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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Senior Grace Dowding swings at the pitch in hopes of getting a hit off and on base. See Page 7.

One Day, One Doane finds success

JOHN DAWES
Editor-In-Chief

Doane University, like any university or college, relies a lot on its donors and grant givers for day-to-day funds, athletics, programs and research. As a way to help secure that critical funding, Doane hosted One Day, One Doane a fundraising event on March 20, to help meet a fundraising goal that unlocked a

75,000 dollar donation goal from the Doane Board of Trustees.

“By participating in “One Day, One Doane.” donors contribute to a comprehensive fund that addresses immediate needs and invests in the university’s future. This collective effort ensures that Doane can continue to provide exceptional educational experiences for current and future generations.” Director of the Doane Fund, Jessica Cole Pulte, said.

This year’s round of fundraising did not come

easy either, as all Doane campuses were closed due to poor weather conditions and major power outages hit most of the state. However, the fact that the university was able to work together and achieve the fundraising goals speaks to the lasting impact Doane has had on people.

“Despite facing unexpected challenges due to severe weather conditions, including power outages, the Doane community demonstrated remarkable resilience during the “One Day,

One Doane.” fundraising event,” Alumni Outreach & Event Coordinator Natalie Johnson said. “The Doane community’s determination and adaptability were evident as they met and exceeded the 400-donor target. This collective effort underscores the unwavering commitment and unity within the Doane community, reflecting their dedication to the institution’s mission and future, even in the face of adversity.”

The funds secured from both the donors and

the Board of Trustees goes towards helping student education, providing resources and adding to campus life as well as supporting our faculty and staff. The funds show a commitment from Doane’s past and present to the future.

“Alumni giving is a testament to their belief in the value of their education and experience at Doane University. Their support not only reflects gratitude but also a commitment to paying it forward—ensuring that future students can find

their home at Doane and receive the resources they need to become leaders in their communities.” Senior Marketing and Brand Strategist for Advancement and Alumni Mike Stehlik said.

Seniors who wish to continue to give to Doane can buy philanthropy cords for Commencement, with the money going to the larger One Day, One Doane fund. Those cords can be purchased at doane.edu/onedoane.

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Housing for next year is in full swing

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Staff Writer

As the 2025 spring semester comes to a close in just a few weeks, housing applications and deadlines are at the forefront of students’ minds. The deadline for housing applications for the 2025 fall semester was midnight on March 23.

Students who missed this deadline will be assigned on-campus housing and charged the full price. Additionally, those who missed the deadline will not be able to participate in the housing lottery and will be unable to choose their room. Students can check their housing application status through Doane’s ErezLife website

This upcoming semes-

ter, students with 90 or more credits will automatically receive \$1,700 off housing or dining per semester. This initiative is aimed at encouraging upperclassmen to live on campus with a total of \$3,400 off for the entire academic year.

Students can also update their meal plans and roommate groups on ErezLife. For information regarding special housing needs or emotional support animals, please contact the Director of Disability Services at accessibility@doane.edu.

The room selection process will take place on April 8 and 9. Students can expect to receive an email with their official housing selection time and date. Single rooms are available in Frees Hall, and a waitlist for single rooms can be found on ErezLife under the forms tab. It’s important to note

that anyone interested in a single room must still participate in the housing lottery. The status of this application will be communicated at the end of the semester.

Summer housing is broken up into several blocks at Frees Hall. Block one takes place from May 19 to June 1 and will cost students \$250. Block two is from June 26 to July 31 and costs \$250. Staying for both blocks adds up to \$500. Payments are due May 26 and are a flat rate, meaning if a student only stays for part of a block they will still pay the full amount.

If students are not returning to Doane, they should inform their current Community Director or email doanehousing@doane.edu. Any questions regarding housing can be directed to that email address.

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- The deadline for Fall 2025 housing applications was 11:59pm on March 23.
- Students who missed the deadline will be assigned on-campus housing and charged the full price.
- New Upperclassmen Discount**
- Students with 90 or more credits will receive \$1,700 off housing or dining per semester.
- Total savings of \$3,400 for the academic year.
- Any Updates for Meal Plans, roommates or housing go to ErezLife.**
- Leaving Doane?**
- Inform your Community Director or email doanehousing@doane.edu.
- For all housing-related questions, contact doanehousing@doane.edu.

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Graphic design capstone projects are displayed in Rall Gallery



Photo by Lorraine Castañeda | Doane Owl

Graphic Design Capstone project exhibition held in Rall Gallery. For more look below.

