

# the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Senior Hailey Trahern sings a solo for the APO Cabaret. See Page 4 for more.

## English Department to lead London trip

JOHN DAWES  
Editor-In-Chief

Leaving the country is often an opportunity that most students or staff never get the opportunity to do, but the English Department is leading a faculty-led trip to London from May 20-29, 2025.

"I am very excited about this. The English Department has not gone

on a trip like this in a long time. There's a lot of excitement, it's an English-speaking country, it's somewhat familiar for us so students will feel comfortable traveling and exploring," Assistant Professor of Practice in English Melanie Ritzenthaler said.

The trip is open to all students, including ones who graduated in both the fall and spring semesters. There also exists a

1,000 dollar scholarship credit for any student who reaches a sophomore standing in credits to help pay for the trip. The trip will consist of sightseeing the most iconic structures of London, visiting the British Museum, Oxford University, the Harry Potter exhibit and plenty of time for students to explore London and find what interests them.

"What is really special about this trip is that we

have a 10,000 dollar travel grant split between all the students who apply for the trip. This is why this trip is really exciting for students to do because they might not have the opportunity to go abroad with this much financial support," Ritzenthaler said.

Ritzenthaler wants students to use the financial aid available to them to get over that initial hurdle of going abroad and to

take advantage of the opportunities to go abroad that she didn't take advantage of when she was in school.

"By virtue of going to one of the biggest cities in the world, one of the most varied cities in the world. I would love for students to get out the Doane bubble and find something new," Ritzenthaler said.

Ritzenthaler hasn't been outside North

America herself, so she hopes that this trip to London helps her learn more about herself and the world as much as the students on the trip. The English Department will have a booth at the study abroad fair on Sept. 16 and is a part of Parents Weekend once again with "Tigers and Tea: a Travel Adventure to Literary London" hosted on Sept. 27.

## ROTC members meet with students

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
Life & Culture Editor

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) visited Doane last week on Sept. 5. The ROTC program for Doane was not on hold for a year because the current members graduated, but now there is renewed interest and a new push here at Doane University for it to return.

The ROTC program at Doane is a part of a larger ROTC program in Nebraska, which has six schools in its network currently. The program also has over 100 cadets.

"ROTC builds leaders of character," Lieutenant Colonel and Professor of Military Science Tom Slykhuis said.

One of the things that the members highlighted was that people from ROTC and the Army came from all walks of



Prospective ROTC Doane students meet with military personnel about the ROTC program.

life. This ROTC program is a part of the Army

branch, but there exists other forms of ROTC for the other branches. All

of these ROTC programs in Nebraska have headquarters at the University

of Nebraska at Lincoln, UNL.

Three active members

in the military came to Doane: Slykhuis, Cadet First Sergeant and junior at UNL Batista and Sergeant First Class Steven McCoy. These three members of the military met prospective ROTC students freshman Landon Amundsen, freshman Cam Wiese, freshman Lauren Garcia and freshman Cana Whitney.

Right now, the freshmen can take a class that gives the basics of military time, hierarchy and other essential military information. For ROTC, students do not need to sign any contracts until they become Juniors or Seniors in college.

If a student contracts with ROTC, they get a \$420 stipend every month for the 10 months that school is in session. Also, ROTC will provide a full-ride to Doane University if a student wins a national competition.

## Doane alum wins silver at Paralympics

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As the Paralympics come to a close, one Doane alum comes back to America with a silver piece of hardware. Natalie Schneider competed on the Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team in the 2024 Paris Paralympics and returns to the United States as a silver medalist. She is a five-

time Paralympian and four-time medalist, winning two golds, a bronze and now a silver medal.

Schneider is a Crete native who played for Crete High School. She developed bone cancer her sophomore year of high school that resulted in a surgery that replaced half of her femur and her knee joint with a titanium prosthesis. Schneider can walk but is advised not to run or jump anymore. Schneider maintained

her competitive spirit and picked up wheelchair basketball and this Paralympics has been maybe her most memorable.

"Seeing the Paralympic movement get so big has just been incredible. Now not just my family but my whole community back home is sending messages of support and watching the games. It's just incredible, it puts a little bit of pressure on you but it makes you so excited to play because

you are representing so many people and making so many people proud," Schneider said.

With this being Schneider's last games she's competing in she wants to soak it all in, and she wants to continue the basketball legacy maintained by both men and women across both the Olympics and Paralympics.

