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Freshman Olivia Jones and senior Percy Earle perform in the Theatre Department's production "Fly by Night." See Page 2 for more.

# Leadership awards celebrate students

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

Doane hosted a Student Leadership Awards ceremony on May 5. There were eight total categories for awards and recognitions and they came from a variety of departments at Doane.

Some of the recipients included seniors Julia Ramirez, Payton De-tavernier, Zach Turner, Quincey Johnson, Elsy Sierra-Valle, Chelsey Ordaz, Guy Moran, Landon Stocks, Kylie Hughes, Maci McCarter, Dani Avalos and McKenna Revis, juniors Rowan Jolkowski, Abby Ulrich, Haley Peek and Angel

Lehn, sophomores Cody Lee Crist and Ella Frederick, freshman Aiden Jack, Omega Psi Theta Advisor Carol Mack and Professor Kim Jarvis.

"I think [the biggest hurdle] was just getting all of the students who participated in Student, Leadership, Recruitment, Selection, Training and Awards (SLARSTA) and getting students who are particularly busy this time of year [to attend]," Assistant Director of Campus Engagement Spencer Munson said.

The event was headlined by a dinner provided by Fresh Ideas including beef tips, chicken, roasted potatoes and

vegetables, Italian salad, cheesecake, chocolate cake and dinner rolls.

"This is the first time that we have worked with Fresh Ideas for a big formal event, and they have been really amazing to work with, and I think that we have a really good team that is ready to help out," Munson said.

In the past, these awards were awarded at three different ceremonies, Munson and his team have been working hard to bring them all together.

"We have been really trying to unify our efforts as part of what we call SLARSTA [...] and so we are really trying to



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Sophomores Ella Frederick and Emma Jenkins toast each other at the end of the awards ceremony. Spencer Munson led the toast to honor all of the leadership achievements.

unify all of that so that we can get the most and best students hired, trained re-

ally well and award them. This is the third year of selection and training,

and this year, we incorporated awards," Munson said.

# Senior Honors cohort presents research

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

Doane's Honors Program held a showcase for its seniors in the program. The class is the senior capstone of the Honors program and was taught by Sociology Professor Kari Gentzler.

The students who presented at the showcase were seniors Anabelle Daugherty, Dani Avalos, Maci McCarter, Emma Woods, Zekiel Krejci-Hyde, Kylie Hughes, Abby Haught and Tori Tucker.

All eight seniors worked on one project titled, "Folklore And Fear: A Social, Psychological and Economic Examination of Fear" and they all gave their findings on the presentation topic.

"It was extremely rewarding to facilitate



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(Left to right, top row) Seniors Zekiel Krejci-Hyde, Dani Avalos, Tori Tucker, Anabelle Daugherty, Kylie Hughes, Professor Kari Gentzler, (second row) Maci McCarter, Emma Woods and Abby Haught present their final presentation.

the Honors Program senior capstone course. Being able to watch the students develop an interesting and socially relevant research project from the ground

up by capitalizing on their unique academic strengths was a highlight of my semester," Gentzler said. "I was especially pleased to work with this group to

complete their capstone since I taught their first course in the program four years ago. It was a full-circle moment for me, and they are delightful human beings."

The presentation was about how fear is a response by folklore, a commonality across cultures as this presentation postulates. They also discussed how folklore has

changed from oratory passage to mainstream mediums, like social media and movies, and how that has had an impact on the modern consumption of horror as a genre.

"The spring banquet and honors presentation is the annual gathering that brings together the entire honors community as well as campus administrators," Gentzler said.

The seniors presented their capstone research to an audience of their peers, former Honors Program professors and Doane administration, including President Roger Hughes.

"It is a chance for the senior students, who also presented their research at MindExpo, to share the product of their semester of hard work with other engaged members of the community," Gentzler said.

# Students inducted to honors societies

All societies welcome new members

JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

On April 30, Doane hosted an Honor Society Induction for the Social Sciences and Modern Languages event, where new members were inducted into one of six Honor societies: Pi Sigma Alpha (Political science), Phi Alpha Theta

(History), Phi Sigma Iota (Languages), Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology), Psi Chi (Psychology) and Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish).

Each of these honors societies represents the peak of their majors accomplishments, with some of them being older than one hundred years old. The Honor Societies are meant to highlight the students in their respective majors who go above and beyond in the normal work asked of them.

Teachers in each respective program vote on

who the most deserving students are and once inducted into the Honors Society, inductees will have scholarships opportunities for undergraduate or graduate school, access to research for potential projects and will be connected with other members such as other alumni of the honors society for post-graduate opportunities.

This year, well over a dozen students were selected for their respective honor societies and they hope to use the resources the honors society pro-

vides to further their education or careers in their respective fields. All the seniors who are inducted or currently inducted received a cord for graduation.

At the event two professors set to leave Doane were also recognized for their contributions to Doane University. Those professors being Assistant Professor of Sociology Nathan Erickson who has been at Doane for over a decade and Associate Professor of Spanish Jared List who has been at Doane for five years.



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Alpha Kappa Delta members pose with new inductees and sociology professors.

# Xanadu to get unveiling

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
News Editor

The New Xanadu (TNX) is having an unveiling ceremony and reception on May 7 at 4 p.m. TNX is a student-driven publishing platform where students can get their previously unpublished stories published.

TNX is not limited to stories however, as stu-

dents can also submit essays, photography, digital art and 3D art. TNX's unveiling ceremony is also an opportunity for some of the dozen students who submitted for TNX to share what they wrote for it.

"Students who did not submit to the Xanadu should still come to the reception because it takes a lot of confidence to be able to put your work,

both written and art, out there," junior Jess Himmelberg said.

