

# the doane OWL

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Sophomore Chaney Nelson sprints in the 4x400m relay at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic meet. See page 9.

## Doane celebrates MLK Week

LIZ CALDERON  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 20th, the United States of America paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of the most influential leaders in the American civil rights movement. This federal holiday is observed on the third Monday in January each year, also known as MLK Day. King is best known for his advocacy for nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience to combat racial inequality, where he played a pivotal role in landmark events like the Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-1956), the March on Washington (1963), the passage of the Civil Rights Act (1964) and Voting Rights Act (1965).

Throughout the country, there are traditions and observances where many people participate

in community service, aligning with King's philosophy of service and activism. For example, parades, educational events, and public lectures are common to be held to celebrate his life and work. Here at Doane University, the "Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy" was an event held by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program that lasted from Jan. 20th to Jan. 24th. Starting with Coffee and Conversations at the Lincoln campus early in the morning on Jan. 20th.

On Jan. 21st, the MLK Kick-Off & Proclamation began at 10 a.m. where campus partners were invited to join for a reflection and remarks in a live and Zoom environment, encouraging all staff, faculty, and students to come along. A webinar named, "Breaking Barriers: Mental Health

& Suicide Awareness in BIPOC communities" featuring Licensed mental health therapist and founder of Radiant Counseling, Dalia Ruvalcaba and an MLK Vigil featuring Myeisha Essex, associate director at the YWCA in Lincoln; along with members of the Doane choir were honored events on Jan. 22nd.

For Jan. 23rd, 2 art sessions facilitated by professor Eric Stearns of "The Story Through My Eyes" consisted of guests planning out a design on a 6x6 bisque ceramic tile to share their stories for each tile. Finally, on Jan. 24th, the presentation "A Time to Break Silence", with Dr. Jamar Dorsey and Dr. Teresa Perkins on the Lincoln campus was given as a conclusion to this reflective and historical week at Doane institutions.



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## Donald Trump is sworn in as president

JOHN DAWES  
Editor-In-Chief

Jan. 20, 2025, Republican nominee President Donald Trump took office after defeating Democrat nominee former Vice President Kamala Harris, who was the Democratic nominee following President Joe Biden dropping out of the 2024 presidential election. Trump is the 47th president and is only the second former US president to win two non-consecutive

elections; only Grover Cleveland was able to return to office, doing so in 1892.

Trump's second presidency is remarkably different than his first in some key areas. Firstly, Trump won the popular vote outright in the 2024 election, something he failed to do in the 2016 presidential election. Secondly, the Supreme Court is now a six-to-three conservative majority, with three judges being hand-picked by Trump.

Thirdly, both the Republican party and the key industry leaders,

primarily in tech, have become far more accommodating if not outwardly supportive of Trump and his policies. Trump is poised to have a greater hand on the levers of power and more support across all branches of government and economic institutions compared to his first term.

This can best be seen in his first full day in office where Trump signed multiple executive actions. Trump pardoned or ordered the dismissal of charges for all 1,600 defendants involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack

on the U.S. capital; he rescinded 78 Biden-era executive actions, imposed a regulatory freeze in some federal agencies as well as a hiring freeze for federal agencies, while also requiring federal workers return to work in-person. He signed executive orders aimed at removing DEI innovates and "gender ideology" from government agencies. Trump also signed an executive order to establish the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), in which tech billionaire Elon Musk, the richest man in

the world, will be the department head.

Internationally, Trump notified the United Nations that the U.S. is withdrawing from the Paris Climate Treaty, as well as the World Health Organization, while also kick-starting his tariff plans on China, Canada and Mexico, among other countries.

Trump has also started his anti-immigration measures, signing an executive order that aims to end birthright citizenship, closing access to the immigration app CBP One and giving authorization

for immigration authorities to arrest immigrants in schools, churches and hospitals.

Some states have pushed back against this deportation effort. However, Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen ordered state agencies to take steps to carry out President Trump's immigration policy — including telling the Nebraska State Patrol and prison leaders to alert federal officials about suspected immigration law-breakers via executive order on Jan. 24.

## Biaggi's goodbye message to Doane



CALI BIAGGI  
Online Learning Librarian, Associate Professor of Practice

Dear students, This is an incredibly bittersweet announcement to make, but I am leaving Doane very soon for a new opportunity. My last day will be this Friday, January 31. As an alumni of Doane, it has been such a privilege to work with you all for the last six and a half years. From visiting classes to teach about research

and library resources, to meeting one on one to talk about projects, to teaching my own sections of LAR101, my favorite part of my job - and the one I will miss the most - has always been working with amazing Doane students. So many of you have positively impacted my life during this time, and I genuinely hope the opposite is true as well. I

wish you all the very best, and please know that Doane will always have an important place in my heart.

With gratitude,  
Cali  
The preceding message was shared by Online Learning Librarian and Associate Professor of Practice Cali Biaggi, who will be leaving Doane University

in order to pursue a new position. She requested the Doane Owl to share a message with the Doane community.

We at the Doane Owl wish Biaggi the best of luck in her future endeavors and hope she enjoys her future success at her new position.

# California fires affect students

AMANI MUISYO  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 7, 2025, the California wildfires began. Powerful winds and dry conditions elevated the fires, leading to 28 known deaths, the destruction of nearly 16,260 structures and the evacuation of tens of thousands of people, according to the California

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Though the fire is over 1,500 miles away, Doane University has been affected due to many students being from California. Devin Avedissian, a junior involved in wrestling, student government, Delta Kappa Pi fraternity and other activities, is from Temecula, California.

"Some of my aunts

and uncles and friends that went to college around the fire areas were on evacuation watches and without power for a few days," Avedissian said

Avedissian also highlighted the efforts of his uncle, who is "a firefighter and has been actively on the front lines helping coordinate and plan search and rescues and fire prevention."

