

# the doane OWL

Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Junior Brayden Boehle helps STUCO host Stop Day. See more Stop Day pictures on Page 4.

## STUCO with another successful Stop Day for the spring semester of 2025

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Life & Culture Editor

On April 10, Student Congress (STUCO) held the long-awaited Stop Day. There was a series of activities scheduled for students throughout the day.

Events kicked off bright and early with STUCO members waking up students with air horns and speakers with loud music at 7 a.m., letting everyone know it was Stop Day.

All meals were available in the dining hall on the usual weekday schedule.

The day was packed with fun activities like t-shirt giveaways, sand

volleyball competitions, cornhole tournaments and a canoe race on Doane Lake.

President Hughes also participated in Stop Day by doing the “Ice Bucket Challenge” for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) awareness. The challenge consisted of STUCO president Senior Blake Skoumal throwing a bucket of water and ice on President Hughes; he

also nominated several presidents from colleges of the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC), as well as the head football coach of Kansas State University.

Some of the other activities for students included the Lakeside Relaxation Station, where students were able to stop by and relax. There was a Tie-Dye Station as well for students to decorate

their Stop Day shirts.

Finally, the day concluded with free food from Raising Cane’s, a spicy wing-eating contest and the Doane Idol event, where Greek life, individual students and even the staff of Student Affairs performed different skits. Doane Idol’s winners were the members of Delta Kappa Pi fraternity.

According to students,

Stop Day was fun and a good way to relax by the end of the semester.

“Everything was very well organized and fun,” freshman Mateo Jelich said, who joined Doane this spring. “I liked the canoe race—it was competitive, I liked that.”

Stop Day 2025 was definitely a success.

## Dr. Thema Bryant speaks on racial healing at the 10th annual Robert L. Polk Lecture

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On Wednesday, April 9, Doane University held its 10th annual Robert L. Polk Lecture on Race & Social Justice with guest lecturer Dr. Thema Bryant in the Heckman Auditorium. The lecture series is named after Rev. Dr. Polk, who was the first Black graduate from Doane in 1952. As part of his legacy at Doane, Polk and Doane created a yearly lecture series to discuss race in America and how we can build racial healing and equity.

Bryant, a psychologist by trade and the guest lecturer for this year’s iteration of the Polk Lecture,

spoke to a packed audience about the process of racial healing. Her lecture was largely focused on the cumulative trauma that oppressive systems and institutions have on individuals and how that systematic oppression leads to poor mental and physical health outcomes.

“Psych is often criticized by individuals for how it focuses solely on the individual. We need to create spaces where we can talk about the social injustices that lead to stress. The reality of racism is that we often don’t talk about it and when we don’t talk about it - and when things are silenced they can’t be addressed,” Bryant said in her lecture.

Bryant’s lecture focused on how American society is often tolerant of the issues of race and that it puts up with the

problems of discrimination, but never addresses the elephant in the room, which is how to deal with racism.

Whether it’s racism, sexism, or any other ism, Bryant believes the way to deal with some of the systematic oppression can be found in healing: by giving space to those affected by these social inequalities and allowing constructive anger and conversation to guide them in finding substantive solutions.

“When people are having a hard time, we need to ask what happened to you. This shifts the conversation from victim blaming to understanding their stories. What happened to you and your communities, and what do you need for yourself and your communities to grow and thrive? That’s

the question we need to be asking,” Bryant said.

Through the process of Liberation Psychology, Bryant allows her patients to be candid about how racism affects their individual lives and contributes to stress, trauma and mental health, which are conversations that are often ignored due to racism being perceived as only a large macro-problem.

As the lecture began to wind down, Rev. Dr. Polk made an appearance and thanked Bryant for continuing the discussion about race and racism that is needed in our current day and age and expressed gratitude that his time at Doane has led to a lectureship that aims to educate attendees about how to build a better, kinder and more integrated future.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Dr. Thema Bryant begins her lecture with some laughs for the audience.

## RHA Executive Board returns to campus

BRIANNA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) Executive Board is being established for the upcoming year. This program will replace the traditional hall councils, and applications for executive board positions will be

accepted until 11:59 p.m. on April 19.

Before COVID, Doane had an active Residence Hall Association. However, during the pandemic, managing hall councils became simpler. Brian Stutz, the Director of Residence Life, believes that now is the right time to transition back to an RHA.

The residence life team is optimistic that this change will boost partici-

pation in all the residence halls. “It’ll be easier for programming and advocacy if we have one big and strong RHA versus five small and decent hall councils,” Community Director Nadia Lanik said.

The executive board will consist of four positions: Chair, Administrative Coordinator, Programming Coordinator, and Involvement Coordinator. Detailed descrip-

tions of these roles are available in the application, which can be found in an email from Doane Residential Life dated April 7.

“If people are interested in applying for an executive position on RHA but don’t know which one, select all on the application,” Lanik said, “and during your interview, we can talk about what feels manageable and the best for your personal and

professional journey.”

The Residence Life team is seeking individuals who are inclusive, engaged, and dedicated to fostering a strong community for the executive positions. Responsibilities may include overseeing agendas, taking minutes, or planning events, depending on the role. Therefore, it is recommended that Community Advisors (CAs) refrain

from applying due to the workload.

Additionally, each residence hall will have a representative who is not part of the executive board. All students on campus are part of the RHA and are encouraged to attend General Assembly meetings starting in the fall.