TNX was created by Professor Phil Weitzl as a way for students to answer the question in their professional careers, "why do you want to do this?" and the answers can vary across disciplines, and especially across mediums.

"My biggest thing to look for when students go

to the event is the look on their faces when they are about to show off their work. They sometimes have a group of supportive friends, and it's so nice to see the connection and support they have," Himmelberg said.

TNX magazine is made by the students, as they are the ones submitting their work, and they are the ones who work with Weitzl and the others

on the team to get their stories edited for the magazine.

"Helping with the New Xanadu has been great this year. My collegiate path has really narrowed down into what I want to do after college, so it's nice to get a glimpse into my future and build the skills I will need," Himmelberg said.

# Tigers work in alumni office

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor in Chief

As the semester is winding down, that means that the Tigers on Tour are preparing for their summer position working in the Alumni Engagement Office.

Tigers on Tour (TOTs) are students selected after an application process to build positive relationships with alumni.

"The goal of the Tigers on Tour has been to cultivate relationships with alumni," Director of Alumni Engagement Michelle Faltin said. "This summer we hope to really

have the TOTs help create alumni stories that can be featured on social media and print materials."

Through the interview process to select three students Faltin said that they tried to look at how each student represented themselves on campus as well as what they were involved in.

"This year we are fortunate that our students are well-rounded individuals with coverage in so many areas across campus [such as] athletics, Greek Life, Fine and Performing Arts, Academic Success Center, Ambassadors and several differ-

ent majors," Faltin said.

The students selected were juniors Alexander Brandenburg and Cierra Schwarkopf and sophomore Jacob Eacker.

All three students are excited about their positions this summer.

"I'm so excited to work with Michelle [Faltin] and Mike [Stehlik, Senior Marketing and Brand Strategist] because I've heard nothing but great things about being a Tiger on Tour," Eacker said.

Brandenburg echoed this excitement of working in the Alumni Engagement Office and

both students are excited to meet alumni and network.

"I'd also say the thing I am most excited for is getting to reach out and connect with alumni across the Midwest and get to hear their stories as well as tell my own," Brandenburg said.

This position will allow the three students to work together and independently to achieve their goals. They will also have the opportunity to get to know alumni well by learning about their experiences and where they went after graduating from Doane.

"This will be a great learning opportunity for the TOTs about how Doane sets up their students for success, and how that can turn into philanthropic experiences," Faltin said.

Spending the summer being a TOT will offer many opportunities as well as allow students to hone in on their leadership, planning and communication skills, according to Faltin.

She acknowledges that all three students are already talented but this position will allow them to flourish.

# Theatre holds spring musical

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor in Chief

Members of the Doane Theatre Department put on the final production of the year, the musical "Fly By Night" from April 25 to April 28.

This musical ran three evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee Whitcomb Conservatory and one show April 28 at 2 p.m.

"Fly By Night" is a rock musical about a sandwich maker whose life is forever changed by two sisters who move to New York. It is a story about young love and fate that takes place during the 1965 New York blackout.

This show featured a small cast of 7 members and several other crew members.

After months of preparations, the musical was a success. Several members of the cast and crew agree that it went well.

"It went super well and I'm so so proud of

the entire cast," senior and cast member Logan Capek said.

Other members of the production echoed this thought. The show itself went well and a great bond was formed between members of the show, according to junior and cast member Paige Pulte.

"With such a small cast, we were really able to form a good bond and lean on each other during each run," Pulte said.

Both Pulte and cast member freshman Olivia Jones were nominated for the Irene Ryan Scholarship that provides "recognition, honor and financial assistance to outstanding student performers," according to the announcement by Co-Director of Theatre Robin McKercher.

"It's kind of surreal getting the Irene nomination. I have been a part of a good handful of shows at Doane but I'd never think I'd get the

opportunity without being a theatre major, but for this show it went to two non-theatre majors, which is really cool," Pulte said.

Not only did two students get nominated for the Irene Ryan Scholarship but the Kennedy Center respondent who evaluated the show had positive feedback about the acting, set and lights in this emotional, hard-hitting show.

This was also the last show for seniors in the Theatre Department, leading to a mix of bitter-sweet feelings.

"It was definitely one of my favorite shows I've done at Doane and I feel really lucky that this was the one I'm going out on. It's a very bitter-sweet kind of finality," senior and stage manager Emma Woods said.

Capek echoed this thought of this show being the last college theatre production he will do.

"I'm really upset about



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Top: Jules Harlow and Logan Capek perform in the musical. Bottom: the cast gathers for the final scene of "Fly By Night."

being done but I think the saying 'don't cry that it's over, smile that it happened' is super applicable to how I feel about being

done in the department," Capek said.

## Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported up until May 6 include:

- NOTHING TO REPORT SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

## Students honor heritages

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

With the end of the semester fastly approaching, the Asian and Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) has been hard at work trying to find things for students to do for this year along with next year as well.

President of the Asian and Pacific Islander Organization, sophomore Natalee Keodouangdy, thinks that the organization is doing great, the two things that really put APIO out to students was their goodie bags they made for finals along with Tigerama,

which was an opportunity for the members of APIO to show their cultural backgrounds.

"Tigerama was great considering the authentic food which was pretty good, and our two traditional dance performances turned out awesome," Keodouangdy said. "A lot of people who participated in our raffle also won a variety of cool prizes like chopsticks and a bunch of chinese snacks. Next year we are planning on making this event bigger and better and more collaboratively with hopefully more performances."

For next year the Asian and Pacific Islander Organization is planning

on adding two big events which is Lunar New Year and improving Tigerama, along with many smaller events throughout the year.

