

Freshmen Mikalynn Wylie and Gage Bailey cheer on Doane Football in between plays. Read more on page 7.

American Democracy Week educates about misinformation

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Life & Culture Editor

This past week, Doane celebrated another American Democracy Week (ADW), packed with events designed to educate and uplift campus voices. Hosted by Professor Amanda Irions, Professor Tim Hill and Sara Hinds, copywriter in the Office of Strategic Marketing, the week had an event each day except Friday. The week kicked off with a screening of the “Trust Me” documentary, highlighting the need for media literacy in the age of technology. Sophomore Con-

nie Jarm attended the viewing and found it interesting, remembering a specific case covered in the documentary that occurred in New Zealand, where “this guy was giving people misinformation about vaccines and how to protect their kids from measles.” Following that event, Tuesday would see the return of the “What’s Happening in Washington?” Q&A, where Hill fielded questions on topics like voter fraud, DEI and vaccine policy, with insights from Irions, Hinds and alumnus Travis Handler, joining via Zoom for a constitutional law discussion. Hill empha-

sized the concept of states as “laboratories of democracy” and the evolving nature of the digital political landscape. Throughout the week, Hill and Irions spoke in various classrooms about democracy, critical thinking and the spread of misinformation, especially during uncertain times. Irions highlighted how relationships can impact what we say to others and what we believe. “If we stop being able to trust the people in power, then suddenly we’re completely on our own,” Hill said, reflecting on misinformation. On Wednesday, the

Art & Design showcase in Nyrop displayed student projects from Drawing and Graphic Design Three classes. Students in the Drawing class were given the prompt of depicting a hot take. Works covered topics like caffeine addiction, sports hierarchy, the impact of TikTok and the hidden efforts of art majors. Senior Ella Zubieni’s piece presented the idea that “no billionaire is ethical” with Taylor Swift at the forefront of her piece. “The world is in flames in the background,” Zubieni said. “The focus is on her and what she’s doing and not the bad things

she’s doing.” Four students from Graphic Design Three presented “a story of propaganda through graphic design,” featuring graphic design pieces from the American Civil War, World War I, World War II and the modern era. The showcase aimed to demonstrate how artists can influence viewers with their own biases or propaganda. Thursday held a propaganda workshop led by Civic Nebraska, focusing on the impact of misinformation and social media, and encouraging participants to approach civic issues from an unbiased perspective.

Saturday marked the end of the week with a special collaboration featuring Dine:09. Lakeside was filled with the aroma of freshly popped popcorn, key lime pie and pecan pie. Participants formed teams to compete in democracy-themed trivia, answering questions about conspiracy theories, misinformation, campaign ads, current events, political cartoons and famous gaffes. The winning team, American Pie, took home candy, while everyone else enjoyed leftover pie.

RHA brings changes to Residence Halls

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There are many ways for students to get involved on campus, including in their residence halls. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is currently voting to find two representatives from each hall. A representative

position will require about two to three hours a week. The RHA is also looking for Programming coordinators and Involvement coordinators, which will be a larger time commitment for students, with about five hours a week. “The main responsibility for hall reps is

acting as a liaison between the residents of a hall and the RHA executive board. However, they also serve as voting members,” said Community Director Nadia Lanik. Residence halls can bring comfort to students, being the place they go to after a long day of school and ath-

letics, having a hall representative to help create a comforting atmosphere is very important. “Sometimes it can be a little intimidating bringing up concerns to professional staff members, but it’s a lot easier to communicate with a peer. We want people to enjoy their time liv-

ing on campus and feel empowered and valued when it comes to their experiences.” Lanik said. The new representatives will also collaborate with different residence halls, building up the Crete campus into a more connected community. All students are au-

tomatically a part of the RHA if they live on campus, “Everyone is welcome to come to general meetings, which take place on Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. in Triborough,” Lanik said.

Political Corner: What is going on in NE?