"Paris has been really incredible. They have managed to pack the stadiums with 20,000 peo-

ple. It's so loud you can't even hear the bench. This is unlike any environment we have ever been in. Seeing the Eiffel Tower all lit up, just the way they have brought the whole city together. Our games have been sold out. We have family members struggling to get tickets," Schneider said.

These have been both the most spectated, most competitive and most watched Paralympic games in history and

Schneider leaves Paris with a silver medal and role in helping expand the sport of wheelchair basketball to far more people around the world. While it isn't the gold she wanted, Schneider helped USA basketball secure five total medals across both the Olympics and Paralympics. She retires as a five-time Paralympian and four-time medalist.



# Kickoff to Suicide Prevention Week

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Staff Writer

From Sept. 9-12 Active Minds and the Counseling Center is hosting Suicide Prevention Week. On Sept. 10 murals and movies will be hosted at Lakeside. Sept. 11 is the day to phone a friend. On Sept. 12 will be the Colors of Hope walk, which will be at Cassel Theater. Suicide prevention speakers will share at 7 p.m., and the walk starts at 8 p.m.

The goal of Suicide Prevention Week is to create a welcoming environment that can host conversations of mental health without judgment and to encourage students who are struggling to talk to someone.

"Suicide Prevention Week offers a chance for connection and belonging," Counselor Mindy Parker said. "It's always okay to ask for help if you feel like you're struggling. Signs to look out for someone who might be struggling is they're different or drawn out from friends. Or they're in too good of a mood."

Parker gives the advice that its alright to ask for help and that it should not be stigmatized. A wide range of help is available to all students, including help from the free on campus counselors Darcy Dawson, Mindy Parker and Myron Parsley.

Active Minds is an organization at Doane that raises awareness to mental health issues that commonly affect college students such as depression, anxiety, eating disorders and other topics. They foster a supportive environment where students feel relaxed, open, and vulnerable, encouraging conversations about mental well-being.

"Students who avoid social activities, isolate themselves, lose interest in hobbies, or have noticeable shifts in sleeping and eating habits. any mention of thoughts of dying or self-harm should be taken very seriously. By staying attentive and offering a caring, non-judgmental space, you can make a big difference in helping a friend," The president of Active Minds Abby Ulrich said.

Ulrich believes that mental health should be

taken seriously by all students and that leaning on the community may help students, staff and anyone dealing with depression can help ease the burden of mental health struggles.

"Doane is not the only community impacted by mental health struggles—people in the Crete community and beyond face these challenges every day. The walk represents our ongoing support for suicide prevention and the fight many experience with their mental health. No one should ever feel like that's their only option," Ulrich said.

This week will be one of many talks about mental health, but it's important that students share their feelings continuously and shine a light in their community to make Doane and Crete a safer place.

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## Events begin for Democracy week

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In the upcoming week, there will be multiple events in the Doane event titled "American Democracy Week." American Democracy Week is a celebration and an inspection of the democracy that Americans live in. On Sept. 9 there will be a Democracy Week Book Club in the East/ West Dining Hall from noon to one in the afternoon. There, participants will discuss various articles and podcasts that express why democracy is important.

On Sept. 10, there will be an event titled "Breaking Down Ballots," where a repre-

sentative from the League of Women Voters will come to Doane to tell the members of the audience in plain terms, what will be on the ballots in Nov. and what voting for or against those means. This event is also from noon to one in the afternoon in the East/West Dining hall.

Later that day, from 7:45 p.m. to 10 p.m., in the Cafeteria, students, members of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Student Congress will watch the Presidential Debate and have a moderated discussion about what it means to Doane students and beyond.

On Sept. 12, American Democracy Week's next event is titled, "Does Voting Matter?" It serves as a place

for students and professors to meet, discuss and dispel voting myths and how to move forward and help others get a more accurate understanding of the voting system.

The final installment in this series is on Sept. 14, and it is a trivia night that is being hosted in the East/West Dining Room starting at 9 p.m.

In addition to these events, one of the big pushes for American Democracy Week this year is that there will be students there who can legally register other people to vote. The times and locations are as follows: Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., outside the Cafeteria, Sept. 12, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Lakeside and Sept. 14, 9 p.m.-10:30 p.m., East/West Dining Room.

