



Chi Delta hosting No Means Nov.

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This November, Chi Delta is hosting No Means November, a month dedicated to raising awareness about sexual assault and the importance of consent.

As part of this initiative, the 24-hour event Support the Silence was held from Nov. 13 to Nov. 14 at Lakeside. Students and Chi Delta members participated by sitting on the stage at Perry, working or reflecting in silence. The only rule was that participants were not allowed to speak while on

stage.

Around the stage, statistics and words of encouragement were displayed for people to read. Students who were not participating were asked not to talk or distract those on stage, out of respect for survivors of sexual assault.

“People are oppressed and aren’t able to speak. It was a movement to show they aren’t alone, and it conveys messages without words while creating a space of reflection and awareness” junior Jordan Bocock a member of Chi Delta said when asked how silence can be powerful.

The sorority also sold

“Consent” shirt with proceeds going to the Hope Crisis Center a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and protecting sexual assault survivors and cookies that went to Voice of Hope. This resource also helps protect survivors and raise awareness to prevent future assaults.

Additionally, Chi Delta will host an Open Mic Night on, Nov 20. Differing from Support the Silence, this will be a space to have open conversations, share stories or art. Additionally, students can have Chi Delta members read their story to make it anonymous.

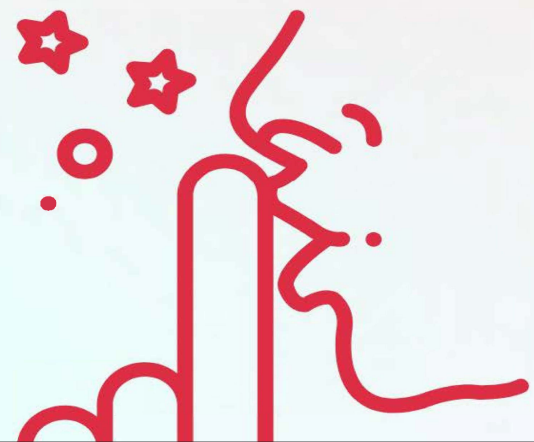
NO MEANS NOVEMBER

HOSTED BY: CHI DELTA SORORITY

Raising Awareness for Sexual Assault and the importance of consent

24-HOUR SILENT REFLECTION EVENT

Respectful silence: No talking to honor survivors and create space for reflection



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Writing law school personal statement

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On Nov. 15, two people from the admissions council to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Law School came to Doane to speak about personal statements. They also helped with law school applications and how to make a potential

candidate stand out so that they could become a promising candidate.

The meeting was held in the East/West Dining Hall at Doane. Students on Doane’s unofficial pre-law contact list were invited to go, along with any students who wished to attend but were not on the list.

The meeting started off with introductions, the two people who were involved in the admis-

sions process at UNL’s College of Law, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Operations Melissa McCoy and her associate, Recruitment Coordinator Rachel Smith. The students then introduced themselves.

Their presentation lasted an hour and a half and covered almost every aspect of preparing for law school admissions, including taking the Law School Aptitude test,

LSAT, which is a test with no need of previous knowledge. The test is a way for law schools to vet potential applicants by seeing if they can follow the logic of law school.

The last section of the presentation was all about making your personal statement, and what the philosophy behind a personal statement should be.

“What is your superhero origin story?” Mc-

Coy said.

Students who attended were encouraged to come up with a first line for the personal statements. The presenters drove home the importance of the opening statement in a personal statement. They see the opening statement as a way for students to make themselves stand out from other applicants.

Law school applications for most of the students in attendance

would not be for a couple of years, so there was also a focus on building up before heading out to law school. There was a big point about there being a lot of people who have careers before they go to law school, or they build up their savings before law school.

eSports’ Overwatch teams find growth

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On Nov. 15th, both Overwatch teams, Black and Orange played their respective playoffs at the hours of the night that day. Returning champions of the GPAC in February, the Doane Overwatch Black team has been ruling the conference with seven wins, and no losses; and first-year students, the Doane Orange Team have also been ruling the conference with six wins and one loss. Aaron Blackman, the director of eS-

ports, gave input on how the Doane team has won against all of the closest schools in our conference, such as Midland University, Concordia University, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kansas State University, etc.

Also, he emphasizes the growth the team has had during this past year, with the increment of first-year students while being able to have two Overwatch teams for this Fall 2024 term, with both titular and alternate members in both the Black and Orange teams.

“They’ve been working really hard for the whole

semester, and I’m excited to see how they do. I’m proud of their work ethic, and they’ve been getting good at communicating with one another during the match. The access to some information and passing it between them in the middle of the match while filtering the others is a skill in which they have grown a lot like that.”, Blackman said.

In representation of the Overwatch teams is junior Jamey Rhea, founder and leader of the first Overwatch team here at Doane, who was also involved in the hiring process with Aaron Blackman alongside the

eSports department starting at Doane last year in Fall 2023. Concurring the first apparition of the Overwatch team last year, one of the biggest problems was finding enough people to commit to playing competitively.

The few people who were interested either couldn’t commit to practicing due to a busy schedule or didn’t have the drive enough to play seriously. However, these guys did not give up and found enough players in their chairs, and everything started to run smoothly. During their first season, they made it to the playoffs and were

beaten by Tarleton State University. After all this time and effort, Rhea stated his feelings and thoughts about his team and the eSports.

“This team is an amazing outlet for me. I’ve loved playing Overwatch for a long time. This is far from my first team, but it’s the team that I feel the closest to,” Rhea said.