JOHN DAWES
Editor-in-Chief

A senior capstone project is the culmination of years of hard work and is the final project many students complete before they walk the stage on graduation. These projects are often semester-long endeavors and can sometimes be started as early as a student's sophomore year and are oftentimes the culmination of years of accumulated skills. However, very often do students get to show these projects to a larger audience outside of their major.

Doane's Graphic Design students however are given the unique opportunity to display their work in a showcase from March 20 through April 3, in the Rall Gallery. The three graphic design seniors, Samantha Knapp, Lizzi Sand and Elly Kennec each have their work displayed in the gallery, each one creating their own brand and products for said brand.

Knapp's capstones features a brand called Lily Thread Co. a flower shop and boutique that combines Western aesthetics and featured parts from her farm back home as well as her own graphics work. Sand's capstone was a promotion for a music festival called Noise Pollution and reflects her passion for music and includes

promotion and merch for the festival she designed. Finally, Kennec's project was for a brand called Imagine Ink, a conglomerate of her love for storytelling and illustration and features books, puzzles, board games and cards

"We each got our own choice to brand really anything we wanted to. The assignment was pretty broad and really allowed each of our personalities to shine through in each of our projects. The only requirement we had was to have 20 items designed for the brand," Knapp said. "We were able to use any materials and objects needed to portray our brand and the vibe of the brand that we were

creating. So, for my side of the project, I wanted to portray a Western and girly feel. So, I used colors and materials such as old barn wood and girlier colors to portray what I wanted."

The showcase also doubled as an opportunity for the students to showcase their work to more than just Doane at large, but their friends and family. The first day of the showcase had students, staff, friends and family flooding the gallery and taking pictures, enjoying the art and being able to finally see the work these seniors have spent so long perfecting.

"When I had my artwork in the gallery, I wasn't expecting as many

Weekly Horoscopes

- Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** A burst of energy will propel you towards new beginnings.
- Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** Slow down today! appreciate small details. A hidden opportunity is lurking in your routine tasks.
- Aries (March 21 - April 20):** Expect a moment of clarity in your emotional life today.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** You will be torn between two paths. But both paths will lead to personal growth.
- Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** The starts will align for a productive day.
- Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** Your energy may inspire you to tidy up your space.
- Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Balance is key for you. You will thrive if you listen more than you speak.
- Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** The universe brings transformative energy your way. A sudden change will challenge you, but it will lead to empowerment.
- Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Adventure calls, but today is best for planning.
- Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** A financial opportunity may present itself this week. who knows.
- Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** A creative park in you will be ignited. Try something new, step outside your comfort zone.
- Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Your intuition is heightened this week, it will guide you towards change.

people to come up to me and express how much they liked my artwork. Having friends and family finally be able to see the project I have been working on since the fall semester was something I enjoyed, and I haven't experienced something like this before," Knapp said. "They have heard me talk and talk about it, but I was the only one with the full vision in my head, so being able to see it fully put together was

an amazing experience. When I reflect on how far I have come as an artist, I am impressed with my time management skills and being able to have a vision and fully complete it exactly how I imagined it."

The 2025 Senior Graphic Design Exhibition is available for anyone in the Rall Gallery, the Gallery opens and closes in accordance with the library's schedule.

Phi Sigs host a Grilled Cheese night for students

LIZ CALDERON
Staff Writer

On March 20, Phi Sigma Tau hosted a Grilled Cheese and Soup event in the basement of Brodie Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy a classic grilled cheese sandwich with a side of soup for just \$5, or they could opt for just the sandwich for \$3. For those who couldn't make it to the event in person, a delivery option was available for an additional \$2, bringing the comfort food straight to students' doors.

Organized by Phi Sigma Tau, the event was a great success, fostering a sense of community while raising funds for future sorority activities and charitable initiatives.

Stay tuned for future events from Phi Sigma Tau, as they continue to bring the Doane University campus together through food.

Two rounds of laser tag were played, with Doane students going up against elementary school students. Many students felt a bit of fear as three or four children targeted them. It was also a wake-up call for some when the children referred to them as "adults" while recommending a "Kids vs. Adults" laser tag match.

SPB hosts The Great Crete Escape

AMANI MUISYO
Staff Writer

On March 22, the Doane Student Programming Board (SPB) hosted The Great Crete Escape, a field trip to Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska. Spencer Munson, Assistant Director of Campus Engagement, helped oversee the event and assisted students, ensuring everyone had a great time. Students were able to take a shuttle to the event or carpool. Though many other birthday parties and groups were in the building, Tiger Pride was easy to spot, with many Doane students representing the school and playing different games in groups. Access to the arcade, mini golf, laser tag and bowling was available.

