

# the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



(Left) Senior Darnell Riley and (Right) Redshirt-Senior Zack Perez celebrate Riley's touchdown. See page 9.

## Awareness raised for breast cancer

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Throughout October, the annual international breast cancer campaign focuses on awareness, education and research funding to support victims of this disease which has been tearing people's lives apart. In Doane, our honorary signature is called Pink Out, and it stands for the representative color and promotion of early detection and treatment.

On Saturday, Oct. 26th, during Doane's volleyball game, the community dressed up in pink attire to honor the victims and families who have been affected by this condition. Merchandise about this event, such as shirts, awareness bracelets, positive message pins and pink necklaces were also shared with the audience from Doane by collaborators sophomore Litzzy Lima and Anna who are bound to the fundraiser Relay for Life, which also support cancer awareness

and are adamant on the aid in the cure of cancer.

Apart from these take-home accessories presented by the Health Department in Doane University coordinated by Andrea Baker, Pink Ribbons, the international symbol of breast cancer awareness, created in 1972 by Evelyn Lauder, decorated the walls of the Haddix Centers outside the volleyball court with the names of Doane student's victim family members.

For many students, it has been a way to remember their family from afar and maintain them in their hearts to continue fighting and keeping up the cheer to continue living.

Because breast cancer can happen to anyone at any moment, prevention strategies are encouraged to be healthy as long as possible, for example, knowing more about family history and keeping regular check-ups are good ways to keep track of any change that could be happening to your body.

Knowing that early detection has significantly improved survival

rates, and there are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. alone, even more care for healthy habits is issued to understand the dangers our human body is susceptible to.

For breast cancer care, the treatment options such as surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy, are expensive, and many foundations across the world are in full support of these victims. Besides Relay for Life here in Nebraska, the American Cancer Society and the National Breast Cancer Foundation, are huge fundraisers dedicated to these specific people who succumb to this illness.

Therefore, as part of the community, involvement as a support to breast cancer awareness can be participating in walks, donations to research organizations and volunteering in cancer organizations. At Doane, Pink Out has been a safe space for students and the community to talk, learn and support more about breast cancer and influence others to help victims in need.



Photos by Amani Muisyo | The Doane Owl  
(Top) Doane students and (Bottom) members of the crowd wear pink for the Pink Out volleyball game in support of the breast cancer awareness.

## Student-athletes hosted Spooktacular

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On Thursday, Oct. 24, student-athletes and their departments gathered in the Fuhrer Field House to host the Spooktacular community event. This family-friendly celebration ran from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and brought together students, staff

and community together into this evening of athletic events and Halloween-themed fun.

Several sports teams sponsored interactive stations during the event, giving local kids a first-hand look at a variety of disciplines. This annual tradition drew hundreds of local families while their parents appreciated the safe, engaging environment where their children could explore differ-

ent sports while enjoying the Halloween spirit.

Throughout the evening, children moved from station to station, collecting candy and treats while learning all about the different sports presented at Doane. Sports such as soccer, set up a mini-goal shooting challenge, the golf team, taught proper swinging technique, the basketball team, had a shooting contest with the children,

the tennis team, played mini-tennis with every contestant, the baseball team, helped kids learn how to swing, volleyball team, worked on passes, bumping and setting with orange and black volleyballs, track, cross-country team, organized haunted running relays and the dance team competed in a sack-jumping contest.

Young players had a rare opportunity to learn from collegiate athletes,

and experience the different areas in which they were most favored; some kids even came back for more, clearly more engaged in playing the sport rather than the treats and candy. The kids' costumes were an important part of the event as well since most of them would dazzle in their creativity and their parents' combination.

While concluding the evening, both the stu-

dent-athletes and young participants were left with fond memories and new connections. The success of this year's Spooktacular event demonstrates the strong bonds between the athletic department and the local community while providing a fun and educational experience for the area of youth.



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(Left) Athletes on the Cheer Team dress up as Care Bears for Spooktacular. (Right) Athletes on the Women's Track and Field Team pass out candy to kids at Spooktacular.

# Filipino American History celebrated

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Filipino American History Month first began in October 1992, and Filipino Americans across the nation have been celebrating with festivities and traditions since then.

The month commemorates the arrival of the first Filipino people in the United States, honoring their achievements and also recognizing the stigma and racism many Filipinos have faced.

It all started back on Oct. 18, 1587, when a Spanish ship docked in Morro Bay, California. This marked the arrival of the first Filipinos in

America. In Morro Bay, there is a historical rock engraved to commemorate this event. Although the sailors' names were not recorded, their landing marked the beginning of a powerful history.

Despite many challenges, numerous Filipino American activists have worked through discrimination to build a better future. Larry

Itliong, a well-known activist, is recognized for his role in forming the United Farm Workers Union and leading the Delano Grape Strike in 1965, where he and 800 other Filipino farmers boycotted for improved working conditions and increasing pay.

Alice Peña Bulos, known as the "Grandmother of Filipino-American

Politics," was both a professor and a civil rights activist for Asian Americans. She dedicated her life to empowering Filipino Americans politically and that Filipino youth were learning and contributing to politics. She also worked to ensure aging Asian Americans were protected from violence and discrimination.