“In terms of roles, I set up our scrimmages and manage the in-game lobbies. I play tank, so my main role is to make space for our team to operate (which is kinda what I’ve done in real life too). Many times I’m the playmaker, but everyone

pulls their weight. Davis helps us with compositions and grand strategy, Mady keeps us centered and grounded, and Raf/Sam have such an amazing synergy with each other. There’s a reason that we’re still undefeated this season. we are able to comfortably adapt to change,” Rhea said.

Thanks to the performance of this new season, both Blackman and Rhea can agree that the Overwatch team has made tremendous growth compared to last year up to now.

2nd annual Big Idea Doane held

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On Nov. 13, the Entrepreneurship Department hosted the second annual Big Idea competition. Big Idea Doane is a university-wide business idea competition that has been held at Doane for the past two years. The event invites students to submit their business ideas along with a two-minute pitch video on YouTube. Judges then select the top 10 submissions, whose creators are invited to present their ideas at a live event.

This year, the event was held at the 1206 Venue, offering food and beverages. The finalists included Kyle Schachenmeyer with True Home Now: Coaching and

Consulting, sophomore Barnabas Anderson with Corn-Based Plates, junior Curtis Eickhoff with Liquid Knee Brace, junior Nathan Tastad with Diamond Stubz, sophomore Sydney Estill with EasyOrder, senior Drew Kinnaman with Heated Driveway Blanket, senior Lucas Hillard with LiquidSync, senior Alyssa Luebke with Boxes4Peace, freshman Christian Chumba with Real Estate Wholesaling and freshman Allie Stephson with PawPal.

The event consisted of the top 10 contestants presenting their ideas to the judges, each given two minutes to pitch and three minutes for questions. Following these presentations, the judges selected the top five finalists, with the audience casting votes to determine

the winners. Taking third place was Luebke with Boxes4Peace, second place went to Anderson with Corn-Based Plates, and the first-place prize of \$3,000 was awarded to Tastad for Diamond Stubz.

The Big Idea competition continues to highlight the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of Doane University students. By providing a platform for innovative ideas and fostering a supportive environment, the event not only showcases the talent within the university but also inspires others to pursue their own business ventures. With growing participation and enthusiastic support, the Big Idea competition is solidifying its place as a cornerstone of Doane's entrepreneurial initiatives.

BIG IDEA | Top 3 Winners:
Entrepreneurship Live Event
Competition

1st Nathan Tastad
Diamond Stubz

2nd Barnabas Anderson
Corn-Based Plates

3rd Alyssa Luebke
Boxes4Peace

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Doane Kindness Project spreads joy

JOHN DAWES
Editor-In-Chief

As the days get darker and stress starts mounting from finals on the horizon, some students need some kindness in their lives. On Nov. 13, the Doane Kindness Project aimed to offer that to students through several activities centered around World Kindness Day.

"Being kind means to make others feel seen, loved, and heard. Going out of your way to make

someone else feel better or doing something for someone for their benefit. Being kind is serving others before yourself. However, it is good to have a healthy balance and be kind to yourself too," junior and President/Founder of Doane Kindness Project Morgan Smith said.

Smith and the rest of her team coordinated a campus-wide event that aimed to help get students to be kind to each other and themselves. Starting with the Doane Kindness Project passing

out notes around campus at 8 a.m., followed by a kindness video and treats at the information desk from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., a Student Appreciation Dinner hosted by STU-CO from 5-7 p.m. and capping off with a final celebration in Lakeside featuring games, coloring, prizes and more.

To Smith, this is an opportunity to encourage Doane students to build kindness into their lives permanently and work to become better, kinder and more caring people to everyone they meet.

The activities and events are all well and good, but to Smith, they can open the door for more introspection into what kindness is to a person.

"A lot of people who came to the desk at lunch and made the video had to really think about the questions we asked. A lot of them stated that these were questions they usually take for granted and pass over each day. So, it was good to get people thinking about kindness in that light. The questions being: "What does kindness mean to you?"

and "What is the kindness thing someone has ever done for you," Smith said.

While Kindness Day was a success, Smith and the rest of the Doane Kindness Project want to emphasize that being kind isn't restricted to just one day. Especially as the holiday season and finals approach, now might be the time for everyone to be even kinder than they normally are.

I think as finals week comes around it is super important to be kind to yourself and get plenty

of sleep and stay on top of your schoolwork. You could also be kind to others by checking in on how your friends are doing and invite them to study with you," Smith said.

"Holidays are always stressful for a lot of people but I think if you look past a lot of the superficial parts of it, it is easier to be kind. Even if you aren't able to see family members or friends on the holiday, giving them a call and letting them know you're thinking of them would probably mean a lot."



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(Top) Members of the Doane Kindness Project pose for a picture while passing out kind notes around campus. (Bottom left) Junior Morgan Smith places a kind note next to someone's dorm door to find later. (Bottom right) Freshman Kate Byerly checks out the Doane Kindness Project at the Beige Desk.

Study abroad hopes to open doors

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Editor-In-Chief

Studying abroad isn't an option many students consider doing. Whether it's because of financial hurdles, not having the time to do so, or just not knowing how accessible it can be for students. The Honors Program worked with students who recently studied abroad to show how accessible study abroad can be on Nov. 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Doane Cafeteria.

"Study abroad enhances students' Doane education by giving them a whole new perspective on the world. Students aren't studying to make an impact on the world and tackle its challenges in isolation," Director of International Programs Tim Burge said, "There are people all over the world exploring these same issues and taking different approach-

es to global issues -- many of which are informed by different cultural values, norms and shared experiences -- and understanding and exposure to this diversity of thought and experience really makes you better-rounded and more-prepared to offer solutions."