"I think everyone loved the goodie bags," Keodouangdy said. "Everyone loves ramen, and I just wish that more people knew about them and we had more Beige Desk space. But next year we will be planning earlier and promoting these events."

Keodouangdy also explains how the Asian and Pacific Islander Organization has been receiving positive feedback from a variety of other students as well.

"I felt like I was miss-

### Weather Forecast Wednesday

5/8



High: 71

Low: 46

### Thursday

5/9



High: 67

Low: 45

### Friday

5/10



High: 71

Low: 46

### Saturday

5/11



High: 73

Low: 48

### Sunday

5/12

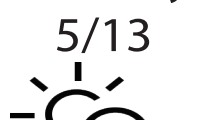


High: 78

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### Monday

5/13



High: 81

Low: 56

### Tuesday

5/14



High: 82

Low: 54

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# Legal Issues class to present

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
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The Current Legal Issues class at Doane University is going to be presenting their mock opinions on May 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Gaylord 427. The opinions are going to be centered around the Supreme Court (SC) case "US v. Rahimi," a 2024 case about gun control.

The presenters are sophomore Jenny Cardoso, senior Emma Dobrec, freshman Jordynn Jerby and junior Anna Prauner. The presenters decided what case they wanted to cover, the only stipu-

lations being that they could not pick a case that was already decided and also they could not pick a case that had not been argued yet.

"Each of the students has been randomly assigned a Supreme Court justice. People attending the showcase will hear the arguments our students believe these justices will make when the Rahimi ruling comes out this summer," Professor Tim Hill said.

The issue of "US v. Rahimi" is whether or not the government's restrictions on people owning firearms if they have a civil domestic assault charge a violation of the Second Amendment.

The presenters have

to give opinions on the case in the voice of their assigned Justice. The purpose of the exercise is to give students an idea of what lawyers have to deal with.

"That's good practice for life as an attorney: practicing lawyers often have to zealously advocate for their clients, even when they don't fully believe in the client's cause," Hill said.

Again, students who want to go and support their peers should go to the event on May 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Gaylord 427. Any students who have any questions about the event itself can contact Hill at tim.hill@doane.edu.



**Current Legal Issues Showcase**

**Wednesday, May 8  
6-7 PM  
Gaylord 427**

**Four takes on US v. Rahimi (2024) (gun control)**

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# SPB puts on Ice Cream Night



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Students make their own ice cream from ingredients and supplies provided by SPB.

KYLIE HUGHES  
Editor-in-Chief

To wrap up the month of April and the Student Programming Board's (SPB) Foodie Series, members of SPB put together an Ice Cream Night on April 30.

It was held in Lakeside from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. where Fresh Ideas Chef Shacks Butters worked with students teaching them how to make ice cream in a bag.

There, students were provided with bags filled

with ice cream ingredients. After shaking the bag, students had their very own hand-made ice cream. Students had the opportunity to select from vanilla, chocolate or strawberry-flavored ice cream.

The first 30 students who attended the event were given a color-changing spoon.

Freshman Mallory Riffel attended the event and said that the ice cream was delicious and it was a great chance to hang out with friends and enjoy good food.

"I thought it was so fun to do as a make your own

ice cream event because it let students get involved, and we got to spend time talking to the staff and other students while enjoying our ice cream," Riffel said. "It was nice just to get a break from the long day and sit and make ice cream."

Despite the fact that it was handmade, many students enjoyed the ice cream, commenting that it tastes like normal ice cream.

To conclude the semester, SPB is assisting with Destress Fest where students can similarly enjoy snacks as well as relaxing activities and giveaways.

# Collegiate Chorale on tour

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the semester Doane Choir had the opportunity to go on tour to showcase their talents, and then it was Collegiate Chorale's turn. Collegiate Chorale went to three different Nebraska high schools

which were Beatrice High School, Thayer Central and finally Fairbury High School.

Kurt Runestad, the director of both Doane Choir and Collegiate Chorale, explains that the reason they went to these schools was because of Doane connections, along with his own personal connections.

"We've done a tour with the Collegiate Cho-

rale regularly," Runestad said. "However, not annually within my 20 years of being here, but we haven't done one since COVID, so this was special."

Freshmen choir members Kailey Romero and Nathan Hagedorn, explain how the Collegiate Chorale Choir Tour is vastly different from the Doane Choir Tour.

"Collegiate Chorale

Tour was a one day tour while Doane Choir Tour was a five day event touring different states, such as Kansas and South Dakota," Romero said. "Doane Choir was to share music with communities, as we'd perform at churches, while Collegiate Chorale was for recruitment purposes."

Throughout this tour, the Collegiate Chorale

members were able to gain a somewhat similar experience as Doane Choir, while also making great memories throughout the way.

"Although I liked hanging out and connecting with members I wished that we had about the same duration at each of the schools," said Hagedorn. "During the tour, we had a set list of songs that we were sing-

ing, but we actually only followed the set list one time."

Since this is the first time Collegiate Chorale has been on tour since COVID-19, they are thinking about making this tour an annual event to showcase their talents and to hopefully get more members.

## Quiet Hours

began Friday, May 3, at 10 pm, and will continue through May 17.

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**Monday, May 6th**  
Champagne and Cane's  
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Forbidden Campus Tours  
@ 7pm and 8pm  
Martin Building

**Wednesday, May 8th**  
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## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Whether you're protesting injustice or just refusing to conform to society's norms, don't be afraid to shake things up.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Remember to keep one foot firmly planted in reality.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Take a moment to slow down and smell the roses before you inadvertently break something valuable.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Just remember, moderation is key – you don't want to end up feeling like a beached whale after all those treats!