Filipino American History Month is a wonderful opportunity to explore the rich culture of Filipinos in the United States. Whether by reading stories, trying traditional Filipino foods, or enjoying traditional dances and art, this month allows us to appreciate the contributions Filipinos have made to the country.

# DEI team welcomes a new member

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On Oct. 7 the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) team welcomed a new member Suzanne Mealer, she will be the new equity Compliance Officer for Title IX. Her office will be located on the lower level of Perry Campus center.

Suzanne has held several roles within health-care and community service throughout her career. Her main focus has been on improving the accommodations and inclusion for the under-

represented communities. Prior to joining the DEI team at Doane University she worked with the Ponca tribe of Nebraska and contributed to the Mayor's multicultural Advisory Committee, the Cultural Centers of Lincoln Collaboration and the Blue Heron Tiospaye. She is dedicated to supporting excluded communities.

The DEI team works to sustain a diverse and inclusive campus with a strong community within it. Suzanne's goal is to continue to build on the policies the DEI team has established, while making sure the campus remains a supportive

and safe environment for everyone. She and the DEI team plan to focus on clear communication and education, showing that DEI benefits everyone and builds a stronger community.

"I will work to improve training programs so that faculty, staff, and students have a clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities under Title IX" Suzanne said.

She has been working with the team on better outreach to also help parents see that DEI creates a welcoming space for all students, ensuring equal opportunities and preparing them for success in a

diverse world.

The DEI team acknowledges and honors Dr. Leah Cech for her years of leadership in equity compliance at Doane. Throughout October, Dr. Cech will continue offering training and technical support to Suzanne to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

The DEI team is poised to continue fostering a more inclusive, equitable campus. Through focused efforts on communication, education, and community-building, they aim to ensure that all students feel supported and prepared for success in an increasingly diverse world.



Courtesy photo | Suzanne Mealer  
Pictured above is new DEI member Suzanne Mealer.

# Purple Out raises awareness for DV

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Oct. 24, marked the Purple Out event at Doane University. Purple is the nationally recognized color for domestic violence awareness, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month has been held every October since 1989.

Purple Out events are held every Third Thursday of the month across the country

Domestic violence is considered one of the most underreported crimes due to various reasons, including fear, lack of resources and concerns about life without the support of their abusers. Many mental,

emotional and financial factors contribute to why people decide to stay in these situations.

College-aged students are among the most vulnerable demographics for domestic violence. According to The Hotline, a resource for reporting and accessing information on domestic abuse, 43% of college women

experience domestic violence and 52% of college women report knowing someone who has experienced it.

Domestic violence isn't always physical, though it can be. It is defined as a pattern of abusive behavior that is used to gain control and power over a person. This can be mental, verbal, sexual and

financial. It is important to recognize when a relationship is unhealthy.

Throughout the years, domestic violence has often been a hidden issue, with interrelationship violence rarely discussed and divorce sometimes viewed as wrong when it seemed like the only option. Events like the Purple Out and other aware-

ness activities are aimed to raise conversations about domestic violence, reduce stigma and create a space for healing.

Doane Capes Project, Directed by Jaden Hike-mann, serves as a great resource to learn more about Domestic Violence on campus and promote healthy discussions about relationships.

# Election Day is quickly approaching

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As the Nov. 5 elections come closer a lot of attention is being put on candidates nationally, mainly between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump. But, at the state level, election season is also in full swing and young voters are set to play a large role in Nebraska as many key issues are on the ballot.

"Everything is on the ballot this year. We have reproductive rights, medical cannabis, paid sick leave, public school funding. This year in particular we have a lot of things so even if people are only fired up about one issue

its probably on the ballot in some way," Lancaster County Democrat Party Chair Hannah Wroblewski said.

Some key issues on Nebraska ballots this year include Nebraska Initiative 434, which would ban abortion in the second and third trimesters in the state Constitution. Nebraska Initiative 439, which would enshrine a right to abortion up until fetal viability in the state Constitution, allowing abortions into the second trimester again, which was the current law before Roe v. Wade was overturned.

Nebraska Referendum 435, which could send taxpayer dollars to private schools as scholarship money if approved. Nebraska Initiative 436, which would change state law to give most workers at Nebraska businesses

the right to paid sick time.

Nebraska Initiative 437 would let doctors recommend the use of medical cannabis, commonly referred to as medicinal marijuana, and would provide protections for patients and caregivers. Nebraska Initiative 438 would create a commission to regulate the private industry to provide medical cannabis to patients.

"This is my third election cycle and we are seeing young voters become really willing voters. Kamala Harris's ticket resonates with younger voters a lot more, and they have become more eager to vote for her. Also, a lot of these ballot measures are really popular with them and they've been more vocal about national and local politics," Wroblewski said.

Abortion appears to

be the largest issue on the ballot itself, as Nebraska is the only state in the entire country to have dualing abortion measures on the ballot after Roe v. Wade was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2020. Voters across the state have the chance to decide whether they want Initiative 434 or 439 to be enacted.

"Do your research and know your ballot measures and go vote. But don't just vote, go and get five of your friends to vote with you. Because the more people vote the more representative our government will be of what we actually want," Wroblewski said.