To Burge, an event like this can open student's eyes to the possible benefits of a study abroad. While some language majors and minors and programs require their students to go abroad in order to graduate, the opportunity to study abroad has become increasingly accessible due to more English study abroad programs. Burge spoke of a renewed interest in studying abroad at Doane and that renewed interest has resulted in more support for students financially to do their studies abroad.

"Students that study abroad can count on support from Doane from

starting to think about it all the way through going abroad and returning. As Director of International Programs, I advise students who study abroad through any of our university's study abroad partners. It can be from everything as general as figuring out what study abroad options even look like all the way to specifically helping find answers to questions about a chosen study abroad program. I'm here to help guide students through every step along the way," Burge said.

Doane offers up a \$1,000 study abroad scholarship for all students in junior standing or higher who have been at Doane for at least four semesters. Students who are required to do a study abroad such as the Honors Program or as Spanish majors have access to funding to help them meet those program requirements. Additionally, multiple scholarships

can be found through resources at the Financial Aid office.

Burge wants students to know the resources available for studying abroad because he has seen the effect it has on students whether it's in their classroom, their personal lives, or their interactions with the world.

"Students that go abroad usually come back transformed. I've been working in study abroad for eight years now, and students who come back invariably seem more confident in themselves and energized by their experience," Burge said "I believe that the experience of going outside of your normal comfort zone and finding that you are able to not only adapt but succeed is something that has the power to be a powerful force for students as they finish their studies and move into their careers. Study abroad has the power to give a global perspective

to students' studies, build intercultural understanding and empathy, and challenge taken-for-granted assumptions about how the world works and how people experience

it." Students who have questions for Tim Burge can reach out to him at timothy.burge@doane.edu.

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Quote from Tim Burge:
"Students who study abroad usually return transformed. They come out more confident, energized, and with a broader perspective on the world. It's an opportunity for them to use power to change the way they study. To think and engage with the world around them."

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Appreciation dinner for students

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On Nov. 13, the Student Congress and Fresh Ideas organized the Student Appreciation Dinner in the dining hall. The event was a total success with a great organization and the environment was awesome.

The meal itself included a delectable menu with choices for everyone that was tailored to suit a range of palates. The meal options for

the dinner were: serving sauteed green beans with roasted red pepper, lemon roasted asparagus, thyme roasted potatoes, three cheese baked mac & cheese, garlic seared steak with blueberry demi glace and finally pesto dinner roll. Undoubtedly, the decision and execution of the menu were a great success.

The university's dedication to honoring its students was demonstrated by this year's

Student Appreciation Dinner. Everyone was motivated for the upcoming year by the spirit of pride and solidarity that pervaded the evening as it came to an end. Every student who helps to create a lively, welcoming and dynamic community at Doane University is appreciated. This dinner is but one method to express gratitude for your enthusiasm, diligence, and commitment.

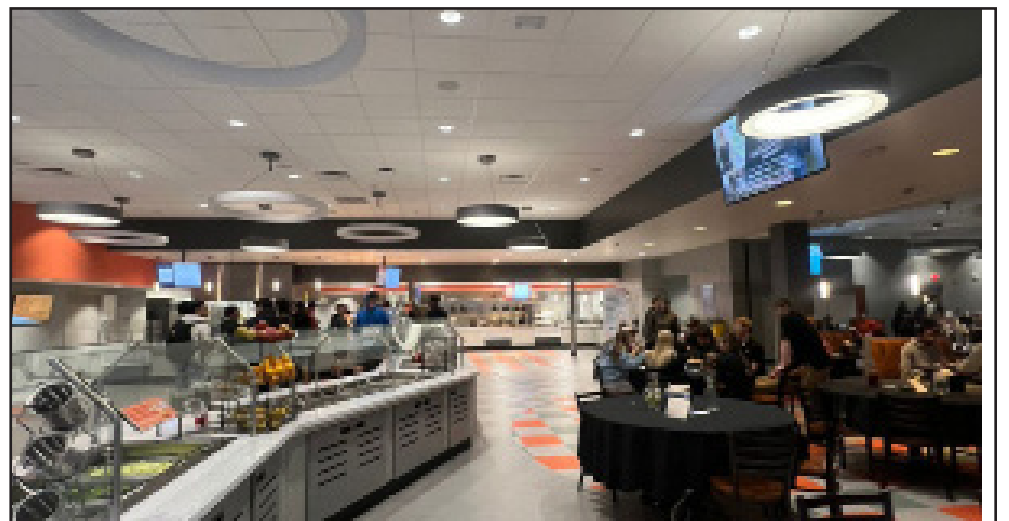


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The Cafeteria is ready for the Student Appreciation Dinner.

Greek life offers a preview

LIZ CALDERON
Staff Writer

All throughout this past and present week, Greek life has been alive decorating different rooms around campus preparing for their rush process with their new members. Their biggest event during these two weeks has been the Open House from Nov. 12 to Nov. 21, where all members from fraternities and sororities gather with students who are notoriously interested in this specific group, to share lively memories, get to know each other a bit more deeply and create new experiences together.

One of the past Open Houses has been from Gamma Phi Iota sorority, who are all involved in a variety of sports, groups and activities all over campus. With 19 active members and one active alumni, this sorority is looking for people who are their true authentic selves and can share their best with others. Using this event to prepare for

the rushing process next year around Jan. 15th, they will share their own unique traditions to let new members get to know their culture, as newcomers find their home.

Another of the past Open Houses has been the Alpha Omega fraternity, who currently have nine active members and with this event, they wanted to get their name out for others to see. This was an open space for all of those who wanted to know more about this fraternity, hang out and meet all the guys who extend their hand in a more personal way since it brings the opportunity to get closer as they are a smaller fraternity group. Looking forward, another event hosted by Alpha Omega is the Late Night Breakfast, it'd be a nice place to get to know more about their members and how they work their way through Doane.