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** This week might feel a bit like a roller coaster ride – full of ups, downs, and unexpected twists and turns. Embrace the chaos and enjoy the thrill of the ride.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Pay attention to your intuition and trust your gut instincts.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** You're radiating confidence and charisma this week.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** This week might feel a bit like a jigsaw puzzle – full of pieces that just don't seem to fit together. Take a step back and look at the bigger picture.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Balance is key, so don't be afraid to schedule some downtime between all those meetings and social events.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Trust your instincts and don't be afraid to ask the tough questions. The truth is out there – you just have to be willing to dig for it.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Embrace the randomness and trust that wherever you end up, it'll be an adventure worth remembering.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** The best things in life take time to build.

# De-Stress Fest before finals

JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

As students prepare for finals, Doane is holding DeStress Fest on May 8 at Lakeside Patio in hopes of helping reduce some of the stress that may incur during finals week by having a collection of giveaways, health advice and fun activities for students to do.

"This event brings different campus departments together to provide fun activities for students to participate in and take a break from their homework, projects and studying before finals," Director of Health and Wellness Andreea Baker said. "This semester, we have miniature horses, free facials, electronic smashes in the communication's parking lot along

with numerous giveaways for students and we have also added some education to go along with the event this year."

Baker wants students to try their best to balance time and energy in these last two weeks in school. Baker knows that this time can be stressful, but there are campus resources available for students to use so they can finish out the year the best they can. Baker believes that events like DeStress Fest can not only help students but also give them a space to decompress or even learn about how to manage their time and stress.

"My advice to students as they are entering into finals is work on prioritizing the work that needs to get done first. Find study groups here on campus. Make to do lists and then cross off the items that they get done. It's important to

reach out to resources like counseling and Health and Wellness [Office] to support them as they are entering into a stressful time," Baker said. "Not only is there stress related to academics there is also a level of stress as they are preparing to go home for the semester."

The best advice Baker has is for students to attend events like DeStress Fest and talk to friends, family, teachers and the health staff on campus in the event they need help balancing their stress. Students can email the Counseling Office, Nurse Judy Jank or Director of Health and Wellness Andreea Baker if they have issues regarding excessive stress this finals week. DeStress Fest will be held at the Lakeside Patio from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 8.

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**WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH - 10AM-2PM**  
**LAKESIDE PATIO**

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(Left) Senior Dani Avalos answers a question asked by the audience. (Right) Seniors Zekiel Krejci-Hyde and Emma Woods laugh with their faculty advisor Kari Gentzler. The Honors Showcase story can be found on page 1.

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## May 7- 12

### weekly calendar

#### Tuesday

Forbidden Tour (Seniors)- 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday

DeStress Fest- 10 a.m.- Lakeside Patio  
Legal Issues Showcase- 6 p.m.- Gaylord 427

Coffee and Donuts (Seniors)- 9 a.m.- Outside Butler

#### Thursday

Tau Sigma Zeta Super Nacho Night- 9 p.m.- Hansen Basement

Bar Night (Seniors)- 10 p.m.- Eagles

#### Friday

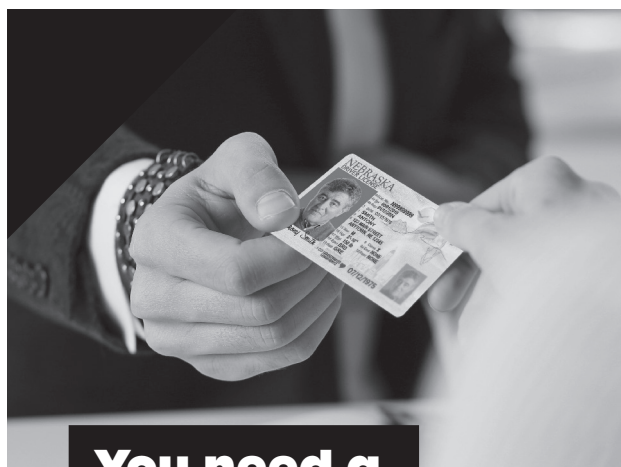
New Hall Naming Ceremony- 4 p.m.- New Hall Lobby

#### Saturday

No Scheduled Events

#### Sunday

No Scheduled Events



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- Editorial -

# Be proud of yourself

With the school year winding down to a rapid end, the Owl would like to congratulate the students who make up Doane's community. The end of the spring semester is especially hard for students for a couple of reasons, summer is right around the corner, for the seniors specifically, it is their last semester at Doane and burnout runs rampant.

So for all of the students who are still going, it is almost

the end of the spring semester, and for many, that means working a job or an internship, but it also means that it is summer break. Summer break means a break from the grind of classes and jobs and extracurricular activities that we occupy our school year with.

Students should be proud of their many accomplishments. Everything from turning in that final paper to get-

ting an A on that cumulative final, are moments to celebrate.

Furthermore, the seniors have even more to celebrate.

For all of the seniors that are graduating this semester, congratulations on your four years of effort here at Doane University, and for the underclassmen and juniors, look forward to your future here at Doane with optimism, and as a bright future ahead of you

all.

While the semester is not quite over, students should be proud of what they have accomplished so far and will continue to accomplish. Whether students are accomplishing more throughout their time at Doane or moving on to other things and careers, Doane students have been fully prepared to succeed in many different ways.

# Hot takes; Doane building superlatives

A weekly rant of random things by Cassie Kessler



CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor



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Communications Building was voted by Kessler most likely to host a talk show as the building is called communications and its various uses.

As my time writing hot takes comes to an end, I continue looking for more and more random things to rank. To be completely honest, I'm kind of running out of ideas and the one thing circling my brain today is the saying "senior superlatives".

Here's the thing though: there's a lot of seniors. I can't think of a most-likely-to for every single senior this year, so I decided to reframe this and do superlatives for each building on campus. Don't worry, I'll include a bit of reasoning, but these are incredibly random so don't come after me for these.