Students shared pizza and various snacks for a mid-day lunch and enjoyed multiple rounds of bowling. After the event, some students also went to Chipotle and Wing Stop for dinner, carpooling together and ensuring that no one was left behind.

There was team spirit, encouragement and playfulness, making it a great getaway for many students.



Student band visits Doane

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Staff Writer

On March 18, the Student Programming Board (SPB) presented a Coffee Shop Series event featuring live music from Miles Salsar, Mason Buller and Jackson Evi—a band from UNL known as MMA. The band typically consists of Miles Mason and Asher Robinson, but since Asher was unavailable, Jackson stepped in as a replacement for this performance.

They played a fusion of funk and electric music, using drums, bass and electric guitars, and viewers were fully immersed in their sound and rhythm.

During the event, students had the opportunity to create mosaics while enjoying the music. They could choose their own rocks and platters or start with a pre-made kit that included all necessary materials like glue, sponges and a cement mix. Instructions were provided at the front, and assistance was available throughout the activity.

By 8 p.m., due to school being canceled the following day, most students took the opportunity to head out early. Despite this, MMA continued playing for another hour, keeping the energy alive.

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Stop Googling and start looking for answers

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Guest Writer

When was the last time you asked someone how to do something and were met with a reply of, “Just Google it”?

If you’re anything like me, I suspect that you’ve probably heard this a fair number of times during the course of your professional or academic life. And if you’re also anything like me, my guess is that you probably left those encounters feeling a little... put off. But why is this? Why do we feel discouraged or put down when others encourage us to use the tools we have at our disposal to teach ourselves?

The simple answer is that being treated that way isn’t in our nature as human beings, and on an inmost level, we feel that.

These sort of frustrations and feelings came to mind for me recently as I read the Vatican’s new document on AI entitled, “Antiqua et Nova – On the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence.” While reading the document, I was struck by the pervasive themes of human dignity, respect, and the incredible emphasis placed on the importance of human

relationships.

“Wait!” I hear you say, “what could the Catholic Church possibly teach me about AI?”

Well...quite a lot, actually. Perhaps, for starters, how to engage with AI from a liberal arts perspective. A central theme of Pope Francis’ pontificate has been pushing back against what he terms, “the technocratic paradigm.” That is a worldview wherein man has increasingly become subservient to, rather than aided by, technology, and where human relationships suffer as technology fused with capitalism reduces our interactions to mere transactions, thereby stripping away the relationships and connections that once enriched our daily experiences.

Take fast food, for example. You might assume that ordering through an app would make life easier for everyone. Customers can order in advance, and employees don’t have to manage long lines—a win-win, right? Except, in practice, it often isn’t.

In fact, the evidence we have thus far would suggest it’s actually made life more difficult for the workers making your meal because consumers, unburdened by the lack of social pressure of ordering face-to-face, now tend to place larger & more

complex orders. Yet despite this increased complexity, most people still expect the same speed of service they experienced in the past. Meanwhile, the workers themselves have all but ceased to exist in our imaginations. After all, do you know the name of the person who makes your food? Do you ever think about them? Or is it all just a swift, impersonal transaction online? In the not-too-distant past, it wasn’t uncommon for regulars in a restaurant – even a fast-food restaurant – to become familiar with the people who work there. Now though? Not so much, unfortunately.

Herein, we see the problem as Pope Francis articulates it – rather than fostering connection and understanding, our use of technology has only resulted in an obsession with efficiency that completely precludes any understanding of the humanity or dignity of the human person. We no longer take the time to recognize the very humanity of those we interact with.

Instead of making life easier for the fast-food laborer, technology in this sense has only created a new demand for them to

work even quicker – without even granting them recognition for doing so – thereby making them subservient to rather than aided by the technological advancement in question.

Which brings me back to my point. Sure by, “googling it” you’ve probably found what you were looking for – and at speed – but how about what you could have learned beyond that? Or the relationships you could have built? What about the habits you’re forming in yourself for finding information? I don’t know about you, but in my own experiences, I’ve often found it much more rewarding to actually ask someone to teach me something than just googling it. Sometimes, I even emerge richer from the experience because a real human being could provide me with more insights into what I was trying to learn than what Google could produce on a sheer technical scale.

So, the next time you’re tempted to just “Google” something, I’d encourage you to slow down if you can. Take the time to ponder who may know the answer. Perhaps get a coffee with them and ask them the question instead. You might just gain some knowledge—and a new friend—in the process.