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On Sept. 10, conservative political activist Charlie Kirk was fatally shot while speaking at Utah Valley University (UVU). The shooting came two weeks after the school shooting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and just hours after another shooting in Evergreen, Colorado. Following the incident at UVU, a member affiliated with the Los Manitas Community Advocates in North Platte made a social media post that stated, “Bye Charlie, you

did nothing but divide people with your Neanderthal way of thinking, while encouraging others to partake in your hatred for others that don’t like you. You suck, I’m happy you’re dead.” The post reflects a national digital movement and underscores ongoing divides. In the days following the shooting, some social media users resurfaced examples of Kirk’s past rhetoric, including his statement after a Nashville school shooting: “I think it’s worth to have a cost of life, unfortunately, some gun deaths each year so

we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other god-given rights.” As a result of the social media post, the West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) has halted assistance to Las Manitas Community Advocates. “The post in question did not just celebrate a person’s death; it promoted division and hatred,” said WCNDD executive director Edward Dunn, speaking to KNOP-TV. “Some have said this punishes the whole organization for one person’s actions, but lead-

ership matters. This individual was associated and did represent the organization publicly, and organizations should be held responsible for their representatives’ conduct.” After the arrest of Kirk’s suspected shooter, Washington County Sheriff Mike Robinson received death threats following an online misidentification as the father of the primary suspect, Tyler Robinson, according to the Omaha World-Herald. The situation was further confused by the suspect being processed at the sheriff’s office in

Washington County, Utah. Sheriff Robinson addressed the mistaken identity on Facebook, stating that all law enforcement officers deal with threats, but current threats have arisen from a social media effort. He also detailed how the death threats affected not only himself but his family and urged Facebook and society to “be better.” Amid heightened concerns, Kevin Smith, professor of political science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), told KLNK-TV that college campuses should remain places

for open dialogue and debate. “It’s important to express our political beliefs and take part in political engagement,” Smith said. “These are places where people with very different ideas should be able to debate.” However, Professor Smith also highlighted how acts of violence are not constructive political engagement. Kirk’s death comes amid an uptick in attacks on political figures of all ideologies, ongoing school shootings and heated debates over Second Amendment rights.

Political Corner: What's going on in Washington D.C.

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On Sept. 2, President Donald Trump held a press conference in the Oval Office, addressing various media issues, including what some are referring to as the “federal takeover” of Washington, D.C. This conference followed an official memo sent on Aug. 11 to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, titled “Restoring Law and Order in the District of Columbia.”

In the memo, Trump said that the local government had “lost control of public order and safety in the city,” leading to the invocation of constitutional

law to deploy the National Guard. Initially, 800 members of the District of Columbia National Guard were mobilized to address crime, homelessness and undocumented immigration.

This directive came after the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department reported the lowest violent crime rate in over 30 years in 2024, according to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in D.C. Nearly a month after the order was enacted, Hegseth authorized National Guard troops to carry firearms. The presence of these forces has

sparked protests and prompted community meetings.

D.C. resident and vlogger Rob Perez noted confusion among different agencies regarding protocols. In addition to the National Guard, 500 federal law enforcement officers from various agencies—including the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security, Border Patrol and the Secret Service—have begun joint patrols in D.C.

In his Sept. 2 address, Trump praised the positive impact of federal agencies in

D.C., claiming credit for the opening of new restaurants. “It’s a safe city. And this city was really bad, really, really bad,” he said. “We took 1,600 hardcore criminals out, and they will not be coming back anytime soon. We’re very proud of it.”

The president has indicated a willingness to extend these deployments to other cities, including Baltimore, Chicago and New York. During the conference, he emphasized the need for increased policing in Baltimore and Chicago, comparing Chicago’s danger levels

to those of Afghanistan. Furthermore, he claimed that African-American residents of Chicago are requesting the National Guard’s presence.

Regarding Baltimore, Trump criticized the local police, stating that they are “woke and too weak to lift guns out of holsters.” He reiterated that addressing violent crime has been a priority since his campaign and claimed that recruitment numbers for the armed forces have increased during his administration.

President Hughes discusses the impact of the President’s Leadership Council

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At Doane University, leadership isn’t just a concept; it’s a lived experience, championed by President Roger Hughes. With his unique experience as a football head coach and now as the President of the university, he understands that true leadership is about service, listening and helping others grow. That vision is at the heart of the President’s Leadership Council, a program

that connects students directly with university leadership while preparing them to become the next generation of changemakers.

When President Hughes transitioned from coaching to being Doane’s president, he realized he would miss the daily mentorship he once had with students. This council is his way of staying connected.

“I got into higher education to help young people get better,” President Hughes said. “There’s nothing more rewarding than seeing

mentorship play out and watching students grow.”

The council has already made an impact. Student feedback has led to tangible improvements on campus, such as better lighting on pathways and updates to facilities. By bringing in staff members directly to hear student concerns, the council ensures that student voices truly shape the Doane experience. President Hughes also emphasized how thankful he is for the talented and hardworking staff

who make these changes possible.

“I get more credit than I deserve when things go right,” President Hughes said, “but the reality is I’m surrounded by an incredible team that cares deeply about students.”