Fuhrer Fieldhouse: Most athletic

I feel like this could be a toss up between Haddix and the Fieldhouse, but I chose the Fieldhouse for two reasons. The first is that Haddix has a bit more classes

hosted there than the Fieldhouse, and the second is that I am on the track team... of course I think our building is the most athletic.

Haddix: Most likely to break a record

Haddix is definitely the one who will get really into extreme sports or hobbies and try to set a bunch of different records. Now that doesn't mean they'll set one, but they'll give it their best effort.

Lied: Best Dressed

Have you seen the view from the end of the bridge? Tell me that is not one of the most picturesque places on campus, and you would be wrong. I said what I said.

Communications: Most likely to host a talk show  
Communications... com-

municating as in talking... a talk show. Do I need to say more?

Perry: Life of the party  
This guy (I think Perry might identify as male) is always at the center of everything. I mean, the most serious case of FOMO I have ever seen and this makes this place quite the party animal.

Art and Ed: Most likely to succeed

This building just radiates a level of class and dignity that seems like a very successful lawyer. Or maybe a professional speaker that gives Ted Talks.

Padour Walker: Most likely to be president

Something about this building gives presidential vibes. It's old enough (po-

litical zinger), it has a professional look, and it seems wealthy. All things needed to be an American president these days.

The Con: Class Clown  
This seems rather self-explanatory. Who's most likely to joke around and put on a show? Maybe the building with the theatre department?

Gaylord: Most likely to have 10 cats

I basically live in this building and it radiates antique collecting, cat owning energy. There's nothing wrong with that, but I think anyone who's frequently in Gaylord would agree.

## Correction:

In the April 30, 2024 issue of the Owl in "Trio celebrates end of the year" photo caption, Lorie Cook Benjamin was incorrectly titled as a faculty member. The title should have read Chief Academic Officer.

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# Congress should not be bought out



JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

Actions speak louder than words when it comes to policymaking. For the last 20 years or so, the words of the president have not correlated with the actions of the president.

For the record, I know that the president does not legally have the right to make policy, but they can influence policymaking directly. There was a graph that was published by Princeton in 2004 that came to the conclusion that Congress was not representing the Ameri-

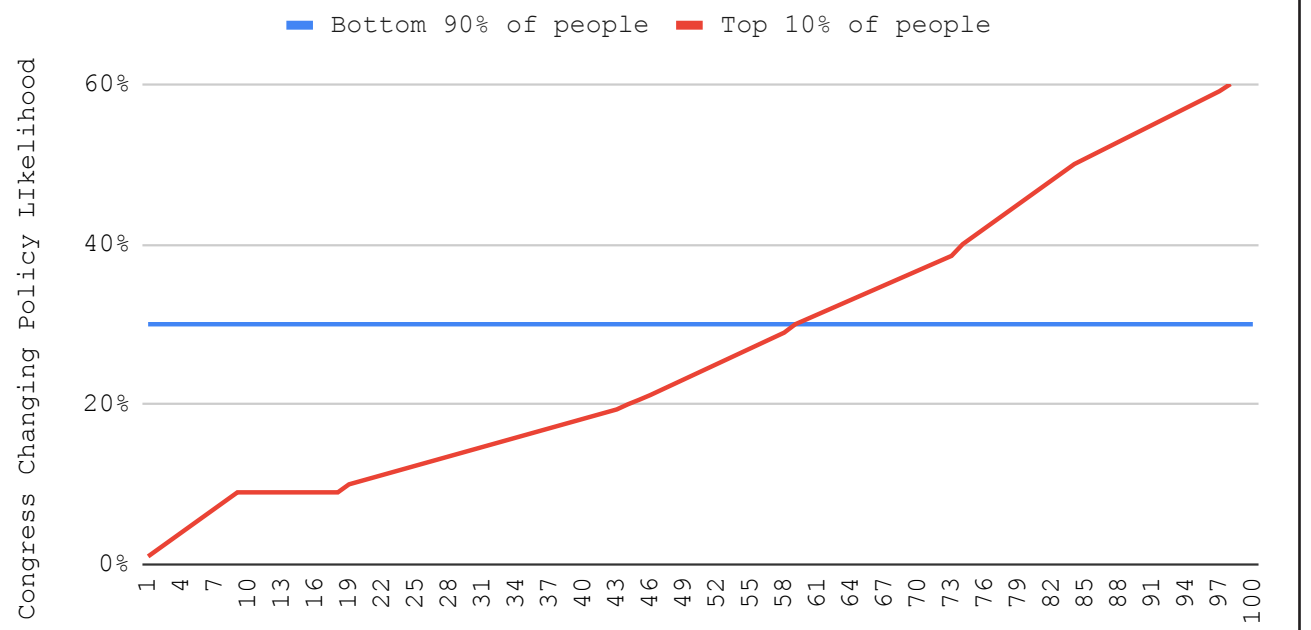
can people accurately.

They came to this conclusion because on the x-axis, it was the popularity of a particular idea amongst the American people, and on the y-axis, it was the likelihood that Congress would act and create policy for this idea.

For the bottom 90% of people who have an income, the rate that Congress would do anything remained almost constant at 30%, no matter if 0% of the population supported it, or 100% of the population supported it. For the top 10% of people, the line was almost exponential.

What this graph shows is that Congress does not care about the American people as much as we would want them to. Congress is supposed to be a representation of the people, the majority of the people, at least, and when a majority of the population supports policy change, it shouldn't be a 30% chance of change

## Likelihood of Congress Changing Policy - Bottom 90% vs Top 10% of Income Earners



Graphic by Johnathan Schmidt | The Doane Owl

The likelihood of Congress changing their policies according to Princeton data in 2004.

actually happening, it should be a 100% chance of change happening.