Throughout the fires, Avedissian has received messages from others checking on his family's safety. These gestures made him realize how close Doane is as a community.

"Thank you to everyone at Doane for your concern, as there are definitely people out there that see your effort and support and quietly appreciate it more than you

can imagine," Avedissian said.

Another student impacted by the fires is Connie Jarm, a freshman on the Women's Golf team. From Monterey Park, California, located 20 minutes from Los Angeles, Jarm was in California when the fires broke out. She reported "having to stay indoors because the air quality was bad." Throughout the month,

the air in the area has been very poor according to AccuWeather. Though Jarm didn't have to evacuate, "a couple of friends had to evacuate." Jarm was very worried about their safety. Fortunately, the fires did not get close to where she lived, and her family remained safe.

# TikTok experiences ban scare

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Staff Writer

The issue surrounding TikTok's potential ban has been a topic of significant debate for several years, primarily related to national security concerns and data privacy issues. A reason for the potential ban has been the topic of national security

concern because TikTok is owned by ByteDance, a Chinese company. U.S. officials have raised concerns that the Chinese government could access American citizens' data, which could potentially compromise the country's privacy and security.

As the United States of America sees China as a strategic competitor, TikTok's Chinese owner-

ship places it at the center of this rivalry. In 2020, President Donald Trump signed executive orders seeking to ban TikTok unless ByteDance sold its U.S. operations to an American company, which faced legal challenges and was not implemented.

Recently, these legal actions were put to work once again. This case

reached the Supreme Court, which upheld the federal law banning TikTok in the U.S. if it isn't sold. Since TikTok provides a platform for marginalized groups, artists and creators to share their stories and reach a global audience, banning TikTok could set a precedent for government overreach in regulating social media platforms.

Additionally, TikTok fosters cultural exchange by exposing users to diverse perspectives, trends and ideas by supporting thousands of jobs in the U.S., including small businesses relying on this platform for affordable advertising and marketing.

In conclusion, the respect for consumer choice was greatly deprived as others were deciding the

fate of this platform as to how it would keep operating in different countries. TikTok does have issues with algorithm transparency, in that TikTok's recommendation algorithm is highly influential in determining what co

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The film is a heartfelt story that explores the struggles of young adulthood and the unshakable power of friendship, as two friends rally to save their grieving companion from losing himself.

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This is a non-union, low-budget student production. Food and beverages will be provided. Participation is volunteer-based, with funds supporting cast and crew.

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# Glow Casino gets a glowing review

LORRAINE CASTAÑEDA  
Life & Culture Editor

On Jan. 24 the Student Programming Board (SPB) presented a Glow Casino Night in Arts & Ed 236/238. Kicking off at 9 p.m. sharp, the event had over \$1,500 in prizes including TVs, speakers and airpods. The event consisted of over 10 casino and Minute-To-Win-It games. Throughout the night, students got to enjoy free snacks and refreshments with glowing decorations.

The Casino night is an annual event hosted by SPB. "This is always one of our biggest events and that shows every year,"

organizer Emma Jenkins, junior, said. "Personally, the moments of these events that always stand out to me are when the prizes are raffled off. It is always so fun to see everyone waiting to hear the names called and then a random burst of cheers from one area."

Several students walked out with prizes ranging from TVs to AirPods. SPB tries to bring students together in creative and fun ways with every event, and the casino definitely achieved that. The energy in the room was exciting and contagious. The night of the event, several on-campus groups like Community Advisors, The Guild and several athletes look-

ing for community service hours helped with each game station. Volunteers worked in shifts, taking turns to both run game stations and join in the fun.

"Part of my job is to create events that can make students feel like home," Spencer Munson, head of SPB, said. "There was a larger group of international students this year, which was great."

Munson described the Glow Casino Night as a resounding success for both students and SPB. As SPB gears up for next fall, students are encouraged to explore upcoming opportunities by visiting the Human Resources website for more details on open positions.

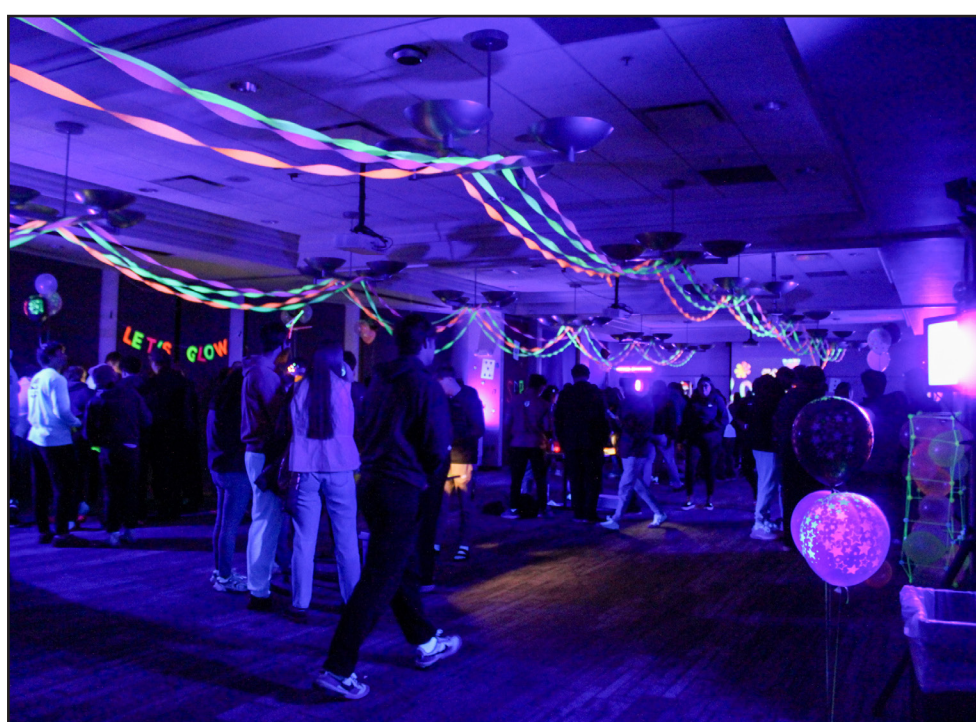


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Students enjoying the Glow Casino night, participating in games and trivia.

