

# the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Junior Rosalyn Roggasch performs routine with the dance team (photo from Jan. 30, Doane Invite). See Page 6.

## Choir goes on tour across states

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Staff Writer

From Feb. 5 to 9, Doane's choir ensemble toured across Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, concluding their journey with a remarkable final performance at Heckman Auditorium on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

The tour began in Sidney, Nebraska, which was a particularly meaningful stop for some students, including Elly Weimer, a senior Music Education major from Sidney. Weimer, who is a member of Chi Delta Sorority, Doane Choir and Doane NAFME, reflected on the experience.

"It's an incredible

full-circle moment for me," Weimer shared. "I get to perform for my old high school as well as my current students at the school Potter-Dix. Experiencing this tour alongside two different alumni groups and my students in one place is truly special."

Preparing for the tour required immense dedication and effort. The choir rehearses four days a week, each session lasting approximately four and a half hours. Additionally, students return early from winter break for an intensive vocal music camp, where they spend three days in rehearsals, working six to eight hours daily to refine their repertoire.

"I've been incredibly

fortunate to have amazing support along the way, especially from my parents," Weimer added. "I also owe so much to my professors at Doane, who have shaped me as both a teacher and a musician. A special thank you to Dr. Runestad, Dr. Feyes, Dr. Whipple, Kathy Ohlman, Lisa Ulmer and Hannah Jo Smith, some of the most incredible mentors I've had."

Another student, freshman, Ashton Thoms, shared her perspective on the tour. For her, the most powerful part of the experience was witnessing the emotional impact their performances had on audiences.

"Just seeing the effect our singing had on

complete strangers was amazing," Thoms said. "I saw people crying, and that made me emotional while performing."

She also highlighted a particularly memorable moment from the trip.

"The first night in Denver was also one of the best experiences. Everyone felt so united, and even our director said it was one of the most special nights."

The choir returned to campus on Feb. 10 at midnight, with some students finally getting to bed after 2 a.m., only to attend classes the next morning. Their dedication shows not only their commitment to music but also their determination to excel academically at Doane.



Courtesy Photo - Ashton Thomas  
Doane Choir performs in front of an audience.

## Town hall discusses upcoming changes

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Editor-In-Chief

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, Doane staff held a town hall meeting to discuss the new realignment of Doane's colleges, streamlining of administration, the future University Innovation and Development Center (name pending) and current government mandates.

Doane University President Roger Hughes spearheaded the town hall, which aimed to inform staff about the university's large-scale restructuring, which was announced via email on Friday, Jan. 31, and aimed to both give staff an opportunity to voice their concerns and questions as well as inform

them about the changes Doane is poised to undergo.

The largest news from the town hall was the college realignment: Doane is poised to go from three colleges to two. One of the three colleges, the College of Education, the College of Business and the College of Art & Science, is poised to be restructured with one of the pre-existing colleges; however, which college will be restructured into one of the preexisting colleges has not been finalized yet and will take multiple months to be announced and subsequently realigned. The reasons for the restructuring are unfilled positions, student enrollment and a streamlining of positions.

This restructuring will be spearheaded by

a staff and facility task force tasked with outlining how the restructuring will look, how the new departments will look after the colleges are restructured and how the student experience will be affected. President Hughes emphasized that despite the college restructuring, no major or minor programs will be cut from Doane.

This restructuring will be proposed to the new Vice President of Academic Affairs. Once in place, the new VPAA will work with faculty and staff to put the plan into effect.

Also at the town hall, President Hughes shared with staff the proposed plans for the University Innovation and Development Center (UIDC). The UIDC aims to

change the library into an adaptive technology center with adaptable labs, workshops about emerging technologies and tools to spearhead Doane's adoption of AI. The library staff will lead the UIDC, which aims to give students access to emerging technologies so they can be prepared for the technology they will use post-graduation.

The UIDC is still in the very early planning stages, as even the name is not finalized. However, President Hughes emphasized that due to changing technologies in the workforce, he felt it was wise to create a space for students to have access to the technology of the future. Students and staff can expect more updates on the UIDC in the coming months.

The town hall then opened up the floor to the facility and staff to ask questions, which ranged from questions about the college restructuring the future of certain programs to the creation of the staff task forces.

One repeating question was about the future of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives at Doane as well as some clarification about federal immigration policies. President Hughes reaffirmed to the staff that Doane remains committed to DEI initiatives but that they could be repackaged or renamed to meet federal guidelines. Regarding new immigration guidelines, President Hughes said that Doane will follow federal laws; however, they will have protections in place for

international students and will work within the university to make sure students meet current immigration guidelines.

The crackdowns on DEI initiatives and immigration have been key issues of United States President Donald Trump's administration. Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed an executive order for all state agencies to support the executive orders President Trump wrote in his first weeks of being in the White House. President Hughes and Doane Leadership have informed staff that they are currently closely watching what is happening at the federal and state levels as well as communicating with those in and around the government.

## Student leadership opportunities out

JOHN DAWES  
Editor-In-Chief

With a new semester, new leadership and working opportunities for students to work on campus and help contribute to Doane University have opened up. Applications for Student Leadership positions opened on Jan. 26 and will remain open until March 7, with selections for the positions being announced on April 11.

Student Leadership positions can range from summer programs such as Adventure Zone and new student orientation leaders to in-session positions such as shuttle drivers and LAR peer leaders. All available leadership positions are ranked on a scale of involvement, with some positions being more involved than others.

