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Doane campus turns into a winter wonderland due to freezing temperatures. Full photo gallery on Page 3.

Proposed bill aims to combat antisemitism in Nebraska colleges

JOHN DAWES
Editor-In-Chief

On Feb. 3, 2025, Nebraska lawmaker Sen. Brian Hardin brought forth a new bill to the Nebraska Education Committee, LB538. The proposed bill would require schools and colleges to adopt policies and training on antisemitism and use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of antisemitism. This bill is part of a larger nationwide initiative to curb

antisemitism at colleges in the wake of the Oct. 7 terror attacks and the student-led pro-Palestinian protests in the spring of 2024.

“At Doane University, inclusion is one of our core values, which means that we are intentional about continuously creating an environment in which all individuals and communities are able to fully participate, belong and thrive in authentic ways,” Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Government Relations Luis Sotelo said. “As such, antisemitism—

and other forms of illegal discrimination and harassment, including those protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964—have no place in our university community.”

While this bill only applies to public universities and colleges such as the University of Nebraska Lincoln and Kearney, the bill has started a larger conversation about antisemitism in colleges, especially regarding the nations of Israel and Palestine. Some critics of the bill say the bill may be used to prevent criticism of Israel, which is

the only majority Jewish nation in the world and a close ally of the United States, and their current and ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

Sotelo, however, believes that Doane is uniquely positioned to talk about antisemitism, Israel and Palestine as Doane can facilitate healthy and productive conversations.

“A university community grounded in the liberal arts, as is Doane, is ever more relevant when society faces heightened polarization and division because it promotes the understanding of mul-

multiple perspectives and freedom of thought. This approach strengthens our ability to critically interrogate our worldviews in order to collaborate across differences with the aim of problem-solving,” Sotelo said. “There are many examples of how Doane facilitates robust discussions—in the classroom and outside the classroom—including ‘The Longest Table,’ a collaboration between Faculty Council, Staff Council, Student Congress, and the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.”

As a private institu-

tion, Doane is not required to adhere to the proposed bill. However, Sotelo notes that Doane has a robust non-discrimination policy that protects students and staff alike from anti-semitic or anti-Islamic hate speech and that resources to report potential infractions exist at Doane. LB538 is expected to continue through the Nebraska capital, though the Education Committee has not taken further action in moving the bill along as of Feb. 24, 2025.

Doane works to assist international students with navigating taxes in U.S.

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Taxes can be hard, they are often not intuitive and the consequences of doing your taxes wrong can result in anything from fines to jail time. Taxes can be doubly hard for many international stu-

dents, who often don’t speak English as a first language and didn’t grow up accustomed to the American tax system.

All international students need to fill out their 2024 taxes, whether they reported income or not if they were present in the U.S. in 2024, the tax filing deadline for 2024 tax filings is April 15, 2025.

Doane is attempting to help these international students by offering guidance with a tax service workshop that took place on Feb. 21 and aimed to help inform students about the tax process.

There are a couple of key pointers for these students to be aware of, as non-resident taxpayers go through a different pro-

cess than United States taxpayers. Non-resident taxpayers are not allowed to file US taxes electronically, they must complete and mail paper forms.

International students will also not receive a tax refund as compared to US taxpayers, who receive a tax refund for every financial year. If they do receive a refund that

means they incorrectly filled out their tax return as a US taxpayer.

Taxes can be confusing and thus can lead to a great amount of confusion, international students who are struggling with filling out their taxes can reach out to Assistant Professor of Practice in the College of Business Tracey Corr and Direc-

tor of International Programs Tim Burge, who both spearheaded the taxes workshop for students. They can connect

confused students with resources that may help them or outright help international students fill out their taxes. Again, the tax deadline for both US and international taxpayers is April 15.

A full photo gallery of the snowfall can be found on Page 3



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(Left) Merrill Bell Tower can be found in the distance through the snowfall Doane’s campus experienced. (Right) The bridge leading to the Communications and Lied Science & Mathematics buildings could be found filled with snow along with Doane Lake.

ASC advocates for TRIO's future

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The Academic Success Center hosted an advocacy workshop on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 19, the first event of its kind in several years. The workshop was organized in response to recent government actions, including the defunding of National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation grants, concerns regarding the

Department of Education and TRIO grants and potential cuts to Medicaid.

Rachel Jank, Academic Specialist and TRIO Financial Literacy Program Coordinator expressed her excitement about hosting the workshop, although she was disappointed by the low turnout. However, the small group size allowed for more personal and engaging discussions.