While political discussion is mostly centered around the president, local, county and state positions appear to be getting an increased focus this election cycle. Wro-

blewski wants voters to use their votes to ensure they get the local and state policies they want.

"The more local a position the more it directly affects you. It is important to have a president who represents you and is going to stand up for what you believe in. But who your city counselor is affects your day-to-day. Our roads getting fixed, things that you actually notice in your day-to-day life that might be a down ballot position you never gave much mind to. Those are the most impactful," Wroblewski said.

Wroblewski stressed to young voters that they have sway in the democratic process and that they can empower themselves and others to go vote. She emphasized that the democratic process only works if people

actively participate in it.

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Most elected officials are up for either reelection or have a challenger to their position. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot or register to vote has ended, however, in-person voting will be held on election night, Nov. 5. You can find resources on candidates, ballot initiatives and more on the Flat Water Press Nebraska voters guide at [voterguide.flatwaterfreepress.org](http://voterguide.flatwaterfreepress.org).



Students enjoy the Smash The Stigma event.



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## Smash pumpkins and stigmas

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Pumpkin guts splattered across the Smith patio on Oct. 28 as students let loose at Smash the Stigma, an event hosted by Active Minds. Inspired by a TikTok trend, this event aimed to give students a unique way to vent frustrations and break down barriers

to mental health stigma. Students could write negative stereotypes, insecurities, anxieties, or any issue weighing on them directly onto a pumpkin before obliterating it. The idea? Physically destroying the pumpkin represented a symbolic release of personal and societal pressures, helping students reclaim a sense of agency over the things that often feel over-

whelming.

The event was originally scheduled for Oct 21 but the date was changed the day of. Organizers felt cold weather would prevent students from coming and moved the date to the next week, giving them more time to prepare.

At 8 p.m., a lineup of creative tools awaited eager participants, including axes, bats, hammers

and even sledgehammers for maximum impact. Whether they smashed, whacked, chopped, or stomped, students had their pick of tools to truly get into the experience. The patio quickly became a mess of pumpkin pulp and seeds, each splatter serving as a visceral reminder of the pressures students face daily. This organized chaos also allowed students to bond

over shared frustrations. Smash the Stigma kicked off a week of Halloween-themed events and was designed as much for community support as it was for fun. Students could roast marshmallows and snack on treats between pumpkin smashing.

For Active Minds, the goal was clear: to create an event that encouraged students to confront men-

tal health struggles in a way that felt empowering and to foster a supportive community. As the first event in a week full of Halloween festivities, Smash the Stigma set an energetic tone. The cathartic nature of the night, along with the blend of fun, camaraderie and open conversations, turned the event into an experience students won't soon forget.

## STUCO minutes: lots of changes

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Despite some challenges, the Student Congress, STUCO, led another successful meeting on Oct. 16. While the meetings are typically hosted in the Perry Board Room the building was shut down that evening. STUCO reports a mechanical fire on the lower level of Perry led to smoke in the ventilation shafts. As a result, dinner was moved outside, where students enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, and pizzas, and the

STUCO meeting moved to Communications 136. Impressively, the meeting still began on time.

During the meeting, Senior Emma Scheaffer presented a proposal to establish a chapter of the Society of Women Engineers, SWE, at Doane. While the name suggests a focus on engineering, the chapter would be open to all STEM majors, including science, technology, engineering, and math. The chapter would provide students with valuable opportunities such as study groups, joint meetings with UNL, and chances to attend national engineering con-

ferences. It would also feature guest speakers and offer presentations at middle and high schools to inspire future STEM students.

STUCO members were impressed with Scheaffer's well-prepared and organized presentation, unanimously passing the initiative. To help the SWE chapter get started, STUCO allocated \$140 to cover initial setup costs. Scheaffer plans to kick off fundraising efforts with 3D-printed keychains and other creative ideas, along with a bake sale and STEM-themed merchandise. Additionally, the Student

Appreciation Dinner, SAD, was discussed. Most committees had no new updates on the event and as such the dinner was still TBD.

However, the issue was discussed again at the Oct 23 meeting in which SAD was scheduled for Nov 13 or Nov 14 from 5:30 to 7:30. The Food Committee was busy in between meetings with plenty of updates. Closures like Lakeside have occurred due to staff breaks, running trash, or staffing issues. The Ice cream machine is also having issues as it overheats easily in the corner.

The Den has been having severe food issues. Multiple students have reported food poisoning which they believe was caused by The Den. There has been undercooked fried chicken, spoiled milk, and questionable food appearances. The Den has also run out of food at times.

STUCO has been informing students of the Student Congress Reserve account which funds programs and services beneficial to Doane. STUCO encourages students to suggest ideas on which the account can be used. The only restriction is that the program must

occur on the Crete Campus or nearby and be open to all Doane students. The deadline to submit ideas for the fund's use is Nov. 15.

Finally, other campus issues were addressed, including ice machines that had been malfunctioning due to water buildup and the need for piano tunings across campus. STUCO members promised to follow up on these concerns to improve student experiences. On Oct 30 STUCO will be participating in the ice bucket challenge, to raise awareness for ALS, at 9 am.

## Weekly Horoscopes

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Wear the mask the same as always.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Your problems do not define you.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Stop thinking about whether or not you are a good person. You are.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Don't let your past keep you from moving forward.