We deserve the right to protest

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Staff Writer

As the pile of breaking news continues to grow daily, many Americans are feeling distraught, discontent and angry. How do they cope with these feelings? Some express their frustrations to family members or suppress them, while others choose to take to the streets. Protesting is certainly not a new concept; in fact, the American Revolution began as a massive protest. Each year, rallies, vigils, pickets, strikes, boycotts, walkouts and demonstrations occur worldwide, addressing a wide range of issues from various perspectives.

In recent times, the United States has experienced a surge in these protests as the public reacts to their changing lives and controversial laws. However, on March 4, Trump took to social media

to declare that any “College, School, or University that allows illegal protests” would lose federal funding. Additionally, the “agitators will be imprisoned/or permanently sent back to the country from which they came.”

Then, Mahmoud Khalil was arrested and deportation, for a man with a green card, was threatened. People were scared and rightfully so. The idea that disagreeing with your government, or even with an idea or a company, could end with your life being wrongfully dismantled and destroyed is an unexpected overreach of power. Now, Columbia University, where Khalil attended, has agreed to a list of demands to restore \$400 million in federal funding.

Students have responded by organizing a vigil for March 24, which is, of course, a kind of protest. The Department of Education is threatened? People protest. Dislike Elon Musk inserting himself into democracy?

Protest. Are tariffs going to hurt your business? Protest. Worried about your rights? Protest. The right to protest is threatened? You’ll never guess what people did.

This is to say that protesting is a fundamental part of democracy. It allows people to make their voices heard, support the issues they care about and create a foundation that politicians can address. But more than that, protests are for people. Because when you stand in a crowd, signs in hand, repeating chants, and marching, you feel a part of something. It reminds you that you’re not alone. When you turn on the news and see a protest for an issue you care about you think, “Good, someone’s doing something.”

I’ve attended protests. On street corners, outside city halls, and walkouts during school. And honestly? In a strange way,

they’re fun. There is an exhilaration in taking action, in seeing others agree with you, and allowing your voice to join the chorus. Yes, protests can become violent. Yes, people can get hurt or take things too far. But most of the time, it’s about handing out hand warmers, making signs, packing snacks and calling your friends.

Protesting is a timeless exercise in self-advocacy and support. Threatening protesters is a fear tactic designed to intimidate average people, making them scared to show their support and stand up for what they believe in. As a result, many remain quiet and compliant while their freedoms are stripped away. However, this is also a display of fear.

The only way for your voice to be heard is to make some noise.

Be safe and kind, but be loud.

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America, it's time to wake up

JOHN DAWES
Editor-in-Chief

I'm going to use my ability to write an opinion piece very literally for this article. This is a long one, buckle up.

About a month ago, I made a pitstop to Omaha to see someone I have long held respect for, despite him being from maybe my least favorite group of people. Independent Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders kicked off his "Fighting Oligarchy" nationwide tour in Omaha on Feb. 21 drawing an overflow crowd of more than 2,500, with hundreds more turned away due to how packed the venue was.

The tour included stops from all over the country and primarily touched down in "red states", states that had a majority of the population vote for President Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election and states that most likely have Republicans representing them at the state and federal level.

This decision to primarily tour in these red states is, of course, a tactical decision. Sen. Sanders said he chose Omaha specifically because of its working-class voters who were swayed toward Republican candidates in the 2024 election. He felt that people are being duped and they are voting for politicians who don't have the best interest of the working class

in mind. It also allows Sanders to galvanize supporters of his politics into acting while in these red states, to encourage them to try and change politics, whether that's locally or otherwise, in hopes that they can help shore up some of the holes politicians may miss.

This is my opinion, after all, so I will be blunt. I like Bernie Sanders; he is in my opinion, the exact opposite of the sleazy politicians we somehow keep in office for 40-plus years and come off millions of dollars richer than before they entered politics. Had I been able to vote for Sanders in 2016 and he won the Democratic primary, I would have. Had he won the primary Democratic primary against President Joe Biden, I would have voted for him.

I am also comfortable saying despite my respect for Sen. Sanders, I would not hesitate to cast my vote towards a different candidate if need be. I have some core issues with Sanders politics, but you have to make some level of compromise in politics.

I'm bringing up this nationwide tour and Sen. Sanders because I believe that now more than ever, we are in an age that will define American history, where suddenly, the powerful apparatus that is the White House and Washington is in jeopardy of being twisted and pulled away from

the American people and into the hands of the few, the hands of the rich, powerful and hateful.

Some commentators and comedians, mainly John Stewart and Bill Burr have called this the "oligarchy of nerds," and they couldn't be more right. Elon Musk, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO has become the new figurehead of the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE and is attempting to make cuts to the federal government that they deem as wasteful. In practice this illegal government agency was created by skirting around the normal congressional process, is cutting programs that often aim to help our most disadvantaged and disenfranchised Americans, removing key services such as regulatory agencies and the national parks.