Jank began by explaining that "systems don't change easily." She emphasized that becoming

an advocate enables individuals to discuss the issues that matter to them and create meaningful change. Recent government actions could negatively affect Doane students, particularly considering the \$5 million Doane receives from National Science Foundation grants, which could be at risk due to budget cuts.

Students who attended learned about the importance of context, purpose and audience in advocacy efforts. "One of the most effective ways to

advocate is as part of a group rather than alone." She encouraged students to view Doane as a "community of possibility," Jank said.

In addition to the presentation, students and staff engaged in discussions about current events and the importance of making their voices heard. Freshman Kayla Greenway shared her experience advocating for mental health resources in high school, noting that although it took years, her efforts made a positive impact.

Jank noted that simple actions, like contacting representatives, can lead to significant changes.

"When you advocate, especially to a representative, you become a statistic," Jank said, mentioning that the staffers of senators and representatives keep track of constituents and pay attention to frequently discussed issues.

Jank also introduced an app called "5 Calls: Contact Your Congress." "The issues are laid out, and I know who to call for each issue," Jank said.

However, she acknowledged that the app tends to lean left and that she prefers not to use its pre-made scripts.

"Sometimes we feel our knowledge is sufficient, or that having a conversation is enough, but we really need to take the next step," Jank said. She concluded the presentation by emphasizing that staying informed, building a community and remembering that your voice matters are the most crucial steps in advocacy.

Some students raise concerns about flying

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Staff Writer

As the spring semester approaches, students are preparing to travel back home. However, with recent events, there is some hesitancy regarding aviation safety. On Jan. 9, an American Airlines flight collided with a Black Hawk helicopter, killing all 67 people involved. Following this event, multiple plane crashes became widespread news, including a Delta plane crash landing in Toronto. Fortunately, this crash was not fatal. One passenger's point-of-view video of exiting the plane and showing the upside-down aircraft

in flames quickly gained traction online.

Although recent crashes are a source of anxiety, data from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) indicate a decline in fatal aviation accidents. In January 2024, there were 80 accidents, 19 of which were fatal. In February 2024, there were 93 accidents, 12 of which were fatal. In comparison, January 2025 saw 57 accidents, with seven fatalities and as of February 2025, there have been 37 accidents, four of which were fatal.

Although those only cover accidents that have fatalities, the number of accidents resulting in serious levels of injury decreased from 2024 to 2025

Statistically, this year has been safer so far. However, genuine concerns persist, especially after the recent firing of 400 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees.

"I think there needs to be a better system on who we are firing, who we allow to control these things," freshman Cole Coppersmith said. "However, it's a sad and unfortunate situation.

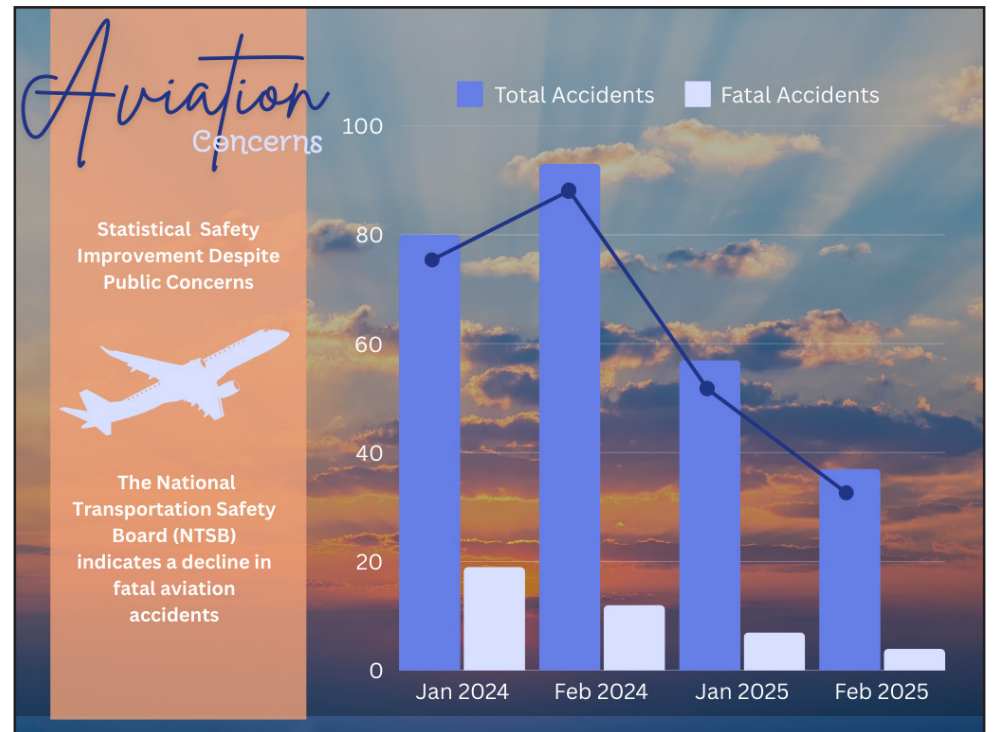
"I do feel safer flying, but when I saw those events at first I'd have said no." Coppersmith said,