## STUCO to stay in contact with campus

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Doane Student Congress is releasing its minutes and what they discussed as part of an initiative to keep students and staff in the know about what Student Congress is proposing and discussing. Student Congress hopes that in doing this, Doane students will have an easier time knowing what is happen-

ing on campus and will be empowered to propose changes or actions for Student Congress to enact.

Doane Student Congress held a meeting on Sept. 4, in the meeting they got the chance to meet our new Senators and swear them into the congress. The new senators are freshmen Juan Matos Hernandez, Derek Silva and Harrison Sjuts. These students have been elected as freshmen representatives for the class

of 2028.

A large push is being made by the Student Congress to get students registered to vote. Events such as American Democracy Week aim to inform students about the 2024 presidential election and Student Congress will work to help get students registered to vote and ensure they are voting. This includes working to provide absentee ballots for out-of-state students.

Some students brought up concerns, mostly re-

garding the residence halls. Students brought forth issues of flooding in Sheldon's bathroom that prevented students from showering. Another concern was that the pool table in Lakeside and Frees was being defaced and playing equipment was being stolen, a request for cameras or monitoring of equipment was brought up. These issues are set to be addressed.

Another concern brought up at the meeting was the dining hall. On

the whole, students report the food is of better quality than last year but the lines and wait times appear to be longer than last year. Student Congress recommends students not to stand in line and instead go straight to what they want. The dishwasher and ice cream machine, which are currently broken, will also be fixed as soon as possible. The dining hall also expects to add a two-week program that allows students to learn different

cooking skills. At the end of the training dining hall staff will pick four students to go up against staff in a food competition.

If students wish to read the Student Congress notes in detail they can find them in their email, if students would like to sit on a Student Congress meeting they can join the Student Congress in the Board of Directors room in the Perry Campus Center every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.





Junior Sam Arnett (Left) and sophomore Zebediah Black (Right) cook food.  
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Junior Morgan Smith (Left) gets handed food by sophomore Tate Shoemaker (Right).  
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## Alpha Omegas have breakfast

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT  
Life & Culture

On Sept. 4, the Alpha Omega Fraternity hosted a late night breakfast. They had pancakes, bacon, eggs and drinks.

The staff were sophomore Tate Shoemaker, junior Jacob Eacker, sophomore Zebediah Black,

senior Samuel Arnett and junior Cody Eye.

The event was a way for the Alpha Omegas to help the students at Doane University with an affordable meal late into the night. It was \$7 for the pancake platter, which netted 3 pancakes, 2 eggs, scrambled and 2 pieces of bacon. Drinks were \$1 a piece and de-

livery to on-campus addresses was \$2.

“One of our biggest things is obviously fundraising for our fraternity, but just getting outreach to people that don’t know much about us, we got a smaller group right now, and we’re looking to expand our numbers,” Shoemaker said.

The event is a yearly

occurrence, and this time around, the Alpha Omegas decided to host their late-night breakfast event in the newly opened Brodie Hall.

“One of the problems was that we were going to bring out the blackstone for bacon, but the whole back patio of Brodie Hall is being renovated, so we kinda had

to relocate where we did some things, but I think we managed pretty well,” Shoemaker said.

The Alpha Omegas did manage to get the number of people needed to work the event.

“I think we were able to pull the minimum number for this event, but I think that Brodie Hall is a great place for people to

hang out, play music, all that stuff, and I think that it went pretty well, considering what we had,” Shoemaker said.

Any students that missed out on the event should know that this event occurs multiple times a year.

## ASC hosts an open house

BRIANNA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 5, students who visited the Academic Success Center, ASC, were welcomed with succulents and snacks. The ASC’s open house provided an opportunity for students to learn more about the office and the staff. The staff engaged with the students, answered their questions, and organized various activities for the open house. Georgie was also present, greeting students and waiting, eyeing the desserts.

There was a chocolate

fountain station where students could dip anything from strawberries to graham crackers, and enjoy drinks such as water, root beer and Capri-Sun. Additionally, students could choose from a variety of succulents and decorate a pot for their new plant. Students showcased their creativity by designing pots with star skies, flowers, colorful polka dots, turtles, and seashells.

The ASC staff aimed to create an event to allow students to explore the ASC and learn about the available resources. Many students who participated had never been

to the ASC before and this event enabled them to learn about the space. Freshman Keiran Bray said, “I like the vibe in here. Plus, there’s Georgie.”