This year, the program is growing even stronger. While past meetings primarily focused on student feedback, President Hughes now envisions the council as a seminar-style leadership program. Students will not only share their perspectives

but also dive into leadership discussions, analyze articles and even present lessons to their peers. Through these activities, members of the council will explore qualities like courage, boldness, communication and collaboration, skills that will carry into every aspect of their futures.

Applications are reviewed by faculty and staff, ensuring a diverse group of students from both the Crete and Lincoln campuses. Graduate students are included as well, encouraging

valuable interaction across academic levels.

For President Hughes, leadership development goes beyond campus. It’s a gift to society.

“If I can help students become great leaders here at Doane, they’ll carry that into their careers and communities.” President Hughes said. “Strong leadership makes stronger communities, and that’s one of the greatest gifts we can give the world.”

- Editorial -

Your beautiful soul matters here

The month of September is known as Suicide Prevention Month, and although it is important to dedicate all of those who have taken their own lives, it should not just be a month-long thing, but instead a year-round thing.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 720,000

beautiful souls take their lives every year, with suicide being the third leading cause of death in the 15-29 age group. These numbers aren’t just statistics; they represent sons, daughters, friends, co-workers, neighbors who were silently struggling.

Very often, we find the conversations about mental

health being pushed to the back burner until someone loses someone to suicide. But we could make a difference if we discussed it all year round. By doing this, we could check in on our loved ones more frequently, learning the warning signs and becoming more aware of our surroundings, along with ending the stigma to

mental health every day.

Awareness months have very deep meanings with valuable reminders. But suicide prevention should not end the second you flip the calendar to October. Every life is worth something, every day and every year. Just know that you deserve to be here, and you are not alone.

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Community Service Fair highlights volunteer opportunities

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On Sept. 10, the Career, Leadership and Service Center (CLS) hosted its first Community Service Connection Fair at Lakeside during lunch. Students had the opportunity to meet with local organizations and nonprofits in Saline County.

The dining hall partnered with the event by hosting lunch outside, giving students the chance to enjoy a unique meal of spicy honey fried chicken, baked mac and cheese, desserts and drinks while exploring different volunteer opportunities between classes.

Mandi Laib, Assistant Director of Leadership and Service, coordinated the event to help students get connected to volunteering.

“Community service is such a valuable opportunity for our Doane students,” Laib said. “We believe it is one of the best ways to connect with our Crete community and also for students to learn more about themselves...The time you spend giving back to your community is more than service; it is where you can learn to try new things, engage as a leader, gain professional experience and help your community thrive.”

The event featured multiple tables, including opportunities with the Crete Public Library, the Isis Theatre and the Crete Volunteer Fire Department.

“In Crete, there is a wide variety of areas you can spend your time engaging with, such as working to combat food insecurity, assisting with youth through after-school programs, supporting

environmental cleanups, spending time with those in care facilities and more,” Laib added.

For students unable to attend the event or looking for more opportunities, Helper Helper is a great resource. Every student has an account and can easily navigate the app to find service options.

Sometimes volunteering can feel intimidating, especially for those who have never tried it before. Laib recommends inviting a friend to go with you, noting that extra hands are never an issue.

“Start small, even a one-time event makes a difference,” Laib said. “And take time to reflect on your experience. Appreciating the work you have done and what it has meant to you is a key point in your development as an engaged community member.”



Students getting lunch and discovering volunteer opportunities in Saline County

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APO hosts another theatre cabaret

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Friday, Sept. 12, was a lively night on campus as Alpha Psi Omega (APO) held its theatre cabaret. The event

drew a crowd as those passing through Lakeside stopped to watch the performers.

APO is a national honorary organization that recognizes those with leadership skills and commitment to theatre. As such, this

event allowed some of its members to showcase their talents. However, the event was open to all, with a sign-up sheet shared around in the days leading up to the event.

A cabaret consists of performances, includ-

ing songs, dances or recitations. APO's cabaret mainly featured musical talent. The brave souls who took to the stage in Lakeside primarily sang works from notorious musicals or popular shows. These included

“Phantom of the Opera”, “Hunchback of Notre Dame”, “Heathers”, “Grease” and many more.

The event aimed at spreading awareness and showcasing some of the talent in Doane's theatre depart-

ment. For those already aware of the theatrical talent on campus, the event served as a fundraising opportunity for APO and the theatre department.