# Doane Theatre stays busy over break

JOHN DAWES  
Editor-in-Chief

Doane's Theatre program stayed busy even during break and at the beginning of the new semester. In December, Doane's Theatre program took a trip to Chicago, Illinois, and in January they took a trip to Des Moines, Iowa in hopes of improving

their craft, strengthening bonds and learning tools of the trade.

"If I did a breakdown I would say 30% of our education comes in the classroom, 50% comes from on the job learning, and 20% comes from seeing theatre and other people's work," junior Cody Lee Crist said. "While in Chicago we saw vastly different shows in different kinds

of spaces to work in. For example, I was able to look up at their lighting grids throughout the show to see how the designer executed the use of their plot. I learned a lot about in-the-round lighting from a world premiere production we saw in Chicago."

Lee Crist and the rest of the theatre department were able to travel through honor society

Alpha Psi Omega (APO). At both Chicago and Des Moines they participated in multiple workshops, saw other schools' performances and learned about future careers in theatre.

"One really cool thing about to conference in Des Moines is seeing how the sets are constructed as the universities that bring shows get around 12 hours to load

everything in most tours have around 24-36 hours to load in," Lee Crist said. "A group of us are working on attending the USITT (United States Institute for Technical Theatre) this March which is being held in Columbus, Ohio where there will be more workshops with industry professionals and experiences we can learn from." Lee Crist got back from the trips and

was filled with a sense of encouragement; he met multiple people in the industry, made connections for a post-graduate career and has new tactics to apply for future productions at Doane. The Doane Theatre program is poised to take the stage on February 27, with their production of "She Kills Monsters."

# Doane Choir preps South Africa trip

BRIANNA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

In 2018 Doane's choir toured South Africa and now the opportunity has arisen again. This trip will take place from May 20 to June 1, 2025, and is open to all singers at Doane. Dr. Kurt Runestad, Professor of Music, hopes that the trip will be an opportunity for "life-long memories, and a greater awareness of our world."

The trip will include five or six performance opportunities for students. These will be a combination of full concerts, collaborative musical experiences with South African students

and choirs, and a shared concert with the Soweto Gospel Choir. This acclaimed choir has been active since 2002, performing in concerts worldwide. However, most students will likely recognize them from their feature on the soundtrack of Disney's WALL-E.

To prepare for these performances, Doane students rehearse for 90 minutes each Wednesday at 4 p.m. leading up to the trip. During these rehearsals, students will learn and memorize 75 minutes of music representative of South Africa's many styles and languages. "We grow together musically and as a community when we travel and sing together, and experience firsthand the power that singing

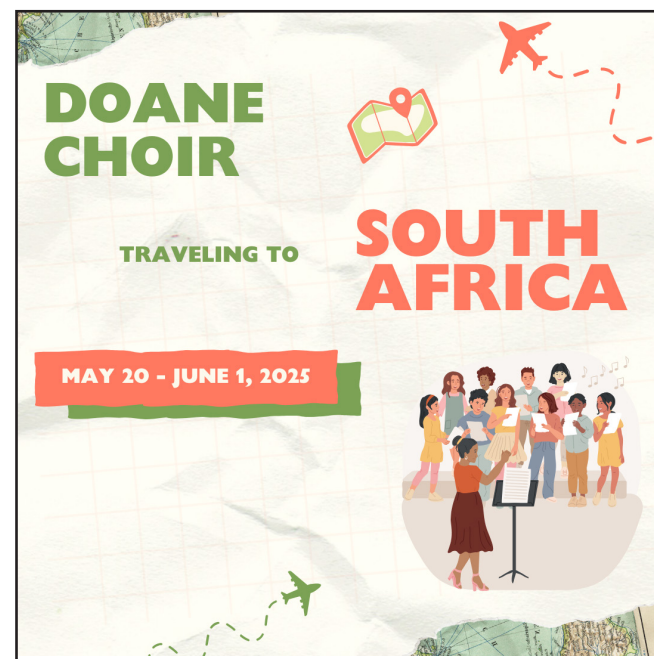
has on our audiences and each other," Dr. Runestad said.

However, this trip will include more than just singing opportunities. Sightseeing activities such as historic learning and wildlife safaris are built into the itinerary. These aspects were a highlight of the 2018 trip. "The safari experiences were amazing, as was learning about South Africa's ethnic history—apartheid, Nelson Mandela, etc.," Dr. Runestad said. He also recalled the people encountered on the trip as being warm, kind and enthusiastic audience members.

Students help fund the trip by paying a fee to attend. However, opportunities such as Doane's travel scholarship exist

to help as many students as possible participate. Community members interested in contributing to the trip's costs can contact Dr. Runestad directly at kurt.runestad@doane.edu. Those unable to attend can witness the journey secondhand as it's posted on Doane Music Department and Doane Choir social media.

Opportunities like these offer invaluable experiences for Doane students. This trip is just one of many chances for students to experience new settings and cultures. "I hear from alumni all the time that the travel experiences that we shared are among their most treasured and vivid memories from their time at Doane," Dr. Runestad said.



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# The New Xanadu open for submissions

BRIANNA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Published in 1956, The New Xanadu showcases the creativity of Doane. The magazine features written work and visual art submitted by students and faculty. "I made a conscious decision to bring Xanadu out of the dark corner of obscurity and make it a platform for voices across campus," Professor of English Phil Weitl said. "The most important thing we'll ever do is enable someone to find the

power of their own voice, wherever and whenever that might happen." The New Xanadu (TNX), is now accepting submissions for the 2025 issue. Students and Faculty can submit their original unpublished stories, essays, poetry, photography, paintings, and more until Feb. 17.

