

# the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Freshman Kaylee Pribyl ties the school record for the pole vault: see more on Page 8

## Tuition increases due to inflation

Total cost increases around \$2,000 for 2024-2025

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor in Chief

On March 20, University Communications

sent out an email to all Doane students making them aware of the tuition, housing and fees costs for the next academic year. The email read that costs for the next academic year have been set and that there has been an increase in tuition. Since the increase does affect current and future students and families, Doane aims to be as trans-

parent as possible when making these decisions. Due to this, Doane administration and the Chief Financial Officer continue to look for ways to make the Doane educational experience more cost effective. Yet, it was due to inflation costs on staffing, building and more. For the 2024 to 2025 school year, the cost of

tuition will be \$40,520 for all Crete residential students. This was a \$1,184 increase from the previous academic year. Housing and food for Crete students living on campus increased from \$11,615 to \$12,178. Fees similarly increased from \$1,155 to \$1,465. Overall this means that the cost of tuition, housing and fees together in-

creased \$2,062. This is the estimated price for an on-campus Crete full-time student. Many other factors would affect the price including living off-campus, taking more than 18 credits, or attending Lincoln, Omaha or online campus. For Crete students who are taking more than 18 credits, any additional credits will be \$655 per

credit. Students who have any concerns about this increase in tuition, their financial aid package or any other tuition related issues can contact the Financial Aid Office. This office can be reached at faoffice@doane.edu or at (402) 826-8260.

## StuCo senator apps. to close soon

StuCo senator position offers an "enriching experience"

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

Doane Student Senator Applications are now open for upper-classmen students to enter. Student senators are students who are elected to be in a position where they represent the graduating class that they are a part of.

What this means is that these students have a vote in the Student Congress (StuCo) to help decide the matters within the congress. Within Student Congress, the application is open for students to

apply for the position of President, Vice-President and upper-class senators within this spring semester. "Becoming a Student Congress Senator is an enriching experience that allows students to have a seat at the table during Board of Trustees meetings and when making decisions about allocations, student events and the beloved Stop Day that will be taking place on campus sometime this month," junior and StuCo Treasurer Lindsey Udell said. The process to become a Student Congress Senator is simple. Firstly, a student has to apply. Then the student's name gets added to the ballot as a candidate for the position they applied for. Finally, the people vote, and their vote decides whether or

not the student becomes a member of the student congress. "As students look to apply to be Student Congress Senator, they will find their name on the ballot during our elections that will be coming up shortly. Applications are due on April 10 and voting will occur from April 15 to April 18," Udell said. Students who wish to apply for the positions of President, Vice-President and Upper-Class Senator should contact StuCo President and senior Sabrina Renderos at [sabrina.renderos@doane.edu](mailto:sabrina.renderos@doane.edu), or any interested student can go to a Student Congress meeting which happens every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Perry Campus Center Board Room.

Student Senators Applications Are Now Open!

Email to apply!

**DEADLINE: APRIL 10TH**

[sabrina.renderos@doane.edu](mailto:sabrina.renderos@doane.edu)

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**APRIL 3 - 12**

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# Doane Dialogues revamped

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

Doane Dialogues is hosting a series of events at Doane that aims to build bridges between people of different beliefs by talking about controversial issues. The series runs annually and this is a redux of the original event.

The events feature panelists who come together to discuss important issues. The speakers do not have to agree with each other on the issues, but they do attempt to see the common ground that they share. For this week's session, which is held on April 3, panelists are discussing book bans.

"Students should expect a space to hear, reflect and possibly share

on diverse viewpoints of certain topics, this week being banned books," Specialist for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Wendy Huntsmann said.

On April 10, the topic that the panelists will be discussing is reproductive rights. During the final session of the series, which is on April 17, the issue that the panelists will be talking about is

immigration.

"The aim of impact is to establish a community here at Doane that is inclusive of diverse perspectives, viewpoints and lived experiences. We are hoping Doane Dialogues can be a space for discussion and not debate of topics that affect our society," Huntsmann said.

To go to the events, interested students have to RSVP in order to attend

the event. Students who go to two out of the three events get a designation that they can show off at the annual Doane Dialogues reception event.

For this first event, the panelists that will be discussing book bans are Online Learning & Student Services Librarian Cali Biaggi and Director of the Writing Center Jeremy Caldwell.

## Weather Forecast

Thursday

4/4



High: 59

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Friday

4/5



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Saturday

4/6



High: 68

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Sunday

4/7



High: 62

Low: 40

Monday

4/8



High: 58

Low: 40

Tuesday

4/9



High: 62

Low: 46

Wednesday

4/10



High: 59

Low: 45

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Weather data retrieved from weather.com.

# Registered dietitian visits Doane

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor in Chief

Last week the Health and Wellness Office in collaboration with the Doane food service Fresh Ideas brought a dietitian to campus. On March 27, in celebration of National Nutrition Month, Registered Dietitian Molly Clark tabled at the Beige Desk in Perry Campus Center.

Clark provided a variety of different resources about nutrition, healthy eating and how to shop on a budget.

Director of Health and Wellness Andreea Baker said that the goal was to educate Doane about the importance of nutrition.

In addition to the resources Clark handed out, students could also ask her individual questions or even set up a consultation with her. These consultations allowed students to focus on their nutritional needs.