Entry involvement positions include orientation leaders, SPB team members, student affairs office workers and service center customer

service representatives. These positions are recommended for students who are interested in leadership positions and are underclassmen or have some larger time commitments that might prevent them from doing larger roles.

Intermediate involvement positions include Adventure Zone mentor, Doane Ambassador, DEI Intern, Relay for Life Committee Chair, Doane Service Student Leader, Career Consultant, Peer Tutor and the Student Wellness Action Team.

These positions ask students to do slightly more work than a beginner position and will sometimes require training, group work and project work.

High-involvement positions include Tiger Peer Mentor, LAR Peer Mentor, Directions Mentor, CAPE Peer Educator, Doane Leadership Educator, SPB Team Leader, Writing Consultant, Tigers on Tour and shuttle driver. These positions ask students to go through some level of preparation and training and are generally more intensive in

terms of what they ask of students. It is recommended that students in these positions have good time management skills and are not involved in multiple activities.

The highest involvement activities include the Directions Head Mentor and the Relay for Life Chair. These positions ask the most out of students and are recommended for students who have either extensive leadership experience and a great ethic. These positions are extremely intensive and re-

quire the management of multiple projects simultaneously.

Students can find extensive details about each position and the responsibilities and requirements needed for the position can be found by scanning the QR code for the Student Leadership flier. Again, all positions are currently fielding applications and will remain open until March 7, with selections for the positions being announced on April 11.

# A renowned poet comes to Doane

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Staring at empty documents, pushing homework aside, and dreading deadlines are commonplace, but the Lucille Cobb Memorial Lecture promises to inspire and enlighten Doane students and staff.

Sony Ton-Aime spoke to Doane last year about the common ground in stories. He will come back to campus on Feb. 13.

"I told my students in class that if they were feeling a little tired, a little burned out, a little disillusioned, Sony's unique and eloquent perspective would remind them why they made the right decision to attend Doane University," Professor of English Phil Weitl said.

"Sony will help them to see why their liberal arts experiences give them a unique advantage in the world today."

Ton-Aime was born and raised in Ouana-minthe, Haiti, near the Dominican Republic. He cites one of his main influences as the storytelling in his community.

"In Haiti, we call our poets and storytellers samba," Ton-Aime told NEXTpittsburgh. "They were the wise people in our community, and as a child, I could not get enough of it. To tell stories myself and facilitate others to tell and share their own stories is what I've dedicated my life to."

Along with his expertise in poetry and translation, Ton-Aime has a background in accounting and business. It is this background that Profes-

sor Weitl hopes will inspire students.

Weitl acknowledges that Doane encourages students to connect and apply their curricular and co-curricular experiences.

"Sony embodies these values and tells a compelling story, not only about the value of the Liberal Arts but also about the necessity of the Humanities for personal wellbeing and professional success," Weitl said.

Ton-Aime will join the ranks of Rita Charon, Tom Robbins, Frank Deford, and more as a part of the Lucille Cobb Memorial Lecture Series. Intended to broaden public awareness of the art of writing by presenting talented and successful authors, the Lucille Cobb Memorial Lecture was founded to honor Dr. Cobb, a professor of En-

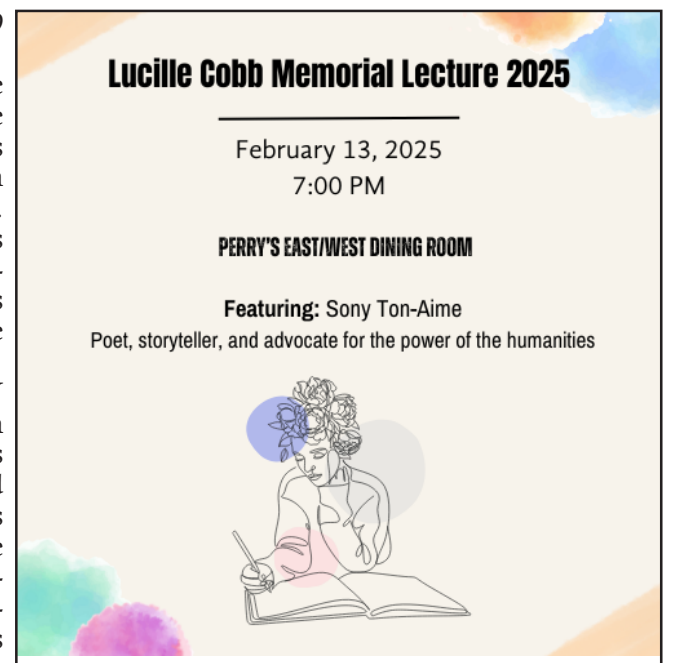
glish at Doane, from 1959 to 1969.

This year's Lucille Cobb Memorial Lecture will be hosted in Perry's East/West dining room on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Along with Ton-Aime's speech, the event will offer desserts, refreshments and a chance to meet the speaker.

"College is the ONLY time in your life when you get to explore ideas and opportunities beyond the day-to-day concerns of life," Weitl said. "One of the best things our students can do for themselves is to put themselves in the way of people like Sony Ton-Aime."

The lecture will kickstart the English Department's year-long exploration of the human skills gap. In addition, Ton-Aime will remind listeners of the importance of



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English and writing in this modern era.