If we, as Americans, had the guts to admit it, we'd say Musk is cutting programs and agencies that directly police his companies and thus interfere with his profits. Musk has also very quickly allied himself with the alt. right and white supremacists, you can see it for yourself by opening his Twitter feed.

In Burr's words, not mine, Musk and the other tech giants who have seemingly all aligned themselves with the White House and President Trump are finally getting their opportunity to parade around

the power they always wish they had. To finally flaunt some level of influence and credibility that they have always felt they lacked and address their greatest insecurities. They want all the privilege of saying in public forums that they are "for free speech and democracy" while simultaneously being openly corrupt in their extraction of wealth at the expense of the American people, especially the people they deem as "unworthy," people who are often LGBTQ, women and racial and ethnic minorities.

These outward attacks on these minority groups and the public's criticism of a growing oligarchy are being left largely ignored by both career Democrats and Republicans. Both parties seem to be hoping to cozy up to their own billionaire and willing to put up with human rights being compromised in hopes they secure elections.

All of this "background" information leads me to my main point. They, these political parties and billionaires, will not save you. Even the "good ones" like Sen. Sanders, its time we as Americans, primarily young Americans like those in college, start looking across racial, cultural and state lines and see the larger issues.

There are policies and political futures for this country that are objectively a net good for the

entire nation. We need to fight for those. There are people Musk and other politicians have painted as disgusting and deplorable, say trans folks, who in all actuality have done nothing wrong. We need to fight for them and start having hard conversations with ourselves about whether or not we contributed to hate in the past and present.

There are times when you must fight for people's right to exist in this country, whether they are immigrants, or LGBT, or black or Asian. It's on us to see across lines that might divide us and see people for who they are.

Politicians and the markets have to listen to us; if they only listen to each other long enough, sooner rather than later, they will bar us from ever even having a voice in the things that matter. Some people have thrown out the idea of a massive general strike or of massive protests that disrupt and disperse the power back into the hands of the people. These are, in my opinion, the best way forward

Your politics need to be deliberately constructed in a way that empowers the most people possible and serves the nation at large. Not yourself, not the party you like, everyone. This era of American individualism has led us into a political and economic landscape that is devoid of empathy and

compassion and is addicted to self-serving consolidation. The solution to this individualism is simple, to love your neighbors no matter how different they are and judge them objectively as they are, to be blunt in calling out hate and standing up for those who are unable to speak for themselves and to see across the divide and remove those who aim to sow it.

All oligarchs benefit from a never-ending culture war that pits good, hardworking people against each other over issues they should have no reason to debate. In that misguided anger they hoard the riches unnoticed. You should be angry instead at people like Musk, who are agents of chaos and sow instability; you should be angry at your senators and congressmen who act in a way that hurts your community. Not towards your fellow person, who is simply trying to make their ends meet and provide for their family.

We are long overdue for a national ego death and cleansing of the soul. Look across the line and start asking the hard questions: are my politics detrimental to the average person and are they actually empowering those who are hurting Americans?

The benefits of becoming a regular reader

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News Editor

Firstly, what do we consider when someone becomes a regular reader? Being a regular reader does not mean finishing a long book in one week or reading every single day for more than an hour. Every person who has the habit of reading with interest and has the passion

to discover and learn new things through reading will be considered a regular reader. Nowadays, the daily routine of the vast majority of people is very busy and full of different responsibilities and activities. However, becoming a regular reader is possible for everyone and will be something really beneficial for developing as a better person and always progressing.

In addition, there are some options to be a reader. Because when we think of reading, the first idea or image that comes to mind is a book. Nevertheless, you can be a reader of newspapers, news, articles, research or whatever you are interested in, which could be sports, politics, history and a million other things.

The main point is to create, develop and

maintain a habit of reading, and everyone will benefit greatly. Becoming a regular reader has many advantages for mental health and emotional well-being. It reduces stress, provides relaxation and increases self-awareness and emotional intelligence. At the same time, everyone can experience academic and professional growth, which will help strength-

en writing and communication skills, improve focus and discipline and increase general knowledge and expertise in various subjects. Finally, another essential benefit is personal development. Becoming a regular leader will inspire creativity and imagination, help with personal goal-setting and self-improvement, encourages lifelong learning and curiosity.

In conclusion, I highly recommend and encourage everyone to create and develop the habit of being a regular reader because it will give you a lot of benefits and will be a crucial point during your life progress.