Page requirements or printing restrictions no longer hold back TNX. The magazine made a switch to a purely digital format in 2020. Weitl made the switch to showcase a wider range of work across campus. "Now we can evolve with creativity itself, in the context of technology, multimedia, and generative AI," Professor

Weitl said. Publishing the magazine digitally also allows for easy access and sharing. Editions published before the digital switch can be found in the library. TNX is also working with the library on digitizing those editions for even easier access.

Those who submit work are eligible for the annual Xanadu prizes, each totaling \$1,000. All works are reviewed and arranged by an editorial team of students based on their experience and training in the arts. These same students delegate the annual prizes. "What I have learned from being a part of the judging process is that everyone has different ideas of what is

good and deserving of a scholarship," Senior Jess Himmelberg said. "So it's always hard to tell when I read through them who is going to be in the running or not." Weitl chooses to stay out of the process as the magazine was designed to give English students experience in the nuances of creative life. He encourages all interested people to submit their stories.

"The work of conceiving an idea, crafting it into form, and sharing it with others is an enriching process," Weitl said. "Not only does it allow you to express yourself, but it also enables you to connect with others who may need to hear what you have to say, and in

that way, you realize that creativity is an act of service to others."

Himmelberg also encourages people to submit their work as it allows them to gain confidence in their writing.

For Himmelberg, The New Xanadu has become a sanctuary and source of guidance. In her letter from the editor at the start of the 2024 edition she wrote, "I would like to take a moment and thank all of the English Department at Doane for caring so much about their students, without you guys I wouldn't have stayed at Doane." Writing, editing, and participating in TNX allows students a chance to express themselves and learn about creative

writing from a variety of standpoints. There are other ways to get involved, too.

The English Department and TNX will also host the annual Lucille Cobb Memorial Lecture this February. The speaker for this year is poet Sony Ton-Aime, who spoke at Doane last year. In that year Sony has amassed more experiences to share with a captive audience.

The lecture will take place on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the East/West Dining Room of Perry and is free and open to the public. Additionally, other events are in the works such as a return of the Xanadu Fireside series once the weather warms up.

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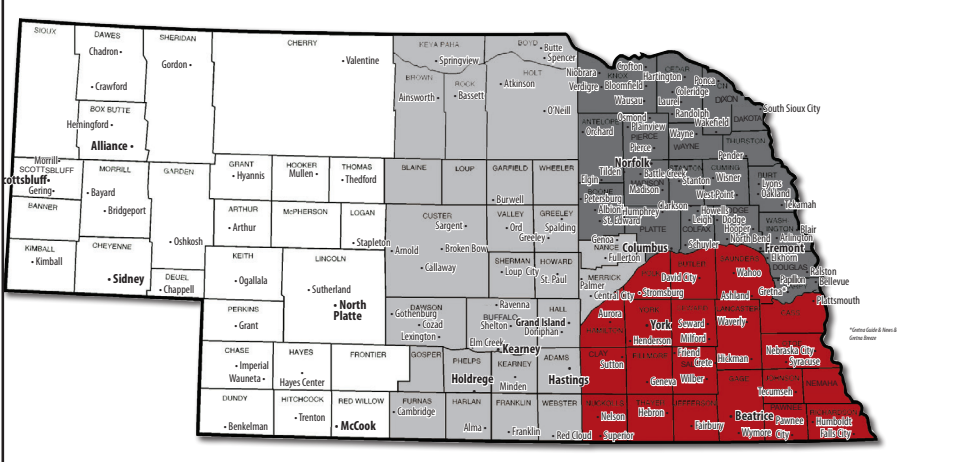
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# One final act of good will



JOHN DAWES  
Editor-in-Chief

It's another semester, another year of the Doane Owl. First, thank you to everyone who supports our work as student journalists; it means the world to us at the Owl.

More importantly, though, this is my final semester at the Owl, my last semester at Doane period! As long as I don't completely fail my classes (which won't happen, hopefully...), I will

be graduating in May and will be going on to bigger and better things, or well at least bigger things. As my time at Doane ends, I have adopted the mentality that I'm responsible for leaving everything I'm involved in better than I found it before I leave.

Whether it is the Owl and my responsibilities as editor-in-chief, my role as a teammate and competitor for the track & field team, or even my personal relationships with people, there's a finite amount of time I can spend with these people at Doane that I am now very aware of. There's a hope that one day, I will pop my head around the corner and see both the organizations I was a part of and the larger Doane community in a better place than it was when I arrived here in 2021.

With the amount of time

I have left, I don't think big sweeping changes to how I act or what I do are the things I need to do to make sure things are left in a better condition than I found them. Instead, I think at this point, it is about planting seeds I won't see bloom through small and personal decisions.

It's conversations with underclassmen that steer them in a positive direction or encourage people around me to build productive habits. It involves me being blunt about my mistakes and shortcomings so those around me can avoid some of the pitfalls I fell into personally, athletically and academically at Doane. I'm fortunate that with how little time I have left, there's no real reason to hold back my earnest and honest

feelings.

I want to see the things that made Doane important to me continue on, uninterrupted for years to come. Maybe this is the ultimate mark of getting old (yes, I know I'm only 22). Still, if anything, this feeling of obligation is proof of my selflessness and appreciation for those at Doane who have made my path through college enjoyable and full of kindness.

I hope this last semester is my best one yet and that everyone who has more time to spend at Doane makes the most of it and that they find something they can be passionate about and appreciate far after graduation.

# Las Vegas's lasting impression

LUIS REJANO CANDAU  
News Editor

Las Vegas in the state of Nevada is one of the most awesome and peculiar cities in the world. Since I was a child I have dreamed of visiting Las Vegas, because this city appears in many different movies, and TV shows and the simple fact of hearing the name Las Vegas makes an impact.