Questions can be directed to nadia.lanik@doane.edu.

# Relay for Life event helps Doane's fundraising total surpass \$1 million

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On April 11, Doane hosted its annual Relay for Life event from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Fieldhouse. Relay for Life is a nationwide charity walk where communities come together to raise funds and show support in the

fight against cancer. The event began with performances from POYD, a local dance school and Gold Star Martial Arts, led by Professor in Computer Science, Mark Mysenburg. Both performances were well-enjoyed by the audience and provided a break between walking laps around the gym.

During the evening,

attendees listened to heartfelt speeches from individuals such as John Burney, a retired professor who shared his battle with cancer and junior Jules Harlow, who shared their personal experiences as a cancer caregiver for her mom. These stories highlighted the emotional and physical challenges of cancer, as well as the strength

and resilience of the family members affected.

Doane's sororities and fraternities contributed to the fundraising through various activities. Chi Delta sold chai, while the APES (Alpha Pi Epsilon) sold pancakes with a variety of toppings. In addition, the event featured multiple silent auctions and "win-it-to-win-it" games as a way to raise

money.

This year's Relay raised \$29,081. Although it fell short of the \$35,000 goal, one student organizer shared that the event helped push Doane's Relay for Life fundraising total to over \$1 million.

One of the most touching moments of the night was the luminaria ceremony. This was a reflective portion of the eve-

ning honoring survivors and caregivers in attendance and gave students a moment to remember loved ones lost to cancer.

Relay for Life continues to serve as a symbol of hope within the Doane community, bringing people together to support one another and contribute to cancer research and help.



Photos by Mackenzie Pike | The Doane Owl

Relay for Life at Doane University is an annual event held to raise funds for the fight against cancer and show support for those affected. Different groups on campus often set up booths with activities or products to help raise these funds along with other fundraising done prior to the event. This year, Relay for Life was open to the Crete community.

# Student leadership awards are open and taking votes!

On April 16, student leadership votes will be selected. There are a total of eight categories, including student athlete

leader of the year and advisor of the year. Students are encouraged to vote and can cast their votes on a Google

Form that was sent out. The student leadership awards will be handed out by Student Congress and Omicron Delta Kap-

pa on May 4. Students can also run for Student Congress as a senator. 10 positions are open for next semester.

Voting will open on April 23 and close on April 24. Students who are interested in running can

email Blake Skoumal to be placed on the ballots.

# Senior Brooklyn Mercurio opens exhibition in Rall Gallery

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On April 7, senior art major Brooklyn Mercurio held her senior capstone project exhibition reception in Rall Gallery. The horror-themed exhibition, named "Slasher,"

consisted of several portraits of Mercurio exemplifying horror and using mixed media along with vibrant colors to capture the range of emotions that define adolescence.

The art show combines the themes of horror films through the lens of a teenage girl. According to the Artist

Statement, it is an emotionally driven representation of teenage life.

She describes the inspiration of the project as "The drastic changes that come with growing up, navigating everyday life as a teenager can sometimes feel like a matter of life and death."

According to Mer-

curio, she wanted to do something that represented her. "I've always loved horror movies and I've always done a lot of art revolving horror movies," Mercurio said. "It was kind of natural for me to pick something involving it [horror]."

One of her works is a "Saw"-inspired gouache

painting in which she placed herself in one of the film's most iconic traps, forced to solve a math problem in front of the class.

Most of the works are portraits of herself somehow reflecting horror combined with common teenage feelings. "I love drawing portraits, so I

chose to do something that involved my own personal narrative," said Mercurio.

The exhibition will run from April 7 to April 25, at Rall Gallery. Students are encouraged to visit and experience this personal interpretation of horror and youth.



Students viewing Brooklyn Mercurio's show, which features some of her art. This is her senior capstone project inspired by horror movies and teenage angst. It will be available from April 7 to April 25.

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## Weekly Horoscopes (Easter edition)

**Aquarius (January 21 - February 19):** Even the fluffiest bunnies have sharp teeth.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20):** A surprise egg may hold more than candy...

**Aries (March 21 - April 20):** You are in your social bunny era!

**Taurus (April 21 - May 21):** Something sweet is coming your way!

**Gemini (May 22 - June 21):** You are a golden egg!

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22):** No eggs for you!

**Leo (July 23 - August 22):** You want balance but not all eggs are evenly filled.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22):** Your intensity is scaring the easter bunny!

**Libra (September 23 - October 22):** Eat some carrot cake!

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Let your imagination hop wild.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Life for you is like a chocolate bunny: hollow.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20):** Go find some eggs!



# Dogs of Doane find Stop Day fetching

BRIANNA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Many students joke about wanting to put their pets in their backpacks and take them to class; however, Stop Day offered an opportunity for this joke to become a reality.

Amid the students' cheers and shouts, the

sounds of barking and whining filled the air on Stop Day. Students waiting in line that morning to receive their 2025 Stop Day shirts were accompanied by their furry friends.

Doane's Chief Executive of Happiness, Georgie, was seen with his owner, Blake Tobey, as they headed toward the Academic Success Center. Additionally, fur-

ry companions like the small but mighty Oakley, the overly friendly Beef, and the excitable Henry waited alongside their owners.