Heightened fears may be a result of cognitive bias, where people perceive events as more common due to frequent media coverage. While flying remains statisti-

cally safe, it is important to acknowledge the uncertainty and genuine

concerns that may come from flying, particularly regarding recent FAA

staffing changes that could impact safety levels.



Doane students go to UNL career fair

LUIS REJANO
News Editor

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Career Fair of 2025 was held Feb. 18-21. With more than 100 businesses from fields like engineering, technology, health care, agriculture, business and education, the expo gave students lots of chances to network, find internships and land full-time jobs with companies all over the country. The organization and environment of the event

were great, and there were many different opportunities, with a huge number of different companies offering internships, part-time positions and full-time jobs. In addition, they offered many perks, such as backpacks, T-shirts, sweets, drinks and pens to attendees.

But the career fair is about more than just goodie bags, Associate Director of Career Development Sarah Begay from the Career, Leadership, & Service Center believes that this event can help get students ahead

of the competition.

"It's a great opportunity to develop your networking skills, explore different career paths, learn about current internship and job opportunities, and practice your communication skills. Networking with employers from various fields can truly set students apart in their career journey," Begay said.

Begay recognizes the importance of the UNL career fair, as it gives students a potential jumping point for their future careers. "While we host an-

nual networking events at Doane, the sheer volume of employers at the UNL Career Fair over the four days is a fantastic resource. It gives students access to companies they might not otherwise have exposure to, and that makes a huge difference when it comes to job prospects and career development." Begay said. Some students however, whether they are from out of state or they are international, have struggled to reach these large career fairs due to travel restrictions, such as not

having a car. Begay has worked with Doane to help allow these students to also attend these fairs and events so they too can invest in their future. "Starting this year, we'll be providing chartered transportation to the fairs in both the fall and spring. Students will be dropped off and picked up right in front of the fair location, so they don't have to worry about driving or parking. The goal is to raise awareness and increase the use of this convenient transportation moving forward," Begay said

In conclusion, the UNL Career Fair 2025 provided students with the resources and knowledge they needed to thrive in the workforce, as well as professional options. The expo continues to be a vital platform for bringing students and businesses together and assisting them in navigating the ever-changing terrain of professional development.



(Left) Students are examining different booths during the UNL career fair. (Right) Doane's juniors Pablo Rodriguez and Alejandra Prat take a picture during the UNL career fair.

Doane turns into winter wonderland

Doane covered in snow for a week. Regardless of the below 0 weather, these beautiful landscapes were seen all week.



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Jordan Bocock speaks on her internship abroad

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For many people, working outside of the United States would be a dream come true, however for others, they don't see themselves outside of the United States. For junior Jordan Bocock, she is grateful for the opportunities she is given.

"During December 2024 and January 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to study abroad in Mexico through CIEE," Bocock said. "While there, I explored the rich history of the Mayan civilization and immersed myself in the Spanish language.

Now, I'm excited to return—this time as an intern with CIEE in Merida, Yucatan."

Bocock was selected by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), which is a non-profit organization that focuses on promoting international education and cultural exchange programs. She will support the Center Staff in facilitating the High School Summer Abroad (HSSA) programs.

"My role includes assisting with field activities, administrative tasks, social media management and ensuring smooth communication

between program assistants and leaders," Bocock said. "This internship provides hands-on experience in an international office setting, allowing me to develop skills in intercultural literacy, customer service, content creation, professional communication, and business operations—preparing me for future career opportunities."

Right now, Bocock is set to graduate this upcoming May with an emphasis in English Writing along with minors in Business Administration and Marketing, Bocock explains that this internship is more than just a professional devel-

opment, but it's also a chance to reconnect with a culture and community that has shaped her while gaining valuable real-world experiences that will support her future goals as well.

"One of the things I'm most looking forward to is returning to the place that had such a big impact on me," Bocock said. "I am excited to not only practice my Spanish along with reuniting with my host family, but also share my experiences and help other students make the most of their study abroad journeys as well."

Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Use the nice weather as an opportunity to take a nice walk.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Things will work out, just know you'll get through it.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Just know the work you put into things is noticed, and you're doing a great job.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Don't worry about what others think about you, self-love is very important.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): You're being too hard on yourself, give yourself a break.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Go throw a frisbe, whether it's to your dog or your best friend.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): It's okay not to be okay.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): If you're feeling sick, silence speaks volumes, say it don't spray it.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Stop bed rotting, and be productive.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Que Sera, Sera (What happens, happens)

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You are loved, and your feelings are valid.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Try waking up on your first alarm, instead of the seventh one.

Doane staff member advocates the importance of Black History Month

LIZ CALDERON
Staff Writer

For many people, every February, the United States of America celebrates Black History Month by promoting black voices and U.S. history. While recognizing the often-overlooked stories of Black individuals, this is a time to reflect on the past and present struggles for racial equality and to continue inspiring progress toward justice.

For instance, Historian Carter G. Woodson, known as the "Father of

Black History," started what became Black History Month. Woodson launched Negro History Week in 1926 during the second week of February to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12). Later on, the week expanded to Black History Month when President Gerald Ford officially recognized it in 1976 as part of the United States Bicentennial celebrations.

Some other key figures that are highlighted during this time include Harriet Tubman, known as the leader of the Un-

derground Railroad, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the Civil Rights movement, Rosa Parks, icon for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Maya Angelou, celebrated poet and activist and Barack Obama, first black president of the United States.

Doane University has long celebrated Black History Month on campus. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Specialist Wendy Huntsmann speaks about her upbringing as a black woman here in the U.S.

"So I'm originally not from Nebraska," Huntsmann said. "I'm origi-

nally from Long Beach, California. So, from California, coming to Nebraska, it's totally different. It's less diversity here than what I'm used to back home."

Learning to live in all-white and all-black societies, she felt she was living in "two different worlds" since she experienced both societal and cultural behaviors at the same time.

"My parents always instilled in me what it is to be proud to be black," Huntsmann said. "And so back in the day, I think it was interesting the way I've seen Black History

Month metamorphose, because when I was younger, it was important, but it was like one of those importance that not everybody celebrated, like only mostly the black community really celebrate Black History Month."

Throughout her life, Huntsmann has seen U.S. society change, where people really started to become more aware of racism and things of that nature.

"Like when folks say I don't see color, that means you don't see me. You don't see me as a black person. I'm not

saying that you're racist. I'm just saying you don't see me as a black woman and so and that's like, you don't understand the struggles and strive that my ancestors and people have," Huntsmann said. "Like slavery was not something that people wanted to do. It was something that was forced upon them. And so I think it is important that it continues. And I believe it is important because my family has always told me to be proud to be black and not be ashamed of being black."

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The United States is in an educational crisis

JOHN DAWES
Editor-in-Chief

The United States Department of Education is undergoing a radical overhaul. President Trump says he wishes to close the department, citing a “radical liberal agenda” that focuses too much on DEI initiatives, LGBTQ issues and critical race theory as the reason for American students’ underperformance. The Senate is expected to vote soon on the confirmation of Linda McMahon, his nominee to be education secretary.

While it is true that students in America are vastly underperforming compared to our international peers, the Trump administration is once again barking up the wrong tree at what is the root cause for the issue; rather, they are worried about pushing ideology and hoarding resources. We need the Department of Education, and its potential removal and or gutting will not help students; rather it’ll make things harder for academic success.

The Department of Education does three things: It manages student loans, it protects students’ civil rights and it sends money

to schools that need it most. It doesn’t set curriculum nor does it even control a school’s budget; it does exist as a guardrail for low-income students and those in special education programs.

The removal of the department will essentially make college more expensive, as federal money for students and colleges alike will be either cut significantly or outright, as well as remove protections for those students who are most vulnerable. The White House has gone a step further in saying that schools that follow Biden-era guidelines will have their federal funding rescinded.

We are seeing this take place here in Nebraska, with 16 students in the RAICES teacher development program, which aimed to develop teachers for impoverished communities, having been cut completely from their scholarship, which was buoyed by the multi-million-dollar federal grant. Furthermore, the University of Nebraska Omaha cut its DEI office, which helped establish scholarships and programs aimed at bringing in students from diverse and often neglected backgrounds in order to comply with federal guidelines.

This is ultimately a targeted attack that values dogma over the needs of students. Republicans’ media insistence on attacking trans youth or teaching critical race theory in schools, for example, is meant to turn the ire of the public away from their continued efforts to insulate education to the rich, white and already-educated few through the overwork of teachers and eventual gutting of public funding for education.