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Just because you stumbled doesn't mean that it's over, keep going, you're doing great.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Celebrate Halloween like it's the last Halloween ever.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** People can tell that you are growing as a person, keep it up.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Live well, you've done well this week.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Live it up this week, it's peak Libra season.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Do your best this week to live and let live.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** It's nearly your time to shine, shine bright.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Take a morning and go look at the lake, really appreciate the way that the sun reflects off of the leaves and the water.



Adaline Scott showing off their pianist skills at the Honors Recital  
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## Honors recital showcases talents

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On Oct. 22, the Doane University Music Department held its annual Honors Recital at 7:00 p.m. in Heckman Auditorium, highlighting the hard work and skill of the participating music

students across various performing arts groups. This event celebrated the students' achievements and showcased the depth of talent within the department. Among the featured performers were sophomore Ella Ningen, sophomore Sam Hartman, sophomore Lilith Umberger, junior Marty

Foery, sophomore Rae-gan Smith, sophomore Ashton Barber, junior Adaline Linscott, freshman Joe Reimer, sophomore Eme Starbuck, freshman Caleb Panning, junior Jules Harlow, sophomore Bryan Alvarado and senior Paige Pulte, each bringing their musical style to the stage.

While most performances were vocal, the evening also included a Piano Solo by faculty Adaline Scott and a Marimba Solo by Alvarado, which added instrumental variety and demonstrated the range of students' abilities as well as adding to the evening's well-rounded program.

Honors Recitals are a prestigious opportunity within the department, allowing students to demonstrate their technical skills and dedication before faculty, peers, and family members. Each performer demonstrated excellence and commitment to their forms of art and the recital offered

a platform for these students to celebrate their progress in their chosen disciplines.

Looking ahead, the next event for the Music Department will be Cooper McClure's solo recital on Oct. 29 at 7:00 p.m.

## Boo Bash: spookiness at Doane

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On Friday, Oct. 25, the lower level of the Perry building was transformed into a ghostly wonderland for Doane's traditional Halloween Dance Night on a chilly and dark October night. Eerie cobwebs, carved pumpkins, and softly lit lanterns created a spooky yet joyful atmosphere and the decorations were nothing short of stunning. Even the most casual Halloween enthusiast would be thrilled by the immersive Halloween mood created by the incredibly amazing event space.

With a flawless blend

of pop faves, eerie tunes and lively remixes that created the ideal atmosphere for dancing, the DJ kept the music interesting and lively. The playlist, which kept the spirits high and urged everyone to hit the dance floor, was a highlight for those who came. Despite these efforts, the party took a while to gain traction and the turnout was lower than expected. Due to the space's initial lack of patrons, it felt rather quiet, which created a slightly muted tone early in the night. However, the energy increased as the evening went on and more people showed up, and students excited to celebrate Halloween started to fill the dance

floor. Although the early atmosphere and numbers were not up to par, both students and organizers felt that the groundwork was in place for a fantastic Halloween celebration and the Halloween Dance Night can become one of the most anticipated events of the autumn semester next year with a few tweaks. Students who attended showed up in their Halloween best, having costumes that ranged from fun and light-hearted to spooky and scary.



Some of the decorations set up in the Perry Campus for the Halloween dance  
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## Live how you want to live

College is an opportunity to meet new people, make meaningful connections and discover who you are. However, for some people, college is hard because they have the complete opposite experience. Sometimes, there's pressure to conform to something you aren't all so you can meet people that you might not even feel comfortable around due to presenting an inauthentic version of yourself.

As a staff, we have people from multiple backgrounds and very different social lives. From social butterflies to introverts, we can say conclusively that if you really want to get the most out of your college experience, you need to live as your authentic self.

There is a fear that people won't accept you for who you are, that they will reject you or outcast you but generally, people are kind. If

you present yourself as you truly are, than it shows you're comfortable with who you are and people respect that.

The nice thing is, you can be your authentic self at any point in time. Whether you are a freshman, a sophomore, a junior or a senior, you can always meet new people, make meaningful connections and discover who you are. There is no conclusive timetable that states you can't make new friends past your

first year, and there's no pressure to identify how you want to live if it makes you happy.

College is preparing you for an independent life and if you don't live with confidence and conviction, it becomes really hard to develop that feeling when you suddenly have to juggle that with the hurdles after you graduate. So go out and live, talk to the classmates you always wanted to and be confident in yourself.

## Rethinking homework

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Is homework actually necessary for students to truly learn? Homework is a common educational task given to students around the world. According to a review made by Campbell systematic reviews, several studies have confirmed the positive relationship between homework and academic performance. However, considering children's limited energy and attention, is homework really necessary?

Homework serves as a means for teachers to assess student progress and communicate with parents about their children's academic performance and provides children with the experience of developing positive beliefs, responsible attitudes and behaviors. However, in recent years educational research has focused not only on the

academic achievement but also on the emotional and well-being development of students. According to a study conducted by Education Sciences, changing the way homework is assigned and made has made it more attractive to students and less of an obligation and more as something they know will help them improve their knowledge.