"Students could have

asked questions about navigating their dining hall experience, creating meal plans or shopping lists and how they could meet their nutritional needs and goals," Baker said. "Whatever needs students had related to nutrition, this would have been the chance to ask a professional and gain some more information."

Overall Baker believes that there was a great turnout and response from students about the event.

The Health and Wellness Office also has a series of other events planned for the year.

Since April is National Organ Donation Month, Live On Nebraska will be at the Beige Desk in Perry on April 3.

Live On Nebraska is the organ donation organization that recovers organs and tissues for transplantation, manages the Donor Registry of Nebraska and educates



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl  
Dietitian Molly Clark speaks to Strength and Conditioning Coach Ben Berreckman at the Beige Desk.

the public about donation, according to their website.

Students can visit a representative from Live On Nebraska from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with questions or to hear more information.

In addition to the tabling from Live On Ne-

braska, the Health and Wellness Office will also be working with the Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project for Sexual Assault Awareness Month programming. Finally, May 8 will be the bi-annual Destress Fest that students can look

forward to.

Baker encourages students to reach out to her at andreea.baker@doane.edu if they have any topics or events they would like to see on campus.

# Student shuttle to be available

Doane students help with transportation

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

Doane has created a student shuttle service where students shuttle other students to Lincoln and back. The purpose of this program is to provide students who cannot independently travel to get to their appointments.

"The hardest part about getting the program off the ground was finding the funding

and the quality people we wanted to work the program. But, as a department, we managed to find a way, as we feel this is important to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion," Assistant Director of Campus Engagement Spencer Munson said.

The job of student shuttle driver is the hardest to obtain on campus as there are a lot of stages that an applicant has to pass in order for them to be considered. The first is to pass a driver's test, something that everyone who has a driver's license has already taken.

The second stage of the application process is to be interviewed by a staff member here at Doane University to ensure that the person who gets the job will be a safe and re-

liable driver. During this stage of the process, Doane sends the applicant's credentials (i.e. driver's license information and identifying paperwork) to the government to ascertain whether the person is a safe driver by having a clean record.

"For years now, we have come to realize that we have a population of students who cannot independently travel to their appointments. Students of color also face the issue of hair care that is not available in Crete, so we offer this service so that they can get to the salon or barber shop in Lincoln," Munson said.

The shuttles will be typically leaving in two-week intervals, but exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis when

**BECOME A STUDENT SHUTTLE DRIVER**

Become a shuttle driver for students that are not able to drive themselves to Lincoln and back. First you need to:

- ✓ Pass a driver's test
- ✓ Interview by a staff member

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it is something such as a doctor's appointment. To get an appointment to

a student shuttle, a QR code was sent to the students in the Tiger Weekly,

from there, students have to sign up using the Google Form.

# Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported up until March 25 include:

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# OWN puts on Short and Scrappy

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

On March 26, the Doane Opportunities, Wealth, and Networking (OWN) organization held its annual Short and Scrappy event. Assistant Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship, Lisa Tschauner, states that this event is where teams of participants use a creative process based on design-thinking strategies to ideate different solutions to existing problems or challenges.

“The goal is to use divergent thinking to individually come up with as many ideas as possible in a short amount of time,” Tschauner said. “Then collaborate with teammates to cluster and theme the ideas together and find a feasible solution that incorporates innovation and uniqueness.”

For this event, OWN was able to merge Short and Scrappy with another event called the Business Cultivate Challenge where they actually addressed challenges from a real-world business which was Reliant Transportation in Lincoln. Tschauner thinks that the OWN team did a nice job hosting the event and thinks that all of the students came up with great ideas.

“They learned about

free no-code tools they can use to prototype solutions leading to new products and services that can be offered in response to challenges and opportunities,” Tschauner said. “Students also learned the importance of designing solutions that bring value to users and making that experience the best it can be. This was also another great chance for Doane University students to learn about entrepreneurship and the student organization OWN.”

Tschauner hopes that this event will continue in the years to come and she hopes that OWN will make it part of their yearly planning. She thinks that this event is a great way for students to connect and see the immediate results of their work.

“It is also a great way for them to connect with potential employers and small businesses, and each other,” said Tachauner. “In the future, it would be great to have more students attend and more faculty add this and their curriculum as this event is very interdisciplinary and can help students realize how they might start a business or launch an idea in their field of study.”

This group meets formally once a month often with special activities like guest speakers, professional photos and

networking with professionals. They also host a variety of different events which include OWN Your Voice Speaker Series where they feature entrepreneurs who are Doane alumni and well-known successful founders. They also have Big Idea Doane, a partnership with the Entrepreneurship Department which is a business pitch competition open to all Doane students with the opportunity to win money, and many other events.

“Becoming a part of an organization like OWN or attending any of the events and programs offered by the Entrepreneurship Department is a great way to forge that path,” Tschauner said. “We are currently seeking students who want to take over the leadership of OWN for the 2024 to 2025 school year. We have positions as the CEO, COO/CMO, CIO and CFO, with each person earning a scholarship for their efforts leading the group.”

If you or someone you know is interested in OWN or wants to become one of these positions they can reach out to Tschauner at [lisa.tschauner@doane.edu](mailto:lisa.tschauner@doane.edu) or the current CEO senior Zack Perez at [zack.perez@doane.edu](mailto:zack.perez@doane.edu) by April 10.



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Students individually brainstorm different ideas based on the given prompt. They then combined their ideas as a team and chose one to work on throughout the event.