Indulging more into Greek life at Doane, Delta Kappa Pi, the oldest fraternity on campus, presented their Open House last week as well.

Currently, with 23 active members, this group prides itself on an environment that stresses strong academic achievement, leadership, community service, and campus involvement. Having their members involved in over 90% of athletics and student organizations, their goal for this Open House was to get to know others while connecting over something exciting with a touch of competitiveness.

Joining some Open Houses for this week, Phi Sigma Tau sorority wants to introduce themselves and show off their dynamics by emphasizing being proud of themselves individually and that differences are their greatest weaknesses. With their own motto: 'unapologetically ourselves', Phi Sigma Tau loves each member unconditionally and will show support each time there is a struggle; striving for growth and excellence, not only academically or athletically, but most importantly, in a personal manner. Nov.

19th, in Gaylord 500 at 8:00 p.m., a trivia night awaits you, where the members would like to create a comforting, personable, and fun environment while giving insight into what their group is about.

Last but not least, Alpha Pi Epsilon, was a group founded by individuals over 50 years ago that wanted to go against the status quo of other fraternities of the time, pushing to have fun, but have their members feel safe and accepted without the feeling of having "strings attached". With their Open House on Nov. 18th, this fraternity is giving the opportunity for all those interested to get to know the members, and more information through a casual environment with video games, snacks, and drinks. Knowing more about them, they host annual fundraisers such as Summer's End 'Xtravaganza (S.E.X.) happens to raise money for Crete Family Health Services to promote safe sex on campus, and volunteer

opportunities such as the Backpacking program at UCC church and Highway Cleanup. Gathering knowledge of Greek life here at Doane helps to be more prepared for the

rush process early next year, and will be an exciting time for both soon-to-be new members and the fraternities and sororities ready to accept them.

Greek Life Open Houses

TUES 12 Delta Kappa Pi 11:30 PM - 1:30 AM ARTB223 236	THURS 14 Alpha Omega 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM EAST/WEST	
FRI 15 Gamma Phi Iota 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ARTB223 236	MON 18 Alpha Pi Epsilon 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM EAST/WEST	MON 18 Chi Delta 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM ARTB223 236
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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): It is a favorable week for developing plans about your career or business.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): You will experience a pleasant event and you will benefit from

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Some troubles during these seven days can deepen due to the lack of control over your own emotions.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): You will do well and be compelled during the week

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): You will learn a new useful lesson this week.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You will have reason to rejoice at successes in matters affecting your home.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You will have a memorable experience.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Troubles this week will come and go.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): You will receive a gift or be pleased with an acquisition.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Your spirituality and morality will be strong this week.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You will have an unpredictable seven-day period.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): You will experience interesting events.

“Lots of people escape into fiction but there’s a difference between a distraction and an obsession”

Jimmy Pierce
Freshman

BRIANNA WRIGHT
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Doane’s first musical of the year, *Between the Lines*, debuted on Nov. 14. It stars sophomore Olivia Jones and Junior Cody Lee Crist and follows high school junior Delilah as she moves to

a new school following her parents’ divorce. Escaping the real world through books Deliah falls in love with Prince Oliver in the titular book *Between the Lines*.

The set shifts and changes as the fantasy world bleeds into the real one. Creative set pieces included bookshelves transformed into castle walls and giant books that revealed doorways. Additionally, as the plot continues Prince Oliver, or Ollie as he tells Delilah to refer to him, expresses his wishes to leave his story.

Each character in the real world has a mirror counterpart in the fantasy world, deepening the similarities between the two worlds. Often the thoughts and feelings they can’t express in the real world are portrayed

in the fantasy world and vice versa.

“Lots of people escape into fiction but there’s a difference between a distraction and an obsession,” freshman Jimmy Pierce said.

In the fictional world, he’s Rapskullio, an evil wizard with a butterfly obsession and a magic paintbrush. However, he acts as the school counselor and a source of guidance for Deliah in the real world.

Things begin to spiral out of control in the second act as Ollie and Delilah have to see if they have the strength to rewrite their stories. However, the witty and irreverent humor keeps the audience laughing throughout. The show’s jokes provide a shocking juxtaposition as children’s fairytale charac-

ters tell very adult jokes.

Despite the humor and fantastical plot, the show lends itself to some heartfelt moments. Exploring human connections is at the core of this show and the portrayal of relationships is relatable and tear-jerking.

The musical received a standing ovation on its opening night where President Roger Hughes was in attendance. The strong performances from the cast and the creative execution will not be forgotten anytime soon.

Doane Theatre will be back in late February with the play *She Kills Monsters* which promises to be another enchanting and empowering production.



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Theater students performing in the recently performed play, “Between The Lines” which debuted at the Con November 13th through the 17th.

The Wildwoods come to Doane

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On Nov. 12, the Student Programming Board (SPB) hosted “Painting with a Twist”, a night full of painting and music. Starting at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeside, the students gathered to pick tote bags and paint them. The event even included a performance by Wildwoods.

Painting with a twist has been a recurring event throughout the years, but this year, tote bags were the main activity.

“We wanted students to be able to paint something that they would also be able to use in their daily lives,” organizer junior Emma Jenkins said.

“Painting with a Twist” has been a be-

loved semester tradition for SPB, offering students a creative outlet and a chance to unwind. This time, tote bags were chosen as the centerpiece activity, allowing participants to paint something both unique and practical for everyday use. The painting was completely free-form, and it was incredible to see the variety of designs students came up with, showcasing their creativity.