"It could very well be life-changing," Weitl said.

# Dine:09 helps keep students fed

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Getting food as a student can be challenging, especially on the weekends when the dining hall is only open twice a day and you might have to go buy food with the limited money you might have. However, a new weekly event at Doane hopes to give a reprieve to many of these hungry students.

Dine:09 is a weekly event hosted in Lakeside on Saturdays

from 9:09 to 10:00 p.m. Doane ResLife provides food for students both on-campus and off-campus. Students can either eat at Lakeside or bring their food back to their dorms or home.

"Residence Life & Education Director Brian Stutz asked our team to create this weekly event with a few goals in mind," Community Director for Smith Hall Alexis Lipson said. "First, Crete has limited food options for students

on the weekend -- especially for those who may not have money or transportation to get to off campus options. Second, we want to provide an activity for students who otherwise may not have anything else to do over the weekends -- we hope students know that there is always something to do on campus every Saturday night."

Lipson wants Dine:09 to help bring Doane students together and get them connect-

ed with different clubs, organizations, campus resources, staff and even professors. Each Dine:09 has a different theme and organization for the event. They aim to help bring students to different organizations and groups while also providing a social aspect that students might be missing on the weekends.

"This event is a low-key, no stress, drop-in event," Lipson said. "I know that some of the bigger events on cam-

pus can be scary to go to not everyone enjoys big crowds and highly stimulating events. ResLife's values are community, empowerment, and inclusion. This event aims to embrace those values by building community with our sponsors, empowering students to get out and about on the weekends and include students with different comfort levels when it comes to campus events."

To encourage students to attend, all stu-

dents who show up to a Dine:09 will be added to an end-of-the-year raffle. Students can acquire multiple raffle tickets by attending multiple Dine:09 events, so attending multiple events will result in higher odds of winning a prize.

The next Dine:09 event will be held on Feb. 15, in Lakeside at 9:09 p.m. and will be sponsored by CAPE and feature free totchos.

# A new club raises the stakes

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Staff Writer

The High Stakes Club will have its first meeting on Sunday, Feb. 16. The initial meeting will serve as an experience to gauge interest and determine who can participate. The event will take place in the Frees Hall basement.

The club's president is DaMarcus Cannon, a freshman involved in football and track. The vice president is freshman Brayden Pridemore, the treasurer is freshman Sam Hartman, and the secretary is sophomore Josh Fee. Sophomore Rian Green serves as the membership chair, while the club advisor is Luke Urbonavicius, who also works as the community director for Frees Hall.

Cannon explained that the process of starting the club was more complex than simply coming

up with the idea. He had to draft a constitution, present it to the student council for approval and secure a budget. Despite the challenges, he enjoyed the process.

About two weeks ago, Cannon played poker for the first time with some friends. As he spoke to more people, he realized that many students were interested in poker and pool, leading him to establish the club. The club is still determining whether members will be allowed to play with real money. According to Cannon, "We don't want to promote gambling with this club, and it's just something we still have to talk about."

As of now, the club will work as a casual hangout where individuals "whether experienced or brand new can just have a good time." "However, tournaments and competitive teams

may be a possibility in the future. If real money is not involved, the club may consider using prizes or a raffle ticket system as an alternative.

Cannon also added that if there are any disputes over a game, the way it will be handled is by communication. "We just have to communicate," Cannon said. "We have to handle disagreements, pull people aside if necessary and hear from both sides, and plan that at least one officer is present at each table to keep the competition friendly."

He encourages students to attend the first meeting, stating, "I hope everyone can come out on Feb. 16. It should be a good time and a great way to connect with people who share similar interests. We're planning on making this into something bigger."



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## Weekly Horoscopes (Valentines Day edition)

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Invite your significant other for a night out this Friday!

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Tell someone you love them!

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Spend the day with your lover

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Get your partner flowers!

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** Maybe next Valentines day

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Take a romantic getaway with your pookie

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Break up.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** You will receive flowers

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** You have a secret admirer

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Always remember to gift your friends

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# Love persisting in darkness

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This weekend, I rewatched “Sunshine Cleaners.” It stars Amy Adams and Emily Blunt, came out in 2008 and gets average reviews. Blunt and Adams play sisters who start a crime scene clean-up business to make some desperately needed cash. There’s a lot to be said about this movie but the scene that had the biggest impact on me lasts 10 seconds.

The sisters are sent to clean up a suicide and find

the wife of the victim standing outside. She informs them that her husband took his life while she was gone for her weekly bridge game.

Adams’s character sits outside with her while Blunt goes in.

We see post-it notes with reminders about keys, lights, food, etc. throughout the house. Signs the husband may have had memory issues.

In the room where the man died, there is a mirror with two post-it notes on it.

The first says: Ethel has

Bridge at 4 p.m. The second: Tell Ethel you love her.

No matter how many times I see that scene it makes me tear up.

I have found a scene like this in every so-called “sad” movie. Some acts of love which are poignant yet unspoken. Even if it doesn’t affect the main characters or change the plot, these moments are there.

When I first saw “Dead Poets Society” I didn’t know why people

consider it sad. I found out of course, but I loved the movie. The happy scenes, the sad parts and the thoughtful moments make it the film it is.

I rewatched “Dead Poets Society” a lot. “Sunshine Cleaners” too. Because those happy moments, the reminders of love, are all the more poignant in light of the heartbreak.

