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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Players take a timeout to talk strategy whilst playing Dakota Wesleyan University on March 29. See Page 7.

Thomas the Tiger caught in scandal

AMANI MUISYO, MACKENZIE PIKE, & BRIANNA WRIGHT

According to Crete Police, Thomas the Tiger, Doane's beloved and fierce mascot, has been reported missing. Thomas the Tiger was last seen by senior Isaac Ebke on Sunday, March 30, alone in a Lincoln Scooters. Students saw a post of Thomas attending wellness events earlier in the week, but it is not confirmed yet if those wellness initiatives were a result of the stress Thomas was feeling before he went missing.

"I think this reflects a greater issue revolving around men's mental health. Thomas should've felt safe and supported on campus...", sophomore Laura Ruiz said. "It's just so sad."

Doane Security is working with different universities to investigate Thomas's last whereabouts and an unresolved conflict between Thomas, Concordia's mascot

Bruiser, and Herbie the Husker. It is still unofficial if there was a possible relationship between Thomas and Bruiser, but at the Doane-Concordia game, one student alleged seeing Thomas playfully flirting with Bruiser.

This may surprise students, as Thomas was previously reported to be "going steady" with Herbie the Husker. This hints that there may have been an unknown love triangle between the mascots.

Owl reporters reached out to Bruiser, and though he had no additional comments about these allegations, or if he had anything to do with Thomas going missing. He stated, "I've complied with all police investigations and wish Thomas returns home safe."

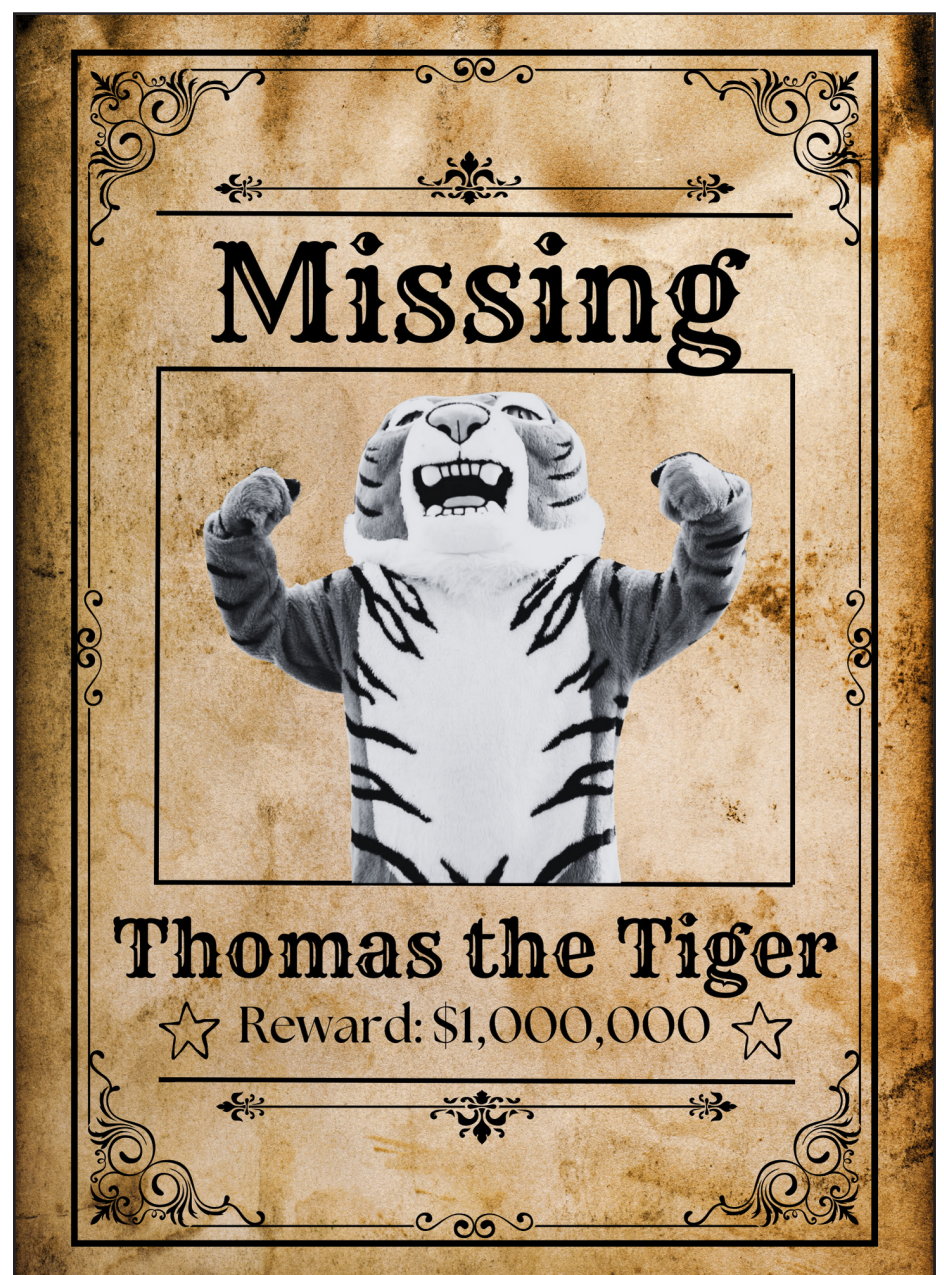
Leaked texts between Herbie the Husker indicate that Thomas had broken up with him, but Herbie still had feelings and felt betrayed to hear that Thomas was able to rebound so quickly. "It was just so sudden, and now hearing about him and Bruiser... I feel like I never really knew the

real Thomas. He hurt me, but I'd never hurt him. I just want him to come home," Herbie said.

One possible lead to Thomas's whereabouts comes from a note found in the Gaylord Basement, a place Thomas was known to go to relax. The note read: "I'm deeply ashamed of my relationship with Bruiser. I've betrayed the school, and I've betrayed Nebraska." It is unclear if the note is in Thomas's handwriting or if other paws may have written it.

Security reports that foul play may be at hand in Thomas's case, but they are working hard to ensure his safety and hope to find him soon. The first forty-eight hours of a missing persons case are the most important.

If you have any related information on Thomas the Tiger's whereabouts or any possible sightings, please contact Student Affairs or Doane Security with any findings. Doane is offering unlimited Doane Dollars to students who can bring back our beloved mascot.



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Professor Phil Weitzl announces Thinking and Writing with AI Certificate program

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Editor-In-Chief

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the technology of the future and is poised to change not only higher education but also the job market. Due to the emerging technology, several programs are evaluating how they will change with the times. But for the English Department at Doane, they're poised to embrace AI.

Professor and Chair of the English Department Philip Weitzl announced Doane University's Thinking and Writing with AI Certificate program, which aims to connect the skills of classic literature and English with AI engineering and programming.