A study conducted at St. Patrick's Catholic School found that reducing the amount of homework assigned to students significantly decreases their daily stress levels without compromising academic performance. This research highlights that when teachers are open to taking risks and exploring new approaches, meaningful improvements in student well-being and learning outcomes can be achieved.

According to "Journal

of Marital and Family Therapy", homework is a therapeutic process that has strong theoretical and empirical basis, but existing research has focused on compliance rather than considering the broader and more clinically meaningful construct of engagement.

I believe the key to sustaining students' attention and academic success through homework lies in engagement. When homework is more engaging, it shifts from being a mere obligation to something students genuinely enjoy doing.

Homework can serve as a valuable tool for reinforcing learning, assessing progress, and fostering responsibility but its role in education must be carefully balanced. Research suggests that modifying homework prac-

tices to align more with students' well-being and engagement can improve not only their academic performance but also their mental health.

By making homework less of an obligation and more of an opportunity for growth, educators can support a holistic approach to learning that promotes both academic success and emotional resilience. This shift may lead to a more fulfilling educational experience, empowering students to thrive academically without compromising their well-being.

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JOHN DAWES  
Editor-in-Chief

As the 2024 election inches closer, Americans nationwide share a common sentiment: "Well, I don't really care to vote or follow politics.

It doesn't really affect me too much." The truth is, this sentiment could be far more dangerous than you could imagine. This is a reminder to everyone that politics matter and you should care.

Many Americans associate all politics with Washington D.C. and envision all politics as parties yelling at each other, accomplishing nothing substantial and barely functioning well enough so the wheels don't stop spinning. They feel disenfranchised and not empowered to act because they think all politics are in some far-off section of

the country.

But everything in your life is political, and it is right in front of you. Your state and local governments influence your education curriculum, healthcare, the local economy, housing, worker's rights and safety regulations, and roads and bridges to a far greater degree than politicians in Washington. These are all things YOU can influence. State elected officials are positions that you can vote for, that you can often see in person and you can easily organize a committed movement to support the can-

didates you support.

Politics are at your front door. A majority of the things that affect your day-to-day life have much more to do with the politics in your state and community than they have to do with the president.

Do you want legal abortion in your state after the overturning of Roe v. Wade? You can vote for that. Do you want specific school officials? You can vote for that and go to school board meetings. Do you want the roads in your neighborhood to be fixed? Call your representative and make sure they hear your issues.

Being active at the local level translates into a better understanding of national politics. If you want government health-care policy to change, you can call your senator and tell them they should make decisions with your interests in mind, lest they lose your vote in the next election cycle. These local politicians need your votes much more than the President does. Using your vote as a bargaining chip has substantial consequences, especially if you get a group of people to rally behind your cause.

Democracy dies when

people don't care to participate in it. This machine requires active effort and maintenance to keep on the right track. Electing one person every four years is the bare minimum. If you want things to change for the better, then you need to be aware that politics happen around you at all times and it's on you to be aware of them.

# Comedies aren't good anymore



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Life & Culture Editor

If I find out that you are younger than me, I will call you a youngin, even if that age gap is only a couple of weeks. Some of you might be thinking that the gap isn't that large, and the term youngin isn't warranted.

And to those people I say simply, these youngins haven't watched the greatest movies of all time and so they are youngins in my opinion. The two movies that I often cite when I make this

claim are "Superbad" and "Shaun of The Dead," some of the funniest and most critically acclaimed comedies of all time.

These two movies are such landmarks of comedy that it always baffles me whenever I meet somebody that hasn't seen them. This might be my old-headedness talking but they don't make comedies the way that they used to anymore.

Comedies used to

be all over the place in terms of what they talked about and how they satirized particular subjects. For instance, the movie "Benchwarmers" is about a bunch of men in their 30's playing little league baseball, and it is one of the funniest movies I have ever seen, up there with "Grown Ups" in my opinion. Another example would be "Shaun of The Dead," a movie about a bunch of zombie apocalypse survivors

making their way to the bar before they get eaten alive by zombies.

Comedies in this vein aren't in style anymore in Hollywood, and it makes me a little sad. These are the movies that define whole generations of movie-goers, and they aren't being made anymore. The only ones that I have heard anything good about in recent times have been "Deadpool & Wolverine" and "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice."

It is my opinion that comedies have lost their zany or awkward edge that made them so great in the first place. "Superbad" is one of the most awkwardly funny movies of all time, because it is a comedy that plays up all of the zany and weird things that stereotypical nerds did back in high school. Same with "Benchwarmers."

# The importance of music in daily life

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Nowadays, it is not unusual to see many people listening to music at every moment of their day. Many people use earphones while walking, in the metro, or even in a restaurant and others need a speaker when taking a shower. Currently, music is everywhere.

The potential of mu-

sic to arouse emotions is among its most potent impacts. Whether it's the comfort of a peaceful moment or the thrill of a celebration, a single song can take us back to a particular experience. Music is a tool for introspection and self-expression because of this emotional connection. People listen to a variety of genres to fit their mood, whether it's to relax, improve their mood or provide them a

way to process challenging feelings. In this way, music supports us during the highs and lows of life by assisting us in comprehending and processing our emotions.