“Painting with a Twist” was a big success this semester, several students attended and painted their provided tote bags. The Wildwoods were the highlight of the night, offering the perfect mix of relaxation and good vibes that students really needed at this point

in the semester. SPB did an amazing job creating a cozy, welcoming atmosphere where everyone could relax, enjoy the moment, and forget about the stress of classes for a little while.

This event is special because of its flexibility, it offers something different for everyone. Whether students come to express themselves artistically, spend time with friends, or simply take a break, the goal is for everyone to leave feeling fulfilled. SPB is excited to bring “Painting with a Twist” back in the spring with a fresh craft and look forward to continuing to create spaces where students can relax, connect, and have fun.



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The Wildwoods preparing to perform for students at Lakeside

Doane staff member gives a goodbye

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Attending and graduating from college is one thing, but working for the college is completely different. Phoenix Sadd, who is the Community Director for Frees Hall, graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln in the Spring of 2024

and is now heading back to Lincoln to become a Residence Director at UNL on Nov. 22.

“I will be in charge of student staff members in the residence hall and actively promote the creation of safe, perceived, and inclusive communities,” Sadd said. “I have dreamt of working full-time at the University of Nebraska for a few years now and am honored to

have the chance to do it here soon.”

However, Sadd has learned what it truly means to transition from a student staff role to a professional one, and how the two are vastly different from one another.

“I have gained a lot of insight into what students really need from a Community Director as well as what other fac-

ulty need from us,” Sadd said. “We hold a unique position due to the fact that we actively live in the residence halls and it gives us a different point of view and relationship with residents.”

Along with being a CD, Sadd was also the Greek Advisor for Delta Kappa Pi.

“I am so honored to have had the opportunity to work closely with

them,” Sadd said. “I felt so much more welcome on campus when I started interacting with DKP and am eternally grateful to have had the chance to be a part of their brotherhood.”

Sadd also stated that his time here at Doane, although it was brief, has been very special for him and that he will miss being here.

“Many faculty can un-

derstand wanting to work for your alma-mater and how much it means to have the opportunity to do so,” Sadd said. “I am honored to have the change and hope to keep Doane near and dear to my heart as I pursue this dream elsewhere.”

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Practice your literacy

Most people take their own literacy for granted. The ability to read and write is by all means a privilege; you have the freedom to understand the world around you and freely communicate authentically to your personality freely.

Most people simply see themselves as fully literate now and tomorrow and for the rest of their adult lives. However, this can't be further from the truth. Literacy is a skill that needs consistent sharpening and if you don't sharpen your skills, you risk becoming someone who can no longer understand the world around you.

In the age of the internet, we are seeing a sudden and drastic rise of effective illiteracy. People can read and write but they barely know what they are reading and what they are writing, rather it is pattern recognition and surface-level understanding. Literacy is not a skill that is sharpened on a soft stone, rather, it needs to be sharpened on hard rock lest it grows dull and fragile.

Think about the last time in the past year you sat down and read an article, book, or journal that genuinely challenged you and forced you into the deep end of your

reading levels. Think about the last time in a year you tried to write something that was incredibly dense and full of nuance. For most people they can't name the last time they did either of these in five years, for some it might be decades.

Just like lifting requires you to move up in weight in order to build growth, so does literacy requires you to challenge yourself to push your limits and try to understand denser and denser material.

There is a reason most political rights advocates advocate for their supporters to be literate and educated. The

ability to read and write effectively is a tool that one can use to understand the world around them and is also useful in identifying the dangers that might be arising. Literacy is like a light in the dark, if you do not feed the flame you risk it flickering out.

So go out and read, go to your nearest bookstore or find a book on Amazon that genuinely interests you and read it in one or two weeks. Through yourself at it, do this again and again. Train your mind and give yourself the sharpest tools to understand the world around you.

A preview of winter fashion

GRACE SCHROLLER
Staff Writer

Winter is fast approaching, and so are winter trends. Are you anxious about your winter wardrobe, or needing advice on what pieces to consider investing in? Allow me to give you my thoughts and advice on what you should consider for your investment this upcoming season.

Ladies first, the biggest trend forecasted for winter is the biker coats featuring fur trim. This is a perfect invest-

ment for the winter, because you can dress it up or down. This piece pairs well with jeans and is a solid piece you can build on, or dress down with simple sweats and sneakers. Zara and H&M offer great options for an affordable price and good quality. Long trouser jackets and platform Uggs are also making a strong seasonal comeback. This combo is the definition of stylish, yet comfortable. Accessories to pair with the coats such as oversized scarfs are resurfacing, and I'm talking like big, long scarfs. These add

texture and dimension to your outfit, making it easy to style or elevate an outfit.

Next up is cheetah print and polka dots. Every season often boats a big print or loud statement that comes along with the season. Cheetah print seems to always reappear during the holiday season. We have seen a lot of this print in the fall, but it will definitely carry into the winter season.

Moving onto men's fashion trends, I see the basics returning. This in-

cludes the baggy jeans, sneakers, sweater vests, and front zip up sweaters. Mens fashion could easily go comfy with an oversized sweater and baggy jeans paired with sneakers. There are endless possibilities with basic pieces. Investing in neutrals would definitely be a smart choice as a good rotation all throughout the colder months. To dress up the sweater and baggy jeans look, you could add a bomber jacket.

Why you should visit Spain

LUIS REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

Firstly, I want to introduce that I am an international student-athlete from Spain, and at the same time, I am conscious that there are a lot of USA people who do not know anything about Spain. So, this article will be about why everyone should visit Spain and enjoy this awesome country.