"This program is designed to cultivate a new

generation of writers and storytellers who are not only adept at traditional literary skills but also proficient in leveraging AI to enhance their creativity and analytical abilities," Weitzl said. "This certificate will give students a competitive edge in the job market, equipped with the tools to innovate and lead in diverse fields where AI is reshaping the landscape. We want students to leave Doane with the confidence and capability to harness AI as a partner in their creative and professional endeavors."

This certificate aims to do a few things: it seeks to help students learn how to use generative AI to enhance their writing skills and information gathering, it aims to help students use AI for analysis and research and it helps students to use AI across disciplines. Weitzl believes that this can be the start of a relationship



Courtesy graphic | Doane University

between the humanities and STEM programs at Doane.

"The humanities and STEM are not opposing

forces but complementary ones. By integrating AI into our English program, we are telling a new story about the value and rele-

vance of our field: narrative and rhetoric are now as vital to technological innovation as algorithms and data," Weitzl said. "This synergy enriches both fields, fostering a holistic understanding that prepares students to tackle complex challenges with creativity and critical insight. Programs like ours ensure that the human element remains central in technological advancements, guiding ethical and meaningful applications of AI."

AI is not without its critics, however, especially within higher education. Many teachers are concerned about the environmental impact of AI, the possibility that it can violate fair use and the ability it has to generate false information. However, Weitzl sees this certification as something that can help ease those anxieties, as it can foster more conversations about AI across disciplines.

"This program emphasizes the importance of understanding AI's capabilities and limitations, fostering a metacognitive approach that nurtures students' own voices as writers and thinkers," Weitzl said. "Rather than replacing traditional learning, AI serves as a tool that complements and expands students' abilities to analyze, create, and communicate. Our focus is on ethical and responsible use, ensuring that students are equipped to navigate the complexities of AI with discernment and integrity."

The new Thinking and Writing with AI Certificate program goes into effect during the fall of the 2025-26 school year, and more information will be posted soon. If you have any questions, you can email Weitzl at philip.weitzl@doane.edu

AI talk hosted to discuss use of the technology in education

BRIANNA WRIGHT
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On March 28, business professor Dr. Charlena Miller hosted a talk titled “Empowering Educators and Preparing Students for an AI-Augmented Future.” Held over Zoom, this session was a recreation of a live presentation she gave in October at the regional Accredita-

tion Council for Business Schools and Programs conference.

While Dr. Miller covered many of the same topics as in October, she noted that “a lot has changed in AI” since her initial presentation. The discussion centered on her personal experiences with AI and how Doane has embraced it.

She mentioned the formation of the informal “AI at Doane” team, which was composed

of professors hoping to better understand AI. In the early days of AI’s traction, many professors outlawed it in their classrooms and refused to engage with it. This team, however, wanted to better understand the technology and how it could be utilized by teachers and students alike.

During the presentation, attendees were invited to explore and use AI tools that Dr. Miller shared, including Google

NotebookLM, Boodle-Box, Napkin, Beautiful and her custom AI teaching assistant. Participants discussed their experiences, shared insights about the applications and talked about how they could incorporate these tools into their daily lives.

In her class, Dr. Miller created a research project that let students create their own chatbots. She expressed how nervous her students were but how the project was

immensely successful for them. Students were paired with a member of faculty who needed some AI assistance. Projects included a teaching assistant trainer, presentation checker, writing/editing assistant and a group maker.

This initiative led to Doane’s first-ever AI Student Showcase in early December 2024. Following the success of that event, Dr. Miller’s course will be offered in

Fall 2025 over a full 16-week term. This class will be one of several new AI-centered courses available in the fall, including a new English certificate program titled “Thinking and Writing with AI.”

As AI continues to change and evolve, Dr. Miller believes that both students and faculty must adapt as well to lead the conversation on generative AI.

Students express concern about availability of Lakeside products

LORRAINE CASTAÑEDA
Life & Culture Editor

Recently, students have noticed that the Lakeside Coffee shop often lacks many ingredients. Most students have early classes and choose Starbucks as an option for an on-the-go breakfast or for coffee, but are unable to get most things.

“It is usually an option for breakfast when I have early classes, but it does not have a lot of stuff now,” sophomore Julio Ávila said.

In the past couple of weeks, Lakeside has been missing cupcakes, flavors and coffee, or even the Doane Dollars card sys-

tem has stopped working.

“I don’t necessarily blame anyone; it is just frustrating not being able to get breakfast in the morning,” freshman Kate Byerly said.

“I just want coffee, and when I go to get one and they don’t have it, it makes me upset,” freshman Chloe King said.

A big concern is also the schedule of the Lakeside Coffee Shop. According to students, it appears to be closed for several parts of the day.

“I would say that for The Den and Lakeside, the workers are gone for long stints at a time,” freshman Toby Knevet said. “It is not fair to students. A coffee shop in Lincoln does not close for over 30 minutes every

day and they often close before 10 most nights.”

“Sometimes I feel like it is closed all day. Last semester, it used to close almost every day at 9 a.m., right before classes started,” freshman Jaime Palá said.

According to the Doane Student Council, students have submitted several complaints about not ordering enough supplies, not only at Starbucks but also at The Den. Regarding the supplies, workers are not able to share information on the subject, but students have certainly noticed.

Regardless of the concerns, the Lakeside staff maintains a positive attitude and serves students as best as they can.



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One of the few drinks you have the chance of purchasing at Lakeside, as they experience a shortage of products.

Nearby areas experience prolonged power outages from blizzard conditions

AMANI MUISYO
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Following the snowstorm on March 19,

many homes throughout the Omaha and Lincoln areas experienced power outages.

Due to ice accumulating on power sources and high winds, many poles were damaged easily, and

repairs took longer than expected. As a result, thousands were left without power and, in some cases, water if they relied on electric pumps.

According to the Omaha Public Power District

(OPPD), this outage was the fifth worst in OPPD history, with a total of 132,000 people losing power at one point, and about 1,000 poles requiring replacement. Due to the severity of the oc-

currence, many residents remained without power into the following week, including staff members in the accounting and business departments.

As of March 31, the Nebraska Public Pow-

er District reported only one remaining outage, while the Omaha Public Power District reported eight, indicating that repairs were completed efficiently.



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(Left) Students in attendance at the Dine:09 Comedy Showcase can be found listening to one of the six comedians that performed. (Right) All comedians that performed at the showcase can be found pictured together. The article for the event can be found on Page 3.

Zach Bryan surprise performance on Stop Day

LORRAINE CASTAÑEDA & LIZ CALDERON

Country music sensation Zach Bryan is coming to Doane for a special performance. The chart-topping singer-songwriter will be making a surprise appearance as part of the Stop Day festivities.

Originally intended to be a secret, the news leaked ahead of time, revealing that President Roger Hughes and Student Congress (STUCO)

President Blake Skoumal had been working behind the scenes to make it happen.

“We really wanted it to be a surprise, but it was too hard to hide,” Skoumal admitted. “President Hughes and I have been planning this for a while. We wanted to make this Stop Day extra special—a big ‘thank you’ to the students.”