Additionally, music subtly but significantly improves our everyday activities. Music has the power to increase motivation and productivity while we are working, working out or traveling. Upbeat music during a

workout can boost effort and endurance, while background music might enhance concentration and performance in activities, according to research. Music is more than just a passive experience; it actively influences our attitudes and actions, enhancing our general well-being. Music promotes societal ties in addition to the intimate. It unites people via common experiences, over-

coming linguistic and cultural obstacles. From live performances to national anthems, music strengthens ties and fosters a sense of community by bringing people together around a shared goal or feeling. Nevertheless, it is essential to highlight apps like Spotify or Apple Music. The ease of using these apps benefits everyone, giving people access to the crucial role that music has in every

moment and everywhere. In conclusion, the importance of music in daily life cannot be overstated. It is an emotional guide, a motivational tool and a social connector. In an increasingly fast-paced world, music remains a constant source of comfort, joy and understanding, enhancing the quality of life in profound ways.

# Observations about Las Vegas



ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

Over the past week, instead of being a studious student, I decided to spend way too much money and get on a plane. Where do you may ask? Well ladies and gents I decided to go to Las Ve-

gas. Now the reason I went to Vegas isn't actually as crazy as you think, and no I didn't gamble my whole college savings away. I instead went to Vegas to attend a military ball. Now unfortunately I can't really tell you too much about what happened at the ball, but I can tell you that this was a lot more formal than any formal event you've ever been to.

But if I am going to be 100 % honest with you, my date and I didn't stay for the whole ball, mainly because no one really stays for the whole thing. So immediately after that we decided to walk the

Strip and that is when I learned some very valuable things.

The first thing is that I am not a city girl, and for all the people who are from Vegas or any big town in general, I am so sorry that you have to deal with that much traffic. The second thing is never go anywhere in Vegas by yourself, especially if you don't know the area. Now you might be thinking that this is a given in any location, but my question is how do you get lost in your hotel that you have been staying in for the past three days? And why are they so big? And the third thing is don't go on The

Big Apple Coaster when you are on the verge of having a headache.

And if you were also

wondering, no I didn't come back with a tattoo, a piercing, or married, I instead came back with a

build-a-bear and a bunch of M&Ms, so I would say that this trip was a successful one

**Corrections:**

We at the Doane Owl work tirelessly to share high quality stories that is accurate, well-informed and truthful.

In last weeks article about the PAC Expansion, the new PAC will unfortunately not have a new "CAD lab" or "Costume Shop" as the article states. Also, Professor of Theatre Jeff Stander was incorrectly called a Associate Professor of Theatre.

These corrections have been addressed on the Owl's website and we apologize for the error.

If we make a mistake that needs to be corrected please email either John Dawes, the editor-in-chief at john.dawes@doane.edu or the Doane Owl at owl@doane.edu

...Thumbs UP

Voting

Candy Corn

Chocolate

Horror

Pumpkin Seeds

The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in 'Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down' every week.

**Thumbs DOWN...**

# eSports continues strong for week five

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Sports Editor

On Oct. 22, the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team, which consists of freshmen Ryan Buron and Caleb Panning, sophomores Gabriel Medina and Emmanuel Medina, junior Giovanni Castaneda and senior Jax Stander, took on Hastings College. With this, the Broncos were able to walk away

with the victory against the Tigers with the final score being 0-2.

On Oct. 24, both Rocket League teams which consist of freshman Austin Manning, sophomores Todd Martin, Nathan Shupe, Dami Obakoya, Jerson Calderon, juniors Jordan Kwiatkowski and Winston Sears and seniors Branden Lackey and Trey Krueger, competed against the University of

North Dakota.

The UND Black was also able to take a win against the Orange Team with the final score of 1-3. However, when it came to competing against Buena Vista Navy, the Black team was able to secure a win with the final score being 3-0.

Along with Rocket League, the Overwatch team which consisted of freshmen Chance Mock, Thure

Johnson, Davis Wilson, Joshua Brown, Ben Wright, sophomore Sam Hartman, juniors Jamey Rhea, Mady TenEyck, Rafael Garcia and senior Jose Purizaca, took on Bethany College Swedes, where they were able to walk away with a win, with the final score being 3-0.

However, on Oct. 25, the Overwatch team had to compete again, this time against East Central Univer-

sity's Tiger Tatooine, where they also secured a win, with the score being 3-0.

Going into week six, the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate will be taking on the Fort Lewis's Red team on Oct. 29 at 8:00 p.m. Both Rocket League teams will be competing on Oct. 31, however, the Orange team will be taking on North Dakota State University's Bison Green team at 7:00 p.m., and the

Black team will be competing against the St. Ambrose White team at 7:30 p.m. The Overwatch team will be taking on Midland University on Oct. 30 at 8:45 p.m. and Morningside University on Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know would like to support the Doane eSports team, you can tune into their YouTube channel.

## Win evades Soccer in Hastings

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Oct. 26, the Men's and Women's teams traveled to Hastings, NE to take on Hastings College, where this would be the last away game of the season for both teams.

Starting off on the Women's side, the Tigers ended their game with a 0-0 tie, which made their

losing streak to Hastings up to 13 consecutive games. With this tie, it also gave the Tigers a point when it comes to the GPAC standings, which helps them get a home game for the GPAC Tournament.