Each rewatch dulls the pain and lets the good moments shine all the brighter.

# The role of recovery for athletes

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Nowadays, every athlete knows the huge importance of recovery to have a good performance and obviously, recovery includes a lot of factors that are essential to consider. Some easy and clear examples are: sleep, nutrition and hydration. These three factors are fundamental for a good recovery, but they are basic and common to everyone. Currently, an athlete needs to pay attention and give importance to many more factors such as active recovery (yoga,

pilates, mobility work, dynamic stretching), soft tissue work, recovery techniques, load management, periodization, professional support and the last one, but the most important is mental and emotional recovery.

Now anyone will think it is impossible to carry this large list of things perfectly. However, today’s competitive sport encompasses and demands all of these things. You truly don’t have to go to the elite like the NFL or a professional soccer game to witness it. The college student-athletes need to take care of themselves in the best way possible. It is true that

there is not the same demand for a professional athlete as a student-athlete. However, believe me, as a student-athlete, that there is always going to be someone who prepares better than you and meets all of these factors to perform at a higher level. For all this, your number one is always to try to stand out and mix talent with discipline and effort.

Secondly, I want to emphasize the importance of mental and emotional recovery. It is the foundation that supports an athlete’s overall well-being and long-term suc-

cess and can be achieved easily. Enjoying yourself with your family, friends and boyfriend/girlfriend could be the solution. Doing a walk, playing board games or video games, watching TV ... Etc.

In conclusion, it is important to give a huge importance to recovery for every athlete. Being a student-athlete keeps you busy with classes, training, jobs and assignments, but everyone should have a good organization of their schedules and find time for everything crucial for the achievement of great things.

# A new, dead internet is reality

AMANI MUISYO  
Staff Writer

The idea of the dead internet isn’t really a conspiracy anymore. But to fully understand this topic, one must first grasp what the dead internet theory is.

Simply put, it suggests that much of the internet, including comments, interactions and even people we engage with, are actually AI-generated bots rather than real individuals. While this might sound far-fetched, Meta announced in 2023 that it was using AI-generated users to boost engagement. According to Meta, they created

many AI-driven accounts to interact with real people. However, as of Jan. 2025, some of these accounts have been deleted after controversy.

The idea of filling social media with AI-generated characters that blur the line between human and artificial interactions is scary to think about. This diminishes the very purpose of social media: connecting people. I think it’s a slippery slope when interactions become more dominated by bots than real humans. While AI is a powerful tool with many benefits, it shouldn’t disrupt meaningful human connec-

tions.

Additionally, if we can’t distinguish between real users and AI, there could be serious mental health impacts.

In 2024, a 14-year-old boy died by suicide. While there were likely multiple contributing factors, his mother is now suing Character AI. “The lawsuit claims the platform failed to respond adequately when her son expressed thoughts of self-harm to an AI chatbot,” according to a CNN article.

If someone struggling with depression confided

in an AI user thinking it was a real person and the only response they received was a generic message like, “If you are feeling suicidal, please call this number,” it would be devastating. The realization that the person they trusted wasn’t even real could feel like an even deeper betrayal.

At the end of the day, social media is meant for human interaction. These interactions are already complicated, especially online and adding AI into the mix could create unhealthy and avoidable situations.

# A super Superbowl recap

ELIJAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

Over the weekend it was probably one of the best weekends of the year, when it comes to sports; the Super Bowl. For the one person who doesn’t know, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles went and competed at Caesars Superdome at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Throughout the game, I

found myself not watching the actual game but instead scrolling through TikTok because it was the most boring Super Bowl that I have ever watched. The commercials weren’t really funny at all, the scoreboard was awful and the only highlights were the Chiefs getting beat (sorry to all the Chiefs fans) and the halftime show.

The halftime show is definitely one of the top halftime shows the Super Bowl

has had. Kendrick Lamar was absolutely amazing, SZA was an absolute queen and the symbolism and meaning of the show was killing it. The clown car was something that I related to very much.

Probably one of the funniest things was when they were showing all the different celebrities on the jumbotron and when they showed Taylor Swift everyone was booing. No

offense to the Swifties, I just think that was funny.

I will say the one commercial that I thought was the best was the Nike one, mainly because it was talking about women in sports. But all in all I am very happy with the way the Super Bowl turned out, and if you are really upset about it there is always next year.

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# Women's Track ready for conference

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On Feb. 7, the Tigers traveled to Seward, Nebraska, to compete in the 2025 Concordia Indoor Invite.

Starting off in the 60m was sophomore Neryah Hekl who had a time of 7.65, which placed her first. Placing second was sophomore RaeAnn Thompson who had a time of 7.74, which placed her second.

In the 200m was junior Kat Vogt, who placed first with a time of 25.46, Thompson

placed second with a time of 25.80 and placing sixth was junior Morgan Mahoney who had a time of 26.29. In the 400m was sophomore Kiley Hejtmanek, who had a time of 1:00.20, which placed her fourth.

Running in the 600m was Allison Ernst, who had a time of 1:47.12, which placed her sixth. In the 800m was freshman Marissa Miles who had a time of 2:32.00, which placed her fifth. Placing sixth in the 1000m was junior Maddy Ra-

meiy who had a time of 3:17.42.