According to the STUCO president, there might be other artists present. “The original idea was to bring several country art-

ists—maybe even a whole festival—but that idea is still in the works,” Skoumal said with a laugh. “Hahaa, don’t get excited just yet. We figured Zach Bryan was enough of a logistical challenge... for now.”

Additionally, rumors are swirling that a limited-edition Zach Bryan x Doane merch will be available exclusively for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

“We can’t confirm or deny the merch just yet,” STUCO President Blake

Skoumal said, “but let’s just say if you ever wanted a Zach Bryan shirt with a hidden Doane Tiger on it... You might be in luck.”

Rumors also suggest that the first 15 students at the concert might get a free signed poster.

Additionally, it was leaked that students will also be receiving extra credit for certain activities available on stop day, some of these include riding a mechanical bull, a dance competition, a talent show and a best-

outfit-made-from-trash competition.

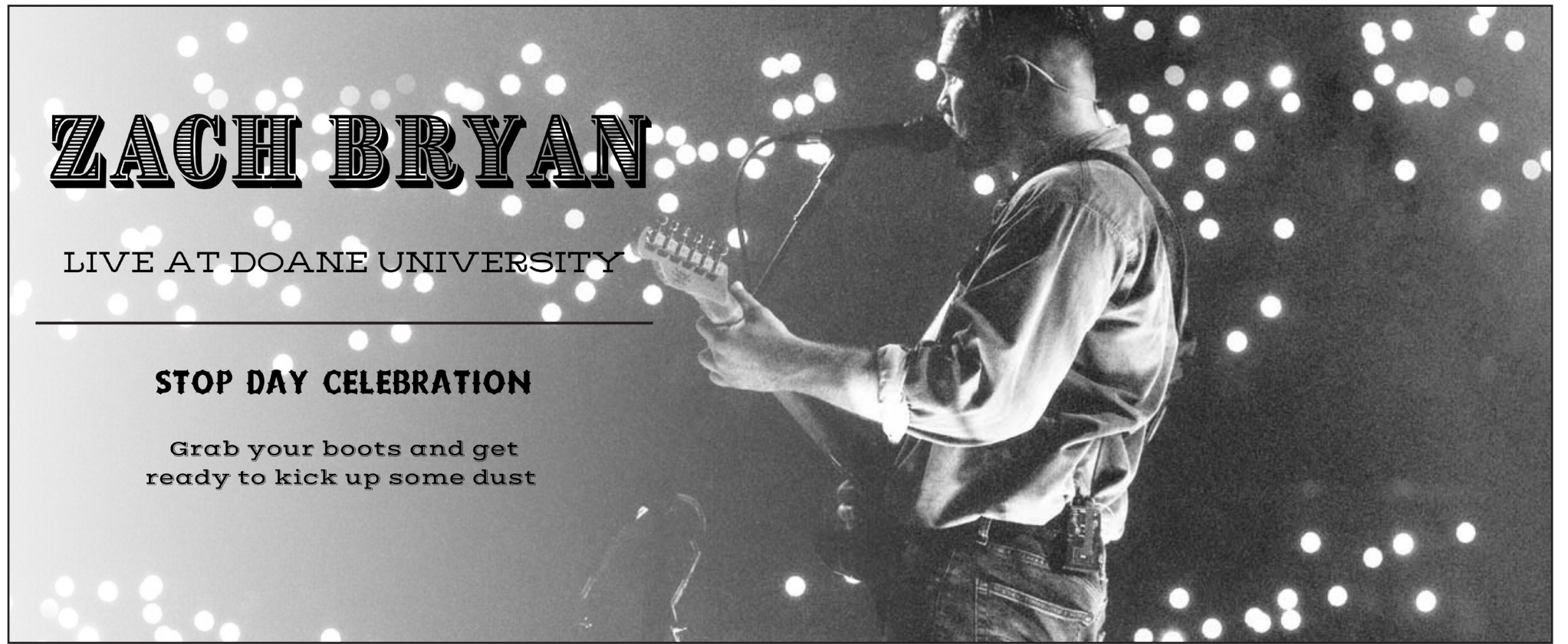
For the mechanical bull ride, a minimum of one minute riding must be accomplished to gain 5% of the credit.

For the dance competition, both team and individual participation count for extra credit. The theme will be: KPOP.

For the talent show, each contestant will showcase their weirdest talent, and according to the level of weirdness, professors will give them more credit.

For the best-outfit-made-from-trash competition, trash will be provided (from Sheldon’s second floor, as it is usually covered in trash). Students will only be able to pose using Roblox’s “Dress to Impress” poses (e.g., Pose 28). They will have a limited amount of time to create their outfits from the provided trash.

While the concert and the activities were leaked, the actual date of Stop Day remains a mystery. Stay tuned to The Owl for more Stop Day leaks.



ZACH BRYAN

LIVE AT DOANE UNIVERSITY

STOP DAY CELEBRATION

Grab your boots and get ready to kick up some dust

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Writing competitions want submissions

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In 1938, Marianne Clarke graduated from Doane University and went on to have a successful career in journalism as a writer and editor. Her legacy is honored through two upcoming writing contests: the Marianne Clarke Writ-

ing Excellence At-Large Contest and the Writing Excellence First-Year Contest.

The Marianne Clarke Writing Excellence First-Year Contest recognizes outstanding writing among first-year students. Participants will be required to write an essay in response to a prompt during a timed session, which will take place on April 8, from 4 to 5:30

p.m. in the Library Classroom. To participate, interested students must email English professor Brad Johnson with their full name and the last four digits of their Student ID by April 7. Questions and requests for further information can also be directed to Professor Johnson at brad.johnson@doane.edu.

The At-Large contest is open to all full-time stu-

dents on the Crete campus. According to The New Xanadu, “The contest invites student writers from any discipline or major to submit their best prose.” Works submitted to this contest must have been written for Doane courses and can include research reports, nonfiction essays or short stories. Professors may also submit students’ work, provided they have re-

ceived permission from the student.

The deadline for submission was March 31; however, those who missed it can prepare for next year. Previously submitted work that did not win may be resubmitted and revised.

The At-Large contest offers two annual awards, each totaling \$1,000, while the First-Year contest awards a to-

tal of \$1,000. Faculty and members of The New Xanadu help oversee these competitions.

Contests like these honor Doane graduates while providing opportunities for students to express themselves and receive recognition for their exemplary work.

Apes host pie fundraiser in Brodie Kitchen

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On March 27, Alpha Pi Epsilon hosted an event to raise money for their fraternity. The fundraising took place in Brodie Kitchen from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event was

also a social gathering for students, as well as other sororities and fraternities, who showed their support for Alpha Pi Epsilon. With music playing and students chatting in groups, the event had a welcoming atmosphere.