The success center is located in Communications Office 180, down the hall from the library. It houses TRIO, writing assistance, tutoring, testing services, and time management resources. The space is designed to support students in various areas and help reduce stress and anxiety. Working peers are available to assist students with their queries or just to chat. Additionally, the space in-

cludes a few study rooms. The ASC staff encourages students to visit the

space and enjoy a snack. They will be hosting multiple events throughout

the year, which students are encouraged to attend.



Academic Success Center sign at open house  
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## CAPE lets students burn trauma

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On Sept. 5, the CAPE Project hosted the Burn Your Trauma event outside Smith Hall. CAPE works to increase awareness and support victims

of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. Through education and inclusive programs, they strive to reduce these instances of abuse.

The event wasn’t only focused on burning trauma from abuse, but also any trauma that had been

causing students stress. Participants privately wrote down their traumas on paper and burned them in a fire as part of the healing process.

“We are always here to talk because it’s important to address your trauma.” CAPE is a non-judgmental support

system for all students, helping to make the experience at Doane safe and inclusive for everyone.” Junior Eric Halliburton, a peer educator for the CAPE project said.

A good way for peers to support each other as life gets more stressful is to listen without judg-

ment. Halliburton also mentioned that students can burn their traumas daily by joining supportive groups or journaling. Journaling doesn’t require setting up a fire—

writing down stressors is a way to gain control of feelings and address them.

The Burn Your Trauma event was able to highlight the importance of finding a support group and creating a healthy environment to have these conversations. Healing takes time but Cape is a good resource to help the process.

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# Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Give your mind, spirit and body rest this week.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Make sure not to over-extend yourself for people who wouldn't do the same for you.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Your story is well into a new chapter, make it a good one.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Fascinate a person with a piece of cheese this week.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Find out some of your passions and explore them.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Some of the things that you do are a waste of your talents.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Take inventory of the people in your life and decide whether you want them there.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Take another step in the relationships you are building.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** The best things in life are the things you fight the hardest for.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** The only person you should be taking opinions from are the people you value in your life.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Don't take advice from people if you don't want to be in their situation.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** If you are worrying whether or not you can change, take solace in knowing that you can change.



Student sophomore Tori Brelstord

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Students junior Jules Harlow (Center), senior Paige Pulte (Left) and junior Katie Craig (Right)

# APO hosts Open Cabaret

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Life & Culture Editor

On Sept. 6, the Alpha Psi Omega theatre group hosted an Open Cabaret in Lakeside. An open

cabaret entails participants coming to the cabaret with a piece, whether musical or not, prepared to present.

The purpose of the event is to, in two parts:

spread awareness about the theatre department at Doane University and to help fundraise for the society and the theatre department as a whole.

"Cabaret also acts as a

fundraiser for APO; we do free-will donations there as well as a 50/50 raffle," senior Hailey Trahern said.

There was a lot of variety in the music per-

formed, with genres and sources ranging from traditional musical theatre to music from TV shows.

"Most of the songs are from the pop/rock genre of musical theatre, however, we also have people

signed up who are performing more jazz styled songs from the golden age musical theatre. The original songs being performed are in the genre of indie pop," Trahern said.

# First Money Matters hosted

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Sept. 4 through Sept. 5, the first in a series of Money Matters workshops was held on campus, aimed at helping students locate scholarships. Academic Specialist Rachel Jank led these initial sessions, recognizing the financial need among students. "93% of incoming students take out a loan

to help pay tuition," Jank said, emphasizing the importance of finding alternative funding sources.

During the workshops, participants learned how to identify scholarships that best fit their needs, starting with scholarship banks. Jank highlighted EducationQuest as a source of certified scholarship banks, cautioning students to be wary of scams. "Scam scholar-

ships exist and can be easy to fall for," she explained.

Jank encouraged students to save promising scholarship opportunities, even if deadlines have passed, and stressed the importance of staying organized. She recommended setting up email or calendar alerts to track when scholarships become available or deadlines are approaching.

"The people who win scholarships are the people who are persistent and apply for the opportunities," Jank said, urging students to be diligent in their searches and to reach out directly to organizations for additional opportunities. While reaching out to organizations may feel awkward, some opportunities require students to

take the initiative.

Jank also emphasized the value of dedicating weekly time to scholarship searches, suggesting that setting aside a few hours can significantly improve a student's chances of success. "The goal of this workshop was to give people the time to put in the work," she added.