Weekly Horoscope

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Being yourself is an act of bravery.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Establish trust by complimenting others.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Take a moment before you formulate a judgment.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Wear the outfit you've been setting aside.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Come up with an emotional safe word.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Excessive praise hides people from what you really think. Its time to be honest.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Experiment with your worst habits.

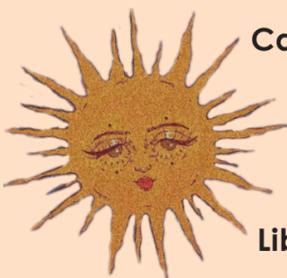
Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You were born to make history.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Buy yourself a nice dinner this week. You deserve it.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Laugh until your sides hurt. Enjoy your time without worrying whether there will be more.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Reconnect with your inner child.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Stay calm even if it feels impossible. You're less likely to forget anything if you stay focused.





Students preparing s'mores and spending time with friends on the Smith Patio



Pictures courtesy of Jaden Hilkemann

Students roast s'mores and trauma

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Staff Writer

Around 50 students gathered at Smith Hall's fire pit on Sept. 9 for "Burn Your Trauma." The CAPE (Campus Advocacy, Prevention, and Education) project peer educators invited students to roast s'mores, connect with CAPE peer educators and let go of their challenges by tossing written reflections into the fire.

"The main goal was to create a casual space for students to connect with CAPE peer educators while also giving them the chance to reflect on any challenges, anxieties or trauma they may be carrying into the school year," Jaden Hilkemann, CAPE Project director, said. "By writing those thoughts down and throwing them into the fire, students were able to symbolically let go and 'burn their trauma.'

I think the event really achieved that."

According to Hilkemann, the tradition has been part of Doane's fall semester for at least six years, becoming a major event for CAPE. "We continue to host it as our first campus event each fall because of the strong turnout and the impact it has on students. It's become one of CAPE's staple events, and we love seeing students come back to it year af-

ter year."

For many, the event was not only about release but also about connection. "I hope students walked away feeling more connected, aware of available resources and supported by their peers," Hilkemann said. "I also hope they enjoyed the chance to relax, share a s'more and practice a little self-care and reflection."

CAPE's mission extends beyond events,

Hilkemann emphasized that CAPE is a resource for students year-round: "I want students to know that CAPE is here for them. If you or someone you know experiences dating violence, sexual harassment, or sexual assault, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact me directly, stop by my office, or connect with one of our peer educators who can provide resources and support."

Students can reach CAPE by emailing capeproject@doane.edu or contacting the CAPE Project director directly at jaden.hilkemann@doane.edu.

TEZ hosts friendly Thursday competition

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This past Thursday, Sept. 11, the fraternity Tau Sigma Zeta invited students of Doane's campus to participate in their Pickleball & Cornhole event at 6:45 p.m., located at the Fieldhouse. "The goal for the night was to simply give the wonderful students of Doane something to

enjoy and another thing to look forward to on Thursdays!" junior Roberto Cordova said about the idea of this event.

For those who do not know, pickleball is a paddle sport that could be described as a mix between tennis, ping pong and badminton.

It can be played on a small court with a low net, using solid paddles which are bigger than ping pong paddles

and smaller than tennis racquets.

The ball is a perforated plastic ball and can be played in singles or doubles.

On the other hand, cornhole is a lawn/yard game that's simple and fun, where two angled boards are set on the ground, each with a hole near the top.

The players toss bean bags, which are filled with corn kernels, hence

the name, toward the opposite board.

If one bag goes through the hole, you gain three points; if the land goes on the board, you gain 1 point and the game continues until one of the players reaches 21 points first.

These two activities work well together because pickleball is energetic, while cornhole is more chill, and is a good balance for all ages and

abilities.

With a larger turnout than they had originally expected, our Student Programming Board (SPB) let them borrow extra boards to compensate for the unexpected crowd.

"I think at peak business, we had around 32 people there because three cornhole boards were filled, two pickleball courts were filled, we had two spikeball nets being

used and even some people playing basketball," Roberto said.

Tau Sigma Zeta will continue to host events on Thursdays, so be on the lookout for more to come.

"We also want to thank everyone who came or talked about the event because it was amazing for us to host," Roberto said.

The Guild spars off in Smash Bros. and Mario Kart

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The Guild held a smashing tournament of Mario Kart and Super Mario Smash Bros.

On Tuesday, Sept 9. Students gathered around Smith Basement, where the Guild meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., to join the tournament. This appearance was met

with different students and members of the E-Sports team.

Concessions were also available, which included candy, chips and different drinks.