# Volunteering on Helper Helper

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Staff Writer

Are you in need of some community service hours? Assistant Director of Leadership and Service, Eric Jones, has found three community service opportunities that are coming up within the next month.

On April 4 is the Stage Food for Packing over at the United Church of

Christ. They will need 4 to 6 helpers to stage food for Friday packing. This task involves moving and arranging boxed food onto three tables. The boxes will then be unpacked, except for a few, so that packers can load them the following day.

Another opportunity is Stuff the Bus: Friendship House in Lincoln which takes place on April 20 and 21. For 25 years, Stuff the Bus has been a

vital event for the Friendship Home, supplying their shelves with items that families need when staying in one of their shelters.

The last one is the Mobile Food Pantry: Food Bank of Lincoln on April 25. During this students will help unload boxes of food out of a truck then they will help put boxes together for drive-by pickups.

“The volunteering

experiences are for all students on campus and they should go find opportunities on Helper Helper,” Jones said. “We take pride in updating students on volunteer opportunities and ensuring that they know how to use our platform, Helper Helper.”

Doane also does an event called 30 Days of Service award for students who made outstanding contributions to the Crete

community and beyond through community service. Students who complete 240 or more hours of volunteer service over their four years at Doane and record those hours on Helper Helper qualify for the 30 Days of Service award. The 30 Days of Service uses the formula to determine the recipient: 30 days x 8 working hours per day = 240 hours.

“Students frequently

provide feedback on the impact of their community work, often through written communication or in-person interactions,” Jones said. “Their reflections reveal how their participation has influenced them and motivated them to continue making a positive difference in the world.”

# NAfME advocates for music ed

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

On March 25, Doane's Music Education students along with Nebraska Wesleyan, University of Nebraska - Lincoln and the University of Nebraska - Omaha traveled to Lincoln to participate in Hill Day. Hill day is a day for education majors,

specifically music education, to go to the Capitol and talk to the senators about the importance of funding music and education in schools.

President of Doane's NAfME chapter, junior Elly Weimer, states that she was excited to be able to lead the other music education in a chance to have their voices heard.

“It is important to know that no matter how big or small you think your role is, it is important that you get represented along with everyone else,” Weimer said. “During this experience I was reminded what an amazing, supportive group of professors and staff we have here at Doane. I think it is important to note that Doane was

the only university that had every music education student attend.”

During their time at the capital, the students were able to break up into groups to talk to all the different political figures in Nebraska. Although speaking to these political figures can be nerve wracking, Weimer believes that everyone did an amazing job embrac-

ing what made them nervous and spoke from their hearts.

“Doane students are notorious for being the most professional and prepared students wherever they go and this can definitely be said about how they all prepped and came to Hill Day,” Weimer said.

In June, Weimer along with juniors Marc Hoyer,

Paige Pulte, and sophomore Gabe Trampe, get the opportunity to attend the National Hill Day Conference where they will be talking with national senators and congressmen about the importance of music education.

# Avalos organizes workshops

JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

On April 10, 17 and 24 Doane will be hosting an Advocacy Workshop where students can learn how to network and contact senators, lobbyists and non-profits so they can advocate for their communities to be more involved politically and socially.

“I think often it's

seen as this large project where you have to be fully involved or not at all involved and that's not at all what it's about. I want students to feel comfortable taking up space even when it feels uncomfortable,” Event organizer and senior Dani Avalos said. “The truth is, the legislature isn't always the easiest to understand, but providing students with tools is what will help raise young voices for-

ward and create changes we need to see across the US.”

Avalos hopes that this lecture will make students more aware of the politics in their lives and be more active at all levels of government. While most people vote for the president, Avalos wants students to know that some of the most important positions are at the state level. In Nebraska alone half of the

legislature chairs are up for changes this election year. The workshop aims to teach students how to interact more effectively with state or local governments so young people can be more involved politically.

“Now is when young voices can make informed decisions and elect people who can speak for their districts. The truth is that being politically involved doesn't always mean

what we think it does and it can be as involved as we can be. We don't all have to march through the streets of Lincoln to make a change. Although I do admire those voices, I think people should know that's not all that exists,” Avalos said.

Avalos reminds students that they can control who becomes elected officials and that they can choose candidates who prioritize their future and

make informed decisions for the betterment of their community. At the lecture will be senators and non-profits presenting so students can ask them directly how to be more involved politically.

Students interested in these lectures should sign up for them via an RSVP link found in their email or [dani.avalos@doane.edu](mailto:dani.avalos@doane.edu) if they have any questions.

## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Embrace your unique qualities.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Take time for self-reflection and spiritual growth.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Pay attention to your health and don't over-extend yourself.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Be willing to take advice from others, but also trust your gut.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Express yourself clearly and openly in your relationships.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Trust in your abilities, and don't let self-doubt hold you back.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Trust your intuition when faced with difficult decisions.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Pay attention to details, and stay disciplined in your work.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Focus on self-care and nurturing your emotional well-being.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Stay determined in your pursuits.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Trust in the universe to guide you.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Set boundaries and prioritize your well-being.



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## NAfME with The Night of Music



Photo by Kylie Hughes | The Doane Owl

The Boomwhackers were a big hit at the Night of Music, as those in attendance were fully engaged and always asking to do more songs with them.