Hastings had a grand total of 13 shots with six of them being on the goal, while the Tigers had five total shots with one of

them being on the goal. This one shot on the goal came from junior McKenna Rathbun in minute 74' when her shot just went right across the goal box. Along with that, sophomore Virginia Johnson, who was the goalkeeper for the game, had a total of six saves throughout the entire game.

Switching over to the

Men's side, the Broncos were able to gain a victory against the Tigers with their final score being 0-2.

Going into the first half of the game, in minute 10' Broncos' Lewis Albert scored the first goal of the game after Albert received a pass from teammate Joe Vokins. In the second half of the game, the Broncos' David Hoti would score

the second goal of the game after an insurance goal in minute 53'.

Junior Hunter Pitt, who was the goalkeeper for this game, had six saves throughout the whole game. Along with that, this is Pitt's first start for this season. The Broncos had 22 total shots with eight of them being on the goal, while the Tigers had 12 to-

tal shots with six of them being on the goal.

On Oct. 30, the Tigers will be closing out their regular season against Mount Marty University at home, with Women's starting at 5:00 p.m. and Men's starting at 7:15 p.m. Directly after the Women's game, the teams will be recognizing the seniors on both teams.

## Volleyball falters at home games

LUIS REJANO CANDAU  
Staff Writer

The Tigers had two hard defeats this past week. On Wednesday, Oct. 23, the Hastings College Broncos won 0-3 in a game where the Doane Volleyball team couldn't produce. On Saturday, Oct. 26, against Midland University, losing 0-3. Doane also hosted its Pink Out Game, an event where spectators wear pink to support the fight against breast cancer as part of the larger

Breast Cancer Awareness Week at Doane University. The overall record for the Tigers is 8-18 and the conference record is 3-10.

Despite a scorching Doane start, the Broncos defeated the Tigers in straight sets, 21-25, 17-25 and 20-25.

In the first set, Doane got out to an 11-5 lead, but the Broncos 5-0 surge reduced the distance and gave Hastings the advantage. In the first set, Hastings and Doane both had .103 attack

percentages and .064 hit percentages, respectively. In the following two sets, the Broncos improved hitting .289 and .277, respectively, to end the match at .213. Doane finished the match at .100, after hitting .121, and .125 in the last two sets.

Senior Kayden Schumacher, Senior Taylor Sluka, and Freshman Kate Roseland each finished with six kills, while Freshman Natalie Wood topped the Tigers with seven. Throughout the game, Sophomore

Camdyn Carpenter provided 25 assists. The Tigers out-serve the Broncos that evening, with Sophomore Chloe Rose capturing the team's only ace serve. The Broncos only had 86 percent of their serves go into play, while Doane put 95 percent of their serve attempts into play.

Both teams finished with 6.0 total blocks on defense. Carpenter finished with three assist blocks, while Roseland led Doane with five. With 13 and 11,

respectively, Senior Grace Zeier and Junior Lillian Parolek led the Tigers in a total of 61 digs.

In the Pink's Out Game on Oct. 26, the Warriors were superior and were able to win in three sets, 15-25, 15-25 and 19-25.

With six kills, Wood led the Tigers. Doane's final score for the game was 22. 16 assists were provided by Carpenter.

The Tigers concluded the game with 9.0 team blocks on defense. Schum-

acher and Roseland each had four total blocks, while Freshman Hilary Hupp had five. Carpenter contributed nine digs, while Zeier led Doane with fifteen.

For the first of their next two games, Doane will travel to Seward to play Concordia University. On Oct. 30, the teams will begin play at 7:30 p.m. They then play College of Saint Maria on Nov. 2, in Omaha and 3:00 p.m.



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(Left) Sophomore Chloe Rose is passing the ball to the setter. (Middle) Freshman Hilary Hupp is tipping the ball over the net. (Right) Senior MacKenzie Painter is serving the ball in hopes to get an ace.

## Football wins against the Broncos

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Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 26, Doane football traveled to Hastings to play Hastings College in the 123rd meeting between the two programs, the most meetings between any two teams in Nebraska history. After scoring the first touchdown, the Tigers took control of the second quarter and won with an incredible 40-3. With a record of 59-54-10, Doane is the series leader in the matchup against Hastings. The Doane Football team has a 2-7 overall record and a 2-6 conference record.

On their second possession of the game, Doane

scored their first score. With a 22-yard touchdown pass, freshman Sam Hartman found senior Darnell Riley, who pulled in the catch with one hand. Hastings scored their only points later in the first quarter.

Junior Rian Green broke through the Bronco defense for a score after sprinting 49 yards on the opening play of the second quarter. With 1:19 remaining before the half, junior Kelen Meyer made a 42-yard field goal to add three more points. Just before halftime, the Doane defense thwarted a fourth down attempt by the Broncos, which gave them the ball close to midfield. Their first play ended in an incomplete throw, but Hartman

threw deep as time ran out and junior Andrew Waido made a one-handed grab in front of a defender before sprinting into the end zone to give the Tigers a 24-3 lead at halftime.