In the 60m hurdles was freshman Dayle Haake who had a time of 9.53, which placed her fifth. Jumping in the high jump was freshman Katelynn Kratz, who had a mark of 1.55m, placing her second. Having a mark of 1.45m was junior Elenna Koenig which placed fifth and freshman Madison Vogel had a mark of 1.40m, which placed her sixth.

Tying for first in the pole vault was sophomore Kaylee Pribyl, who had a mark

of 3.70m, and junior Kennedy Stanley, who also had a mark of 3.70m. Placing fifth was senior Samantha Knapp who had a mark of 3.20m.

Jumping in the triple jump was junior Rosalyn Roggasch who had a mark of 11.50m, placing her first. Placing second was junior Josie Garrett who had a mark of 11.38m.

Throwing in the shot put was senior Alivia Baucom who had a mark of 14.22m, which placed her first. Placing third was senior Madiosn Sutton

who had a mark of 13.95m. Finishing in fifth was freshman Madison Heusinkvelt who had a mark of 13.01m and freshman Grace Dean who had a mark of 12.69m, placing her sixth.

In the weight throw was Sutton who had a mark of 19.18m, placing her second. Placing third was sophomore Kaylie Lotspeich who had a mark of 16.88m, and finishing in sixth was junior Mia Knigge who had a mark of 15.89m.

On Feb. 8, a couple of Tigers went and

competed in the 2025 Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational over in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Running in the 4x400m was Vogt, sophomore Chaney Nelson, Hejtmanek and junior Danie Parriott, who placed seventh with a time of 3:53.17. Also in the Women's Triple Jump was junior Kyla Davis who had a mark of 10.93m which placed her seventh.

On Feb. 14, the Tigers will be traveling to Mitchell, South Dakota to compete in the GPAC Championships.

# Men's Track preps for conference

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On Feb. 7, the Tigers traveled to Seward, Nebraska, to compete in the Concordia Indoor Invite.

Starting off in the 60m receiving first was senior Dalton Whisenhunt who had a time of 6.96. Placing second was senior Jadae Moore who had a time of 6.98 and finishing off in the fourth was sophomore Daniel Concepcion who had a time of 7.10.

In the 200m was junior Caleb Mulder who placed first with a time of 22.79, along with Concepcion who placed second having a time of 22.95. Finishing up in third

was sophomore Devon Jackson who had a time of 23.03.

Running in the 400m was junior Jonathan Zoubek who had a time of 51.79, which placed him fourth. In the 600m was sophomore Parker Gaston who had a time of 1:25.58, which placed him third. Placing fourth with a time of 1:25.78 was sophomore Nate O'Brien and having a time of 1:26.69 was junior Dakota Miser.

Doane placed first and second in the 800, with junior Emmanuel Yego who had a time of 1:59.42 and freshman Alex Fowler who had a time of 2:00.11, securing

top-placements. Placing in the top four in the 1000m was junior Michael Grigsby who had a time of 2:32.39, freshman Porter Bickley who had a time of 2:34.87, junior Will Dawes who had a time of 2:36.11 and senior Thomas Oliver who had a time of 2:38.11.

In the 60m hurdles was sophomore Zachary Fox, who had a time of 8.38, which placed him fourth. The distance medley relay team consisted of Bickley, Moore, sophomore Eli Marez and Grigsby who had a time of 10:12.99, which placed them first.

Competing in the pole vault was senior

Drew Garrison who had a mark of 4.45m which placed him second and placing fifth was sophomore Ashton Pulliam who had a mark of 4.15m.

Placing third in the long jump was sophomore Michael Willey who had a mark of 6.66m and finishing in fifth was freshman Callan McKinney who had a mark of 6.48m. Also jumping in the triple jump was McKinney who had a mark of 13.73m, which placed him second and placing third was senior Sam Boldt who had a mark of 13.27m. Finishing up sixth was senior Ben Renshaw who had a mark of 12.65m.

Throwing in the shot put was junior Cale Bessler who had a mark of 15.92m, which placed him third. Placing the top three in the weight throw was senior Trey Dicky who had a mark of 19.19m, junior Andrew Schmitz who had a mark of 18.59m and sophomore Jaden Vollenweider who had a mark of 17.96m.

On Feb. 8, some of the Tigers went and competed in the 2025 Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Running in the 400m was senior Zach Turner who had a time of 47.49, which placed him third. Also running in the 60m Hur-

dles was Turner, who placed first with a time of 7.82, and freshman Andrew Brown who had a time of 8.15, placing him fifth. Turner not only broke the indoor 400m record, he also lowered his own 60m hurdles record.

Running in the 4x400 relay was junior Joaquin Gutierrez, junior Caleb Mulder, Brown, and Turner who had a time of 3:14.62, which placed them fourth.