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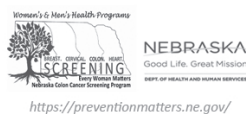
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Group Chats



Shuffle

Liking



Saving

Skipping



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

Thumbs DOWN...

Sports Briefs

Men's Golf

On March 12-14, the Men's Golf team opened their season in Opelika, Alabama at the LTU Spring Break Invite where they walked away in seventh place with a score of 947. On March 17-18, they played their second tournament of the spring season at the Doane Spring Invite in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Tigers divided the team into three different teams, A, B, and C. Team "A" consisted of seniors Sam Arnold and Blake Skoumal, junior Julius Rauter, sophomore Jack Millard and freshman Toby Knevet, who ended in fourth overall with an overall score of 598. Knevet finished in fourth overall hitting a 72 on both days individually, making his final score 144.

In team "B", senior Noah Miller, junior Cauty Walters and sophomores Julius Kroell, Joshua Wassmer and Brock Heusinkvelt placed second with an overall score of 583.

Also tying for fourth overall was Korell, who hit a 78 on day one and a 66 on day two, as well as Walters, who hit a 76 on day one and a 68 on day two, resulting in both of them having an individual score of 144. Placing 10th overall was Wassmer, who had hit a 76 on day one and a 71 on day two, making his individual score 147.

Finishing up for the Tigers was team "C," which consisted of seniors Connor Podiska, Derek Story, juniors Gabe Trampe, Cam Binder, sophomores Alex Morrall, Daniel Cook and freshmen Jaime Palá, Jake Dane and Trey Pulte, where they finished in seventh with a total score of 612.

Next up, the Tigers will be traveling to Bullhead City, Arizona, to compete in The Battle 36 Holes and The Battle 18 Holes on March 24-25.

—Elijah Lara-Johnson

Women's Tennis

On March 22, the Women's Tennis team had their first conference game for this Spring 25 season in Yankton, South Dakota, against Mount Marty University. The Tigers won their first away conference game 7-0 and started conference play with a perfect record in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). Currently, the overall record for the Women's team is 5-5 taking into account the two defeats during the fall season.

In doubles, the No. 1 game senior Mariana Espinosa and sophomore Maria Purizaca prevailed 6-1. At No. 2 doubles, freshman Liz Calderon and junior Grace Schroller won 6-4. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Isabella Castillero and sophomore Kat Johnson, finished with a score of 6-1. This strong doubles play helped Doane kick off their match for the Tigers.

At No. 1 singles, Purizaca prevailed 6-0, 6-0, while at No. 2 singles, Espinosa won 6-2, and when she was winning 1-0 the second set the opponent withdrew from the game. At No. 3 game Calderon won 6-3, 6-3. At No. 4 singles Castillero got a victory in a hard game 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. At No. 5 game Schroller 6-3, 6-3 and finally in the last game singles No. 6 Johnson won her match 6-3, 7-6.

Next up for the Women's team will be a week full of games with the first game being at home on March 25 at 3 p.m. against Kansas Wesleyan University and their next match being away on March 27 at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Finishing up, there will be two home games against Hastings University on March 29 at 12 p.m. and against Baker University at 12 p.m.

—Luis Rejano Candau

Men's Tennis

On March 22, the Men's Tennis team played their first conference game of the Spring season in Yankton, South Dakota, against Mount Marty University. The Tigers lost their first away conference game 1-6 and started conference play winless. Currently, the men's tennis team has a 3-7 overall record.

In doubles play, at No. 1, senior Jose Purizaca and junior Diego Infante won in a close game 7-6 with a 7-3 in the tie-break. In the No. 2 game, senior Andre Hartman and sophomore Elliot Dasell lost their doubles match 1-6. Finishing in double No. 3, freshman Christian Jensen and freshman Tanner Adams lost 0-6. Despite the win in the doubles game No.1, the Tigers could not achieve the doubles point.

The singles games proved difficult for Doane as only one of the players could secure a game-win for the Tigers. In singles No.1, Purizaca lost 3-6, 6-4, 1-6. At No.2, Infante wasn't able to secure a win in a really competitive game. The final score was 6-4, 6-7, with Infante losing the tie-break 3-7, and the final set was 3-6. Single No.3 was played by Dasell, where he lost 2-6, 0-6. At No.4, Avila lost 1-6, 1-6. In single No. 5, Hartman could make the only victory for the team and finished 6-3, 6-1 and finally, in single No. 6, Adams lost 1-6, 0-6.

Next up, the Men's team will be competing in a week full of games with the first game being at home on March 25 at 3 p.m. against Kansas Wesleyan University, with their second game being away on March 27 at 4 p.m. against Nebraska Wesleyan University. Finishing up the week, the Tigers will be back at home on March 29 to take on Hasting College and Baker University at 12 p.m.