To have it like this, where the opinion of the majority of the population does not matter is an

insult to the phrase representative democracy. It is an insult to the American people who actually believe in the system, and do not get to see any benefits from it, because

Congress is bought out. There is no real quality solution here, the Congress of the United States has been bought out by people who have too much money for one

person, and it has been disastrous for the American people.

# Kendrick Lamar and Drake at war



JOHN DAWES  
Sports Editor

After more than a decade of subliminal messages and sneak disses, Pulitzer Prize winner Kendrick Lamar and the biggest rapper of the modern era Drake have initiated rap nuclear war and have both released a

torrent of songs over the weekend littered with attacks regarding race, appropriation, sexual and physical abuse, body image, misogyny, hypocrisy, child neglect, generational trauma and more. Producers and other musical artists have picked sides in this beef, with artists such as Rick Ross, ASAP Rocky, The Weeknd and Metro Boomin all aligning themselves in opposition to Drake.

After Drake and J. Cole released "First Person Shooter," in which a guest verse from J. Cole referred to himself, Drake and Lamar as "the big three" of modern MCs. Kendrick took issue with this and released a verse on the song "Like That" which was on Future and Metro Boomin's collab album "We Don't Trust You." Since then Drake released two songs, "Push

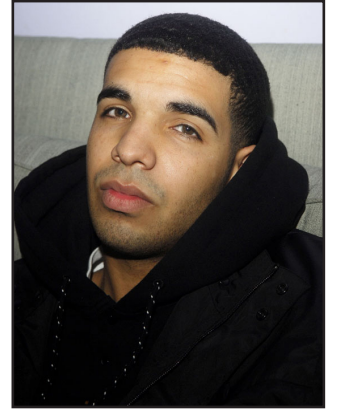
Ups" and "Taylor Made Freestyle," in response to Lamar's verse on "Like That". In both songs, Drake mentions Lamar's longtime fiancée. This is where Lamar said the line was crossed and he wouldn't hold back on subsequent diss tracks.

Since then, both sides have slung haymakers at each other, each one rife with allegations and insults ranging from juvenile and funny to moral black marks on their public personas. In real-time, this is a historic moment in music history as both sides are attempting to dismantle their opponent and hopefully end each other's careers.

There is almost too much to cover in terms of who said what in this beef, if you can even call it a beef. This much more akin to a war, both Lamar and Drake are throwing

everything at each other with no regard for their own future. But I will say this, whatever happens, this is potentially the most pivotal point in not only rap history but music as a whole.

I realized how insane of a spectacle this beef was when Lamar released a song early in the morning on "6:16 in LA" where he warned Drake he had a mole who would rely on him for information and that he should stop speaking about his family. Drake then released "Family Matters" talking about, you guessed it, Kendrick Lamar's family and within thirty minutes Lamar released "Meet the Grammys" where he penned an open letter to each of Drake's family members saying Drake should die, including his alleged secret daughter.



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Rappers Kendrick Lamar and Drake face feud against each other depicted in recent songs.

This beef is messy, it is personal and it is violent. But if you are a fan of rap, a fan of music in general you need to turn your attention to what is going on between these two titans of music. It is not hyperbolic to say that the winner of this beef will change rap forever

if there is even a winner at all. We are in real-time seeing a genre throw both of its heaviest hitters at each other. We might never get another opportunity to witness this kind of history again.

# Only two people to talk on the phone



ELIAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

I am currently in a long distance relationship, meaning my partner and I talk on the phone almost every day, sometimes we can go days without talking to each other, and some days we literally need to be on the phone with each other every spare minute of the day. But the one thing I absolutely hate is when they call me, just to talk

to other people.

Now I get it when someone accidentally interrupts you and you have to ask them what they want or something along those lines. However, they somehow seem to always get into a new conversation with someone whenever I pick up the phone. For example, there will be some days where we are having a great conversation, and then boom one of their friends comes up and starts talking to them and they don't know how to stop the conversation.

On rare occasions does this make me upset, considering the fact that they are in the military so obviously if someone needs them they need to talk to them. However when I have something specifically I want to tell them, for instance maybe it's good news, bad news or something really inter-

esting, that is when I get quite annoyed.

And following me getting absolutely annoyed, they will then ask me "Why are you mad?" Well maybe if you would have paid more attention to what I was saying to them maybe you would understand why I am so frustrated.

But then there are other times where I'll just be on TikTok or Instagram, or something else trying to keep me occupied. So the point of this is when you are on the phone with someone whether it is your mom, dad, brother, sister, significant other, whoever, make sure you pay attention to what they are saying, and don't get into conversations with other people while you're talking to them.

## ...Thumbs UP

Speeches



Thunder

Yeast



Tanning

Weeds



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...

# Women's Track & Field fights to the end

HUGO SANTOS  
Journalism Student

The Women's Track and Field GPAC Championships culminated in a thrilling showdown between Doane University and Concordia University, with both teams fiercely competing for the title. Ultimately, the Concordia Bulldogs managed to fend off the determined Doane Tigers, prevailing with a narrow margin of 209.5-204.5. The Tigers' campaign was buoyed by the stellar performances of eight event champions.

Athletes earned All-GPAC honors by securing a Top 8 finish in individual events and a top 3 finish in relays. Freshman Neryah Hekl sprinted to victory in the 100m, setting a new school record with a remarkable time of 11.75. Sophomore Morgan Mahoney claimed third place with a time of 12.24, closely followed by senior Isabel Bothwell in fourth at 12.35. Sophomore Katie Vogt showcased her speed, clinching first place in the 200m with a swift time of 25.27. Hekl demon-

strated her versatility, securing second place in the 200m at 25.57, while Mahoney finished seventh at 26.17. Vogt continued her dominance in the 400m, crossing the finish line first in 56.40, with freshman Kiley Hejtmank taking seventh in 1:00.06.