Carlos Palacios, an academic advisor, brought along his Doberman, Coby. Decked out with an orange Doane bandana, Coby provided another fan for the Doane staff's sand volleyball team.

Cherry, a Shiba Inu, was also present during the sand volleyball competition.

For some, bringing their dogs was the only option. Sophomore Makenna Armstrong had to keep an eye on her dog, Henry, along with Community Director Alex Lipson's Dalmatian, Sugarfoot. Thankfully, Armstrong got some help throughout the day, al-

lowing the dogs and their owners to enjoy the festivities.

Freshman Jesse Merrell was accompanied by her service dog, Scarlet, throughout the day. Although Scarlet was working, she still managed to enjoy the day alongside her owner. Merrell jokingly commented that Scarlet had been acting wild, saying, "I think someone slipped her

something."

Stop Day allowed students and staff to bring their dogs with them, sparing them the sad farewells experienced before class. With the number of wagging tails and smiling faces, it's clear that Doane has a soft spot for these lovable animals.



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# Help defend higher ed on National Day of Action

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Guest Writers

Even though the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Polk graduated from Doane in 1952, he continues to influence the Doane community today.

Polk's first application to Doane was rejected because administrators believed, wrongly, that White Doane students would refuse a Black roommate. With his Doane degree in hand, Polk embarked on a career building bridges of understanding, inclusion, and equity among people of different races and cultures.

In 2016, Doane University honored Polk and his groundbreaking legacy of racial integration by establishing an annual lecture series in his name that brought thinkers and doers to Doane to share their perspectives about how we can continue his work. In May 2024, Doane named the outdoor theatre at the newly completed Brodie Residence Hall in Polk's honor.

We write today to lift, celebrate and defend what enabled and inspired Polk's contributions: a Doane education.

Unfortunately, a Doane education, like educations at all other American colleges and universities, is being attacked by politicians who want to restrict students' freedom to study what they want, to eliminate faculty's freedom to teach the best and

most current information available using the best available materials and methods, and to eliminate universities' freedom to operate without interference from agenda-pushing politicians.

These politicians, many of whom are guns-for-hire paid with dark money wielded by billionaire families, want to return us to the days that Polk helped end — the days where universities can refuse education to people simply because they are the wrong color, from the wrong country, or believe the wrong thing. And these politicians have been succeeding.

Consider, for example, that in 2023, the most recent year for which information is available, state legislatures contributed more money per student to state universities for only the second time since the 2008 recession. Consider also that this per-student increase in funding was possible because fewer students attended college that year. After remembering that the Trump Administration has tightly restricted forgiving federal student-loan debt, it becomes clear that one outcome of these politicians' efforts is that only people from the wealthiest families will be able to afford college.

Consider that, closer to home, Gov. Pillen proposed reducing Nebraska University's budget by nearly \$30 million in the next two years to make up a nearly \$200 million budget shortfall -- despite signing two bills into

law in 2023 that gave tax breaks to corporations and the highest earners in the state.

Or consider that State Sen. Loren Lippincott has again this year introduced another bill (LB 551) that, by his admission, aims to discourage free expression and academic freedom on public campuses.

Some may think that Doane's status as a private, not public, institution immunizes it from these attacks. Unfortunately, the current administration has been inserting partisan policy ideas into the work and grant contracts it requires universities to sign.

Therefore, in the spirit of Polk uniting and fortifying the communities he was part of, and in recognition that education is a civil right, we ask you to join with us and students, staff, and faculty around the country on April 17, the National Day of Action for Higher Education. The American Association of University Professors (AAUP, to which we belong) sponsors this day because it defends the freedom of faculty to teach the best information using the best methods and created by the best scholarship possible. That means that the AAUP also defends students' freedom to learn free from political

interference.

On Thursday, we ask you to take some time -- even five minutes makes a difference! -- to defend higher education. Here are some ways to get involved:

- Visit [dayofaction-forhigher.org](http://dayofaction-forhigher.org) to see if there are any events taking place in your area.

- Call your state and federal representatives and ask them to allocate a larger portion of the budget to higher education, defend tenure, and defend students' First Amendment rights to free speech and protest;

- Use your social media accounts to express solidarity with institutions whose academic freedom has been targeted by government actors at the federal and state levels; and

- Value your Doane education: Go to each class meeting, read every page, and give your best efforts to your academic work. No one can ever take from you that which you have learned.

On Thursday, April 17, we'll be doing our part to protect higher education, and we hope you'll join us.

*Dr. Hill is the president and Dr. Irions is the secretary-treasurer of the Doane chapter of AAUP.*

# A historic trip to space for women

AMANI MUISYO  
Staff Writer

On April 14, history was made as an all-women's flight to space successfully launched. On this ship was a group of civilians, including Katy Perry, Amanda Nguyen, Gayle King and other remarkable women.

I think it's a great day in women's history, showing that women can dedicate their lives to science and exploration. Many of those

on board have worked with NASA.

Amanda Nguyen's story is especially inspirational. She has been open about her sexual assault while she was at Harvard, which led her to become a civil rights leader. She drafted the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights, was named one of TIME's Women of the Year in 2022 and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

In many countries around the world, women still aren't allowed to move freely, can't

earn an education and often have their opinions dismissed. I think this launch shines a light on the fact that women are just as capable of taking on high-risk challenges.