—Luis Rejano Candau

eSports concludes season

ELIJAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On March 17, the eSports team walked into their final week of the regular season with the Valorant team taking on UABESA Vortex. The Valorant team consists of freshmen Alan Fick, sophomores Jackson Finner and Theo Jones, junior Natalee Koedouangdy and senior Avery Martin. The team walked away with a loss with a score of 0-2, bringing their record to 1-5.

Next up was the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate took on the University of North Dakota Black team on March 18.

The Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team consists of freshmen Ryan Burton and Caleb Panning, sophomores Gabriel Medina, Emmanuel Media and Jones, junior Giovanni Gastaneda and senior Jax Stander, where they walked away with a 2-0 victory, which brings their record to 3-4, a much needed win as the team hopes to return to an even record.

Switching over to the Rocket League Orange and Black teams, the Orange team took on UARK Black team on March 19 and Morningside University Mustangs on March 20. Whereas the Black team took on Briar Cliff University on March 17 and Clark

Pride Navy on March 20.

The Rocket League teams consist of freshmen Austin Manning, sophomores Todd Martin, Nathan Shupe, Dami Obakoya, Jerson Calderon, juniors Jordan Kwiakowski and Winston Sears and senior Trey Krueger.

The Orange team had a 3-2 victory over the UARK Black team, but accepted defeat against the Mustangs, with the score being 0-3. Also, the Black team accepted defeat by both the Chargers, with a final score of 0-3 and Clark Pride Navy, with a score of 1-3. This brings the Orange team's record to 2-5, whereas the Black team had a record of 1-6.

Finishing up for the Tigers was the Overwatch team who took on Wayne State College Varsity on March 20, and Concordia University on March 21.

The Overwatch team consisted of freshmen Chance Mock, Thure Johnson, Davis Wilson, Joshua Brown, Ben Wright, Alan Fick, sophomore Sam Hartman, junior Rafael Garcia and senior Jose Purizaca, where they accepted defeat by Wayne State with the score being 0-3, along with a 3-0 victory over Concordia, making their record 5-2.

This concludes the eSports Regular Season with their Playoffs season beginning soon

Baseball goes 2-2 with Concordia

ELIJAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On March 22, the Baseball team took on Concordia University at home for a two-day four-game weekend.

Starting with their first game, in the second inning, the Bulldogs got a home run which brought the score to 0-1, but in the bottom of the second, junior Dane Kelsey tied up the game.

Fast forward to the bottom of the seventh, senior Aaron Vulcano scored the final run of the game, bringing the final score to 2-1.

Transitioning into their second game of the day, the Bulldogs got another home run in the top of the second. However at the bottom of the second, sophomore Max Harris scored, tying up the game 1-1.

At the bottom of the third hitting a home run was Kelsey, with returning senior Justin Nevells also hitting a homer in the bottom of the sixth. Also adding a run in the sixth was A. Vulcano, making the score 4-1.

But in the top of the sev-

enth and ninth, the Bulldogs would add eight runs which brought the final score to 4-9.

Going into March 23, the Tigers had two more games against the Bulldogs. At the top of the first and second, the Bulldogs would add eight runs, making the score 0-8.

However, in the bottom of the second, A. Vulcano would hit a home run, along with Harris scoring in the bottom of the third. Adding two more runs in the bottom of the fourth was A. Vulcano and junior Jordan Bond, making the score 4-8.

At the top of the fifth, the Bulldogs would add two more runs before switching back over to the Tigers for A. Vulcano scored another run, making the score 5-10. Adding two more runs in the bottom of the sixth were senior Logan Amick and junior Sam Kwapnioski, bringing the score to 7-10.

Going into the top of the seventh, the Bulldogs would be adding four runs to the final score, making it 7-14.

Transitioning into their final game against the Bulldogs, where in the nine-in-

ning game, the Tigers walked out scoreless making the score 0-10.

Next up, the Tigers will be traveling to Sioux City, Iowa, to take on Briar Cliff Uni-

versity on March 28, then traveling to Mitchell, South Dakota, to take on Dakota Wesleyan University on March 29.



Baseball



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Softball travels and plays in Sioux Center

ELIJAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

On March 18, the Softball team played at home against the Northwestern College Red Raiders in two games.

Starting off in the top of the third in game one, the Red-Raiders scored three runs, making the game 0-3. However, in the bottom of the fifth, freshman Lexi Adams scored the first run for the Tigers, making the score 1-3. But in the top of the seventh, the Red Raiders took it home adding three more runs, making the final score 1-6.