With its wealth of culture, history and scenic beauty, Spain provides visitors with countless opportunities to discover and delight.

Spain is the perfect place for anyone looking for an

unforgettable and enriching trip because of its warm climate, varied landscapes and kind population. This is why Spain ought to be at the top of your list of places to visit.

The architecture, dialects, and customs of the nation all reflect this diversity. While the southern coast offers sun-drenched beaches and historic villages, the northern region is home to verdant scenery. With its abundance of museums, galleries and theaters, Spanish cities such as Madrid, Sevilla and Barcelona are vibrant hubs for art and history.

However, Spain's true essence may be found in the smaller towns and villages, each with its unique beauty and customs.

Another factor that makes tourists fall in love with Spain is its food. Spanish cuisine, which varies by area, is an integral aspect of Spanish culture. Spanish cuisine, whether it be tapas from Andalusia, paella from Valencia, or seafood from Galicia, honors traditional traditions and the use of fresh ingredients. Meals are frequently taken slowly so that time can be spent sharing tales and enjoying each dish. More than just a meal, dining in Spain offers an opportunity to socialize and experience Spanish culture.

Spain's kind and welcoming people make guests feel at home, in ad-

dition to its natural and cultural attractions. The warmth and happiness of the Spanish people contribute to the nation's distinct charm, whether you're dancing in a fiesta, sipping regional wines, or just lounging in a sunny plaza.

In the end, Spain is a country full of festivals and contrasts, where you can discover something new around every corner. Spain promises a journey that will never be forgotten with its combination of historic riches, delectable cuisine and stunning landscapes.

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Differences in countries' laws

LIZ CALDERON CHEN
Staff Writer

For international students, one of the most impactful situations has been the ability to not drink alcohol until reaching 21 years of age. Looking back on the United States past about alcohol consumption, it was fully prohibited from 1920 to 1933 under the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Act. However, it wasn't until 1984 that Congress passed the law about the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, which required states to limit the drinking age past 21 years of age.

Either way, before 1984, some states low-

ered the drinking age to 18, aligning it with the lowered voting age established by the 26th Amendment on July 1, 1971. Having said that, there have been some factors regarding the uniform drinking age, considering that modern science supports the NMDAA law by illustrating how brains develop during the mid-20s, where alcohol consumption interferes with such development and specifically affects the prefrontal cortex, which is involved in decision and impulse control. Research around the '70s and early '80s showed that, from evidence linking high-drinking ages with improved road safety, a strong cor-

relation of low-drinking ages and increased traffic accidents was related to young adults.

Knowing this, another question rose to mind: why is the legal drinking age (21) and the legal driving age (16) so far apart from one another? This age discrepancy speaks to the fine balance of encouraging independence and economic participation by driving since the age of 16 while minimizing public health risks and the social harms associated with early alcohol use. Because the United States is a country geographically dispersed, driving is a necessity for mobility. Therefore, the approbation of legal driving as early as 16

years old, ensures that they can commute to school, work and other activities to establish a routine in their lives.

Notwithstanding these implications, other countries do not share the same legal drinking and driving ages compared to the U.S. due to variations in cultural attitudes, historical contexts and policy priorities. As in many European and South American cultures, alcohol consumption has been integrated into family traditions and social settings at a younger age, fostering a more relaxed attitude toward drinking.

For example, the behavior of introducing alcoholic drinks in traditional family meals or cul-

tural festivals on a moderation scale is common in countries like Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, etc., since these countries prioritize the teaching of moderation rather than enforcing restrictions. Including most European and South American countries, the legal driving and drinking age is 18 years old due to the overall cultural acceptance of early moderate drinking, implementing alcohol industries with significant cultural ties to wine and beer affecting the economic generations.

Also, several nations display adequate public transportation systems and walkable areas that help reduce the unhealthy

situation of drunk driving. Comparing these two sides of the coin regarding legal ages to drink and drive, the most adequate behavior of all, despite legal limitations in the country, being careful with alcohol consumption and driving around unfamiliar places are situations that may cause problems in one way or another. At the end of the day, law regulations are set to help protect the community and the citizens who inhabit the country, and to respect the other countries' law enforcement as well.

Not every story needs an end

AMANI MUJISYO
Staff Writer

I recently read Stephen King's *The Shining*. For my first Stephen King book, I can see why he's so popular. I loved the imagery, the emotions I felt for the characters were strong, and the sense of fear he created made my heart rush. Everything about it was amazing.

But as I got closer to the end, I found myself doing something I often do when I love a book or series too much, I couldn't finish it.

If you ask me how the book ended, I can't tell you. No matter how great of a writer he is, I just know the ending will never feel sufficient. Not letting a book or show end gives me endless opportunities for ideas and

in a way, it lets the characters live on without a conclusion.

To most people, not finishing a book (especially a great book) seems impossible. It would be maddening. But not finishing a book because you don't like it is a completely different reason, and there's absolutely nothing wrong with that. If a book doesn't capture your attention, it's okay

to set it aside.

I always felt sorry for the authors when I couldn't finish their books, as if I wasn't a good enough reader to enjoy their work. After all, it takes a lot of effort to write a book. I felt like I owed it to them to finish. However, sometimes the vibe just doesn't match your frequency.

Recently, I read a book I couldn't finish

for a different reason. The characters didn't feel consistent in my mind. I found myself manipulating their actions to fit my own ideas instead of imagining them based on the author's words. For example, the characters were described as being 18, but their experiences made them feel at least 27 in my imagination. The world they lived in seemed intriguing, but I

felt like my imagination could create a better story and world.