I also think civilian space flights are really interesting. This group went up with Blue Origin, which is run by Jeff Bezos. That does make it feel a bit suspicious, especially given the controversy surrounding how he treats Amazon workers.

Still, putting the company aside, it's undeniably inspiring for women's rights. Girls all over the world can see a diverse group of women—of different ages, ethnicities, and careers—doing something extraordinary. It spreads a strong message, and I hope more girls will be inspired to pursue STEM because of it.

# A new fitness challenge to tackle

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News Editor

As a university student-athlete in Strength and Conditioning and fitness lover, I'm always looking for new challenges. That's how I discovered HYROX, a global fitness race that combines running with functional workouts. I haven't competed yet, but I'm already training and preparing for it. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a fun, intense, and rewarding experience. This idea started in 2017 in

Hamburg, Germany, and has grown fast, now held in over 11 countries and 30 cities worldwide. Undoubtedly, this competition is unique because of the format: you run 1 km, then complete a workout, repeating that eight times for a total of 8 km and 8 functional workouts.

The workouts are always in the same order. First, you hit the SkiErg, which is a full-body cardio burner. Then comes the Sled Push, where you drive heavy weight forward, followed by the Sled Pull, which tests your grip and upper-body strength.

After that, Burpee Broad Jumps brutally challenge your legs and endurance. Next is the Rowing station, keeping your heart rate sky-high. Then the Farmer's Carry, walking 200 meters with heavy dumbbells in each hand, really tests grip and core strength. The seventh workout is Sandbag Lunges, where you lunge 100 meters with a sandbag on your shoulders. Finally, you finish with Wall Balls — squatting and throwing a medicine ball to a high target, 75 or

100 times depending on your division.

What excites me most is that HYROX is for everyone. Whether you're an elite athlete or a beginner, there are different divisions, including doubles and age groups. Even before competing, just training for it has made me feel stronger and more motivated. Without a doubt, HYROX is worth it. I can't wait to take on my first race, and maybe you'll be on the start line too.

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- Democracy In Action: Student Projects -

For Professor Tim Hill's American Politics class, students must identify a political problem, make an argument for how to fix it and attempt to carry out that solution. The following pieces by Brianna Wright and Olivia Prauner were submitted by students to raise awareness for their selected topics.

Private Schools: Underpaid and Understaffed

OLIVIA PRAUNER Guest Writer

I've been in private schools my entire life, and while they're often seen as "prestigious", private school teachers struggle more than their public counterparts. In high school, I began to

notice the number of teachers leaving to work for public schools, which are paid more. Private school teachers are severely underpaid. The average annual salary for a private school teacher is \$44,421 in Nebraska. Teachers cannot sustain a family of four on that wage.

As someone who is majoring in elementary education, more spots are available in private schools due to this issue. Which means I might end up working in a private school as they desperately need the staff, but I'd lack income and job security.

The root of this issue comes from the division of private school funds. Without sufficient government funding, these schools must divide funds amongst student needs before even thinking of teachers' wages. If these schools allowed the government to aid in funds,

they'd be no different than a public school. Private schools can offer unique experiences and education for their students. My schools included mass and religious studies. This better fits my family's core values than a public education. Additionally, a close-knit

community of people with similar values was created. To lose these experiences and communities would be horrible. The only way to ensure a future for private schools is to address the teachers' needs.

Funding the fight against cancer

BRIANNA WRIGHT Staff Writer

When I was three years old, my dad passed away from pancreatic cancer, leaving behind my mother, four older brothers and me. Unfortunately, the tumor was detected too late, which is often the case with pancreatic cancer. The pancreas is located deep within the abdomen, making it difficult to spot or feel any tumors.

Identifying these tumors typically requires advanced imaging techniques such as computed tomography (CT) scans, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or endoscopic ultrasounds (EUS). As a result, many patients receive their diagnoses at

an advanced stage when treatment options are limited. This was true for my dad.

Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer that has a five-year survival rate of less than 20%. Over the past 20 years, increased research investments by Congress have improved survival rates from just 4%. However, the American Cancer Society recently announced that, for the first time in three years, the survival rate for pancreatic cancer has remained stagnant at 13%. Additionally, pancreatic cancer is projected to become the second leading cause of cancer-related death by 2030.

It is worth noting that 80% of funding for pancreatic cancer research

comes from the federal government, according to the Pancreatic Action Network. Because of this reliance on federal funding and organizations, contacting members of Congress is one of the most effective ways to advocate for change. I have dedicated my time to this project, reaching out to Congress members and encouraging others to do the same.

Next to this story, you will find a graphic with a QR code that directs you to a website I created. This site allows you to easily contact Congress members with minimal effort, helping to combat cancer.

Graphic with QR code and text: SCAN HERE TO SUPPORT PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH. In 2025 more than 67,000 Americans are expected to be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. As the tenth most commonly diagnosed cancer, pancreatic cancer has a five-year survival rate of 13%. CONTACT brianna.wright8355@doane.edu

Open your eyes, all oppression is linked

JOHN DAWES Editor-in-Chief

Like many of you, I attended this year's Robert L. Polk Lecture on Race & Social Justice with guest lecturer Dr. Thema Bryant in the Heckman Auditorium. There are not enough kind words I can levy towards Doane for hosting this event.

It's something that will remain relevant, inspires hope and change and the promise of a better future for all people. But there was something I took away from this lecture that was completely different from the lecture's stated goal of addressing the scars of racism head-on. It was the concept of tolerance and toxic positivity.