Finally, I had the opportunity to visit Las Vegas with my girlfriend this last Thanksgiving break, and in general, I had an amazing

time. Sincerely, it was what I expected but you can't help but be totally impressed by the city's hotels, casinos, lights, people, and atmosphere. Each hotel you visit is more impressive than the last and the incredible thing is that each hotel has a different theme. For example, medieval, Egyptian, Brazilian, pirate, Roman, Greek, New York, and without a doubt the most beautiful one in Paris. With a copy of the Eiffel Tower and a hot air balloon. Las Vegas has many more hotels since it is a city totally focused on tourism.

Secondly, the issue of gambling and betting. It is

impossible to visit Las Vegas and not gamble in its amazing casinos, always with head and a certain control. Before I visited Las Vegas I had never gambled or played in my life and I was eager to try it. I especially played roulette which is one of the easiest to understand. Playing in the different casinos gives you a feeling of adrenaline that is truly addictive. Therefore, it should be emphasized that you should always look for a certain control and that your vacation is not ruined by bad decisions.

Another thing to highlight about the city is the security, especially on the Strip. We never had any problems and also, if you stay on the Strip, the good communications and proximity to everything. The only thing farther away is the famous Las Vegas sign and Fremont Street. But the city has a great bus service that allows you to easily get to both places.

In conclusion, I had an amazing experience during my time in Las Vegas and I highly recommend to everyone at least visit it once in a lifetime.

# The murky future of streaming

AMANI MUISYO  
Staff Writer

Netflix, Disney+, HBO Max, and Paramount are apps I don't pay for. I only pay for Prime and Spotify on my own. But streaming services feel icky. You risk missing out on the shows everyone is talking about, like the new Squid Game or Arcane.

That brings up the idea of using alternative ways to watch movies and shows. Us-

ing a vpn and safely torrenting movies. Torrenting is the method of downloading files over the internet. Though the act itself is not illegal. It can be when one downloads movies and shows. Which goes against the digital millennium copyright act.

Though it's breaking a law, I think that streaming services are a scam and torrenting is a better option. With streaming services There's a constant cycle of removing and adding mov-

ies and shows. For example, The Vampire Diaries used to be on Netflix, but now you need HBO Max to watch it. Why pay for a whole subscription just to watch one show?

That's why I think learning to torrent safely is useful. Is it ethical? I think it depends on how you view art. Should someone have to pay to see the Mona Lisa? No, it's art. Same thing with music. I shouldn't have

to pay to hear a song on YouTube. In my opinion, it's the same with shows and movies. People can still pay to go to theaters, and studios earn money through ads and merchandise.

But for services like Netflix, Hulu, or HBO, it's just not worth paying \$13+ per month for a handful of shows. Torrenting is the future.

## - Corrections -

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# Men's Track adds national marks

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Jan. 24, the Tigers traveled to Lincoln to compete in the Prairie Wolf Invite, along with another meet on the 25th.

Starting off the Prairie Wolf Invite in the 60m dash was senior Jadae Moore, who placed first with a time of 7.00. Along with Moore was junior Connor Bradley, who placed second with a time of 7.02; placing fourth was sophomore Devon Jackson with a time of 7.07. Finishing up in seventh for the Tigers was sophomore Daniel Concepcion, who finished with a time of 7.18.

Competing in the 200m was Bradley, who placed first with a time of 22.27, with Moore placing second with a time of 22.36. Placing fourth was Concepcion, who had a time of 22.81, and following him was Jackson, who finished with a time of 23.04, placing him fifth.

In the 60m Hurdles, the Tigers had freshman Andrew Brown, who had a time of 8.04, placing him first. Running in the Men's 4x400 was junior Joaquin Gutierrez,

junior Caleb Mulder, Brown and senior Zach Turner, who ended in a time with 3:16.50, which placed them first.

Switching over to the field events, placing first in the Men's High Jump with a mark of 2.01m was senior Dylan Starr. Following Starr was sophomore Peyton Herrick, who ended second with a mark of 1.96m. Finishing the High Jump was freshman Jackson Kessler, who had a mark of 1.96m, which placed him fourth.

In the Pole Vault, placing first with a mark of 4.50m was junior Branson McDonald. Placing fifth and sixth was senior Drew Garrison and sophomore Ashton Pulliam, who both had a mark of 4.20m. Having a mark of 6.24m in the Men's Long Jump was sophomore Micheal Willey, which placed him seventh, with senior Zach Fye to follow with a mark of 6.14m.

Competing in the Triple Jump was freshman Brian Cech, placing third with a 13.98m, and finishing in fourth was freshman Kyler Nichols, who had a mark of 13.88m. Finishing in the triple jump was freshman Callan McKinney, who had a mark of

12.60m, which placed him fifth.

Going into shot put was junior Andrew Schmitz, who placed sixth with a mark of 15.23m, with sophomore Colton Dillon placing eighth with a mark of 14.82m. Finishing in 10th with a mark of 14.81 was junior Cale Bessler, with sophomore Tad Dimmitt placing 14th with a mark of 14.48m.

In the Weight Throw was senior Trey Dickey, who placed second with a mark of 18.81m, with sophomore Jaden Volleweider placing fourth with a mark of 17.42m. In fifth place with a mark of 17.38m was Schmitz, and in 13th was Dimmitt with a mark of 14.50m.

The Tigers also competed in the Concordia Classic in Seward, Nebraska. Starting off in the 60m, Connor Bradley finished in fifth with a time of 7.00, with Jadae Moor placing sixth with a time of 7.05.

In the 200m was sophomore Jonathan Zoubek, who had a time of 24.09, finished 19th with sophomore Miguel Alarcon placing 26th with a time of 24.46. Finishing the 200m was senior Jackson Eurek, who placed 35th with a

time of 24.87.