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and Music Teachers National Association held a Night of Music. This event featured an opportunity to listen to and make music.

The Night of Music was held on March 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Lakeside in Perry Campus Center.

Those who attended the event were able to listen to various vocal and instrumental performances, play music trivia, guess the song, play with Boomwhackers, dance and win prizes.

President of NAfME and junior Elly Weimer thought the event went really well.

"There were people

there who weren't in the Music Department who seemed to have a good time. It was also nice to see people show up again from last year," Weimer said.

The goal of the event was to provide exposure to different types of music.

"We wanted to expose Doane students to music in a non-classroom environment where they don't feel any pressure to be good or where they are just able to relax and enjoy making and listening to music," Weimer said.

The performances Doublewide Choir, sophomore Katie Craig, freshman Sammie Burhman, Taylor Wickem, senior Jason McIntosh and junior Hailey Trahern. All of these individual student performers are those involved in music in some way but not music educa-

tion majors. This was to demonstrate that it is still possible to be involved in music at Doane without majoring in it.

The student performers also exposed those in attendance to a wide variety of music styles.

In addition to the student performances, the Night of Music also let attendees experiment with Boomwhackers.

"We made sure to bring back the Boomwhackers since we knew those were a big hit last time," Weimer said.

They continued to be a big hit. Boomwhackers are tuned percussion tubes that when hit on a surface are able to emit a specific note. With the help of some videos students were able to use them to perform popular songs.

## SPB's sushi Foodie Series was a hit

JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

On April 2, the Student Programming Board (SPB) continued its SPB Foodie Series with Sushi Night, and it was a rebound compared to the last Foodie Series, with a far stronger student showing than the previous Foodie Series.

SPB Chair Sophomore Jessica Villanueva said that there were a lot of people.

"I think we had a really good turnout and I hope more students come next year," Villanueva said. "Whenever we have events like this a lot of people and students are talking to each other, it

makes Doane become one and more connected."

Villanueva and many of the SPB members worked tirelessly to field a hungry line of students. Each of the students had the opportunity to make and roll their own sushi. They could choose between crab, salmon, shrimp and multiple vegetables to add to their rolls. Then, students had to mimetically roll their sushi and have a Doane chef cut their rolls. Villanueva and much of SPB were excited that students took a swing at this event and tried to make a food that many would not normally try.

"We want to highlight different cultures with

these events. We also want to try and have foods that are easy and students can do in their dorm rooms or at their house. That's one of the main reasons we have the Foodie Series, so we can show you foods that are accessible and easy to make," Villanueva said.

Sushi might not be the easiest thing for students to make, but SPB's Foodie Series showed students that it is possible to make sushi, if not without a little bit of practice. Currently, there is no future SPB Foodie Series announced yet, but SPB will be hosting more events through the end of the semester.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Students eagerly wait in the long line to make their sushi roll at SPB's Foodie Series.

## Spikeball tourney in fieldhouse

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor-in-Chief

April 7 will feature a Spikeball Tournament held in Fuhrer Field-

house. This tournament gives students a chance to have fun and get active while also participating in friendly competition.

Teams of two can enter the competition through

a QR code sent in Tiger Weekly on April 1. The teams will then be placed into a random bracket to compete against each other until there is one winner.

To sign up, students need to fill out a brief Google Form with the team captain's name, email and phone number in addition to the name of the other team player.

The competition will go from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Students not participating are welcome to attend and watch.

Each winner will receive a \$25 Casey's gift

card.

Any questions can be directed to Frankie Curren at frankie.curren@doane.edu.

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## April 3- April 8

weekly calendar

### Wednesday

Late night breakfast- 9 p.m.- New Hall  
Doane Dialogues- 12 p.m.  
Softball- 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

### Thursday

No scheduled events

### Friday

Relay for Life- 6 p.m.- Fieldhouse  
eSports- 7 p.m.

### Saturday

Baseball 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
Women's and Men's Tennis- 2 p.m.

### Sunday

Spikeball Tourney- 1 p.m.- Fieldhouse  
Women's and Men's Tennis- 12 p.m.

### Monday

No scheduled events



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## Support SAAM all year long

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). For too many this month is an important reminder that they are a survivor. The goal is to bring awareness in hopes of ending this form of interpersonal violence everywhere.

To honor this month and to further raise awareness organizations such as Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) project is hosting a range of events that students can participate in.

All month long, Nyrop will feature a "What Were You Wearing" display. In addition to that, CAPE is encouraging campus to participate in Denim Day to show support toward survivors. Both of these events are geared toward demonstrating that clothes do not equal consent. The display depicts that assaults happen in any type of clothing.

The display is likely going to be uncomfortable because of the nature. Despite that,

it is important for people to educate themselves by participating in events and reading resources. Even though it is not always a "fun" topic or "lighthearted" that does not mean it should be overlooked. Both of these two events demonstrate how society victim blames and works to put an end to that.

Ending victim blaming is something that takes a whole community. Often it is about changing a mindset that has

been so ingrained for years. Have patience with yourself and others who are learning and doing their best to educate themselves. It is not easy to unlearn decades worth of norms. It may also be challenging to go and learn about these heavy topics. Yet hopefully by raising awareness eventually, society can move past the stigma to support survivors as they deserve to be supported.