After filling out a Goo-

gle Form, students were able to purchase freshly made mini pies for four dollars per pie. Ice cream was also available, with each scoop costing one dollar. There was also an option for delivery to students’ rooms at an additional cost. The avail-

able pie flavors included apple, blueberry, cherry and peach. Many flavors, such as blueberry, were so popular that more had to be made.

“I thought it was a very nice social event,” Olivia Prauner said, a freshman involved in golf

and Gamma Phi Iota. “Being a part of it was really nice since you can interact with different people that we have not seen from Bridge Crossing.”

Alpha Pi Epsilon takes pride in its various activities and ser-

vice hours, representing brotherhood, sociability and trust. This was well demonstrated at the event, as members assisted students with their forms and ensured that all orders were correct.

SPB builds student connections through cookies

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News Editor

On Tuesday, March 25, the Cookie Decorating event at Doane University provided students with a delightful diversion from their academics.

The event, which was organized by the Stu-

dent Programming Board (SPB), brought together some students for a creative, restful, and, of course, delectable session. The event turned Lakeside into a joyful gathering place where attendees could use a range of vibrant icings, sprinkles and other edible

embellishments to create their own sugar cookies. The cookie decorating offered a friendly and upbeat atmosphere, whether students were embracing their inner pastry chef or were just seeking a stress-free way to relax.

Attendees had a feeling of community with those

who went in addition to the decorative arts. Numerous participants seized the chance to interact with their classmates, exchange cookie designs and even participate in friendly decorating contests. While some students chose traditional holiday-themed de-

signs, others displayed original and creative works. Because they give students a balance between academics and social interaction, events like this are crucial to campus life. An excellent illustration of how easy activities may improve students’ well-being and

provide enduring memories was the Cookie Decorating event.

The event was a huge success in making the Doane community happy, regardless of whether students came for the cookies, the company or just a little downtime.

Dine:09 hosts comedy show with multiple performers

LORRAINE CASTAÑEDA
Life & Culture Editor

On March 29, the Student Programming Board (SPB), Residence Life, and the Health and Wellness program collaborated to host a Dine:09 comedy showcase. The event was held at Lakeside, starting at 9 p.m. Attendees also enjoyed a meal

featuring chicken strips and mashed potatoes.

Six Omaha-based comedians were invited to perform, each receiving a designated time slot. The lineup featured Cameron Longsdon, a Nebraska comedian with over 2.5 million followers on social media. He has been featured on NBC, Access Hollywood and The Today Show Australia.

According to Spencer Munson, head of SPB, Longsdon helped put the show together and contacted the rest of the performers.

Other performers included Ross Doehling, a comedian and writer known for producing comedy shows and creating soundscapes to accompany art exhibitions at Studio 62; Joslyne

Debonis, host of the podcast Jossin’ Around, who has been featured in several festivals across Nebraska; Noe Ramirez, a Mexican-American comedian and regular at the Omaha Funny Bone, known for blending storytelling with observational humor; Tyler Walsh, a frequent guest on Z92 radio; and Lauren Vana, who has per-

formed at multiple festivals and was selected as the director of the Omaha Film Festival. Each brought their unique comedic style to the stage.

According to Munson, the event was a success. “It did go as planned. You can never know how the students will react to the jokes,” Munson said. “Some comedians connected more than others,

but that is why it’s good to have a variety of comedic styles and personalities.”

Stay tuned for more SPB activities this week!

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Students need the Severance Procedure

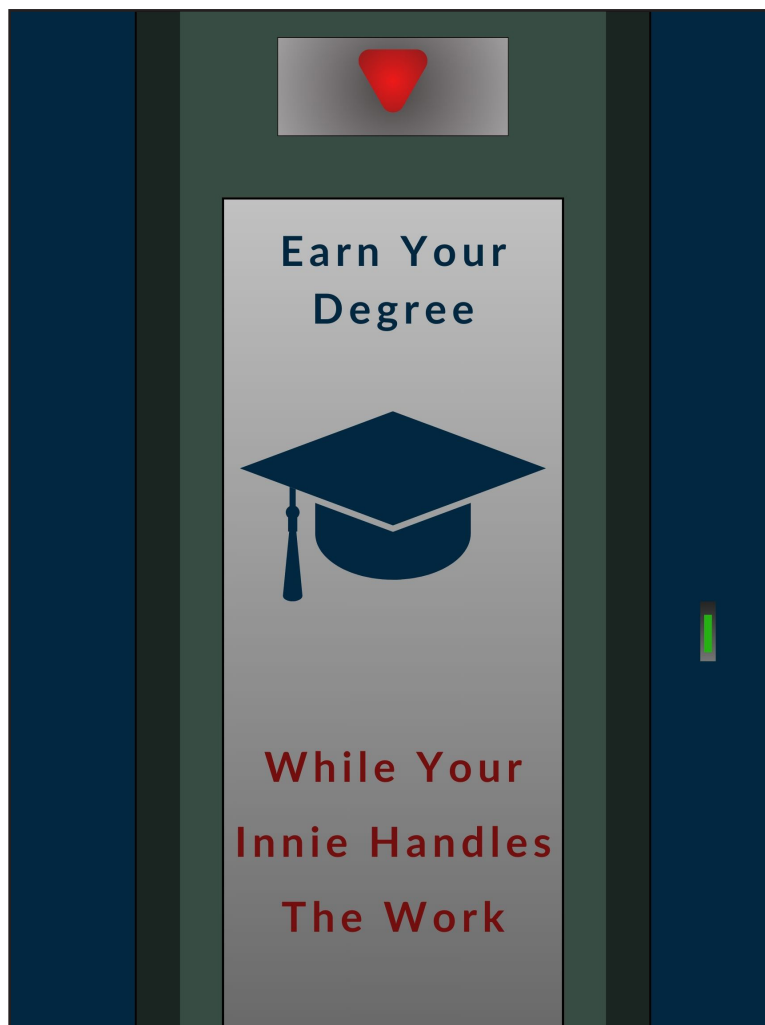
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One common struggle that unites college students everywhere is balancing school and personal life. Too often, the stress from classes seeps into our downtime like an inescapable plague. You're trying to relax with friends when you get that dreaded Canvas notification: Your test has been graded. You know that feeling.

This is why I fully support every student undergoing the Severance Procedure. Imagine, each class gets its own innie, an expert in one subject and one subject only. They know nothing else. No distractions, no burnout. And best of all? You never have to worry about it.

Each innie is activated for its assigned class, then seamlessly replaced by another when the subject changes. By the time you graduate, your specialized innies will be fully prepared for the workforce whether in biology, business, micro-refinement, or farming. Rest easy knowing they are well-educated.

From a student's perspective, the benefits are endless. For one: no more all-nighters. You are never assigned homework or tests. No more



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stress over grades. That's your innie's problem.

But what we crave the most is true work-life balance. Your social life will blossom as you spend every waking moment doing what you love, while your innies

handle the academic burden.

Already, select universities in Goatborn, Michigan, have begun implementing this on students. Reports show that outies are thriving, with students

experiencing record-high levels of relaxation and personal fulfillment.