Sophomore Danie Parriott displayed resilience, finishing sixth in the grueling 3000m steeplechase with a time of 12:17.45, while sophomore Calla Wittland battled to sixth place in the demanding 10,000m, clocking 41:47.22. Sophomore Josie Garrett impressed with a third-place finish in the 100m hurdles at 14.50 and freshman Chaney Nelson secured third place in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:05.11.

The Tigers' 4x100m relay team, comprising Bothwell, Mahoney, Vogt, and Hekl, surged to victory with a swift time of 47.29.

Junior Lindsay Adams showcased her prowess in the long jump, claiming victory with an impressive leap of 5.65m/18-06.50. Garrett secured seventh place with a

mark of 5.40m/17-08.75, while sophomore Rosalyn Roggasch took eighth with a jump of 5.27m/17-03.50. Roggasch continued her success in the triple jump, dominating with a mark of 11.53m/37-10.00. Garrett secured second place with a mark of 11.51m/37-09.25, with sophomore Kyla Davis following in fourth at 11.23m/36-10.25. Adams rounded out the impressive performances with a sixth-place finish at 11.08m/36-04.25.

Senior Jastiny Jackson and Garrett showcased their skills in the high jump, tying for fourth place with clearances of 1.60m/5-03.00, while senior Sarah Theiler tied for sixth with a mark of 1.55m/5-01.00. In the pole vault, freshman Kaylee Pribyl soared to first place with a clearance of 3.75m/12-03.00, followed by sophomore Kennedy Stanley in second at 3.55m/11-07.75, and junior Samantha Knapp in seventh with a height of 3.25m/10-08.00.

In the throwing events, freshman Delaney Burge secured eighth place in

the shot put with a throw of 13.17m/43-02.50, while junior Alivia Baucum impressed with a second-place finish in the discus, launching a throw of 45.48m/149-02. Senior Sydney Birmann secured fifth place with a throw of 40.77m/133-09. Senior Macy Fuller showcased her strength in the hammer throw, claiming second place with a throw of 55.72m/182-10, while sophomore Mia Knigge took eighth with a toss of 48.27m/158-04.

Senior Molly Vander Hamm emerged triumphant in the javelin, unleashing a throw of 40.84m/134-00. Sophomore Mattie Pohl secured fourth place with a throw of 37.67m/123-07, while Burge followed closely in fifth with a mark of 37.26m/122-03. Nelson exhibited her prowess in the heptathlon, securing fourth place with 4,144 points.

Doane looks ahead to their next challenge at the Concordia Twilight on Friday, May 10, in Seward.



Photo by John Dawes | The Doane Owl  
Sophomore Danie Parriott receives the baton in the 4x400m relay which finished fourth overall.



Photo by John Dawes | The Doane Owl  
Sophomore Katie Vogt dominates in wins 400m and the 200m with times of 56.40 and 25.27, both NAIA A-Marks.

# Men's Track & Field secure second overall

HUGO SANTOS  
Journalism Student

The Men's Track and Field team secured second place at the GPAC Championships in Orange City, Iowa, with a total of 162 points, trailing behind Dordt University's 185 points. Athletes clinched All-GPAC honors by achieving a Top 8 finish in individual events and a Top 3 finish in relays.

Sophomore Connor Bradley sprinted to sixth place in the 100m with a time of 10.75, while sophomore Joaquin Gutierrez secured seventh place in the 400m with a time of 48.96. Sophomore Emmanuel Yego claimed fifth place in the 800m, clocking in at 1:56.14. Sophomores Michael Grigsby and

Will Dawes showed their prowess in the 1500m, with Grigsby taking seventh place at 4:06.10 and Dawes following closely in eighth place at 4:07.81.

Senior Thomas Oliver dominated the 3000m steeplechase, seizing victory in 9:16.57, with Yego finishing fourth in 9:43.63. Sophomore Nelson Ruto showcased his strength with two second-place finishes, clocking 15:02.74 in the 5000m and 31:49.38 in the 10,000m.

Senior Zach Turner set records, winning the 110m hurdles in a school and GPAC record time of 13.79. In the 400m hurdles, Turner triumphed again with a time of 52.02, while freshman Zach Fox secured fifth place at 55.98. The relay teams

also excelled, with the 4x100m team clinching third place at 41.55 and the 4x800m team claiming second place at 7:47.33.

In the field events, senior Vince Lauenroth soared to second place in the triple jump with a leap of 14.09m/46-02.75, accompanied by senior Trevor Malone in fourth place at 13.63m/44-08.75. Senior Carter Reckling showcased his skills with a fifth-place finish in the high jump at 1.97m/6-05.50, while senior Mike Pulliam secured fourth place in the pole vault at 4.55m/14-11.00.

Sophomore Cale Bessler delivered a clutch performance in the shot put, launching a throw of 15.54m/51-00.00 on his final attempt to secure fourth place. Junior Trey

Dickey impressed with a third-place finish in the discus at 50.37m/165-03, and freshman Mason Crumbliss claimed third place in the javelin with a toss of 58.08m/190-07.

In the decathlon, freshman Andrew Harms secured second place with 6,159 points, followed by freshman Addison Croghan in third with 6,010 points. Senior Mason Zimmerman and junior Devin Jepson rounded out the team's strong showing, placing seventh and eighth respectively.

The Tigers look ahead to the Concordia Twilight on May 10th in Seward for their next challenge.