## Hot takes; tasty cheese

A weekly rant of random things by Cassie Kessler



CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

This week I am in Wisconsin for the national speech tournament. Now there are a lot of things to look forward to, but one thing I am really excited about is the opportunity to cross another state off my list of ones I have visited.

Now if you're not super familiar with United States lore, Wisconsin is known for a couple of things: cheese, the Packers, cheese, the Wisconsin Dells, cheese and probably other dairy related specialties.

You may be thinking to yourself, "Cassie, you already ranked cheeses and it was absolutely riveting. As much as we loved and cherished it, please don't write about it again." Well, don't you worry, because this week we're talking about my favorite food: mac and cheese.

The three things these rankings will depend on: cheesiness, flavor and gooeyness. No, cheesiness and gooeyness are not the same thing. The former will apply to the amount of cheese in the dish, while the latter refers to how melty the cheese is and how melty it stays. So from best to worst...

Panera Mac: I'm pretty sure the creator of this dish received the Nobel Peace Prize for their humanitarian efforts because this is what world peace tastes like. There's so much cheese, but not so overpowering that it makes me sick to eat. The flavor is phenomenal, whether you got it fresh or bought the prepackaged tubs from the store. Plus, the cheese is so gooey and reheats like a fresh bowl. For those reasons, I'll never get tired of this dish.

Noodles & Co. Wisconsin mac and cheese: This one is just BARELY edged out by Panera's cheese noodles. Noodles & Co. has come out and announced that their Wisconsin mac and cheese is now 50 percent cheesier, which is amazing news (unless you're lactose intolerant). I personally feel like there could be just a tad more flavor, but what it lacks in flavor it makes up for in the handful of shredded cheese they place on top. Mixing that in makes the dish so much better, making it a solid second choice.



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Panera mac and cheese is the best of the different mac and cheese types according to Kessler.

Kraft: If I could rename this option, I would choose the name "old reliable". Kraft box mac and cheese is really hard to screw up, and despite using powdered cheese, it still tastes rather cheesy and delicious. There's not necessarily any defining characteristic that makes this great, but in similar fashion, there's nothing horribly wrong with it.

Annie's White Cheddar: I find this mac and cheese to be very hit or miss. Sometimes it's the perfect replica of a Panera dish, other times the cheese powder doesn't mix in fully and it doesn't taste like anything until you take a big old spoonful of powdered cheese and have a coughing fit for the next five minutes.

I still like it, but that nasty surprise is enough for it to come in fourth.

Velveeta: While I can't complain about the taste a whole lot, I can complain about cheese flavored goo that holds a similar consistency to lard. Plus, the second it's not piping hot, the cheese balm starts to solidify again and creates a texture that is really hard to stomach.

Easy Mac: This is basically the half-assed version of Kraft, and therefore it scores half as well. Almost no cheese, no flavor besides the initial burning of my mouth, and the components that create the gooeyness in Kraft are lost in the Easy Mac. All in all, a last resort.

## Be prepared for long car rides



ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Let me tell you, after six straight hours of being in the

car by yourself, you tend to do one of these three things. 1. You either jam out to music, and this is where you find out your music taste is actually trash. 2. You listen to podcasts hoping that the time will pass by a lot faster. Or 3. You start having what are commonly known as "shower thoughts".

Starting off with number one, you might be thinking, "Well if you don't like the music that is on your playlist so you might want to change that." You know what, that is the smartest thing to do; however I never get to that part. Also during my six-hour long car drive, I realized how wildly different my playlist actually is. Some songs make me think

I need to go to therapy, and some songs make me think I am doing just fine.

This leads me to number two which is the podcasts. On my ride back to Crete I listened to seven different podcasts. I obviously didn't finish them of course because if I did I would probably be asleep on the side of the road because of how boring they are. And the worst part about it was that three of them were made by funny people and were recommended to me, three of them were true crime podcasts, and the last one was I don't even know. So clearly, podcasts aren't my thing.

And finally, the "shower thoughts". Some of the

things that were popping into my head are as follows. Is water wet? Why is the sky blue? Everyone on this interstate is probably doing the same thing I am. My first birthday is technically your second birthday, meaning my twentieth birthday will be my twenty-first birthday. I think you get where I am coming from.

So whenever you have to go on a three or more hour long car ride make sure you have either a really good playlist, some good podcasts or you're going to end up like me wondering which orange was made first, the fruit or the color.

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# Royal family met with dislike



JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

I have a strong dislike of the Royal Family of Britain, but of monarchical families in general as well. Their existence stands in opposition to everything that I stand to believe.

First, let's talk about idol worship. In the land of Great Britain, there are no more notable and known figures than the Royal Family, and the thing is, the Royal Family is made up of awful people, sexual miscreants and actual racists. If anybody has seen Dune, and read any interviews for Frank Herbert's, the au-



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The late Queen of England is one well-known aspect of the current Royal Family of Great Britain. While they may be well-known this family does not always seen in the best light by the public.

thor of Dune, purpose in writing Dune was, then it becomes clear that the Royal Family is one of

the things that would fall under his criticism.

That being a warning on endless idol worship,

then it becomes apparent that these are the kinds of people that Frank Herbert was talking about, as

in my opinion, the Royal Family does not deserve half of the notoriety that they get, for they do noth-

ing. Secondly, I am not a fan of nepotism. For those who do not know what nepotism is, it is the idea that some people's wealth was given to them by their parents or some rich relative. The Royal Family of Britain is the textbook definition of the term 'nepo-babies', or the products of this idea.