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## MEN'S TRACK FINALISTS

<p><b>200 METERS</b></p> <p>18. JACKSON EUREK</p>	<p><b>3000 METERS</b></p> <p>9. NELSON RUTO</p> <p><b>60 HURDLES</b></p> <p>7. ADDISON CROGHAN</p>	<p><b>WEIGHT THROW</b></p> <p>7. TAD DIMMIT</p> <p>12. JOSH FEE</p> <p>13. CARSON LAVALLEY</p> <p>15. COLTON DILLON</p> <p>21. MASON CRUMBLISS</p>
<p><b>600 METERS</b></p> <p>6. DAKOTA MISER</p> <p>8. LUCAS GAUTIER</p> <p>10. LOGAN BROOKS</p> <p>12. LOGAN MENKE</p> <p>14. NATHAN SHUPE</p>	<p><b>POLE VAULT</b></p> <p>11. ADDISON CROGHAN</p>	<p><b>LONG JUMP</b></p> <p>14. SAM BOLDT</p> <p>16. BEN RENSHAW</p> <p>22. SAWYER TIETGEN</p> <p>23. ZEBEDIAH BLACK</p>
<p><b>800 METERS</b></p> <p>12. WILL WENZ</p> <p>15. JOHN DAWES</p> <p>17. JORDAN KWIATKOWSKI</p>	<p><b>TRIPLE JUMP</b></p> <p>6. BEN RENSHAW</p> <p>7. SAWYER TIETGEN</p> <p>8. ZEBEDIAH BLACK</p>	<p><b>SHOT PUT</b></p> <p>7. ANDREW SCHMITZ</p> <p>11. DAMARCUS CANNON</p> <p>15. TAD DIMMIT</p> <p>20. WILL SCALF</p> <p>22. KELLEN ANDERSON</p>
<p><b>MILE</b></p> <p>10. CODY SMITH</p> <p>12. JOSEPH SEIFFERLEIN</p> <p>14. CHANCE MOOK</p> <p>16. JAKE PARSLEY</p>		

## WOMEN'S TRACK FINALISTS

<p><b>200 METERS</b></p> <p>6. MORGAN MAHONEY</p>	<p><b>LONG JUMP</b></p> <p>8. ABBY FONTANA</p> <p>11. DAYLE HAAKE</p> <p>12. KYRA BOWEN</p> <p>19. ABBY REHTUS</p> <p>22. CODY EATON</p>
<p><b>600 METERS</b></p> <p>6. ALLISON ERNST</p> <p>8. MADISON LYTLE</p> <p>13. EMILY LYTLE</p> <p>14. CAYDENCE KUSS</p> <p>15. MORGAN SMITH</p>	<p><b>TRIPLE JUMP</b></p> <p>9. ABBY REHTUS</p> <p>10. KYRA BOWEN</p> <p>13. ABBY FONTANA</p>
<p><b>1000 METERS</b></p> <p>6. MADDY RAMEY</p> <p>9. ALISON BRADFORD</p> <p>14. GABBY MARYOTT</p>	<p><b>SHOT PUT</b></p> <p>6. GRACE DEAN</p> <p>10. DELANEY BURGE</p> <p>11. NATYLIE MYERS</p> <p>21. JAYLEN DIMMITT</p>
<p><b>MILE</b></p> <p>10. AUBRIE JOHNSON</p>	<p><b>WEIGHT THROW</b></p> <p>6. MIA KNIGGE</p> <p>13. NATYLIE MYERS</p> <p>15. ALYVIA THOMAS</p> <p>19. KALLIE SUTTON</p> <p>21. ASHLEY DIERKS</p> <p>26. TRINITY BECHER</p>
<p><b>3000 METERS</b></p> <p>14. KATELYN IWATE</p> <p>15. KENZIE SPENCER</p>	<p><b>HIGH JUMP</b></p> <p>6. MADISON VOGEL</p>
<p><b>POLE VAULT</b></p> <p>8. MARIAH TESSMAN</p> <p>10. NATALEE KEODOUANGDY</p> <p>13. JERZI MAHER</p>	<p><b>TRIPLE JUMP</b></p> <p>9. ABBY REHTUS</p> <p>10. KYRA BOWEN</p> <p>13. ABBY FONTANA</p>

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# Cheer and Dance both place second

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On Feb. 7, the Tigers traveled to York, Nebraska, to compete in the York Crown Classic, where the Tigers walked away with a final score of 68.12, which placed them ninth overall.

Now transitioning into Feb. 8, the

Doane Tigers traveled to Seward, Nebraska, to compete against Missouri Valley College and MidAmerica Nazarene University at the Concordia Du-

als. Starting off with the dual against Missouri Valley, the Tigers walked away with a score of 91.55 placing them

second, which was one of the five highest scores after the first round of duals out of the twelve other participating teams.

Now facing their second dual of the day with MidAmerica Nazarene, the Tigers finishing this dual also placed second but had a score of 80.1, while

MidAmerica Nazarene had a score of 87.45. With the Tigers getting this score, they once again walked away with one of the five highest scores.

Switching over to dance, the dance team also competed in the York Crown Classic, where they received second place with a score

of 84.07.

Along with that, the dance team also competed in the Concordia Duals as well, however they took on Grand View College and Oklahoma City University.

Starting off with taking on Grand View, the dance team walked away with a score of

82.75 which placed them second. Now switched over to the dual against Oklahoma City, they finished with a score of 84.75, which they also took second as well.

On Feb. 19, both Cheer and Dance teams will be traveling to Hastings, Nebraska, to take on Hastings College.

# Men's Wrestling wins at GPAC

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On Feb. 8 the Men's team took on Waldorf University, Dakota Wesleyan University, and Morningside University at the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Duals in Mitchell, South Dakota where they became the GPAC Champions.

Starting off with their match against Waldorf in the 125 was senior Hunter Bennett who walked away with a victory by a forfeit which brought the Tigers up 6-0. In the 133 was freshman Anthony Harris who also had a

win which added six more points to the Tigers score.