Now, when Bryant spoke of both of these concepts, they were from a psychologist who specializes in therapy and healing of racial trauma; her definition of racial tolerance was that a society chooses to accept racial integration but deep down is still opposed to it, they essentially put their beliefs of superiority on pause until the time is right to enact hierarchy.

Racial toxic positivity was a narrative that white

society pushed in the wake of the Civil Rights Movement to dismiss ongoing racial struggles and tension, those in media and politics would say society was in a post-racial society and that any current complaining about racism was needless complaining, rather minorities should be happy and grateful for how systems are today.

Both of these concepts together prevented further conversation about race and effectively silenced groups, as, according to white America, they were ungrateful for their current positions in society and that white people put their racism on hold to allow integration.

It's worth mentioning that Bryant is a psychologist and to her, she could see these concepts on the individual level and I'm going to make the stretch that these concepts of fake positivity and tolerance extend past not only race, but to a larger class struggle.

American workers have been called lazy by national media at nauseam and are being told that they are mindless, deserving of their poor living conditions and that things like homelessness and poverty are solely on

the individual. To those who are working class, they are told, again at nauseam that the economy is at an all-time high and that this is an economy that works for everyone.

The people who pushed back the most against racial integration were rich Southerners who benefited from the economic systems that exploited Black Americans. In the wake of the Civil Rights Movement, this demonization of the other extended towards all Americans. Those people with obscene wealth passed down those beliefs of hierarchy and superiority, this time across class lines and not racial lines (though are we ever surprised when the richest Americans are often practitioners of racism).

These billionaires and millionaires in government and media put on a face to tolerate the working class. They will also do everything they can to steer the conversation away from how much wealth they are hoarding at the detriment of society, towards individuals who are struggling. There's a reason Martin Luther King Jr. turned his attention towards

class conflict later in his political activism. He saw that these systems of oppression extend towards all Americans and that a larger, even more unified

fight needed to happen. As with anything you read or hear about oppression and oppressive systems, make sure you take that next step into

seeing the larger picture. All oppression and hierarchy systems are linked, whether it's sexism, racism, the persecution of the LGBTQ or classism.

Graphic titled '...Thumbs UP' showing thumbs up/down icons for Hydration, Wind, Electric, Bugs, Fry. Text: 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

### Women's Golf

Last week, the Men's Golf team competed in two different competitions, the Midwest Spring National Invite in Manhattan, Kansas, along with the Tiger/Bulldog Cup in Cairo, Nebraska.

In the Midwest Spring National Invite, the team walked away in ninth with a total of 932, and tying for third was freshman Toby Knevet, who had a score of 74, 74 and 72, giving him a final individual score of 220.

In the Tiger/Bulldog Cup, the team walked away with a win with a score of 10.0-5.0.

Next up, the Men's Golf team will be competing in Lincoln, Nebraska, in the Howl at the Hill tournament on April 14-15.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

### Women's Tennis

On April 7, the Women's Tennis team defeated the College of Saint Mary in an away conference game by a score of 6-1, where the team is currently 11-6.

In doubles, No. 1 senior Mariana Espinosa and sophomore Maria Purizaca prevailed 6-0. At No. 2 doubles, freshman Liz Calderon and junior Grace Schroller won 6-2. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Isabella Castellero and sophomore Kat Johnson won by forfeit.

In singles, Purizaca won the No. 1 game 6-3, 6-1, while Espinosa won the No. 2 singles tie-break 4-6, 6-4, and 10-5. In singles No. 3, Calderon recorded 6-0, 6-2. At No. 4, Castellero lost 3-6, 2-6. In singles No. 5, Johnson won 6-2, 6-1. Finally, the opponent's lack of players resulted in singles point number 6.

On April 12, the Tigers defeated Northwestern University by a score of 6-1 in the second game of the week. It was a special home conference game because it was the Senior Day Ceremony. Mariana Espinosa and Cierra Schwarzkopf were the two seniors on the women's tennis team. They received a beautiful picture, a bouquet and great support from their team, coaches, and spectators.

In doubles No. 1, Espinosa and Purizaca lost 2-6. At No. 2 doubles, Calderon and Schroller won 6-3. At No. 3 doubles, Castellero and Johnson lost 6-1.

In singles, at No. 1 singles, Purizaca won 6-0, 6-0, while at No. 2 singles, Espinosa won 6-3, 6-2. In singles No. 3, Calderon recorded 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 4, Castellero lost 3-6, 6-7, and 5-7 in the tie-break. In single No. 5, Schroller won by forfeit. In the last game, in singles No. 6 Johnson won 6-3, 6-4.

Next Tuesday, April 15, at 4 p.m. in Seward, Nebraska, the Tigers will play the last game of the regular season against Concordia University. The winner of the match will be the second seed in the GPAC Tournament.

--Luis Rejano Candau

### Baseball

Over the weekend, the Baseball team traveled to Forest City, Iowa, where they swept Waldorf University in four games, winning 14-12, 18-9, 16-6 and 11-1.

In game one, junior Johnny Vulcano and Sam Kwapnioski each scored two runs. J. Vulcano went 3 for 5 with two RBIs, while Kwapnioski went 2 for 5 with three RBIs.

Junior Kaden Crawford (5-1) picked up the win, pitching five innings and striking out five.