Transitioning into the second game of the day, in the top of the fourth, the Red-Raiders added three runs, making the score 0-3. In the bottom of the sixth, senior Grace Dowding, freshman Bi True, junior Jasmine Villegas, freshman Milannie Gonzalez and sophomore Jeryn Allen added one run each to the score, making it 5-3. But the Red-Raiders added three more runs, which brought the final score to 5-6.

Fast forward to March 21-22, the Tigers traveled to Sioux Center, Iowa, to take on Waldorf University and Dordt University both in two games each.

Going into the top of the first inning against Waldorf, senior Anna Prauner scored the first run of the game with junior Faith Molina scoring after. Adding two more runs were True and senior Marisa Marquez, making the score 4-0.

Scoring in the top of the second was Adams, and adding a run each in the top of the third were Marquez, Molina, True, Allen and Villegas, bringing the score to 9-0. But in the bottom of the fifth, Waldorf added one run to the score, making the final score 9-1.

Transitioning into their second game against Waldorf, in the bottom of the first Waldorf added a run to the score, but in the top of the second Villegas scored, making the score 1-1.

However, in the bottom of the second and third, Waldorf added six runs to the score, making it 1-7. But the Tigers

weren't accepting defeat because in the top of the fourth and sixth innings, Adams, Allen, Dowding, Prauner, Marquez, Gonzalez, Villegas, freshman Addison Parson and Molina would be adding 16 runs to the score, making the score 17-7. Finishing off in the bottom of the sixth, Waldorf added one final run to their score, making it 17-8.

Now it was time for the Tigers to take on the Dordt Defenders. Starting off in their first game in the bottom of the first, the Defenders added two runs to the score making it 0-2. But in the top of the third, Dowding scored the Tigers' first run of the game. However, in the bottom of the third, the Defenders would add one final run to the score, bringing the score to 1-3.

Going into their second game against the Defenders in the top of the first, Gonzalez and Villegas would score, bringing the score to 2-0. But in the bottom of the first and second, the Defenders would add three runs, making the score 2-3.

In the top of the third and fourth, Marquez, Villegas and True would score along with Molina hitting a homer, bringing the score to 6-3. The Defenders would then add a home run in the bottom of the fourth, making the score 6-4.

In the top of the fifth, Adams and Marquez would add two runs with the Defenders also adding two more runs and another home run, making the score 8-7. At the top of the sixth, Gonzalez added another run, with the Defenders also scoring, making the score 9-8. Finishing up the game in the seventh inning, True hit a homer with the Defenders adding one more run to the final score, making it 10-9.

Next up, the Tigers will be back at home taking on the College of Saint Mary on March 26 with games set to start at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Along with that, the Tigers are set to take on Peru State on March 28 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. along with Morningside University on March 29, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Scoreboard Snapshot

SOFTBALL

March 18 @ HOME

Versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

GAME 1 [1-6] GAME 2 [5-6]

March 21 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA

Versus WALDORF UNIVERSITY

GAME 1 [9-1] GAME 2 [17-8]

March 22 @ SIOUX CENTER, IA

Versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

GAME 1 [1-3] GAME 2 [10-9]

BASEBALL

March 22-23 @ HOME

Versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

GAME 1 [2-1] GAME 2 [9-4] GAME 3 [7-14] GAME 4 [0-10]

Next week for Tiger Athletics

MEN'S GOLF

March 24 @ BULLHEAD CITY, AZ

@ THE BATTLE (36 HOLES)

TENNIS

March 25 @ HOME

3:00 versus KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

March 25 @ LINCOLN, NE

4:00 versus NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

March 29 @ HOME

12:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE

March 30 @ HOME

12:00 versus BAKER COLLEGE

DANCE/CHEER

March 29 @ YPSILANTI, MI

@ NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOFTBALL

March 26 @ HOME

1:00 versus COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

March 28 @ HOME

2:00 versus PERU STATE

March 29 @ HOME

1:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

BASEBALL

March 28 @ SIOUX CITY, IA

1:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

March 29 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

1:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TRACK AND FIELD

March 28 @ KEARNEY, NE

11:00 @ CENTRAL NEBRASKA CHALLENGE

MEN'S GOLF

March 17-18 @ LINCOLN, NE

@ DOANE SPRING INVITE

TIGERS [4th]

WOMEN'S TENNIS

March 22 @ YANKTON, S.D.

Versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

TIGERS [7-0]

MEN'S TENNIS

March 22 @ YANKTON, S.D.

Versus MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY

LANCERS [1-6]



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