The people within the Royal Family do not practice good behavior, meaning that they are awful people, and they only do philanthropic things in order to look good for the press. To that argument, the things that they do are the bare minimum, such as give a speech on why that problem of the month is bad, or they donate what is essentially pocket change, like 10 million dollars, to the issue of the month that will make them look the best.

To borrow from J.R.R. Tolkien, I cordially dislike the Royal Family and everything that they stand for.

# Hopes of hard work to soon pay off



JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

As we approach the back end of the semester I find myself more and more staring off into space, overwhelmed by the sheer amount of work I need to complete. Projects, tests, essays, emails to send, texts to respond to and practice for my sport, while at the same time needing to find time to balance myself with downtime, hobbies and visiting friends and family. It sometimes feels as though I have no time to think for myself, I am

simply limping through each task and bracing myself for what is next.

As my world has gotten busier and busier, as I've spread myself thinner and thinner, I often find myself unable to act, paralyzed by the sheer amount of "stuff" I need to do, I have to do and I want to do. When I do find time to finally settle down I don't congratulate myself, nor do I celebrate the work I've done. Why bother doing any of this? Why don't I just quit, call

it a day, drop out and just coast by doing the bare minimum?

It's a silly question to ask when you write it out, of course I shouldn't drop out or quit, I have sunk too much time into my school and sport, I love what I do and I get fulfillment out of school. But very often I find myself asking "Why do I care?" Why do I care to compete, to try, to fail, to get back up and hope it'll be different the second time round? Is it because of the expectations placed on me? Is it because I genuinely try to push myself? Is it because I am simply going through the motions and have subcon-

sciously tricked myself into thinking that this is important?

I think the answer is simple, because we hope to see the fruits of our labor, even if it is decades if not lifetimes down the road. I understand how powerless and out of control many people are, but we continue our struggle because we hope that one day we will be able to rest, reap what we sow, to guarantee something better for ourselves and those around us. Hope is irrational and stubborn, we will push through anything just to reach our goals because we hope it'll be worth it.

It's a bit of a first world

problem to write about the "power of hope" and the anomie I felt during the closing act of this semester, but it gives me a sense of relief knowing that I am stubbornly persevering for hope's sake. If you feel powerless or like you're losing control as this semester closes, remember to be stubborn and hope that your drive and determination will pay off.

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## Thumbs DOWN...

# Pitching helps Baseball secure wins

HUGO SANTOS  
Newspaper Intern

The baseball series commenced on a sunny Friday afternoon on March 29 in Crete, as Doane faced off against Jamestown, notching two victories for the day. The Tigers dominated the opener with a commanding 12-0 win and secured a tense 2-1 victory in the final match.

Doane set the tone early, scoring in the bottom of the first inning with senior Joe Osborn's sixth home run of the season, taking a 1-0 lead. The Tigers broke the game open in the fourth inning, adding five runs, highlighted by senior Nate Mensik's pivotal three-run triple. Doane extended their lead with six runs in the sixth inning, courtesy of RBI singles from senior Ben Grigsby, junior Logan Amick and freshman Taiyo Takahashi, along with an RBI double from Osborn.

Senior pitcher Aaron Forrest (6-0) delivered an exceptional performance, throwing six scoreless innings, allowing only three hits and two walks while striking out eight. Junior Zach Schuchardt closed out

the game, conceding just one hit.

Offensively, Doane amassed 11 hits, with Osborn leading the charge, going 3-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs. Takahashi and Grigsby contributed two hits each. Mensik and junior Justin Nevells also made significant contributions, scoring two runs each, with Mensik leading the team with four RBIs.

Both teams struggled to score, with Doane securing their two runs in the bottom of the third inning, while the Jimmies managed a lone run in the top of the fourth. Junior Dionysius Chialtas drove in Nevells with a double in the third inning, followed by an RBI single from Amick. Jamestown responded with an RBI double in the fourth inning to narrow the gap.

Chialtas showcased his defensive expertise with crucial plays, including throwing out a runner at third and another attempting to steal second base. In the fifth inning, Nevells made a spectacular defensive play at third base, denying Jamestown a potential hit.

Sophomore Kaden Crawford pitched six in-



Junior Narumi Okayasu prepares his swing in hopes of getting a hit. Okayasu currently has a .355 batting average.

nings, allowing one run on six hits and two walks while striking out five, earning his third win of the season. Freshman Ethan Merk closed out the game with three hitless innings, securing his second save of the year. Despite limited offense, Doane managed five hits, with Nevells and Chialtas leading the charge with two hits each.

The Doane baseball team concluded their four-game series against Jamestown on Saturday,

experiencing a setback in the opener with a 10-1 loss, but they rallied back to claim a decisive 7-3 victory in the final matchup. Despite dropping one game, Doane emerged victorious in the series, securing three out of the four contests held in Crete.

In the first game, Jamestown's junior Avery Liestman limited Doane to five hits while striking out seven. The Tigers managed to score their lone run in the

fifth inning, courtesy of an Osborn double that brought junior Narumi Okayasu home. Together, Osborn and Okayasu went 4-for-5 in the game for the Tigers.

Senior Kellan Vogesser started on the mound for the Tigers, yielding five runs on four hits and three walks over 3.2 innings. Junior Raidyn Steele followed, conceding four runs on four hits and three walks across two innings. Sophomore Jake King contributed 1.1 innings, allowing one run on two hits while striking out one.