While the initial work-

shops focused on searching for scholarships, the next session will provide further guidance. In two weeks, Jank and the TRIO team will host another workshop, focusing on how students can set themselves apart from other applicants and improve their writing.

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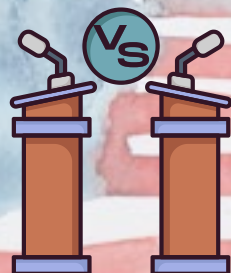
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# Learning to love all of Nebraska



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This senior year, I am working diligently to be more mindful, present and overall in touch with myself and what is around me. That means listening to more music outside my comfort zone, being more willing to take risks, finding time to mediate and overall being more connected.

In doing that I finally realized something I always took for granted;

and that was the state of Nebraska. Maybe its just being here for 21 years you start to take it for granted but I finally learned to accept that Nebraska is something wholly unique and worth loving, more importantly that you can find something beautiful everywhere.

I remember my first year doing Adventure Zone in 2023 I had the question that felt impossible to answer. Adventure Zone features middle school students from Tokyo Japan visiting Nebraska and either staying at Doane or the University of Nebraska Lincoln. While they were staying I kept asking myself "why on Earth would anyone be excited to stay a week in Nebraska."

I held some level of guilt at the time, feeling like our state robbed them

of something special and could never stack up to a state like California or New York. But after years of being angry that my state had nothing to offer I finally looked at what it did offer and I learned to be much kinder to it.

I find myself shocked and humbled by the sheer size of the cornfields and how much work it takes to maintain them on every run we do for cross country. I find myself taking more pictures of sunsets and sunrises and appreciating how different they look compared to every other state in the US. I flash a big smile whenever I see a cow or a horse.

Even back home in Omaha or Lincoln, I try to explore the cities instead of just throwing my hands up and saying, "Well, there's nothing to do." I'm finding more

restaurants and new routes to run. I try to visit as many local bookstores as possible.

I've gotten well acquainted with the University of Nebraska Omaha and Lincoln libraries and love just seeing what other students my age are working on or helping them with their surveys for class. I try to visit coffee places in Lincoln when I get in a rut studying and use the new opportunity to inspire me to maybe make a breakthrough on my assignments or stories.

Your state or wherever you live is only as interesting as you make it. If you believe that you're stuck and there's nothing to find then you'll only find nothing. But I have felt more connected to everything, the businesses, the people and the land by going out of my way to appreciate it more.



Picture by John Dawes | The Doane Owl  
A picture John Dawes took of the sun setting in Brodie's parking lot

# Tarantino is a master of dialogue



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As a writer, I appreciate the time and effort that it takes to try and

craft unique, interesting and fun dialogue, and I would argue that for films, at the very least, no writer does it better than Quentin Tarantino.

So far, I have seen 3 Quentin Tarantino movies: "Inglourious Basterds," "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" and my most recent watch, "The Hateful Eight." I realized after watching that last movie that Tarantino has the best dialogue out of almost any director that I have seen.

The dialogue of Tarantino is representative of

how he styles his movies. It is my personal belief that the goal of a Tarantino movie is not to be artsy but to be fun. There is really only one other director that I can think of off the top of my head that can rival Tarantino's efficiency and style when it comes to dialogue, and that is Edgar Wright, the director of "Baby Driver," "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz."

Tarantino's dialogue reminds me a lot of the jokes in the show "Community," where both cater to people who need

seven layers of depth in their dialogue in order to feel anything. Tarantino does this perfectly, as his dialogue can spoil his movies before the movie gets to that plot point, which is absolutely insane to me.

The dialogue in Tarantino's movies also makes you think about the characters, the most recent example for me that I can think of is in his movie, "The Hateful Eight," more specifically, in the chapter titled, "Domergue's got a secret," somebody poisoned the coffee

in the haberdashery, and Domergue is the only person that knows who, and it's not even revealed to the audience who poisoned the coffee until much later in the movie.

The fact it's not revealed made me think about each of the eight characters and which one could have/ would have poisoned the coffee. A big reason to rule out characters was the dialogue that they had earlier in the movie, where each one of them tells their motivation to the other characters. Spoilers, it's

a lie, but, nevertheless, it still made me think about which person would have poisoned the coffee based on the information that we had at that time.