Running in the 400m was Zach Turner, who placed first, with a time of 48.50, along with Joaquin Gutierrez who had a time of 49.38, which placed him second. Placing fourth with a time of 50.79 was Caleb Mulder, and finishing 11th was Zoubek, who had a time of 52.80. Finishing the 400m was junior Dakota Miser, who had a time of 52.93, which placed him 14th.

Placing third in the 600m was sophomore Eli Marez who had a time of 1:24.12, and placing 11th was freshman Parker Gaston who had a time of 1:26.52. Finishing up the 600m was junior Jordan Kwiatkowski with a time of 1:28.79 placing him 15th, senior John Dawes who ran a 1:31.35, which placed him 21st and freshman Joseph Seifferlein who had a time of 1:34.70, placing him 25th.

In the 800m was Micheal Grigsby, who had a time of 1:58.05, which placed him first. Following Grigsby was junior Will Dawes, finishing in third with a time of 2:01.51. Placing fifth was sophomore Nate O'Brien, who had a time of 2:01.89 and placing

ninth was sophomore Logan Brooks, who had a time of 2:05.11. Having a time of 2:06.44 and finishing in 11th was senior Will Wenz, and finishing up the 800m was sophomore Jake Parsley, who had a time of 2:11.95, which placed him 16th.

Running in the 1000m was freshman Alex Fowler, who had a time of 2:39.42, which placed him ninth. In the 3000m was freshman Jayden Wall, with a time of 9:08.25, which placed him 13th. Junior Emmanuel Yego, who had a time of 9:20.26, placed 20th.

In the 5000m was freshman Porter Bickley, who had a time of 15:28.61, which placed him first. In fourth was senior Nelson Ruto, who had a time of 16:22.27, with freshman Cody Smith behind him, who had a time of 16:27.18, which placed him fifth. Having a time of 17:03.28, was senior Jakob Tadlock, who placed ninth.

In the 4x400 the Tigers had two teams. Squad A, which consisted of Moore, Marez, Bradley and O'Brien, placed fourth with a time of 3:24.34. Placing sixth was Squad B, which con-

sisted of Wenz, Fowler, Miser and Gaston, who had a time of 3:30.37.

Competing in the Men's Long Jump was sophomore Andrew Harms, who had a mark of 6.96m, placing him second. Also competing was sophomore Addison Croghan, who placed sixth with a mark of 6.59m.

Placing 15th in shot put was freshman DaMarcus Cannon, who had a mark of 12.92m, along with sophomore Sam Hartman who had a mark of 12.69m, which placed him 19th. In 26th place with a mark of 12.03m was freshman Kellen Anderson.

Going into the Weight Throw was junior Josh Fee, who placed 12th with a mark of 14.48m, along with junior Carson Lavaley, who had a mark of 14.21m and placed 15th. Placing 17th was Hartman, who had a mark of 13.94m, and placing 25th was freshman Mason Crumbliss with a mark of 13.19m. Finishing up the weight throw was freshman Andrew Englund, who had a mark of 11.58m, which placed him 38th.

On Feb 1, the Tigers will be competing in the Fred Beile Classic, at Fuhrer Field House.

# Women's track improves marks

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Jan. 24, the Tigers traveled to Lincoln to compete in the Prairie Wolf Indoor Invitational.

Starting off with the 60m dash, the Tigers had freshman RaeAnn Thompson, who had a time of 7.92, which placed her sixth. Thompson also ran in the 200m, where she placed first with a time of 25.98. Also running in the 200m was junior Morgan Mahoney, who placed fifth with a time of 26.22.

In the 60m hurdles was junior Josie Garrett, who placed second with a time of 8.71, along with sophomore Chaney Nelson, who had a time of 9.69, which placed her sixth.

In the 4x400 the Tigers had junior Kat Vogt, Nelson, sophomore Kiley Hejtmanek, and junior Danie Parriott, where they had a time of 3:59.61, which placed them first.

In the high jump was freshman Katelynn

Kratz, who had a mark of 1.54m, which placed her fourth along with junior Elenna Koenig, who placed 11th with a mark of 1.44m. In the pole vault, having a mark of 3.60m was junior Kennedy Stanley, where she placed first. In 9th was freshman Mariah Tessman, who had a mark of 3.05m. Finishing in 10th was junior Jerzi Maher with a mark of 3.05m, and having a mark of 2.75m was junior Natalee Keodouangdy, which placed her 13th.

Jumping into the long jump was freshman Kyra Bowen, who had a mark of 4.54m, which placed her 10th, along with junior Abby Rehtus, who had a mark of 4.13m, which placed her 14th. Receiving first place in the triple jump was Garrett, who had a mark of 11.66m, along with Rosalyn Roggasch, who placed second with a mark of 11.58m. Placing fourth was junior Kyla Davis with a mark of 10.44m.

Going into shot put was senior Alivia Baucum, who placed second with a mark of 13.93m, and placing third was senior Madison Sutton, who had a mark of 13.70m. Tying for sixth were freshmen Madison Heusinkvelt and Payton Cast, who both had a mark of 12.61m.

In the weight throw was Sutton, who placed first with a mark of 17.33m, and placing third was junior Mia Knigge, who had a mark of 16.63m. Placing 15th was senior Alyvia Thomas, who had a mark of 13.55m, and 17th was sophomore Natylie Myers, who had a mark of 13.19m.

On Jan. 25, the Tigers were back in action as they traveled to Seward to compete in the Concordia Classic.

In the 60m, sophomore Neryah Hekl placed second with a time of 7.72, and in third place was Thompson, who had a time of 7.84. Finishing in eighth was Mahoney,

who had a time of 8.04.