Oftentimes, those making these laws want a version of education that does little to challenge their own worldview. Why would it benefit you as a politician to support public education when you can take lobbying money from private and home-schooling lobbyists and ensure reelection by mobilizing an uneducated and quick-to-anger majority? An educated public learns to see across things such as race, gender and sexuality and build empathy with those who are different from oneself.

The cutting of the Department of Education

signals to states that they can target teachers and students for whatever reason without repercussions, that they can cut disability and DEI programs aimed at closing the educational gap and that rather than focusing on giving teachers the support they desperately need, they can force them into teaching dogma that reinforces an “America First” worldview, ostensibly propaganda.

This is a call to action. Education is important, and in fact it’s the lifeblood of a functioning country. People paid in blood for your right to education. Do not take your privilege for granted. If anything, use your positions as students, faculty and staff to advocate to lawmakers and those with any modicum of influence to safeguard education for future generations. While we can all agree that education in America is currently underperforming, the solution to fixing it is not to buckle down in ignorance and hoard knowledge and resources for those struggling to receive a quality education.

A digital and physical death

AMANI MUISYO
Staff Writer

A genuine question people may ask is, what will happen to my phone when I die? Who gets access? Will anyone open it?

It’s a genuine concern. Even after death, one wants to maintain their image; some secrets we want to take to the grave. The chance that family, friends or the world might see the truest parts of you is scary, even if we aren’t there to witness their reactions.

Zugu launched its “In Case of Death” case in Jan. 2025 for a price of \$1,500, you can truly rest in peace knowing your iPad will be bricked. You wear a ring

that detects vitals, and once the ring detects you’re dead, your iPad gets bricked. A user can choose to delete all history, delete all data, and also send a message to people saying they are dead.

There are still lots of uncertainties about this eerie and futuristic technology, but the idea of it may gain more attention when there’s a case for your phone, or I see companies doing something similar, creating a piece of wearable technology that can detect death and just delete everything. Maintaining the image you want to keep.

Future generations might be able to have this option, but when we think of the past, if someone died, people could dig through their life

and learn more about the individual, like finding (un)sent letters or reading old diaries. If they died unexpectedly, they didn’t have the option to burn their secrets. Maybe physical secrets could be hidden. But now, everything is collected and can be accessed with a few clicks.

Another concern with this idea is how ethical it is to have everything deleted in some cases, Videos, photos and other data could be useful for investigations. If every piece of data you have is gone, it could be a closed case. I think that maybe if we can brick phones, there should still be a way to gain all, just not acces-

sible to the average person, giving law enforcement access to important information.

I often talk about AI and technology because I can only imagine what the future will look like with all the new advancements, and now the future of death is changing as well. Ultimately I don’t know what the future of death will look like, but I do want the choice on where everything goes, to save or brick accounts. Certain aspects of death can’t be controlled, but what remains should be an option.

Exploring Nebraska’s capital

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In this life, one of the most interesting and important things is the constant fact of learning, discovering and visiting new things wherever and whenever. So, last week while I was traveling to Lincoln for the UNL career fair, I asked one of my professors what that huge tower in the middle of the city is. Honestly, I had already been to Lincoln several times since I arrived at Doane in August.

However, I had never wondered what that peculiar big tower would be or what it would be used for, until that day.

My professor Sarah Begay told me that it is the State Capitol of Nebraska, the most important building in the state, and at the same time, she told me that there were free tours to visit the building. That is when I got curious and directly after, I visited the web page and set a time on my schedule for Sunday to assist with a

guided tour. It was a very interesting tour. The history of the building is incredible, and visiting the different murals, mosaics, busts and so on with their respective stories and explanations helps you to understand much more about the history of Nebraska, the city and the people. The tour guide explained everything very well and made the tour quite attractive. I highly recommend visiting this building and discovering

more about Nebraska’s history.

In conclusion, its important to take the huge opportunities that we have to learn new things about the world around us. Furthermore, there are a lot of times when we need to be curious and open-minded and try to discover things that are closer to us than we often realize.

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Home will always feel like home

Lorraine shares her experience returning home to Panama



LORRAINE CASTAÑEDA
Life & Culture Editor

At the beginning of last semester, I was homesick most of the time. Every time I noticed something different from what I expected in the U.S. like the high costs of food, the cultural differences, etc. I would think:

"If I were home, this wouldn't be this way."

"This would be easier if I were home."

But at the same time, I was scared that nothing would be the same when I got back. I worried about losing friends because I couldn't see them as often, about family members forgetting how things used to be when I was there, about my dog forgetting me or about simply not feeling at home in my own home.