And it's for the depth of that dialogue and the stylization of it, which never wavers in the face of its nauseating depth, that makes me think that Tarantino is the best director when it comes to dialogue.

# Moderation key to video game habit

LORRAINE CASTANEDA  
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Video games can be defined as an interactive form of digital entertainment played on various devices like computers, consoles, or cellphones. The story begins way back in the 1940s when Alan Turing invented an AI-informed chess game, according to an article by Concept Ventures. Since then, video games have become increasingly pop-

ular, especially in recent years. They are not only a form of entertainment but also a means of communication. Video games allow players to chat and call friends or even meet new people while playing.

But... are video games harmless, or are they a waste of time?

According to an article by Entertainment Computer, video games are a modern approach to cognitive enhancement and can improve the abilities

of managers, including strategic thinking skills. They can serve as a form of stress relief, relaxation, and even a creative outlet. Additionally, video games are an effective way of communicating, allowing people at great distances to play together and meet new individuals.

However, it's no secret that video games can be time-consuming. A study conducted in a Lebanese high school found that higher addiction to video

gaming was significantly associated with worse attention, memory, processing speed, and other cognitive functions. Excessive gaming can impact written expression skills and impair problem-solving abilities.

My personal take is

that video games can have both positive and negative effects, depending on how they are used. They offer benefits like cognitive development and social interaction when enjoyed in moderation. However, excessive gaming may lead to negative

consequences, particularly for those who struggle with time management. Like many hobbies, balance is key to ensuring video games remain a source of entertainment rather than a distraction.

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## Thumbs DOWN...



# Women's Soccer gains a victory

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On Sept. 7, the Tigers earned a well-deserved victory of 5-0 against McPherson College soccer team. Doane had a strong offensive showing with clear improvements in passing, communication and scoring while also playing cohesive team defense that prevented McPherson from gaining possessions.

Going into the match,

the Tigers' main objective was to maintain possession of the ball while constantly pressuring the opponent's defense and scoring as many goals as possible.

"Quickly moving the ball from defense to offense was the strategy used to catch the other team off guard," Freshman Doane soccer player Malaz Suliman said.

Even though the temperature was cold, the players were able to adapt to the weather and

adjust their strategies. However, the conditions didn't have a significant impact on their overall performance.

One of the most crucial moments of the game was junior Savannah Franzoy's hat trick, which gave the team a significant edge. Franzoy's ability to capitalize on corner kicks turned opportunities into key plays that contributed to the team's win.

The Doane Tigers delivered an impressive

performance overall, showcasing clear improvements in several key areas. One of the most noticeable changes was their enhanced communication on the field, allowing them to anticipate each other's movements and make more coordinated plays. Additionally, their midfield organization was far more effective, providing stronger control over the game and preventing any critical lapses in concentration that

could have given their opponents an edge.

However, despite these advances, the team acknowledges there is always room for growth. According to the players, while the improvements were significant, there are still areas where they could sharpen their skills. They believe that focusing on increasing passing accuracy would make a huge difference, especially in tight situations.

Additionally, maintaining possession under pressure remains a key challenge, and working on handling that stress more efficiently could lead to even better performances in future games.

With these adjustments, the Tigers aim to continue this play on the field. Doane's next game is on a rest week and will resume play the following week on Sept. 18, against Briar Cliff University at home.

# Golf has strong showing at home

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

After a groundbreaking opening week, the Tigers competed in the 54-hole Blue River Class on Sept. 4 and 5 at Highlands Golf Course in Lincoln. Out of the 16 other teams, the Tigers ended in fourth place with a grand total of 874 strokes.

Tying for fifth place on the "A" team was sophomore Jack Millard, who had a total of 213 strokes (72-71-70), and tying for 12th was senior Blake Skoumal with a total of 217 strokes (75-72-70). Also tying for 15th was junior Julius Rauter

who had a total of 219 strokes (73-71-75), tying for 48th was junior Cauy Walters with a total of 229 strokes (78-77-74) and tying for 52nd was senior Sam Arnold who shot a 231 (78-73-80).

Finishing in tenth place with a grand total of 904 (300-303-301) was team "B" for the Tigers. Tying for 37th was sophomore Joshua Wassmer who shot a 223 (72-80-71), also tying for 32nd was freshman Toby Knevetz who had a total of 224 strokes (73-75-76). Tying for 40th was sophomore Alex Morrall who shot a 227 (80-74-73), tying for 58th was junior Cam Binder who had a total of 235 strokes

(78-76-81) and finishing for team "B" was senior Noah Miller who shot a 237 (77-67-77).