Doane punted their first possession of the third quarter, but the Broncos mishandled the return and handed the ball back to Doane. Meyer would convert a 51-yard field goal attempt to give the Tigers a 27-3 lead. Later in the quarter, Doane was set up close to midfield after sophomore Bennett Geiken forced a turnover that sophomore Zach Fox recovered. After Hartman connected with junior John DeRiso for a 24-yard touchdown pass, the Tigers

pushed their lead further.

With their fifth takeaway of the game, the defense once again set up the offense for a score in the fourth quarter. Junior Tanner Simdorn recovered the fumble that junior Reece Zutavern had forced. After that, the offense ran 73 yards on six plays after Hartman made his second connection of the game. This time from 37 yards, Riley received another Tiger's touchdown.

Hartman finished the game with 308 yards and four touchdowns on 20 of 36 passing. DeRiso hauled in eight passes for 80 yards and a score. Riley finished with two touchdowns and 97 yards from four receptions. Waido caught two

passes for 66 yards and a touchdown, and senior Zack Perez added three catches for 62 yards.

Doane rushed for 170 yards on the ground. Junior James Miles III finished with 75 yards, while Green led with 103 yards on 13 carries. Doane had their second-highest offensive total of the season with 478 yards during the contest. The Tigers' 40 points were their highest since they defeated Jamestown and Hastings in 2021 with 44 points.

Zutavern and junior Tanner Simdorn both finished with six total tackles on defense. Simdorn recorded a fumble recovery and three tackles for loss. Fox, freshman Andrew Brown, junior

Cade Wiseman, and senior Owen Kuntz finished with five combined tackles each. A fumble recovery was added by Wiseman. Junior Jarett Boggs recorded two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and four total tackles.

On special teams, senior Jared Smith added a fumble recovery. Meyer was also named GPAC special teams player of the week due to his pair of 40+ field goals and averaging 41.7 yards per punt.

Doane Tigers will play their final home game against Midland University on Nov. 9 after taking a week off. A Senior Day honor will take place before the game, which kicks off at 1 p.m.



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(Left) Junior John DeRiso catches the ball and scores a touchdown. (Middle) Junior Rian Green is trying to get the ball back to the end zone. (Right) Senior Darnell Riley is going in for a touchdown.



## Duel top 10 finishes for Cross Country

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Oct. 26, the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams traveled to Ashland, NE to compete in the Blazing Tiger NAIA Classic at Mahoney State Park, where the Women finished in ninth place, while the

Men ended in fifth. Starting with the Women's side, leading the Tigers was junior Danie Parriott who had a time of 22:49.91 which ended her in 24th place. Following Parriott was junior Calla Wittland who had a time of 23:34.73, which placed her 58th. Placing 60th with a time

of 23:38.20 was freshman Mackenzy Lippold, and finishing 88th was sophomore Grace Colbert who had a time of 23:38.20. Sophomore Laura Hase-mann finished with a time of 24:18.45, which placed her 99th, and placing 122nd was sophomore Delaney Catron, and finishing up for the Tigers

was junior Maddy Ramey who placed 171st with a time of 25:26.59.

Switching it over to the Men's side, senior Thomas Oliver led the Tigers with a time of 25:24.80, which placed him 31st. Placing 32nd with a time of 25:27.15 was junior Nelson Ruto, and placing 37th was junior Emman-

uel Yego who had a time of 25:32.37. Finishing in 46th with a time of 25:44.01 was freshman Porter Bickley, and finishing in 62nd was junior Micheal Grigsby, who had a time of 25:56.08. Placing 70th with a time of 26:06.70 was freshman Jayden Wall and finishing up for the Tigers was

junior Luke Bonifas who had a time of 26:25.12 which placed him 97th.

On Nov. 9, the Tigers will be traveling back to Mahoney State Park to compete in the GPAC Championships with Women's starting at 10:45 a.m. with Men's being at 11:30 a.m.

## Scoreboard Snapshot

### MEN'S SOCCER

October 26 @ HASTINGS, NE  
8:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

BRONCOS  
0-2

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

October 26 @ HASTINGS, NE  
2:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIE  
0-0

### CROSS COUNTRY

October 26 @ ASHLAND, NE  
BLAZING TIGER NAIA CLASSIC

WOMENS  
9th

MENS  
5th

### VOLLEYBALL

October 23 @ HASTINGS, NE  
7:30 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

SETONE SETTWO SETTHREE  
BRONCOS BRONCOS BRONCOS  
21-25 17-25 20-25

October 26 @ HOME

3:00 versus MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

SETONE SETTWO SETTHREE  
WARRIORS WARRIORS WARRIORS  
21-25 17-25 20-25

### FOOTBALL

October 26 @ HASTINGS, NE  
1:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIGERS  
40-3

## Next week for Tiger Athletics

### MEN'S SOCCER

October 30 @ HOME  
7:15 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

### MEN'S WRESTLING

November 2 @ WICHITA, KS  
9:00 @ FRIENDS OPEN

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

October 31 @ HOME  
7:00 versus MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

### VOLLEYBALL

October 30 @ SEWARD, NE  
7:30 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

November 2 @ OMAHA, NE  
3:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARYS

### WOMEN'S WRESTLING

November 1 @ WICHITA KS  
9:00 @ FRIENDS OPEN

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

October 30 @ HOME  
5:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