In game two, senior Logan Amick was 2 for 6 with two runs and two RBIs, while senior Aaron Vulcano went 3 for 5 with three runs and seven RBIs.

Sophomore Riley Plummer (6-0) walked away with a win, pitching five innings and striking out four.

In game three, sophomore Taiyo Takahashi went 2 for 6 with two runs and one RBI, while junior Jordan Bond went 1 for 4 with one run and three RBIs.

Junior Nicolas Yard (2-2) walked away with the win, pitching five and a third innings and striking out six.

In the final game, Kwapnioski went 3 for 4 with one run and three RBIs, while Amick went 2 for 4 with two runs and one RBI.

Sophomore Broc Songster (3-2) picked up the win, pitching five and a third innings and striking out two.

Next up, the Baseball team will be back at home to take on Bellevue University on April 15 at 3 p.m.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

# Track and Field wins against NCAA III

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

Over the week, the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams competed in two competitions: The Doane Invite and The Doane vs. Nebraska Wesleyan University Dual.

Starting with the Doane Invite, in the 100m was senior JaDae Moore, who had a time of 10.79, which placed him first. Also placing first in the 100m was sophomore Neryah Hekl, who had a time of 12.00. Finishing in second was sophomore RaeAnn Thompson, with a time of 12.18.

In the 200m, Thompson walked away in first with a time of 25.12, and in third was Moore, who had a time of 21.88.

In the 400m was junior Joaquin Gutierrez, who had a time of 48.75, which placed him first. Alongside Gutierrez was junior Emmanuel Yego, who had a time of 50.96, which put him fifth.

Taking home first in the 800m were juniors Danie Parriott, who had a time of 2:13.70, and Michael Grigsby, who had a time of 1:55.51. Placing third was junior Ashley McDonald, who had a time of 2:26.90, and sophomore Luke Bonifas, who had a time of 1:58.64.

Placing first in the 1500m was junior Maddy Ramey, who had a time of 5:09.21, alongside sophomore Delaney Catron, who had a time of 5:14.72, which placed her second.

In the 100 Hurdles was junior Josie Garrett, who had a time of 14.43, placing her first, sophomore Chaney Nelson, who had a time of 15.21, placing her third. Finishing up was freshman Dayle Haake, who had a time of 16.60, which placed her fifth.

Transitioning into the 110 Hurdles, placing first was freshman Andrew Brown, who had a time of 14.43. Finishing in fourth was sophomore Zachary Fox, with a time of 15.49, followed by sophomore Andrew Hamms, who had a time of 15.60. Finishing up in sixth was sophomore Carter Niles, with a time of 16.15, followed by senior Devin Jepson, who had a time of 17.18.

Also taking first in the 400 Hurdles was Brown, who had a time of 52.14, along with Nelson, who had a time of 1:05.39. Placing fourth was Fox, who had a time of 55.77. Sixth was Caleb Mulder, who had a time of 58.30, alongside Niles, who had a time of 58.60.

Switching over to the high jump, in first place was freshman Katelynn Kratz, who had a mark of 1.66m, along with senior Dylan Starr, with a mark of 2.06m. Second was sophomore Peyton Herrick, with a mark of 1.96m, and junior Elenna Koenig, who had a mark of 1.51m. Tying for third was sophomore Jackson

Kessler, who had a mark of 1.91m, with freshman Madison Vogel, having a mark of 1.46m, placing her fourth.

Placing first in the Pole Vault was senior Drew Garrison, who had a mark of 4.35m, with junior Kennedy Stanley placing second, with a mark of 3.50m. Having a mark of 3.05m was senior Samantha Knapp, who placed fourth, and finishing with a mark of 2.90m was junior Jerzi Maher, who placed fifth, and junior Natalee Keodouangdy.

In the long jump, Harms walked away in first with a mark of 7.08m, alongside sophomore Michael Willey, who had a mark of 6.57m. Placing third was senior Ben Renshaw, who had a mark of 6.29m. Finishing in fourth was senior Abby Fontana, who had a mark of 5.02m, alongside Nelson, who had a mark of 4.77m. Finishing off the long jump was freshman Dayle Haake, who had a mark of 4.72m, which placed her seventh.

Taking home first in the triple jump was Garrett, who had a mark of 11.84m, along with freshman Kyler Nichols, who had a mark of 14.47m. In second was freshman Callan McKinney, who had a mark of 13.39m, along with sophomore Kyla Davis, who had a mark of 11.22m. Having a mark of 13.17m was freshman Brian Cech, along with junior Rosalyn Roggash with a mark of 10.99m, which placed them third. Finishing up in fourth was junior Sam Boldt, who had a mark of 13.07m, along with sophomore Sawyer Tietgen, who had a mark of 12.35m, placing him in fifth.

Placing second in the shot put was senior Alivia Baucom with a mark of 14.01m, alongside freshman Madison Heusinkvelt, who placed third with a mark of 13.22m. Finishing in fourth were freshman Grace Dean and junior Cale Bessler. Dean had a mark of 12.52m and Bessler had a mark of 15.12m.

Having a mark of 50.84m, placing first in the discus was senior Trey Dickey, with junior Christopher Brown placing second, with a mark of 50.80m. In third was Bessler, who had a mark of 49.96m, along with Baucom, who had a mark of 43.03m.