Ninety-five percent of outies report their lives have improved since severance. The other five percent were reported in need of "additional restructuring."

Some skeptics claim that severed students who fail their courses have mysteriously disappeared. However, the administration assures us this is merely part of their Enhanced Educational Restructuring Process, ensuring innies fully grasp complex topics before entering the real world.

Another minor concern is that some innies have reportedly begun developing independent thoughts. This is, of course, a harmful side effect of courses like sociology and philosophy. The Severance Board is working diligently to refine classes and fix this issue.

The time for change is now. Contact your administrators and local state officials. Let's bring Luman Academics to your county. Let's make the future of severance to students!

The weather and people's moods

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People's attitudes could be affected by a lot of different things, some common examples could be a job, the school, a sport, family, or friends etc. However, the weather could be something that does not come to mind when you think about your mood, but let me tell you that it has been proven by different studies that the weather plays a crucial role and is very influential in the attitude of a population.

Starting with the different regions, there is an obvious contrast between people in

warmer regions (e.g., Mediterranean, Latin America) who tend to have more relaxed and social lifestyles, emphasizing community and outdoor activities. On the other hand, colder regions (e.g., Scandinavia, Canada) often foster a more structured, reserved, and introspective culture. In fact, I can say by personal experience that this is one hundred percent right. Indeed, you don't have to move thousands of miles away to observe this difference. Back home in Spain, there are huge differences between the south (where I am from) and the north, and there is not more than 900 km (560

miles) of difference between these two regions.

Secondly, the weather's effects on daily activities and general well-being are another way it influences people's attitudes. In contrast to shorter, darker winter days, which can contribute to lower energy levels and even seasonal depression, extended daylight hours in the summer frequently result in greater energy, motivation, and socializing. This explains why some people tend to slow down in the winter but feel more energetic and productive in the warmer months. The

weather shapes how people function and interact by influencing not just our emotions but also our conduct.

Overall, people's mood is greatly influenced by the weather, which shapes their feelings, actions, and social relationships. Climate affects our daily attitude swings, regional cultural differences, and interpersonal relationships. Therefore, the weather has a greater impact on our lives than we may know, whether it's the sun giving you more energy or the cold making you more introspective.

- Editorial -

It's foolish not to be media literate

By the time you are reading this, you should have caught all of our April Fools stories. First off, thank you for having a little bit of fun with the Owl staff and please email us if you haven't already about the prize you can win!

We like to think that these stories are fairly obvious to decipher in terms of which ones are fake and which ones are real, even the opinions you can tell which ones lean into April Fools and which ones are genuine. There are clear signs that indicate the

stories are fabricated, whether it's information that can be discredited or a premise that is so outlandish that you can't take the story at face value.

However, sometimes you can't always tell which stories are telling the truth and which ones are lying to the reader. This April Fools, we want to remind readers that you shouldn't fall for stories that share misinformation or disinformation.

There are some simple checks that you can do to make sure a story is accurate.

The first is to run it against secondary sources. Taking any source at face value and trusting one news organization and one only is bad media practice. Have a wide range of accredited sources of information, preferably sources that have some level of recognition from other peers in their field or make it easy to fact-check the information they share.

With the advent of the internet, people are sharing news at a rapid-fire rate, sometimes the best you can

do is sit down and thoroughly read or watch what is being said and then run it against other people reporting on the same matter.

We at the Owl don't want our readers to be fools, make sure you are trusting journalism that cares to fact check their information, admits when they make mistakes and doesn't speculate or commit libel.

- Corrections -

We at the Doane Owl work tirelessly to share high quality stories that is accurate, well-informed and truthful. We do however, understand that mistakes can happen. As journalists, we work to correct those mistakes. In the event that they happen please reach out to the Owl so the mistake can be addressed and corrected

In the March 24 issue, our headline for Doane Baseball said the team went 2-2 in their last four games. This is false, the team actually went 1-3 in their four games the article writes about

If we make a mistake that needs to be corrected please email either John Dawes, the editor-in-chief at john.dawes@doane.edu or the Doane Owl at owl@doane.edu

Everything happens so much

JOHN DAWES
Editor-in-Chief

Despite Twitter's hellish descent into an app full of extremists and propagandists, it still remains a storied website. Rich with history, cultural moments and foundational texts, one of those texts being from the now-defunct account @Horse_ebooks.

The account was a spambot, pulling text from e-commerce websites and posting it as marketing for books, catalogs and magazines. The account often posted nothing but nonsense, incoherent sentences with occasional moments of profound clarity, almost

as if the machine running it would gain a full consciousness, if only for a second.

On June 28, 2012, @Horse_ebooks delivered maybe its most profound realization after hundreds of hours of combing through digital text, "Everything happens so much."

I don't think there's a phrase that captures the essence of the deeply confusing, profoundly stupid, chaotic and interconnected world we find ourselves in. It is the ethos of the 21st century.

Almost everyone will agree with you; everything does, in fact, happen so much whether it's your personal life, in pol-

itics, at work or school, or just things in the news. There's an overwhelming amount of "stuff" happening at any given moment. Being on the internet and having a 24/7 news cycle worsens this feeling.

But I think that this phrase also has another meaning that's relevant to the world we live in. In a world so full of irony and disingenuous interaction, this phrase is a shattering of the walls. It's an admission of the fact that we don't know what we are doing.

There's a wrinkle to this post, though. At some point before 2012, @Horse_ebooks changed from being a chatbot that

was spewing out posts from random words it found in online literature to being bought by two artists who turned the account into a carefully curated account that resembled the original spambot. The two of them pulled the phrase by splicing a sentence that roughly said, "Everything happens so much faster when you're retired."

The spambot had a rugged wilderness to it. I was surprised to learn that it was now under the control of two people deliberately trying to emulate something that was wholly organic and nonsensical. But maybe that's the magic of the account. "Everything happens so

much" as a phrase was so powerful because it was a moment of human-like clarity for a machine, but it was in fact humans trying to replicate their own clarity in a machine and preserve its wild nature.

"Everything happens so much" is such a sobering statement from a machine. It's an admission that even the digital minds that are supposed to be perfect and understand all are capable of feeling the growing anxiety we've all felt in the 21st century. And of course, because everything happens so much, a person would be replicating that machine. Everything has happened so much that we are looking

to find our humanity in the very machines that have brought us to this current moment.

In an age where everything is ironic, meta and subversive to our expectations, even our most foundational texts on the internet would reflect that. Everything is a subversion of expectations; we are in a perpetual state of it happening so much. Even our spambots, designed to be stupid and unable to have any thoughts, want to be people, and our people want to be spambots.

A new calling to be a pet psychic

LIZ CALDERON CHEN
Staff Writer

I've always believed there's more to communication than words. As a Computer Science major and writer for this newspaper, I've spent years parsing language, both human and machine.