Ultimately, my point is this, not finishing a book doesn't make you a bad reader. It doesn't always mean you're lazy. Sometimes books just aren't meant for you to finish and that's okay.

Is it ethical to travel through time?

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Staff Writer

In the webcomic *Handjumper*, Sayeon Lee can reverse time by twenty seconds. She can do this up to three times in a row, giving her a total of sixty seconds before her power is exhausted. On the surface, rewinding twenty seconds doesn't seem significant. However, the comic explores just how much Sayeon can change in the short time she's given.

I've started to use this idea as a way to problem-solve in my own life. When I make a mistake, I ask myself—if I could rewind time by twenty seconds, could I fix this? Would it even be worth the energy, or can I live with what I've done? Is this a problem I could correct in sixty seconds, or would it take more? This perspective makes mistakes easier to accept. They either become small errors that can be brushed off, or they're out of my

control, in which case, the focus shifts to how I move forward.

One of the most interesting aspects of Sayeon's character is that she isn't exactly a hero. I wouldn't even classify her as an anti-hero. She's often cold, manipulative and entirely self-serving. She rewinds conversations to get the outcome that benefits her, unwilling to allow even the slightest slip-up to tarnish her reputation. Her world is one she's crafted down to the last

detail, reshaping reality in ways that suit her best.

It makes me wonder if the consequences of time travel might outweigh the means. If you erase a mistake, are you also erasing the opportunity to learn from it? Could those twenty seconds have changed an entire day? If I could alter the past, would I be satisfied with the future I'd created?

These thoughts remind me of the ending of *Back to the Future*. Spoilers

ahead—but when Marty McFly's actions in the past transform the future into a happier reality for himself and his family, it's portrayed as a victory. And yet, I've always found it unsettling. Though they look the same, the family he returns to has led different lives and developed different personalities in his absence. They share his siblings' faces, but would their experiences make them strangers to him? Have precious memories

or shared moments disappeared entirely? And does Marty ever find himself longing for the family he once knew?

Time travel is often depicted as dangerous, something to use sparingly. But I have to wonder if any "fixed" mistake or "corrected" timeline could ever truly be worth it. Would I want to be responsible for changing the world in ways I might never fully understand?

Pressure makes diamonds, right?



JOHN DAWES
Editor-in-Chief

Pressure makes diamonds, but it also causes headaches. The past month has been a failed academic comeback. After starting the year hot, getting things in on time and having a healthy balance between school, work, sports and time for myself, suddenly it all starts crashing down. Things become harder to turn in, everything is done halfway at the last minute and my time is wasted on useless tasks that I know I need to quit.

This is not a prob-

lem unique to me; I know people who have a pile of work that they can't seem to start despite the looming threat of failing classes or sacrificing their GPA right in front of them. There is a conversation to be had: do we, as students, actively sabotage ourselves?

I know I do; sometimes, it feels like I can only force myself to do work by having it bearing down on my neck and forcing me to knock out my work lest I deal with the consequences. It isn't for lack of trying; I'll try and get ahead of stuff on weekends or in my downtime and I find myself glued to something that is actively wasting my time.

Maybe it is because I can't cut out distractions, or maybe I have poor impulse control, but more than likely, I have conditioned myself to be like this through habit. When you continually do work at the last minute you imprint on your brain that these are the ONLY circumstances in which

you can do work. This habit becomes ingrained, it's like I can't force myself to work unless the alarms are blaring and it's sink or swim.

There is a genuine worry though: what if this habit becomes set in stone after graduating and it bleeds over into my professional job? Who's to say that this habit of cramming I have built brick by brick since middle and high school is now impossible to break and is too sturdy to shake?

Only time will tell, but this is a reminder to all my fellow students. Don't wait, do the work you need to do or should have done. The more you let it pile up the harder the task of dealing with it when the time comes.

...Thumbs UP

Horses



Free

Cords



Climbing

Hats



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...

Basketball wins and loses at home

LUIS REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

On Nov. 16th, the Women's Basketball team played her first conference game against Dakota Wesleyan. The Tigers could achieve a huge victory 77-61, thus keeping the streak going at home. The Tigers remain unstoppable and achieve a 3-0 overall record.

It is essential to

mention that there was a special event during the game. "Green Out" was for liver disease awareness, a lot of people in the stands and the players during the warm-up were wearing green and there was a raffle during the half-time. A great event for supporting liver disease awareness.

For this victory, the leading scorer, senior Mak Hatcliff, had 26

points in the game. Senior Kaylee Klover had the highest number of rebounds during the game, with 10. On the other hand, Senior Maddie Portwine led the team in assists (six) and helped the Tiger's offense score points.

In conclusion, what a start for the Women's Basketball team. The hope is they maintain this level and can have a successful season.

The Tiger's next game is scheduled for Nov. 23, at 2:00 p.m., where they will travel to Sioux City, Iowa to take on Morningside University.

On Nov. 16, the Men's Basketball played their first conference game against Dakota Wesleyan. A tough defeat for the Tigers 82-41. The Tigers couldn't seem to get an offensive rhythm during the game.

For this game, highlight the performances of sophomore Jack Wilson and junior Aadam Coulibaly with seven points each. Freshman Glavine McDonald got five rebounds and junior Casen Chiney achieved three assists.

The team started the season with three straight wins but has been outclassed in the last two games. With conference play on the

horizon, the Tigers hope to turn around their small losing skid and get back in the win column for the eager fans at Haddix.

On Nov. 19, Doane will make the trip to Manhattan, Kansas, to play Manhattan Christian College for the second game this season. On Oct. 31, the Tigers prevailed 83-56 in their first meeting and hoped to beat the Thunder once again.