Following team "B" was team "C" which had a total of 910 strokes (314-295-301) and ended in 11th. Tying for 21st with a total of 237 strokes (77-67-77) was sophomore Brock Heu-sinkvelt, and following in 27th was sophomore Julius Korell who had a shot of 223 (77-73-73). Shooting a 233 (81-76-76) and tying for 55th was senior Connor Podliska, tying for 64th was freshman Jake Dane who had a shot of 238 (79-84-75). And finishing for team "C" was freshman Jaime Palá who tied

for 74th, shooting a 248 (85-79-84).

And the final team for the Tigers was team "D" who had a total score of 1,054 (357-347-350), which placed them 16th. Placing 73rd was freshman Trey Pulte who shot a 245 (84-84-79), and finishing 79th was senior Derek Story who had a total of 263 strokes (92-85-86). Finishing in 81st was sophomore Daniel Cook who had a shot of 276 (95-83-98), and following him was junior Gabe Trampe who placed 82nd and shot a 277 (92-98-87). Competing in the first two rounds and posting scores of 89 and 97 was freshman Luke Mathews.

On Sept. 9 and 10, the Tigers are set to compete in the Siouxland Invite where the first two rounds will be in Sioux Center, Iowa, and the final round will be in Orange City, Iowa.

On Sept. 7-8, the Tigers traveled to Marion, Iowa to compete in the 36-hole Mount Mercy Invite, where they placed second.

Placing fifth for the Tigers was freshman Connie Jarm where she had a shot of 160 (81-79), and placing seventh was freshman Tia Phaisan, who had a total of 162 strokes (81-81). Finishing in eighth place, with a total of 163 strokes (84-79) was freshman

Sydney Streeter. In 11th was sophomore Payton Morgan who shot a 164 (83-81), and tying for 18th was freshman Laila Saunders, who had a total of 172 strokes (90-82).

Leading the team with four birdies, which is a golf score that is one stroke under for the given hole, was Phaisan with four, while Jarm and Morgan both had three each. Also adding were Streeter and Saunders who both had two birdies.

On Sept. 16-17, the Tigers will be traveling to Rapid City, SD to compete in the Hardrocker Fall Invite.

# Men's Soccer suffers a tough loss

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Sept. 7, the Tigers played against Graceland University in Lamoni Iowa with a score of 2-0.

Despite the final result, Doane's goalkeeper, senior Samuel Montanez, made six saves in the first half, keeping the game tied with no score.

Graceland, however, maintained an aggressive offensive approach throughout the match, challenging Doane's defense repeatedly.

During the 2nd half, 60 minutes after the game began, Graceland managed to score due to the Tigers not being able to stop a pass resulting in them getting ahead. For the next

20 minutes of the game, the Tigers fought hard to put the score in their favor, but with just 11 seconds left of the game, The yellowjackets scored again securing their victory. Although Graceland won the match, Montanez delivered an amazing performance ending the match with 15 saves, tying for the fourth-most

in program history.

Reflecting on the match, Doane soccer player freshman Sebastian Cortés, said "We played well but there are still things we need to work on".

According to Cortés, The team's overall objective for this match was to improve their plays and better their communica-

tion skills in order to be a tougher competition and be better in future games. In that aspect Tigers were able to fulfill their goal.

Freshman Christian Chumba, another Doane player, pointed out some difficulties with the field conditions.

"The field was smaller, and it had natural grass with some irregularities

on the ground," Chumba said.

Adding that these factors slightly impacted their gameplay. As well as the heat in that area. Looking ahead, Doane's next game will be on Saturday, September 14, at Al Papik Field, where they will face the University of Jamestown at home.

# Volleyball takes loss over Hastings

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Sept. 4, the Tigers traveled to Hastings, NE to take on the Hastings College Broncos, where the Broncos had a three-set victory with scores being 20-25, 18-25, and 24-26.

Leading with 11 kills in the game was senior Kayden Schumacher and adding nine kills was senior Taylor Sluka. Throughout the game, the Tigers ended with 33 kills. Dishing out assists were sophomore Camdyn Carpenter, who had 19, and sophomore

Chloe Rose who had nine.