But a recent encounter with a turtle named Waffles changed everything. I was sitting outside the library, spiraling over a bug in my Python code, when I locked eyes with this turtle. He didn't blink. He didn't move. But in my mind, I heard him say:

"You're not meant to debug. You're meant to listen." And just like that, I knew. I was meant to become a pet psychic.

After this encounter, I spent two weeks "off the grid" bonding with stray cats behind the cafeteria to develop this newfound gift.

Some friends asked, "Why not build an AI pet translator instead?" But AI can't decode the subtle way a chihuahua communicates existential dread with a single yip. That takes intuition. That takes heart. That takes... me.

Georgie, the ASC's support animal, confessed to me that he always saw himself helping other humans around the world. "I always saw myself as some type of hero." Georgie communicated.

Focusing more on the domestic side of things, other examples of pets speaking to me throughout this journey include: "My human keeps calling me Mr. Snuggles. My true name is Moonblade." — Domestic longhair, age 3.

"She thinks I don't know she bought off-brand treats." — French

bulldog with strong opinions.

"I was Cleopatra in a past life. Now I chase yarn. Life is humbling." — Siamese cat in crisis.

I've also taken this into the next step by creating a relationship session with owners and their pets, where I would listen to their pets' petitions and communicate them with their respective owners: "I always suspected my cat was judging me. Thanks to this service, I now know for sure." — Lorraine Castañeda, Freshman, Communications Major.

"He translated my dog's dreams. Turns out she's haunted by a vacuum cleaner." — Julio Ávila, Psychology Major, skeptical but intrigued.

"My ferret finally opened up about his abandonment issues. We're closer than ever." — Anonymous (per the ferret's request)

Some signs that you can recognize where you might need a session are: Your goldfish only swims in the corner, facing away from you. (Resentment)

Your cat keeps knocking over the same mug. (It's symbolic)

Your hamster stares at the wall like he's seen something. (He has)

For a broad knowledge of this recent discovery, I'm working on a research paper titled: "Beyond Bark: A Quantitative Approach to Paw-Sitive Communication". Please await more information if you're interested in this topic.

PD: I'm kidding, please don't contact me for readings. I can't even read my mind sometimes. However, if you want to introduce me to your pet, I'd be happy to! ;)

A friendly reminder to be clean and shower

LORRAINE CASTAÑEDA
Life & Culture Editor

Some people smell horrible. Like, actually, I've had to endure standing next to some people that definitely haven't showered for three weeks, AT LEAST.

During the winter, tons of people would either not shower or shower at

night, and I know this for a fact due to the dorm bathrooms being cleaner than ever. Now that it is getting warmer, the bathrooms are nasty again.

I have a theory: the people who don't shower are the ones who, when they do shower they absolutely destroy the bathroom. Like seriously, I've seen all kinds of things

like underwear, used tampons, hair, hair that is definitely not growing out of your head, vomit, etc., in the dorm bathrooms. Is it a coincidence that it happens only when the weather is warm? NO.

If you are one of those people who think that maybe you shouldn't shower, SHOWER. WE CAN TELL YOU HAV-

EN'T SHOWERED. At least have the decency to wear perfume or brush your teeth, you can't smell bad AND have bad breath.

On top of the fact that a lot of people don't shower, I'm pretty sure they also don't wash their clothes, because there is no way that a human being smells that bad. There

has to be another factor, it is probably clothes too. Given that a lot of people just leave their clothes in the washing machines for days, it would not surprise me that they just don't wash their clothes at all.

I don't understand why in a world in which soap, shampoo, body wash and conditioner exist, why

would someone not want to shower? There are so many brands of soap that one can use and you daily choose to use none.

In conclusion, please shower. The paw pantry has free soap if you need it!!!

(This is an April Fools' opinion. Don't feel bad, just shower.)

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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

Dance

Last week, the Doane Dance Team made their way over to Ypsilanti, Michigan to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Nationals, where this is their fifth consecutive time competing.

The Tigers competed alongside eleven other teams where they walked away with a final score of 78.63, which placed them sixth overall. With that being said, this concludes the Doane Dance Teams season.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

Men's Golf

Last week, the Men's Golf team traveled to Bullhead City, Arizona, to compete in a three-round competition called The Battle, which was hosted by Wayland Baptist University. Walking away from the competition, the Tigers had a final score of 958, which placed them 19th out of 20 teams.

The Tigers went through the first round and second round with a score of 797 and finished the third round with a score of 958, which placed them 19th overall.

Tying for 47th was sophomore Jack Millard, who had a final individual score of 234. Sophomore Joshua Wassmer tied for 79th with a score of 240. Freshman Toby Knevet tied for 83rd with a score of 241. Sophomore Julius Kroell tied for 88th with a score of 244. Finishing up for the Tigers was junior Cauy Walters, who tied for 94th with a score of 249.

Next up, the Tigers will be traveling to Manhattan, Kansas, to compete in the Midwest Spring National Invite on April 7-8.

-- Elijah Lara-Johnson

Softball

Last week, the Softball team played four games at home, splitting two against the College of Saint Mary and falling to Morningside twice.

Starting off with game one, Saint Mary would score in the top of the first inning with freshman Milannie Gonzalez tying up the game at the bottom of the first. In the second inning, the Flames would add another run with sophomore Jeryn Allen tying up the game, along with senior Grace Dowding giving them the lead.

In the top of the sixth, the Flames would take the lead adding two more runs, but freshman Bri True hit a homer to left field, along with junior Hannah Pack adding a run. To finish off the game, junior Jasmine Villegas hit a homer also toward left field, bringing the final score to 6-4.

Transitioning into game two, the Flames would start the game scoring on a wild pitch, with the Tigers soon taking the lead after scoring runs from Dowding and Gonzalez. Kayla Meyer hit a home run toward left field, driving in Marisa Marquez and Villegas.

In the top of the next three innings, the Flames would receive two home runs along with two runs, which would tie up the game. But, taking back the lead was Villegas after hitting a home run also toward left field.

However, the Tigers didn't have the lead for long because the Flames would then add three more runs and Dowding would add another run. But the Flames would add one final run to the score, making the final score 7-9.

Fast forward to the Tigers next game, this time against the Morningside Mustangs. The scoring in game one started with junior Faith McDonald hitting a home run toward left center along with senior Anna Prauner scoring.

In the top of the sixth, the Mustangs would tie up the game along with doubling their score in the top of the 11th. To finish the game, sophomore Makinley Thomas would score off of an error, bringing the final score to 3-4.

Transitioning into game two, the Mustangs started the game with a homer, but in the bottom of the second Allen would tie up the game. However, in the sixth and seventh innings the Mustangs would add four more runs, making the final score 5-1.

Next up, the Tigers will be facing Bellevue University at home on April 2, with the game starting at 4 p.m. The Tigers will also take on Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, on April 5.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

Women's Tennis achieves double wins

LUIS REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

On March 25 and 27, the Tigers Women's Tennis team played against Kansas Wesleyan University at home and against Nebraska Wesleyan University away, respectively. The Tigers won the first match 6-1 and they also got the victory in the second match 7-0. Currently, the overall record for the women's tennis team is 7-5.