Photo by John Dawes | The Doane Owl  
Senior Thomas Oliver and Sophomore Emmanuel Yego wade through the water in the 3000m steeplechase.



Photo by John Dawes | The Doane Owl  
Senior Zach Turner secures a win in 110m hurdles with a school-record and GPAC-record time of 13.79.

# Softball bows out in GPAC Tournament

Softball finishes the season with a record of 18-24 and 11-11 in conference play

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

The Doane Softball team's postseason came to a close over the weekend after falling to Midland University followed by University of Jamestown. The team ends their season after the opening round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Tourna-

ment.

Doane opened the weekend in Sioux City, Iowa against Midland University. The Warriors struck first in the opening inning with two runs. This was followed by extraordinary defense being played by both teams which resulted in three scoreless innings.

Midland came back with another two runs in the fifth inning to put them up 4-0. The Tigers finally put themselves on the board with a run in the sixth inning, but it was immediately answered by the Warriors with three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Despite a late push in the seventh inning from the Tigers, who added one more run in the seventh, Doane fell in their first game 2-7. After a

tough first loss, the Tigers had no time to rest as they turned around and took on University of Jamestown next.

Much like the first game played, the Jimmies struck first in the opening inning with two runs. Yet again, this was followed by three scoreless innings before Doane put themselves on the board with one run in the fifth.

Jamestown and Doane each scored one run in the seventh, but that capped the scoring for the day. The Tigers fell in the second game 2-3 which ended their postseason play.

The Softball team finished their season with an 18-24 record while maintaining an 11-11 record in conference play.

## Athlete of the Week



**Neryah Hekl**  
Track & Field

won the 100m with a school record time of 11.75 at the GPAC meet.



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# Baseball advances in Tournament

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

The Doane Baseball team hosted the Great Plains Athletic Conference Tournament on their home field over the weekend. The Tigers took advantage of playing on their home field as they won the first four games to move on to the championship game.

The Tigers kicked things off on May 2 against University of Jamestown. Doane picked up two runs in the third inning and the Ti-

gers defense was integral in this first game as they held the Jimmies to just one run in the seventh inning. A low scoring game resulted in a Doane win of 2-1 to move on to the next round.

In the second round, Doane was taking on Northwestern College in the winner's bracket. Doane jumped out quickly as they put themselves on the board in the second inning with one run and followed it up with three runs in the third inning.

The Tigers added one more run in the fourth inning before the Red

Raiders finally brought in a run. Doane was leading 5-1 through the fifth inning before Northwestern attempted to make a comeback.

In the sixth inning, the Raiders added two runs and collected another run in the seventh inning. That was the closest they could come and Doane's defense held strong through the final innings to win the second game 5-4.

The following day, Doane was facing off against the University of Jamestown after the Jimmies worked their way back to the win-

ner's bracket. Jamestown came back with a vengeance as they struck first with a run in the first inning.

Doane came back to take the lead in the third inning with four runs, but Jamestown hung close as they added another run to their score in the same inning. The Jimmies followed it up with two additional runs in the fourth inning to tie things up.

Each team put up two runs in the sixth inning to keep things tied 6-6. Jamestown shut down the Tiger comeback with two runs in the seventh

inning, giving them a lead they would hold to the end. The Jimmies won their second game against Doane 8-6.

The following day, Doane was back on the field against University of Jamestown again. This game proceeded to kick off a bit slower than the others, as neither team was on the board until the third inning. In the third, both teams brought in a run to tie things at 1-1.

In the fourth inning, Doane added two runs to go up 3-1. The Jimmies retook the lead in the fifth with three runs, but

the Tigers answered right away with three runs of their own. Doane was up 6-4 going into the sixth inning.

The Tigers proceeded to go on a scoring run as they added one run in the seventh inning and four more runs in the eighth. Doane won the game 11-4 to move on to the championship game.

The Baseball team will be competing in the GPAC Championship against Concordia University on May 7 in Seward, Nebraska.

# Men's Golf season concludes

Doane Golf finishes season third in GPAC

CASSIE KESSLER  
Managing Editor

Last week, the Men's Golf team competed in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships. The team as a whole finished

in third place in addition to great individual performances on the course.

The Tigers went through the first round with a score of 296 and finished the second round with a score of 304. These scores landed the Tigers in fourth place,

but they came back with a great showing in the third round with a score of 308 to put themselves in third.

Senior Ryan Weiss finished in the top ten with eighth place and a score of 226. This is Weiss's third All-American hon-

or in the GPAC Championship. Junior Sam Arnold placed 13th after tying with a score of 228.

Junior Blake Skoumal tied for 15th with a score of 229 and his teammate junior Noah Miller was close behind in 18th with a score of 231. Freshman

Jack Miller rounded out the placements in 24th and a score of 234.

The Men's Golf team finishes their season with eight top-ten team placements throughout the season.

## Scoreboard Snapshot

### SOFTBALL

May 1 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA

versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY\*

WARRIORS  
0-4

versus UNIVERSITY of JAMESTOWN

JIMMIES  
2-3

### MEN'S GOLF

April 29-30 @ BEATRICE, NE

@ GPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

TIGERS  
3rd

### TRACK & FIELD

MAY 3-4 @ ORANGE CITY, IA

@ GPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN  
2nd

MEN  
2nd

### BASEBALL

May 2 @ HOME

versus UNIVERSITY of JAMESTOWN

TIGERS  
2-1

May 3 @ HOME

versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

TIGERS  
5-4

May 2 @ HOME

versus UNIVERSITY of JAMESTOWN

JIMMIES  
6-8

versus UNIVERSITY of JAMESTOWN

TIGERS  
11-4

