleyan.

Game two kicked off

with a run in the first inning and a run in the second by DWU. However, the fourth inning saw the Tigers earn themselves five runs. Despite a single-run answer in the fourth inning, Doane added three more in the fifth inning.

One more run was put up by Dakota Wesleyan in the sixth inning, but Doane completed the shut out with four runs in the seventh inning. The Tigers would win

game two 12-4.

The Softball team has an action-packed week coming up. They start at home on April 23 with a doubleheader against Hastings College. On April 24, the Tigers will head to Sioux City, Iowa to face Briar Cliff University in a doubleheader. They finish the week out back at home with a doubleheader on April 27 against Mount Marty University.

Tennis completes regular season

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Men's and Women's Tennis teams were battling teams on the road this week, starting in Hastings, Nebraska before heading over to Fremont, Nebraska. Both teams were able to start their journey off with a win before falling to their second opponent.

The Tennis teams began their week on the road against Hastings College. The Men's team kicked off their matches with a clean sweep against the Broncos of 7-0. Meanwhile, the Women's team kept their postseason hopes alive with a narrow victory of 4-3.

It started with freshman Maria Purizaca Soto and sophomore Grace Schroller who

easily won their doubles match 6-1. Freshman Isabella Castellero and senior Emily Guiton then added a second victory in the doubles matches with a win of 6-2.

Purizaca Soto, Castellero and Guiton all went on to win their singles matches. Purizaca Soto added another clean sweep of 6-0, 6-0 and Guiton finished her match with a 6-0, 6-1 win. Castellero sent her match into a tie break to win 6-3, 2-6 and 6-3.

After a well-fought match against the Broncos, both teams headed to take on Midland University. The Men's team took on the Warriors first, faltering in doubles matches. The only doubles team to take a match was senior Esteban Gutierrez and junior Jose Purizaca, who won 7-6.

In singles matches,

Purizaca won after forcing a tiebreak to go 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Freshman Andre Hartman won in very close matches 7-6, 7-5 while freshman Elliot Dassel also forced a tiebreak by going 6-7, 6-2, 1-0. The Men's team barely fell 3-4.

Meanwhile, the Women's team dropped all doubles matches against the Warriors. Purizaca Soto finished with a perfect regular season record by winning 6-2, 6-1. Freshman Kat Johnson was the only other Tiger to win singles matches 6-2, 7-5.

The Men's and Women's Tennis teams now head to the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships in Sioux City, Iowa on April 26 and 27.

Athlete of the Week



Trey Dickey
Track & Field

won discus with a throw of 50.22m and won the hammer throw with a throw of 54.44m in the Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic



Golf stays hot in spring season

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Men's and Women's Golf teams have had a very successful spring season so far and are looking to continue their winning streak. The Women's team posted great individual results despite only playing one day of their competition while the Men's team finished sixth as a team. The Women's team

hosted the Kaitlyn Erickson Doane Invite on April 15 and 16, but storms and winds would cancel the second day of play. As a team, the Tigers A team posted a score of 366 to finish in sixth place.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Dumler finished in second place overall with a score of 81 and right behind her was teammate Laura Ruiz with a score of 92 to take 25th place. Freshman Payton Mor-

gan tied for 30th with an overall score of 96.

One point behind her was freshman Lainey Madill with a 97 which tied her for 33rd place. Junior Emma Sheaffer also tied for 36th place with a score of 98.

Meanwhile, the B team earned a score of 436 which put them in 10th place as a team. Senior Ivana Lopez was leading this team with a score of 102 and a placement of 41st. Freshman

Kendall Velder was just three sports behind her in 44th after earning a score of 103.

Freshman Savannah Allgeyer tied for 51st with a score of 112 while sophomore Savannah Franzoy scored 119 and finished in 56th place.

The Men's team was in Waterloo, Iowa this past weekend to compete in the Waterloo Intercollegiate Invitational. As a team, they posted a three-day score of 917

which earned them sixth. Senior Ryan Weiss led the Tigers with a score of 227 which placed him in 15th.

Junior Noah Miller competed with an individual status and placed 24th with a score of 230. Sophomore Julius Rauter was next for Doane in 27th place with a score of 231. Freshmen Jack Millard and Joshua Wasmer tied each other in 32nd with a score of 232. Junior Sam Arnold

scored 241 and placed him in 51st. Senior Garrett Dalton rounded out placements in 42nd with a score of 234.

The Women's Golf team will next compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference championship on April 22 and 23 in Spencer, Iowa. The Men's Golf team competes in a duel against Concordia University on April 25 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Scoreboard Snapshot

SOFTBALL

April 19 @ JAMESTOWN, N.D.
versus JAMESTOWN UNIVERSITY

JIMMIES
2-1

versus JAMESTOWN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
6-3

April 20 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

DWU
7-3

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
12-4

MEN'S TENNIS

April 17 @ HASTINGS, NE
versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIGERS
7-0

April 20 @ FREMONT, NE
versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

WARRIORS
3-4

MEN'S GOLF

April 19-20 @ WATERLOO, IA
@ WATERLOO INTERCOLLEGIATE

TIGERS
6th

BASEBALL

April 20 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
6-4

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
9-0

April 20 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
2-1

versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
6-4

WOMEN'S TENNIS

April 17 @ HASTINGS, NE
versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIGERS
4-3

April 20 @ FREMONT, NE
versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

WARRIORS
2-5