Against Kansas Wesleyan, the doubles No. 1 senior Mariana Espinosa and sophomore Maria Purizaca prevailed 6-1. At No. 2 doubles, freshman Liz Calderon and junior Grace Schroller won 6-2. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Isabella Castillero and sophomore Kat Johnson won 6-3.

In singles, at No. 1 singles, Purizaca prevailed 6-2, 6-2, while

at No. 2 singles, Espinosa prevailed 6-2, 6-1. In singles No. 3, Calderon recorded 6-0, 6-1. At No. 4, Castillero won 6-1, 6-2. In single No. 5, Schroller lost 1-6, 5-7. Finally, in singles No. 6, Johnson won 6-4, 6-1.

Against Nebraska Wesleyan, in doubles No. 1 Espinosa and Purizaca prevailed 6-1. At No. 2 doubles, Calderon and Schroller won 7-5. At No. 3 doubles, Castillero and Johnson won 6-2.

In singles, at No. 1 singles, Purizaca prevailed 6-1, 6-3, while at No. 2 singles, Espinosa prevailed 6-2, 6-4. In singles No. 3, Calderon recorded 6-3, 6-2.

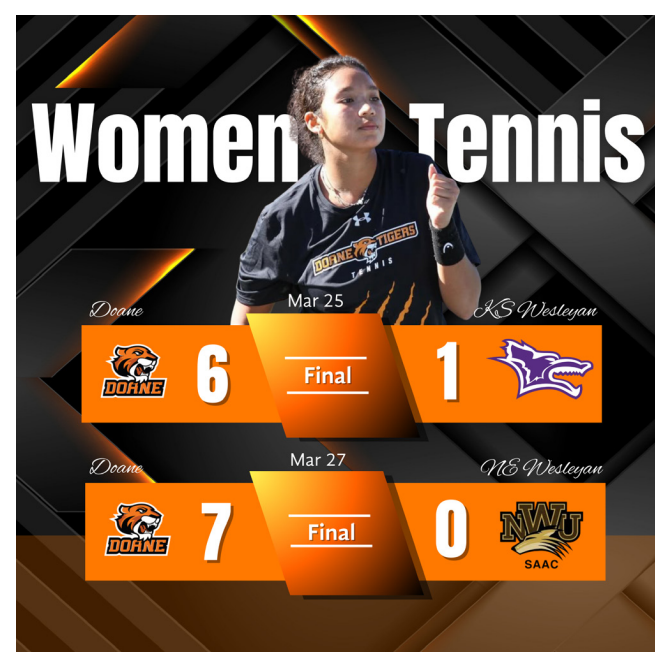
At No. 4, Castillero won 1-6, 6-1, and finally got the victory in the tie-break 10-3. In single No. 5, Schroller won 6-2, 6-1. In the last game, in singles No. 6 Johnson won 6-3, 6-0.

The Women's tennis

team was supposed to play two more games during the week, but the game against Hastings was postponed to April 2, at 2 p.m. and the game against Baker University got cancelled because of the weather.

Apart from the home conference game this Wednesday, the Tigers will play at home on

Thursday, April 3, at 3 p.m., against Bethany University. To finish the week, the women's team will play a double home game day on April 5, against Morningside at 12 p.m. and against Gustavus Adolphus at 4 p.m.



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Men's Tennis beats NCAA Division III school

LUIS REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

On March 25 and 27, the Tigers Men's Tennis team competed against Kansas Wesleyan University at home and against Nebraska Wesleyan University away, respectively. The Tigers lost the first match 3-4 and won the second match 4-3. Currently, the overall record for the men's tennis team is 4-8.

Against Kansas Wesleyan University, doubles play kicked off with senior Jose Purizaca and junior Diego Infante winning 6-2 at No. 1. In doubles No. 2, sophomore Elliot Dasell and senior Andre Hartman lost 4-6. Finally, in double No. 3, sophomore Julio Avila and freshman Christian Jensen lost their match 3-6.

In singles, Purizaca won 6-3, 7-5 at No. 1,

and at No. 2, Infante won 6-3, 6-4. No. 3 Dasell lost 2-6, 0-6. At No. 4, Hartman won 6-1, 6-0. In single No. 5, freshman Tanner Adams lost 1-6, 6-3, coming up short in the tie-break. Finally, in single No. 6, Jensen lost 3-6, 0-6.

Against Nebraska Wesleyan University, starting doubles play were Purizaca and Infante at No. 1, winning 6-1. In doubles No. 2, Dasell and Hartman lost 0-6. Finally, in double No. 3, Avila and Jensen lost 2-6.

In singles, Purizaca won 6-4, 6-1 and at No. 2, Infante won 4-6, 6-1, winning the tie-break 10-5. Single No. 3 was played by Hartman, who won 6-3, 6-0. At No. 4, Dassel lost 7-5, 6-2. In single No. 5, Adams won 6-2, 6-4. Finally, in single No. 6, Jensen lost 0-6, 3-6.

The Men's tennis team was supposed to

play two more games during the week, but the game against Hastings was postponed to Tuesday, April 1, at 2 p.m. and the game against Baker University got canceled because of the weather.

Apart from the home conference game

this Tuesday, the Tigers will play on Thursday, April 3, at 3 p.m. at home against Bethany University. To finish the week, the men's team will play a home game on Saturday, April 5, against Morningside at 12 p.m.



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President Hughes' Bracket gets leaked

ELIJAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

March Madness has captivated viewers all across the nation, even President Roger Hughes is in all the excitement. But whispers around campus aren't about the game – it's about President Hughes' bracket getting reportedly leaked!

After an email quickly surfaced, word began to spread in regards to President Hughes' bracket elections, causing students and faculty alike to now analyze his strategy and debate whether his

championship choice will hold up.

"I never expected to see the President's bracket making the rounds," one student said. "It's cool to see that he's just as into this competition as the rest of us are."

But others are taking this more seriously. Some students started their own bracket pools specifically to challenge President Hughes' predictions, looking to see if they could outperform Hughes' winners.

Joining in on the discussions, some faculty members are praising

Hughes' strategic choices while others question whether he's taking too many risks with weaker teams.

The excitement doesn't stop there, Doane has also introduced a spoof bracket featuring none other than Thomas the Tiger.

The "Sweet 16" competition, entertainingly called "Survive a Day in 2025 in Higher Education Without Coffee," puts administrators against one another in a series of quirky but competitive challenges. Some examples include: the

Chief Administrative Officer vs. Chief Financial Officer in "Most Likely to Survive on a Deserted Campus with Only Coffee, or President Hughes vs. Thomas the Tiger in "Best Pep Talk", etc.

As March Madness continues, for some all eyes will be on not just the tournament, but President Hughes' picks as well. Whether he walks out as a bracket mastermind or a fallen victim, one thing is for sure. This year, the competition isn't just on the court, it's on campus as well.