In the second game, Jamestown grabbed an early lead with two runs in the top of the first inning. Doane responded in the bottom half, reducing the deficit to one run on freshman Brayden Jones' RBI single to bring Osborn home. The Tigers then leveled the score in the second inning with an RBI groundout by junior Aaron Vulcano.

Jamestown surged ahead again in the fifth inning, but Doane's Vulcano prevented further damage with a defensive gem, robbing a potential grand slam home run with a sacrifice fly.

Doane retaliated in the bottom of the fifth, tying the game on an RBI double from Osborn. The Tigers seized the lead on a wild pitch that allowed Okayasu to score, followed by Mensik's second three-run triple of the weekend, propelling Doane to a 7-3 lead. The Tigers concluded the game with eight hits from eight different players, with Osborn scoring two runs and Mensik leading the charge with three RBIs.

On the pitching front, freshman Broc Songster started strong, going four innings without allowing a hit but giving up two runs on five walks while striking out five. Senior Kyler Beekman took over for the final five innings, surrendering one unearned run on two hits while striking out six.

Up next for the Tigers is a matchup against No. 17 Concordia, with both teams aiming to finally complete their double-header after previous postponements due to weather and field conditions. The game is scheduled for April 2 at 2 p.m. in Seward.

## Track & Field starts outdoor season

Doane posts eight national qualifying marks in their season opener

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

On March 30, the Tigers traveled to Kearney to compete in the Central Nebraska Challenge. Starting off in the field events was the pole vault where freshman Kaylee Pribyl cleared a height of 4.00m which not only put her in first place but also got her into the NAIA nationals.

Staying in jumps, sophomore Josie Garrett had a mark of 11.26m in the triple jump, which placed her second. In the long jump was junior Lindsay Adams where she had a mark of 5.45m, placing second and finally in the high jump was senior Jastiny Jackson with a mark of 1.60m, placing her third.

In throws, the events were in categories of open and invitational. Open category consists of the bottom 90% of throwers and the invitational category consists of the top six in their own flights. In the invitational shot put was junior Alivia Baucom who had a mark of 12.55m placing her third, and in the open shot put was freshman Natylie Myer who had a mark of 11.89m placing her second.

Going into the invitational discus was Baucom with a mark of 41.39m, placing her

sixth, and in the open discus was freshman Delaney Burge with a mark of 37.56m, placing her fourth. In the invitational hammer throw was senior Macy Fuller who had a mark of 52.39m placing her second and qualified for nationals as well. And in the open hammer throw was sophomore Mia Knigge who had a throw of 46.01m, placing her second.

Placing fifth in the invitational javelin was senior Molly Vander Hamm who had a throw of 37.64m, and in the open javelin was freshman Kalli Sutton who had a throw of 33.60m placing her second.

Transitioning over to the track events, first competing in the 100m dash was freshman Neryah Hekl having a time of 12.51 seconds, placing her sixth. In the 200m having a time of 25.14 seconds was sophomore Kat Vogt who placed fourth, Vogt also ran in the 400m where she had a time of 57.22 seconds which placed her in the NAIA provisional qualifying time.

In the 800m was sophomore Danie Parriott who had a time of 2:23.46, placing her sixth. Running in the 1500m was freshman Laura Hasemann who had a time of 5:23.57, placing her twelfth.

Jumping over the hurdles was freshman Chaney Nelson where she placed sixth in the 100m having a time of 16.58 and in the 400m she had a time of 1:07.00 where she took home second.

Running in the 4x100m was senior Isabel Bothwell, sophomore Morgan Mahoney, Adams, and Hekl who had

a time of 48.23 placing them first.

Now going to the men's side, we are first starting off with the field events. In the high jump the Tigers had senior Carter Reckling and junior Dylan Starr, who both cleared a mark of 2.05m placing Reckling second and Starr third.

In the pole vault was sophomore Branson McDonald had a height of 4.50m placing him fourth. In the long jump was freshman Micheal Willey, who had a jump of 6.51m, placing him eighth. And in the triple jump was senior Tevor Malone who had a mark of 13.92m, placing him second.

Going into throws was freshman Tad Dimmitt in the open shot put with a mark of 14.43m and in the invitational shot put was sophomore Cale Bessler who had a mark of 15.13m, placing him second. In open discus was freshman Jaden Vollenweider who had a mark of 43.73m and in the invitational was junior Trey Dickey who had a mark of 44.68m, placing him fourth.

In open hammer throw was Vollenweider who had a mark of 46.59m, placing him second and in the invitational hammer throw was senior Jaedon Lothrop who had a mark of 48.70m, placing him fifth. Also throwing in the javelin was freshman Mason Crumbliss who had a mark of 45.87m, placing him sixth.

Running over to the track events, running in the 100m dash was sophomore Connor Bradley who had a time of 10.87 seconds, placing him third. In the 200m was sophomore Caleb

Mulder who had a time of 22.27 seconds, placing him sixth.

Taking home first in the 400m with a time of 47.98 was sophomore Joaquin Gutierrez. And finishing ninth in the 800m with a time of 1:57.40 was sophomore Emmanuel Yego. In the 1500m was senior Thomas Oliver who had a time

of 4:05.56, placing him fifth and in the 5000m Oliver had a time of 16:07.52, placing tenth.