Taking first in the Hammer throw was junior Mia Knigge, who had a mark of 47.22m, along with Schmitz, who had a mark of 54.44m. Placing third was sophomore Kaylie Lotspeich, with a mark of 43.27m, and in fourth was Dickey, who had a mark of 50.62m.

In the Javelin, placing first was sophomore Mason Crumbliss, with a mark of 49.99m. In third was Jepson, who had a mark of 45.08m, and sophomore Mattie Pohl, who had a mark of 37.89m. In fourth was

Burge, who had a mark of 37.28m, and sophomore Kallie Sutton, having a mark of 35.99m, which placed her fifth.

Switching over to the Doane vs. Nebraska Wesleyan Dual, placing first in the 100m was Moore, who had a time of 10.84, along with Hekl, who had a time of 12.05. In second was Thompson, who had a time of 12.26, with Jackson finishing in third with a time of 10.98.

Taking first in the 200m was Brown, who had a time of 21.74, and Thompson, who had a time of 25.12. Placing second was Vogt, who had a time of 25.36, with Moore finishing in third with a time of 22.17.

In the 400m, Vogt and Gutierrez both took first, with Vogt having a time of 56.03 and Gutierrez having a time of 48.07. Placing second was sophomore Kiley Hejmanek, whose time was 1:01.00, and finishing in third was Mulder, who had a time of 49.66.

First in the 800m was Parriott, who had a time of 2:15.22, with Yugo having a time of 1:56.44, which placed him second. In third was junior Maddy Ramey, who had a time of 2:28.43. In the 1500m, McDonald and Grigsby walked away first. McDonald had a time of 4:52.68 and Grigsby had a time of 3:57.25. Placing second was freshman Jayden Wall, who had a time of 4:04.66. Also finishing in third was Bonifas, who had a time of 4:07.84, along with Hasemann, who had a time of 5:11.48.

In the 5000m was junior Nelson Ruto, who had a time of 15:01.65, placing him first alongside Lippold, who had a time of 19:53.07. Second was Catron, who had a time of 19:56.04, along with Bickley, who had a time of 15:19.99. Finishing in third was Smith, who had a time of 16:37.21, along with junior Calla Witland, who had a time of 20:41.47.

In the 100 Hurdles was Garrett, who placed first with a time of 14.33, with Nelson placing third with a time of 16.08m. In the 110 Hurdles was senior Zach Turner, who had a time of 13.78, along with Brown, who had a time of 14.34, placing him second.

In the 400 Hurdles was Nelson, who placed first with a time of 1:11.25, and freshman Kenzie Spencer, who had a time of 1:27.54, placing her second. Also placing second was Fox, who had a time of 54.99.

In the 4x100, placing first was the women's relay, which consisted of Thompson, Mahoney, Vogt, and Hekl, where they had a time of 46.44. Also placing first was one of the men's relay teams, which consisted of Jackson, Moore, sophomore Daniel Concepcion, and senior Dalton Whisenhunt, where they had a

time of 42.14. Placing second was the men's second relay team, which consisted of Fox, senior Jackson Eurek, sophomore Michael Willey, and junior Rian Green, who had a time of 43.68.

Now, switching over to the 4x400, the men's relay team, consisting of Gutierrez, Mulder, Brown, and Turner, placed first with a time of 3:12.58. The women's first relay team, consisting of Hejmanek, Parriott, McDonald, and Miles, placed second with a time of 4:09.97. The second relay team, consisting of sophomore Caydence Kuss, Ramey, and sophomores Emily and Madison Lytle, placed third with a time of 4:31.17.

Placing first in the high jump was Kratz, who had a mark of 1.61m, along with Starr, who had a mark of 2.11m. Second was Garrett, who had a mark of 1.61m, and in third was Herrick, who had a mark of 2.01m.

Garrison placed first with a mark of 4.20m, alongside Stanley, who placed first with a mark of 3.50m. Knapp placed second with a mark of 3.20m. In the long jump was Cech, who had a mark of 7.16m, which placed him first, with Willey having a mark of 6.82m, which placed him second. Finishing in third was Roggash, who had a mark of 5.39m.

Jumping in the triple jump was Roggash, who had a mark of 11.38m, alongside Nichols, who had a mark of 13.96m. In second was McKinney, who had a mark of 13.47m, along with Davis, who had a mark of 10.96m. Finishing up the triple jump was junior Sam Boldt, who had a mark of 13.47m.

Placing first in the shot put was Baucom, who had a mark of 14.05m, with Schmitz placing second with a mark of 15.57m. Finishing in third was Heusinkvelt, who had a mark of 13.15m. Taking first in Discus was Brown, who had a mark of 51.53m, with Dickey placing second with a mark of 49.73m. Placing third was Bessler, who had a mark of 47.45m, and Baucom, who had a mark of 43.88m.

In the Hammer was Dickey, who placed first with a mark of 56.87m, along with Knigge, who had a mark of 50.07m. Placing second was Lotspeich, who had a mark of 43.81m, alongside Schmitz, who had a mark of 56.36m.

Finishing in the Javelin, placing first was Crumbliss, who had a mark of 55.82m, with Burge placing second, with a mark of 38.88m. Finishing in third was Sutton, who had a mark of 38.20m.

Next, the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams will compete in the John Green and Dutcher Memorial meets on April 16-18 at home.