Running in the 400m was Vogt who placed first with a time of 58.42, along with Hejtmanek, who had a time of 1:01.49, which placed her third. Also running in the 400m was sophomore Caydence Kuss, who had a time of 1:08.63, which placed her 23rd, and junior Morgan Smith, who had a time of 1:10.06, which placed her 26th.

In the 600m was Nelson, who placed fourth with a time of 1:40.45, along with sophomores Madison and Emily Lytle. Madison received seventh with a time of 1:49.96 and Emily had a time of 1:53.28, which placed her eighth.

Placing seventh in the 800m with a time of 2:34.23 was freshman Marissa Miles, and in ninth was freshman Allison Ernst, who had a time of 2:36.37. In the 1000m was Danie Parriott, who had a time of 3:10.54, which placed her in fifth, along with soph-

omore Gabby Maryott, who placed seventh with a time of 3:37.08. Competing in the mile was junior Maddy Ramey, who placed 20th with a time of 5:43.04.

In the 3000m was freshman Kenzy Lippold, who placed ninth with the time of 11:16.23, and in 10th was sophomore Delaney Catron, who had a time of 11:17.91. Finishing in 13th with a time of 11:31.38 was sophomore Laura Hasemann, and in 20th with a time of 12:24.59 was freshman Katelyn Iwata.

Placing third in the 5000m with a time of 19:58.49 was freshman Alison Bradford, and placing sixth was freshman Kenzie Spencer, who had a time of 22:23.41.

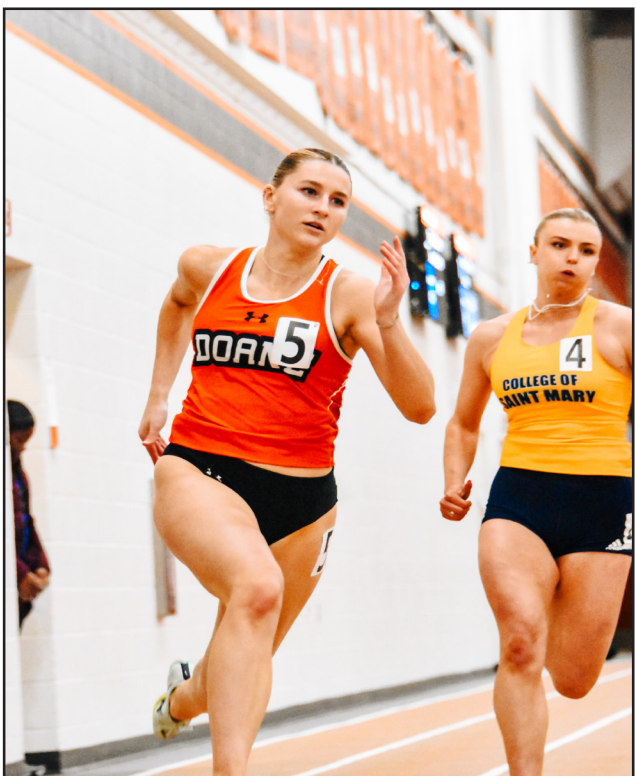
In the high jump was Katelynn Kratz, who placed seventh with a mark of 1.55m. In the long jump was Kyra Bowen, who had a mark of 5.04m, placing her ninth. In the triple jump was Abby Rehtus, who had a

mark of 10.02m, which placed her 12th.

In shot put was freshman Grace Dean, who had a mark of 12.97m, placing her first, along with Ashton Thoms, who placed 20th with a mark of 10.02m.

In the weight throw was Alyvia Thomas, who had a mark of 14.29m, which placed her seventh, along with freshman Payton Cast, who placed 13th with a mark of 13.28m. Placing 14th was freshman Trinity Becher, who had a mark of 13.24m, and in 15th was Kallie Sutton, who had a mark of 13.02m. Having a mark of 12.60m was freshman Ashley Dierks, who placed 21st, and in 26th was Ashton Thoms, who had a mark of 12.09m. Finishing up for the Tigers was Grace Dean, who had a mark of 11.92m, which placed her 27th.

On Feb. 1, the Tigers will be competing in the Fred Beile Classic at Fuhrer Field House.



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(Left) Junior Morgan Mahoney tries to beat her opponent to the finish line. (Middle Top) Sophomore RaeAnn Thompson starts 60m. (Middle Bottom) Senior Dylan Starr clears high jump. (Right) Sophomore Payton Herrick gets congratulated by Coach Fye.

# Wrestlers talk about their season

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

Over the past couple of weeks, the Tigers have faced a variety of different competitors. But for senior Ashlee Palimo'o and sophomore Kim Navarrete, their goal this season is not only to improve but also

to try some new techniques.

"I have been trying out some new techniques to see what works best for me," Palimo'o said. "But I think my biggest improvement this year is my understanding of wrestling. I still have a long way to

go, but it has helped me grow a lot more as a wrestler since I have started."

Now for Navarrete, she has been seeking constant improvement every time she gets to compete, all while getting out of her comfort zone and seeing what she is

capable of.

"This season, I would say I definitely improved in the aspects of technique," Navarrete said. "But something bigger I would say was learning to be mentally stronger."

However, Palimo'o and Navarrete

te keep themselves very busy during meets. For Palimo'o, she is careful with what she consumes whether it is mentally, emotionally or physically. But for Navarrete, she puts her headphones on until her next match.

For the Tigers'

next match, they are set to take on William Penn University at home, with start times of 5 and 6 p.m. It will also be Senior Night for both the Men's and Women's teams.

# Men's Wrestling competes in Missouri

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Jan. 24-25, the Tigers traveled to Marshall, Missouri, to compete in the Missouri Valley Invite, where they were able to walk away in third place.

In the 125 weight class was senior Hunter Bennett and freshman Brian Peck, where Bennett placed second with a score of 5-1, while Peck ended with a score of 3-2. Competing in the 133 were junior Matthew Terrence and

freshman Anthony Harris. Terrence ended in third place with a final score of 8-1, while Harris ended with a score of 4-2.