Still, despite everything, I missed home. Even if I feared that,

when I returned, nothing would be the same.

Finally, Dec. 14 arrived, and I was able to go home. As soon as I landed at Tocumen International Airport in Panama City, my best friends and my parents greeted me at the airport. I walked outside, felt the hottest weather ever, hugged my family and friends and suddenly, everything was exactly as I had left it. Well, not exactly, maybe even better.

After the airport, I had dinner with my friends and family. It was the best meal of my life. We caught up after months of being apart. When I got home, I saw my dog. She was the happiest and, without a doubt, recognized me.

In the end, going home wasn't different in the way I had feared. Even though I had been away for five months, it still felt like home. I got to spend

time with almost all my friends, enjoy the daily 90-degree heat I used to complain about, sleep in my own bed, have my clothes, my dog, my mom, my dad—my family. It was amazing.

The only real change was me. I'm almost a real adult now. I've always been independent, but living on my own made me truly responsible for everything. I used to want to figure things out

by myself, without my parents explaining them to me. But when I was home, even after spending months literally living 3,000 miles away, I just wanted to go everywhere with my mom and my dad.

Eventually, I returned. I still miss home but I feel better knowing that no matter how far I go home will always be home.

In defense of creepy crawlers

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This past weekend, while playing Two Truths and a Lie, I mentioned that I had held a baby alligator (which is true). My friend followed up by saying she had held a spider (which is a lie). Given that she is scared of spiders, I understood why she would never purposefully pick one up, but I was surprised to learn that she had never held a spider at all. I had assumed that rescuing a creepy crawler insect from the playground was a universal childhood experience, but it seems I was mistaken.

While I'll likely never

pick up a tarantula for fun, I would like to say a few words in defense of the miscategorized and underappreciated bug community.

Firstly, bugs are fascinating. Seriously, some of the abilities bugs possess are astonishing, especially when imagined at human size. Take, for example, the Emerald Cockroach Wasp, which is not only stunning but also powerful. These small creatures can paralyze and control cockroaches. Their venom blocks neurological transmitters in their prey, effectively stopping the fight-or-flight response.

Now, I realize I may have just instilled an ir-

rational fear of Emerald Cockroach Wasps in my peers, so let's consider Dragonflies instead. These insects are very common around the world and are among the most effective predators in the insect class. Each of their eyes contains thousands of lenses, allowing them to see nearly 360 degrees around them. Their four wings can move independently, enabling them to hover, fly backward and change directions instantly. Furthermore, these bugs are physically impressive. They migrate like other species, traveling thousands of miles and even crossing oceans. It's no

wonder they have "dragon" in their name.

Beyond their abilities, many insects are quite cute. Moths come in various colors, sizes, and wing shapes. My favorite is the White Witch, an elusive moth with a wingspan of nearly a

foot. However, the Luna and Rosy Maple Moths have certainly captured the internet's admiration with their bright colors and adorable faces. From bumblebees to ladybugs, there are plenty of impressive and lovable bugs, not to mention their im-

portant roles in the ecosystem.

Just because some bugs have intimidating appearances or aggressive behaviors doesn't mean the entire species should be judged the same way. before you hit a point of exhaustion.

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Thumbs DOWN...

Sports Briefs

Cheer and Dance

On Feb. 19, the Dance and Cheer teams traveled to Hastings Nebraska to take on Hastings College.

Starting off with the dance team, they took home first with a total of 82.30 points, whereas the Broncos had a score of 69.70, which placed them second.

Now switching over to the cheer team, they received first place with a final score of 80.00, where the Broncos received second with a score of 75.85, and finishing up their competition was Peru State who had a final score of 67.15, which placed them third.

Going into their next competition, both teams traveled to Sioux Center, Iowa on Feb. 22 to compete in the Dordt Invite.

Starting off with the dance team they had a final score of 74.37 which placed them sixth out of ten different teams.

Now switching over to the cheer side, the cheer team received a score of 74.38 which placed them fifth out of ten different teams as well.

Next up for the Cheer and Dance teams they will be traveling to Seward, Nebraska on Mar. 7 to compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

eSports

Starting off week three of their spring schedule, the Valorant, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Rocket League Orange and Black and Overwatch teams competed against a variety of different competitors.

Starting off on Feb. 18, the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team which consists of freshmen Ryan Burton, Caleb Panning, sophomores Gabriel Medina and Emmanuel Medina and junior Giovanni Castaneda took on the University of Omaha Black team. Unfortunately the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team walked away with a loss with a final score of 0-2, which brought their record to 0-2.