## Sports Briefs

### Men's Tennis

The Doane Men's Tennis team dropped a pair of matches last week to Midland University and Northwestern University, bringing their overall record to 6-11.

In doubles play, at No. 1, senior Jose Purizaca and junior Diego Infante lost 4-6. In the No. 2 match, sophomore Elliot Dasell and senior Andre Hartman lost 3-6. Finally, in the No. 3 match, sophomore Julio Avila and freshman Christian Jensen lost 1-6.

In singles, Purizaca lost 5-7, 2-6 at No. 1, and at No. 2, Infante lost 2-6, 4-6. No. 3 Hartman won 7-6 (8-6 tie-break), 6-0. At No. 4, Dassel won 6-4, 6-0. In single No. 5, Avila lost 3-6, 2-6. Finally, in single No. 6, freshman Tanner Adams lost 1-6, 2-6.

The second conference home game of the week was against Northwestern University, on April 12. The Tigers lost by 1-6. It was a special home conference game because it was the Senior Day Ceremony. Jose Purizaca was the only senior for the men's tennis team and received a beautiful picture and bouquet, while receiving great support from their team, coaches and spectators.

At No. 1. Doubles Purizaca and Infante lost 2-6. In doubles No. 2, Dasell and Hartman won 6-3. Finally, in double No. 3, Avila and Jensen lost their match 6-7 (2-7 tie-break).

In singles, Purizaca won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and at No. 2, Infante lost 2-6, 6-2, 3-6. Single No. 3 was played by Hartman, who lost 3-6, 0-6. At No. 4, Dassel lost 3-6, 3-6. In single No. 5, Avila lost 1-6, 1-6. Finally, in single No. 6, Adams lost 3-6, 6-7 (6-8 tie-break).

Next Wednesday, April 16, at 4 p.m. in Seward, Nebraska, the Tigers will play the last game of the regular season against Concordia University.

--Luis Rejano Candau

# Softball last home game was senior night

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

Last week, the Softball team took on No. 22 Midland University along with Concordia University, going 1-3 overall.

In the first game against Midland, the Tigers lost 8-1. Freshman Milannie Gonzalez went 1 for 3 with a run scored, while senior Marisa Marquez also went 1 for 3. Junior Faith McDonald (5-12) pitched six innings and struck out three in the loss.

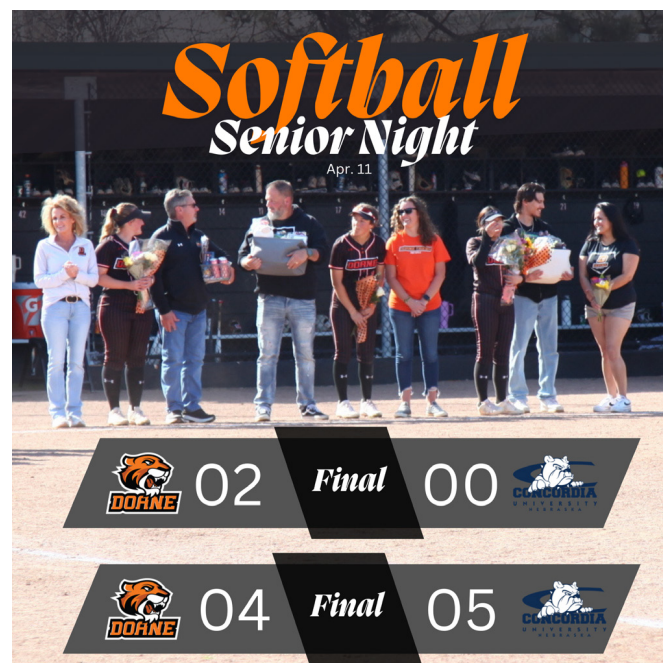
In their final game against Midland, which the Tigers lost 3-1, senior Lexi Alaniz-Diaz went 1 for 1 with a run scored, while sophomore

Jeryn Allen knocked in one run. Junior Faith Molina pitched five and two-thirds innings and struck out two.

The Tigers picked up a 2-0 win in the first game against Concordia. Senior Grace Dowding went 2 for 3 with a run scored, while Molina also scored a run. Molina also pitched for this game, going three innings and striking out three in the win.

Doane lost the second game to Concordia by a score of 5-4. Dowding went 2 for 4 with two runs and one RBI. Junior Jasmine Villegas went 1 for 3 with a run scored. Molina (7-7) pitched five innings and struck out three in the loss.

Next up, the Softball team will be traveling to Bellevue, Nebraska, to take on Bellevue University on April 16 at 4 p.m.



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## Next week for Tiger Athletics

### WOMEN'S GOLF

April 14-15 @ LINCOLN, NE

@ KAITLYN ERICKSON DOANE INVITE

### MEN'S GOLF

April 14-15 @ LINCOLN, NE

@ HOWL AT THE HILL

### TENNIS

April 15 @ SEWARD, NE

4:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY (WOMENS)

April 16 @ SEWARD, NE

4:00 versus CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY (MENS)

### SOFTBALL

April 17 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

3:00 & 5:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

April 5 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

1:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

### TRACK AND FIELD

April 16-18 @ HOME

@ JOHN GREEN/DUTCHER MEMORIAL

### BASEBALL

April 15 @ HOME

3:00 versus BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY

April 18-19 @ ORANGE CITY, IA

1:00 & 3:30 versus NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE



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