On the defensive side, leading the Tigers with 15 digs was Rose, and adding 12 was Carpenter, also adding 11 more digs was senior Grace Zeier. Sophomore Kelaney Burge and Sluka worked together to give

the team 3.0 blocks, with each player having an individual block and teaming up for one block as well.

After this game, the Tigers' overall record was 4-8 with a .333 win percentage. Out of the 12 matches the Tigers have had this season

they have had 10.59 kills per set, .122 hitting percent, and 10.24 assists per set. Going into their defensive sets, the Tigers have 1.17 blocks per set, 1.34 service aces per set, and 18.05 digs per set.

Along with that the Tigers also have an overall 434 kills, 1547 to-

tal attacks, 245 errors, 831 receptions, 24 individual blocks, 42 total blocks and an average of around 13.1 points per set.

On Sept. 14 the Tigers will be traveling to Yankton SD to compete against Mount Marty University at 3 p.m.

# Win at home eludes Football team

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StaffWriter

On Sept. 7, Doane held their second game of the season against Briar Cliff University.

In the first quarter, Doane took the lead 3-0 with a 31-yard field goal by junior Kelen Meyer with 11:51 remaining in the quarter. In the second quarter, the Chargers made a touchdown taking the lead 7-3. Doane struck back and regained the lead with a touchdown carried by junior James Miles just before the quarter ended making the halftime score 10-8.

In the second half of the game freshman An-

drew Brown got disqualified from the rest of the game for unnecessary roughness in a play. In the last few seconds of the fourth quarter, a lot happened.

First, a 15-yard penalty was called in favor of Doane right inside the red zone. Junior Andrew Waido catches a pass and takes it down to the 5-yard line. With 42 seconds left, Doane takes their third and final time out. Freshman Sam Hartman attempted to carry the ball but got tackled.

A penalty was called and Doane got pushed down to the 3 yard line with 34 seconds left. In a first-in-goal situation,

junior James Miles attempted to carry the ball and tried to make a touchdown but got tackled right on the goal line. Second and goal they attempted a tush-push but it came up short of the endzone.

In the final play of the game, the Tigers attempt another tush push but a flag gets called before the play. Doane gets a false start penalty causing the game to end with a 9 second run off to conclude the game. The final score was 10-15.

The Tigers will be back in Crete at Al-Papik Stadium on Sept. 14 against the Waldorf College Warriors, with kickoff at 5 p.m.



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(Top) Freshman Sam Hartman looks for a pass in the endzone. (Bottom) Hartman makes a run upfield in hopes to score a touchdown.



## Scoreboard Snapshot

### MEN'S SOCCER

August 18 @ LAMONI, IA.

8:45 versus GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

GRACELAND  
[ 0-2 ]

### VOLLEYBALL

September 4 @ HASTINGS, NE

Versus HASTING COLLEGE

SET ONE BRONCOS	SET TWO BRONCOS	SET THREE BRONCOS
[ 20-25 ]	[ 18-25 ]	[ 24-26 ]

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

September 7 @ HOME

5:00 versus MCPHERSON COLLEGE

TIGERS  
[ 5-0 ]

### GOLF

September 4-5 @ LINCOLN, NE

BLUE RIVER CLASSIC (MENS)

TIGERS  
[ 4th ]

### FOOTBALL

September 7 @ HOME

1:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

CHARGERS  
[ 10-15 ]

September 7-8 @ MARION, IA

MOUNT MERCY INVITE (WOMENS)

TIGERS  
[ 2nd ]

### WOMENS CROSS COUNTRY

September 6 @ SIOUX FALLS, SD

AUGUSTANA TWILIGHT

TIGERS  
[ 8th ]

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

September 6 @ SIOUX FALLS, SD

AUGUSTANA TWILIGHT

TIGERS  
[ 5th ]

## Next week for Tiger Athletics

### MEN'S SOCCER

September 14 @ HOME

11:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

### VOLLEYBALL

September 14 @ YANKTON, SD

3:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

### WOMEN'S GOLF

September 16-17 @ RAPID CITY, SD

Versus HARDROCKER FALL INVITE

### MEN'S GOLF

September 9-10 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA.

9:00 versus SIOUXLAND INVITE

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

September 13 @ HOME

4:00 versus TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

### FOOTBALL

September 14 @ HOME

5:00 versus WALDORF UNIVERSITY