On Feb. 19, the Valorant team which consists of freshman Alan Fick, sophomores Jackson Finner, Theo Jones and junior Natalee Keodouangdy took on Minot State's Red team, where they walked away with a loss with the final score being 1-2 bringing their score to 0-3.

On the same day, the Overwatch team which consists of freshmen Chance Mock, Thure Johnson, Davis Wilson, Joshua Brown, Ben Wright, Fick, sophomores Sam Hartman, Jones, junior Rafael Garcia, and senior Jose Purizaca took on the Grand View Vikings Red team where they received a victory with a final score being 3-1.

On Feb. 20, the Overwatch team also took on Buena Vista's Gold team, where they also walked away with a victory with the final score being 3-1, which brings their record to 3-0.

Also on the same day, the Rocket League Black team took on Cornell College where they walked away with a loss with their final score being 0-3, which brings their record to 0-3 this season.

Finishing up week three will be the Rocket League Orange team taking on Missouri State University's White team on Feb. 25 at 8:30 p.m., if you or someone you know would like to watch this match you can watch it on the Doane eSports Youtube.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

Men's Basketball

On Feb. 19 and Feb. 22, the Men's Basketball team played two important conference games to close the season against Concordia University and Hastings University, respectively.

The Tigers lost both difficult games: the first against Concordia was 89-59, and the second against Hastings was 70-58. Despite Doane's best efforts, the Tigers slid in the rankings and now have a conference record of 4-16, while the general final record for the season is 9-19.

In both games, there were some important players. Sophomore Jack Wilson was the best player for the Tigers against Concordia with 13 points and eight rebounds. On the other hand, against Hastings Senior Caleb Hrabik scored 17 points and junior Casen Chaney got 10 rebounds and two assists.

The men's basketball 24-25 season is done and from now on the team is focusing on being prepared and achieving better results for the next season.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

Men's Wrestling are GPAC Champs

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On Feb. 21-22, the Men's Wrestling Team traveled to Hastings, Nebraska to compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships.

Starting off in the 125 was senior Hunter Bennett who placed first with a final score of 17-6, also placing in the 125 was freshman Brian Peck who walked away with

second having a final score of 16-8. Placing first in the 133 was junior Matthew Terrence, who had a final score of 31-7.

In the 141 was junior Devin Avedisian who had a score of 12-3, which placed him second. Placing first in the 149 was senior Nathan Lendt who had a final score of 17-2. Also taking home first in the 157 was junior Ben Miller who had a score of 26-5.

In the 174 was senior Benjamin Dobler who placed second with a score of 17-7, and placing first in the 184 was senior Tyson Beauperthuy who had a score of 29-0. Finishing in fifth in the 184 was senior Kolton Kammeyer who had a score of 12-9.

Taking home first in the 197 was returning senior Bradly Antesberger who finished with a score of 23-1, and placing second was returning senior

Kasten Grape who had a score of 26-3. Finishing up in the 285 was sophomore Eli Criblez who had a score of 17-12, which placed him fifth.

In total the Tigers received 218.0 points which put them in first place, making them the GPAC Champs.

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Women's Basketball goes to GPAC

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On Feb. 19-22, the Women's Basketball team played two essential conference games against Concordia University and Hastings University, respectively.

The Tigers were not able to win any of the games

and could not finish their regular season in the best way. The first score against Concordia was 71-61, and the second against Hastings was a difficult game that finished 88-68. The Women's Basketball conference record is 10-12, while the overall record for the season is 15-13.

There were some essential players for the Ti-

gers. Senior Mak Hatcliff got three assists in the first game and 18 points against Hastings. Another crucial player in both games was senior Macy Holtz with 14 points against Concordia and five assists in the last game.

The regular season for the women's basketball Tigers is done and with this, the GPAC tournament

gets started. The most important part of the basketball season has arrived and is the moment to show what the team is capable of.

On Feb. 26, the Tigers will begin the GPAC Tournament, marking the start in the quarterfinals at 7 p.m. Doane will travel to Mitchell, South Dakota, to play No. 16 Dakota Wesleyan University.

Baseball goes 4-0 against Vikings

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On Feb. 23-24, the Baseball team traveled to McPherson, Kansas to compete in a two-day four-game long competition against Missouri Valley College.

Going into their first game against the Vikings, senior Johnny Vulcano gained the first run of the game, with sophomore Carson Baker adding another run to their score, which brought the score to 2-0 at the end of the third.