Running in the 110m and 400m hurdles was senior Zach Turner who walked away with first in both races. In the 110m Turner had a time of 13.89 seconds and in the 400m he had a time of 53.05 seconds, both

qualifying Turner for nationals.

In the 4x100m was Gutierrez, junior JaDae Moore, senior Chris Vincent, and Bradley, who had a time of 41.67 seconds.

On April 5 and 6 the Tigers will be traveling to Seward to compete in the Concordia Invitational.



Sophomore Morgan Mahoney reaches back to receive a hand-off from Senior Isabel Bothwell in the 4x100m Relay. Doane went on to win this event with a time of 48.23

## Athlete of the Week



**Kaylee Pribyl**  
**Track & Field**

won pole vault with a clearance of 4.00m, qualifying for nationals and tying the school record.



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# Softball splits doubleheaders

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

The Doane Softball team competed in two doubleheaders over the previous weekend, starting in Seward, Nebraska to take on the Concordia University Bulldogs. The Tigers then returned home to host the Morningside University Mustangs.

Doane started their conference play off against their "cross-town" rivals over at Concordia. It was a very

evenly matched battle between the two teams, and each team won a game with a very narrow margin of victory.

The first game against the Bulldogs saw Concordia utilizing their home field advantage. The Tigers got themselves on the board first with a single run in the third inning. Neither team scored for the next three innings until Concordia brought in three runners to put them up 3-1.

Despite a late push by Doane with a single run

in the seventh inning, it would not be enough and the Bulldogs took game one 3-2. In the second game, the Tigers were posed to strike earlier, picking up a run in the first and third.

Concordia answered with runs of their own in the fourth and fifth innings to tie things 2-2. Once again, the Tigers used their momentum later in the game to add two runs in the sixth inning and held the Bulldogs scoreless, winning the second game 4-2.

Upon their return

home, Doane continued conference play as they hosted a doubleheader against Morningside University. Once again, it was a very evenly matched set of games between the two teams, each winning one game.

The Mustangs struck first in the first game, snagging a run in the third and another in the fourth. Doane answered with a run of their own in the fourth and followed it up with one in the sixth, tying things again at 2-2.

After two scoreless in-

nings from both teams, the Mustangs finally put an end to the game with a run in the ninth inning to win 3-2. Bouncing back in the second game, Doane was the first team to put a run up, collecting their first run in the first inning.

Morningside eventually tied things up in the fifth inning with a run and took the lead in the following inning with three runs. Down 4-1, things looked bleak for the Tigers until the bottom of the sixth inning.

Seven total runs were

scored by the Tigers during this inning, which would go on to win them the second game with a final score of 8-4. Doane is now split 2-2 in conference play at the start of their season.

The Softball team will be at home on April 3 to play a doubleheader against Midland University. The team then hits the road on April 6 and heads to Sioux City, Iowa to take on Briar Cliff University in another conference doubleheader.

# Overwatch team moves to semi's

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

Doane's Overwatch 2 team, a part of the Esports coalition at Doane University, is in the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC). Currently, Doane is in the semi-finals with Tarleton.

Doane's Overwatch 2 team has been performing very well this season,

with a win-loss record of 3-2, with their only losses being against the University of Nebraska at Kearney which was a 0-3 loss and the team only had their reserves, and Kansas State which was close at 2-3. Overwatch 2 is a team based first person shooter that has teams formed usually as follows: a tank, a support, two to three Damage Per Second (DPS) or a sniper.

The role of the tank is, as the name sounds, to tank the damage and allow the DPS to get around them. The DPS are the people who do the most amount of damage in the shortest amount of time. The support is the backbone of the team. Their role is to make sure that everybody else has a good amount of health and to resurrect teammates if their character's ability allows for it.

"I'm feeling pretty good. We've managed to win in scrimmages against higher ranked teams. There's still a fair amount of nerves going in but we're ready to perform," sophomore and Captain of and tank for Overwatch 2 team Jamey Rhea said.

His teammates share the sentiment.

"We have had success as a team and are working to be more in sync. [I'm] feeling confident in our ability to work together," freshman and DPS Sam Hartman said.

"Personally, I'm feeling quite a bit nervous, I know for me especially there's a lot of things that I want to get right just to prove that I deserve my place here," sophomore and Support Mady Ten-

Eyck said.

The Overwatch 2 matches will be streamed at [twitch.tv/doaneesports](https://www.twitch.tv/doaneesports), where people can watch the team take on Tarleton this Thursday at 4 p.m. The match will decide whether or not the team gets to go on to the finals, where they potentially can have a rematch with Kansas State.

Doane Dance posted their second best placement in school history

# Dance competes at Nationals

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

The Dance Team spent the last week in Ypsilanti, Michigan to compete in the NAIA National

Championships. This is not only the fourth consecutive appearance at the National Championships for Doane, but only the fourth time in history that the team has competed.

In the preliminary

competition, Doane posted a score of 82.53, which would go on to account for 25 percent of the team's final score. The next performance was in the final round, where the Tigers improved to score an 85.97,

which contributed to the other 75 percent of their final score.

Both scores weighted resulted in a final score of 85.06, which would earn the Tigers sixth place. This is the second highest score the team

has ever received at the national championship, just behind their score of 85.53 from last year. Their sixth place finish also marks the second consecutive year Doane has finished in the top 10 performances.