Football ends season with a win

LUIS REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

On Nov. 16, the Tigers had their final game of the season where they achieved a huge away victory

22-21 against Mount Marty University. The final overall record for the Tigers this season was 3-8 and they finished with an 8th position

in the GPAC.

The whole game was very close and was settled in the last quarter. The first quarter was to end in a 7-all tie, while at

halftime, Doane University trailed 14-7. Mount Marty managed to tie the score in the third quarter and finally, the game would be decided in

the last quarter.

Freshman Sam Hartman had an outstanding performance finishing the game with 14 completions for

257 yards and three touchdowns. At the same time, Hartman led the team with 57 rushing yards on eight carries.



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(Left) Freshman Sam Hartman is trying to find a person to pass the ball to. (Middle) Junior Aaron Reyes is trying to get the ball to the end-zone.

Women's Wrestling dominates in AZ

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On Nov. 15, the Tigers traveled to Prescott, Arizona to compete in the Embry-Riddle Mile High Open Tournament.

Starting in the 103 was junior Kari-

na Vang who walked away with first place after having a final score of 4-0. Along with that, sophomore Kim Navarette placed fourth with a final score of 3-2.

Going into 110 was freshman Jaden Breeden who placed second after having a final

score of 3-1. In the 117 was junior Emily Cano who placed sixth and had a score of 2-3.

In the 124 was junior Cristelle Rodriguez who placed first and had a score of 4-0 along with freshman Julia Breeden's had a score of 3-1 which placed her second.

In the 131 was junior Ashlee Palimo'o who had a score of 4-0, which placed her first along with junior Brooke Cox who had a final score of 3-1 which placed her second.

Junior Aevri Ciha, who was in the 138, had a score of 4-0

which placed her first, along with sophomore Bridgette Sotomayor who had a final score of 2-2. In the 160 was sophomore Aspen Barber who placed first with a score of 4-0.

Finishing up with the 180 was sophomore Hailey Romero who placed third with

a final score of 4-1 and freshman Yazmin Belk who placed sixth with a score of 2-3.

On Dec. 7, the Tigers will be having their first tournament at home in the Conner/Oppenheim Doane Open at Fuhrer Field House at 9:00 a.m.

Men's Wrestling travels down South

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On Nov. 16, the Tigers traveled to Prescott, Arizona to compete in the Embry-Riddle Mile High Open Tournament.

Starting off in the 125 was freshman Liam Knerr who had a score

of 2-2, along with freshman Brian Peck having a score of 4-2. In the 133 was junior Matthew Terrence who had a final score of 5-0 which placed him first.

In the 141 was junior Tristen Brown who had a score of 3-2. Senior Nathan Lendt, who was in the 149, placed

second with a score of 4-1, along with freshman Jesse Cooper who had a score of 1-2, and finishing up the 149 was sophomore Gavin Smith who had a score of 2-2.

Having a final score of 4-2 in the 165 was freshman Edward Ramirez, along with senior Kody Hahn with a

score of 2-2. In the 174 was senior Benjamin Dobler who placed second with a score of 4-2 and junior Chase Stieb who had a final score of 4-2.

In the 184 was senior Tyson Beauperthuy who placed first with the score of 5-0, along with senior Kolton

Kammeyer who had a final score of 4-2. In the 197, was senior Kasten Grape who placed second with a score of 5-0, along with senior Bradley Antesberger who also placed second with a final score of 5-0. Finishing the 197 was freshman Jaren Jackson who had a final score of 4-1.

Finishing up the 285 as sophomore Eli Criblez who had a final score of 3-2, along with junior Angelo Franco having a final score of 2-2.

On Nov. 26 the Tigers will be traveling to Seward, NE to compete in the Northwestern and Briar Cliff GPAC Duals.

Overwatch Black makes it to Semifinals

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

Now that the eSports Regular season has come to an end, the Rocket League Black and Overwatch Orange and Black teams have made it to the quarterfinal competitions.

Starting off with Rocket League Black which took on Carroll Uni-

versity Orange on Nov. 14 lost their match with the final score being 2-3, which concluded their season.

Next was Overwatch Orange taking on Sacramento State's White team on Nov. 15 where they also lost their match with the final score being 1-3. However, for Overwatch Black, they were able to secure

a win against Buena Vista Gold on the same day. This win advances them into the Semifinals where they will take on North Dakota State Bison's Green team on Nov. 21.

If you or someone you know would like to watch their competition you can tune into the Doane eSports YouTube page.

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eSPORTS Season Recap

Overwatch Teams:

Rocket League Black Opponent: Carroll University Orange Date: NOV 14, 24 LOST 2-3	Overwatch Orange Opponent: Sacramento State White Date: NOV 15, 24 LOST 1-3	Overwatch Black Opponent: Buena Vista Gold Date: NOV 15, 24 WON!
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Semifinals Matchup
Overwatch Black vs **Opponent:** North Dakota State Bison (Green Team)
Date: NOV 21.

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Scoreboard Snapshot

MEN'S BASKETBALL

November 16 @ HOME
3:45 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN

TIGERS
[41-82]

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November 12 @ HOME
6:00 versus STERLING COLLEGE

TIGERS
[92-70]

FOOTBALL

November 16 @ YANKTON, SD
1:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[22-21]

November 16 @ HOME
2:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN

TIGERS
[77-61]

Next week for Tiger Athletics

CROSS COUNTRY

November 22 @ COLUMBIA, MO
@ NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November 23 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA
2:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

MEN'S BASKETBALL

November 19 @ MANHATTAN, KS
6:00 versus MANHATTAN CHRIST
November 23 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA
3:45 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY



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