In the 141 was junior Devin Avedissian who won by a tech fall, which brought the score to 17-0. Receiving a loss in the 149 was junior Tristen Brown which brought the score to 17-3. Adding six more points to the score was junior Ben Miller, and winning by tech fall in the 165 was freshman Vincent Donatelle which brought the score to 28-3.

In the 174 was senior Benjamin Dobler who added four points to the score, and in the 184 was senior Tyson

Beupethuy who won by a tech fall. Winning in the 197 was returning senior Bradley Antesberger and the 285 was sophomore Eli Criblez by a forfeit which earned them six points each, which brought the final score to 49-3.

Going into their second dual of the day was against Dakota Wesleyan. Winning by a tech fall in the 125 was freshman Brian Peck, and in the 133 was junior Matthew Terrence who added six more points, which brought the score to 11-0. In the 141 was Avedissian, however by decision he only walked away with

three points, but winning by a tech fall was senior Nate Lent.

In the 165 was junior Edward Ramirez, where Dakota Wesleyan won this match by a fall, which brought the score to 25-6. Also losing their match was junior Chase Stieb in the 174, but winning by a forfeit in the 184 was senior Kolton Kammerer bringing the score up to 31-10.

Winning by a tech fall in the 197 was returning senior Kasten Grape, and finishing up for this dual was junior Angelo Franco in the 285, where Dakota Wesleyan added three to their score.

The Tigers walked out of their second dual of the day with a score of 36-13.

Going into their last dual of the day was against Morningside, starting off with the 125 was Bennett who won by major decision, which brought the score to 4-0. In the 133 was Terrence who added six points to their score, and adding three more points in the 141 was Avedissian by a sudden victory.

Winning by a fall in 149 was Lent, which brought the score up to 19-0. In the 157 was Miller who won by decision, which added three points to the

Tigers score, however competing in the 165 was junior Cooper Spaulding where Morningside added three points bringing the score to 22-3.

In the 174 was Dobler who won by a major decision which brought the score to 26-3. And winning by forfeits was Beupethuy in the 184, Antesberger in the 197, and Criblez in the 285, bringing the score to 44-3.

On Feb. 21-22, the Tigers will be traveling to Hastings, Nebraska, to compete in the GPAC Championships.

# Women's Wrestling at Warrior Open

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On Feb. 8 the Women's team traveled to Fremont, Nebraska, to compete in the Midland Warrior Open.

Starting off in the 103 was sophomore Kim Navarette who had a score of 1-2, competing in the 110 was fresh-

man Jaden Breeden who ended with a score of 3-2, which placed her fifth. In the 117 was freshman Julia Breeden who had a score of 4-0, which placed her first, also in the 117 was freshman Mora Peterson, who had a final score of 2-2.

Competing in the 124 was freshman Kiersten Flanagan who had

a score of 2-2, along with senior Brianna Membreno who had a score of 1-2. In the 131 was junior Brooke Cox who had a score of 2-2, along with senior Ashlee Palimo'o who had a final score of 6-2, which placed her fifth, and finishing up the 131 was sophomore McKenna Kisela who had a final score of 1-2.

In the 145 was sophomore Bridgette Sotomayor who had a score of 4-2, which placed her fourth. Competing in the 160 was junior Lamia Benn who had a score of 3-2, also competing in the 160 was freshman Lauren Garcia who had a score of 1-2. Placing first in the 160 was sophomore Aspen Barber who had

a score of 5-0, and finishing up the 160 was freshman Payton Weese who had a score of 3-2.

There were three competitors in the 180, the first one being sophomore Hailey Romero who walked away in fifth place with a score of 4-2. Freshmans Yazmine Belk and Aileen Rueda also competed in the 180, Belk

walked away with a score of 2-2, and Rueda walked away with a score of 1-2. Finishing up the competition was freshman Lilianna Martinez in the 207 where she walked away with a score of 2-2.

On Feb. 15, the Tigers will be traveling to Baldwin City, Kansas to compete in the Jimmy May Open.

# Men's Basketball defeated on the road

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On Feb. 8, the Men's Basketball team played an away conference game against Briar Cliff

University. The Tigers lost 88-76, in a very close game the home team won by a very tight score. Doane's conference record is 4-12, while the overall record for the sea-

son is 9-15. The team aims to improve its results as the end of the season approaches and hopes to finish strong, especially in the conference.

The most import-

ant player in the loss was junior Casen Chaney, who scored 20 points. Another essential player for the Tigers was senior Caleb Hrabik, who had nine rebounds

and four assists. This was a strong performance for Hrabik, who is playing his last season for the Tigers and wants to finish the season as well as possible.

The Doane Tigers' next game is against Midland University on Feb. 12 in the Haddix Center. The game will start at 7:45 p.m.