Sports Briefs

Baseball

Over the weekend, the Baseball team took on Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa, and Dakota Wesleyan University at home, where they were defeated in all four games.

Starting game one against Briar Cliff, senior Logan Amick scored in the top of the first with the Chargers tying up the game in the bottom of the first. In the second inning, junior Jordan Bond and junior Johnny Vulcano added two more runs, but the Chargers added 12 runs during the second and third innings.

In the top of the fourth, junior Sam Kwapnioski had hit a homerun along with Amick scoring, but the Chargers added two more runs. Finishing up game one was senior Gerald Nix, who had hit a homerun, along with sophomore Max Harris and Kwapnioski adding the final runs, bringing the final score to 9-15.

In game two, Kwapnioski scored along with J. Vulcano, but in the second, third, fourth and seventh inning, the Chargers would add 10 runs. In an attempt to catch up, Kwapnioski scored, but finishing off in the bottom of the eighth the Chargers added three more runs, bringing the final score to 3-13.

Transitioning into their first game against Dakota Wesleyan, Kwapnioski had hit a homerun in the top of the first inning, but in the bottom of the second, Dakota Wesleyan added four runs. Going into the top of the fourth, Harris, junior Misael Cantu and J. Vulcano scored, tying up the game.

In the bottom of the fourth however Dakota Wesleyan added a homerun along with a run, bringing them back into the lead. But, J. Vulcano along with freshman Thadenewel tied up the game once again and this time took the lead after Amick scored in the top of the eighth.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as Dakota Wesleyan added two more runs to their score, bringing the final score to 7-8.

Going into their last game, in the bottom of the first Dakota Wesleyan added five runs, with J. Vulcano hit a homerun along with senior Aaron Vulcano and returning senior Justin Nevells adding a run each in the top of the second. In the bottom of the second, Dakota Wesleyan added another run.

In the top of the fourth, J. Vulcano and Harris would add two runs along with Kwapnioski hitting a homerun, tying the game up once again. However in the bottom of the fifth and sixth, Dakota Wesleyan added nine more runs, with Cantu scoring in the top of the seventh, bringing the final score to 7-15.

Next up, the Tigers will be back at home taking on Dordt University on April 4, and Morningside University on April 5, games on both days are set for 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

--Elijah Lara-Johnson

Track and Field opens season in Kearney

ELIJAH LARA-JOHNSON
Sports Editor

Last week, the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams opened their outdoor season in Kearney, Nebraska, in the Central Nebraska Challenge.

Starting off in the Men's side was junior Joaquin Gurtierrez in the 400m where he finished in sixth with a time of 50.24. In the 800m was junior Michael Grigsby, who had a time of 1:58.02, placing him eighth.

In the 110 Hurdles were senior Zach Turner, freshman Andrew Brown and sophomore Addison Croghan. Turner finished with a time of 13.49, which placed him first with Brown following with a time of 14.27. Placing seventh with a time of 14.87 was Croghan. Also taking home first in the 400 Hurdles was Turner, who finished with a time of 51.11.

Running in the 4x100 were sophomore Devon Jackson, senior JaDae Moore, sophomore Daniel Concepcion and senior Dalton Whisenhunt, who finished with a time of 41.54, placing them fourth.

Jumping in the High Jump was senior

Dylan Starr, who had a mark of 2.15m, which placed him second. Competing in Pole Vault was senior Drew Garrison, who had a mark of 4.45m, placing him sixth. Placing seventh in the Long Jump was senior Ben Renshaw, who had a mark of 6.80m.

In the triple jump were freshmen Kyler Nichols and Brown and junior Sam Boldt. Nichols had a mark of 14.94m, which placed him first with Brown following with a mark of 14.43m. Finishing in fifth with a mark of 13.54m was Boldt.

Transitioning over to throws, junior Colton Dillon placed fourth in the shot put with a mark of 15.06m along with junior Andrew Schmitz who had a mark of 14.90m, placing him sixth.

Competing in Discus were senior Trey Dicky, junior Christopher Brown, freshmen Andrew Englund and junior Cale Bessler. Placing first was Dicky, who had a mark of 54.58; Brown placed third with a mark of 51.83m. Finishing in sixth was Englund, who had a mark of 49.13m, with Bessler following with a mark of 48.65m.

Placing third in the Hammer was Dickey, who had a mark of 56.16m, along with Schmitz who placed seventh with a mark of 53.83m. And finishing off in the Javelin was sophomore Mason Crumbliss, who had a mark of 48.59m, which placed him sixth.

Switching over to the Women's side, sophomore Neryah Hekl in the 100m placed first with a time of 11.80. Along with Hekl was sophomore RaeAnn Thompson, who had a time of 11.99, which placed her sixth.

In the 400m was junior Danie Parriott, who had a time of 58.67, placing her third alongside sophomore Kiley Hejtmanek who had a time of 1:00.16, which placed her fifth. Competing in the 400 Hurdles was sophomore Chaney Nelson, who had a time of 1:06.86, which placed her second.

Running in the 4x100 were Thompson, junior Morgan Mahoney, junior Kat Vogt and Hekl, who had a time of 47.04, placing them first. Jumping in the high jump was freshman Katelynn Kratz, who had a mark of 1.61m, placing her third.

In the pole vault was sophomore Kaylee Pribyl, who had a mark of 3.95m, which placed her second, along with junior Kennedy Stanley who had a mark of 3.45m, which placed her sixth. In the triple jump was junior Josie Garrett, who had a mark of 11.99m, which placed her first alongside sophomore Kyla Davis, who had a mark of 11.15m, placing her fifth.

Going into throws, starting off with shot put was senior Alivia Baucom, who had a mark of 13.30m, which placed her fifth. In the Discus was senior Madison Sutton, who had a mark of 50.39m, which placed her second alongside Baucom who had a mark of 49.06m, placing her third.

Also taking second in the Hammer was Sutton, who had a mark of 51.75m, along with junior Mia Knigge who had a mark of 48.72m, which placed her seventh.

Next up, the Men's and Women's teams will be traveling to Seward, Nebraska, on April 5, to compete in the Concordia Invitational.



Next week for Tiger Athletics

WOMEN'S GOLF

April 1-2 @ LINCOLN, NE

@ CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL

TENNIS

April 1 @ HOME

2:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE (MENS)

April 2 @ HOME

2:00 versus HASTINGS COLLEGE (WOMENS)

April 3 @ HOME

3:00 versus BETHANY COLLEGE

April 5 @ HOME

12:00 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

4:00 versus GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE (WOMENS)

SOFTBALL

April 2 @ HOME

4:00 versus BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY

April 5 @ MITCHELL, S.D.

1:00 versus DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TRACK AND FIELD

April 4 @ SEWARD, NE

@ CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL

BASEBALL

April 4 @ HOME

1:00 & 3:30 versus DORDT UNIVERSITY

April 5 @ HOME

1:00 & 3:30 versus MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY



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