In the 141 was junior Tristen Brown, who had a score of 4-2; also competing in the 165 was senior Kody Hahn, who ended with a score of 1-2. Having a score of 1-2 in the 184 was senior Kolton Kammeyer, and in the 197 was senior Kasten Grape, who tied for first with a score of

6-0.

Tying with Grape was senior Bradley Antesberger, who also had a final score of 6-0. Finishing up for the Tigers in the 285 was junior Angelo Franco and sophomore Eli Criblez, with Franco having a final score of 1-2, and Criblez ending in seventh with a score of 5-2.

On Jan. 31 the Tigers will be competing against William Penn University at Haddix. The meet is set to start at 6 p.m.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl  
Sophomore Eli Criblez tries to pin opponent. Please note this photo was taken at the Doane vs. Midland dual.

# Cheer and Dance teams prepare for Doane Invitational

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

On Jan. 30, the Cheer and Dance teams will be competing in their first competition, which is the Doane Invite. Coach Ashley Lyon's primary goal for both teams is to have both teams feel confident and prepared.

"For cheer we are looking to focus on elite, or more difficult, skills in our students and pyramid," Lyon said. "For dance we definitely want to bring the GPAC (Great Plains Athletic Conference) championship trophy back home."

Senior Macie Sefrit,

member of both the Cheer and Dance teams, believes that the challenges in Cheer are more towards their pyramid while for dance it is trying to find little breathers.

"For cheer, the pyramid I think is the most challenging stunt we've had to learn," Sefrit said. "But it's a really dynamic stunt sequence at the very beginning of the routine to be a wow factor. But for dance, finding those little pockets in it to get a little breather and talk to each other while we go is a challenge in itself."

During the week, both teams have one strength training session, one

technique session and three two-hour practices per week. In addition, they sometimes perform or cheer at home basketball games or travel to different competitions, all while maintaining classes and homework.

"Sometimes you have a bad turn day, sometimes you have a bad tumbling or stunting day," Sefrit said. "However, these days don't last forever. Similar to life, you grow the most when you fail but decide to persevere."

One thing that both Coach Lyon and Sefrit are the most excited for is for everyone to go and see what both teams have

been working on, and for Sefrit she is the most excited about competing at home one last time.

"There's nothing more rewarding than seeing an athlete finally nail a skill they've been working so hard on," Lyon said. "There are always things to work on, we have high aspirations this year, but we are in a really good position for the first competition of the season."

If you or someone you know would like to go and support the Cheer and Dance teams, the competition will be held in Haddix on Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.



Courtesy Photo  
The cheer team practices stunts for their routine.

# Men's Basketball thwarted on the road

LUIS REJANO CANDAU  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 26, the Men's Basketball team played an away conference game against Dakota Wesleyan. In

a tight match, the Tigers ended up losing by a very close score, 58-54. Doane's conference record is 4-9, while the general overall for the season is

9-12. The team will try to improve its results as the end of the season approaches and hopes to finish strong, especially in the conference.

A key player in the loss was freshman Glavine McDonald, who scored 15 points—a strong performance for McDonald despite the defeat.

Apart from that, the game featured a good performance by senior Brady Timm, who got six rebounds and three assists during the game.

The next game the Doane Tigers will play is against Mount Marty, in Yankton, South Dakota, on Jan. 29. The game will start at 7:45 p.m.

# Women's Basketball loses in Mitchell

LUIS REJANO CANDAU  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 26, the Women's Basketball team played a conference game against Dakota Wesleyan Uni-

versity. The Tigers couldn't achieve a new victory and lost with a fairly tight result, 66-55.

The general overall record for the team is

13-7 and the overall record for the conference is 8-6. Despite the defeat, the results are still positive.

In spite of the tough defeat, several play-

ers stood out with impressive performances. The leading scorer, senior Maddie Portwine, had 20 points in the game. Seniors Macy Holtz and Mak Hat-

cliff grabbed five rebounds. Junior Libby Trausch and again Holtz got two assists.

On Jan. 29, the Doane Women's Basketball team will play an

away conference game against Mount Marty. The team will try to put this defeat behind them and get back to winning.

## Scoreboard Snapshot

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 18 @ HOME  
4:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF

CHARGERS  
[ 62-64 ]

January 26 @ MITCHELL, SD  
2:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 54-58 ]

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 18 @ HOME  
2:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF

CHARGERS  
[ 63-76 ]

January 26 @ MITCHELL, SD  
12:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 55-66 ]

### MEN'S TENNIS

January 18 @ OMAHA, NE  
1:00 versus CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

BLUEJAYS  
[ 0-7 ]

### MEN'S WRESTLING

January 25 @ MARSHALL, MO  
@ MISSOURI VALLEY INVITE

TIGERS  
[ 3rd ]

## Next week for Tiger Athletics

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

January 29 @ YANKTON, SD  
6:00 versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY  
February 1 @ HOME  
2:00 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

### DANCE/CHEER

January 30 @ HOME  
Versus DOANE INVITE  
September 27-28 @ LINCOLN, NE  
@ GPAC INDIVIDUAL

### SOFTBALL

January 31 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA  
6:00 versus DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
January 31 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA  
2:00 versus UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS  
February 1 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA  
12:00 versus YORK UNIVERISTY  
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12:00 versus CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 29 @ YANKTON, SD  
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### MEN'S WRESTLING

January 31 @ HOME  
5:00 versus WILLIAM PENN COLLEGE

### BASEBALL

January 31 @ SALINE, KS  
11:00 versus MCPHERSON COLLEGE  
January 31 @ SALINE, KS  
1:00 versus KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
February 1 @ SALINE, KS  
11:00 versus WILLIAM PENN COLLEGE  
February 1 @ SALINE, KS  
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### TRACK AND FIELD

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