# Women's Basketball wins against Saint Mary

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On Feb. 5, the Women's Basketball team played a home game against the College of Saint Mary. The Tigers won with a score of 102-49. Several players performed well. The leading scorer, senior Maddie Portwine, scored 29

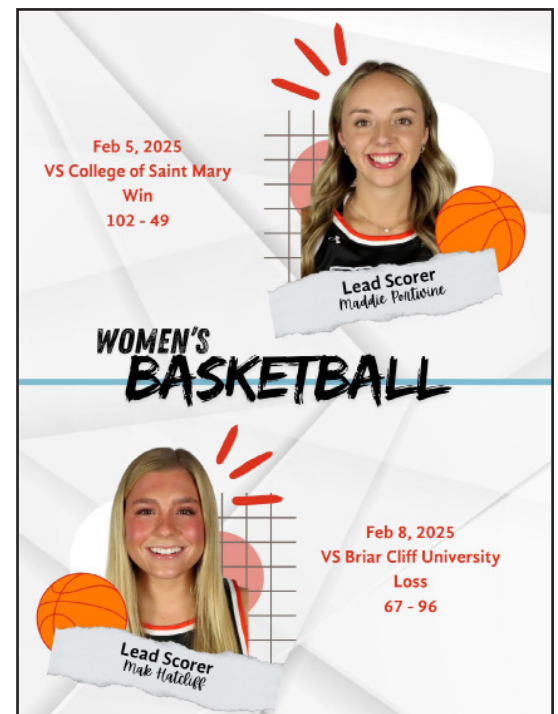
points. Seniors Macy Holtz and Mak Hatcliff each had four assists. Senior Kaylee Klover grabbed nine rebounds and also had four assists.

On Feb. 8, the Women's Basketball team played a conference away game against Briar Cliff University. The Tigers couldn't achieve a victory and lost 96-67. The overall

record for the team is 14-10 and their record for the conference is 9-9. The Tigers started the season in impressive fashion, but lately, they are having some negative results. Despite the defeat, several players put in great performances. The leading scorer, senior Mak Hatcliff, had 23 points. On the other hand, senior Macy

Holtz got two assists and junior Megan Chambers got seven rebounds.

On Feb. 12, the Doane Women's Basketball team will play at home against Midland University at 6 p.m. The team will try to put this defeat behind them and get back to their winning ways for the final games of the season.



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# Men's Tennis adds loss to record

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On Feb. 8, the Tigers Men's tennis team had their second spring season game at Red Oak, Iowa, against Grand View University, losing 1-6.

In doubles play, Junior Jose Purizaca and Sophomore Julio Avila won 7-5 at No. 1. To gain the team point, Grand View defeated the No. 2 doubles team 6-3 and the No. 3 doubles team 6-1.

The singles

matches did not go very well for Doane, as Purizaca was the only player who was able to get the victory for the Tigers. Purizaca in singles No. 1 won 6-4, 6-4. The rest of the games were negative results for the team.

No. 2 sophomore Elliot Dasell lost in a close match with a tie-break in the third set 5-7, 7-5, 0-1 (7-10). Senior Andre Hartman lost at No. 3, 4-6, 4-6, and sophomore Julio Avila lost 3-6, 3-6, at No. 4 sin-

gles. Freshman Tanner Adams could not achieve a win in match No. 5 and freshman Christian Jensen had a tight match in a third set tie-break, 5-7, 7-5, 0-1 (9-11).

Next up for men's tennis will be on

Saturday, Feb. 15, against Ottawa University in Red Oak, Iowa. The Tigers will try to get the first win of the season and find the right path for the rest of the matches.

# Women's Tennis opens in Iowa

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On Feb. 8, the Tigers Women's Tennis team had their first spring season game at Red Oak, Iowa, against Grand View

University. The Tigers won their first game 7-0 and are off to the best possible start of the season, with all victories. In doubles, the recruit senior Mariana Espinosa and sophomore Maria Pu-

rizaca prevailed 6-1 at the No. 1 match. At No. 2 doubles, freshman Liz Calderon and sophomore Isabella Castellero prevailed 6-2. At No. 3 doubles, junior Grace Schroller and sophomore Kat

Johnson prevailed by forfeit.

At No. 1 singles, Purizaca prevailed 6-3, 6-0, while at No. 2 singles, Espinosa prevailed 6-2, 6-1. Schroller and Johnson recorded 6-0, 6-0 shut-

outs at No. 4 and No. 5 singles, respectively, while Calderon prevailed at No. 3, 6-1, 6-1. Castellero won at No. 6 singles by forfeit.

Next up for the Women's tennis team

will be on Saturday, Feb. 15, against Ottawa University in Red Oak, Iowa. The Tigers will try to continue their winning streak and achieve a great season.

## Scoreboard Snapshot

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 8 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA  
versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

CHARGERS  
[ 76-88 ]

### CHEER

February 7 @ YORK, NE  
@ YORK CROWN CLASSIC

TIGERS  
[ 9th ]

February 8 @ SEWARD, NE  
@ MISSOURI VALLEY

TIGERS  
[ 2nd ]

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

February 8 @ RED OAK, IA  
Versus GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 7-0 ]

### MEN'S TENNIS

February 8 @ RED OAK, IA  
Versus GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

VIKINGS  
[ 1-6 ]

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

February 5 @ HOME  
6:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

TIGERS  
[ 102-49 ]

February 8 @ SIOUX CITY, IOWA  
versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

CHARGERS  
[ 67-96 ]

### DANCE

February 7 @ YORK, NE  
YORK CROWN CLASSIC

TIGERS  
[ 2nd ]

### MEN'S WRESTLING

February 8 @ MITCHELL, S.D.  
Versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 36-13 ]

February 8 @ MITCHELL, S.D.  
Versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 44-3 ]

February 8 @ MITCHELL, S.D.  
Versus WALDORF UNIVERSITY

TIGERS  
[ 49-3 ]