In the bottom of the fourth, senior Carter Roth added another run to the score bringing it to 3-0. However, in the top of the fifth, the Vikings added their first run of the game, bringing the score to 3-1. But in the bottom of the sixth, Vulcano scored a homer which also brought Roth home as well, making the final score 5-1.

Going into their second game of the competition, junior Dane Kelsey gained the first run of this game, with sophomore Brayden Jones adding another run at the bottom of the first.

However, going into the top of the third inning, the Vikings added four runs which brought the score to 2-4. But at the bottom of the fifth, junior Max

Harris added a run for the Tigers, making the score 3-4.

In the top of the sixth, the Vikings added one more run to their score, but at the bottom of the sixth, sophomore Taiyo Takahashi hit a homer with senior Richard Reding adding another run, which brought the score to 5-5. Finishing up this game in the ninth inning was sophomore Gage Ryba who brought the final score to 6-5.

Going into day two of the competition, the Tigers won their third match against the Vikings by a landslide with the final score being 16-1.

Starting off in the top of the first inning, the Vikings scored their first

and only run of the game. However in the bottom of the first, senior Logan Amick scored the Tigers first run of the game, with Roth, Jones, and Harris scoring as well as Vulcano hitting a homer. This made the score 1-5 at the bottom of the first.

In the bottom of the second, Amick would be adding another run, as well as Jones hitting a homer as well, bringing the score to 1-7. In the bottom of the fourth, Jones, Roth, Vulcano and Harris added runs to the score, bringing the score to 1-11.

Finishing it off in the bottom of the fifth were freshman Thaden Wewel, Vulcano, Jones and Takahashi, adding

a run each to their score, bringing the final score to 1-16.

Going into their last and final match against the Vikings, the first run was Roth, with the score being 1-0. In the bottom of the third, Roth added another run, making the score 2-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, Amick scored making the score 0-3. In the bottom of the fifth, Vulcano, Baker and Ryba scored with Amick hitting a homer, which brought the final score to 7-0.

On Mar. 1-2, the Tigers will be having their first at-home game against Clarke University with games starting at 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on both days.



Softball goes 2-1 in Kansas

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On Feb. 24, the Softball team traveled to Wichita, Kansas to take on Friends College and Bethel College.

Starting their first game of the competition was against the Friends Falcons where

the Tigers were scoreless through the whole five-inning game, with the final score being 0-12.

In their second game, they played against the Falcons once again, in the second inning of the game, the Falcons gained two runs. Going into the fifth inning, junior Faith

Molina gained the first run of the game, which brought the score to 1-2.

In the sixth inning, freshman Addison Parsons hit a homer, which brought the score up to 2-2. However, in the eighth inning, the Falcons added another run to their score which brought the final score to 2-3.

Their final game of the competition was against the Bethel Threshers, starting off with the top of the first, freshman Bri True hit a homer, along with senior Marisa Marquez and sophomore Jeryn Allen and Parsons adding runs, which brought their score to 4-0.

At the top of the sec-

ond, senior Jaiden Papik, freshman Milannie Gonzalez, Marquez, and junior Jasmine Villegas added four more runs, making the score 8-0. Adding three more runs in the top of the third was Marquez, Villegas, and senior Lexi Alaniz-Diaz, which brought the score to 11-0.

Finishing off the game in the top of the fifth was junior Faith McDonald adding the final run of the game, which brought their final score to 12-0.

On Feb. 25, the Tigers are back in action against Sterling College, with game one starting at 1:00 p.m. and game two at 3:00 p.m.

Scoreboard Snapshot

MEN'S BASKETBALL

February 19 @ SEWARD, NE
7:45 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

BULLDOGS
[59-89]

February 22 @ HOME
4:15 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

BRONCOS
[58-70]

MEN'S WRESTLING

February 21-22 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA
@ GPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

TIGERS
[1st]

BASEBALL

February 23-24 @ MCPHERSON, KS
Versus MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

GAME1 [5-1] GAME2 [6-5] GAME3 [16-1] GAME4 [7-0]

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

February 19 @ SEWARD, NE
6:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

BULLDOGS
[61-71]

February 22 @ HOME
2:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

BRONCOS
[68-88]

CHEER/DANCE

February 19 @ HASTINGS, NE
Versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

TIGERS
[1st]

February 22 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA
@ DORDT INVITE

DANCE [6th] CHEER [5th]

SOFTBALL

February 24 @ WICHITA, KS
Versus FRIENDS COLLEGE

GAME1 [2-3] GAME2 [0-12]

February 24 @ WICHITA, KS
Versus BETHEL UNIVERSITY

TIGERS
[12-0]