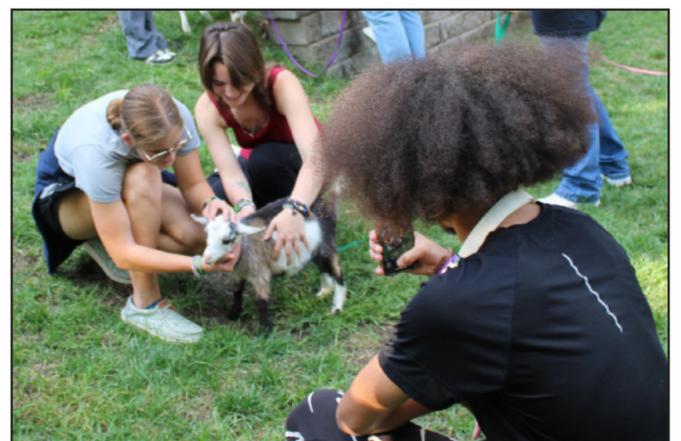
The first 30 minutes were dedicated to practicing for the tournament. In total, there were three TVs set up, a Nintendo Switch and a desktop. Allowing many people

to play at the same time, or to play while it wasn't their turn.

Participants were randomly assigned to play against each other, and winners would continue

to progress into the game. After 9:00 p.m., a winner was declared: junior William Howard.

Greek-filled week of events



Omega Psi Theta hosts "Goats and Floats", Alpha Omega puts on a late night breakfast, and Phi Sigma Tau operates a car wash.

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TikTok is killing music

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TikTok killed the music industry. When TikTok became popular, with the average video length of 10 to 60 seconds, it changed the way people hear music on a wide scale. This type of fast-paced and shortened version of content consumption led to artists feeling pressure to “keep up.” This resulted in less personalization of music creation and pushed more towards what is currently trending. Lots of music started to sound the same in order to catch popularity, such as sped-up vocals and increased beat drops.

I created this cartoon in my Drawing 1 art class for American Democracy Week. This piece should speak to people who grew up listening to music, the music industry professionals, such as producers and artists and new or emerging artists. Some viewers may find this cartoon aggravating if they believe TikTok and fast-paced media were a positive change to music listening. Other viewers might agree with this hot take and push for a change in mainstream music. This could change the way new artists approach creating music for others.

I used multiple techniques in my artwork, including hatching, cross-hatching and contour. I used these techniques to build contrast between the main focal point, the subjects of the piece and the background. Utilizing multiple techniques enhances my art by adding depth, texture and guides the focus to get my message across clearly.

I made TikTok the emphasis by using contrasting values to make the icon of TikTok stand out. Then, I made the swinging motion of the scythe and further emphasized it with swish marks. Finally, I incorporated the idea of proportions by making the symbols of music, a microphone stand, a boombox and a Grammy award lie small at TikTok's

feet.

Whether you agree or disagree with my hot take, “TikTok Killed the Music Industry,” the goal of this piece is to spark conversation and make viewers think about the effect that TikTok has had on music. This type of art has a meaningful impact that pushes against popular trends and suggests new perspectives.



Cartoon by Hailey Schweitzer | The Doane Owl

Tariffs: Pros, Cons and Lasting Questions

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Are tariffs good for the economy, or do they do more harm than good? This is something people have been wondering for years. At first, I thought they were bad since they mainly hurt businesses that need to import supplies from other countries. However, after researching more, I realized that tariffs are complex and have both benefits and drawbacks.

First, it is important to know what tariffs are. Oxford Economics defines tar-

iffs as “taxes imposed by a government on goods and services imported from other countries.” They provide income for the government, but they also affect businesses and consumers.

One clear benefit is the revenue that tariffs give to the government. For example, after tariffs increased in recent years, the U.S. government revenue from tariffs went up 148%, with estimates reaching \$159.3 billion. Tariffs can also support domestic industries by making local products more competitive. Alexander Hamilton once raised tariffs in the 19th century to protect

U.S. industries, giving them time to grow without as much foreign competition. Tariffs can also encourage companies to manufacture domestically, which could mean more jobs and less reliance on imports.

On the other hand, tariffs increase costs for consumers. When the U.S. put tariffs on steel and aluminum in 2018, car and construction companies faced higher prices, which then raised the cost of cars, appliances and other goods. Families with lower incomes felt this even more. Tariffs can also trigger retaliation, like when China responded with tariffs on

U.S. farm products, hurting American farmers and forcing the government to provide financial aid.

History also shows risks. During the Great Depression, tariffs contributed to a collapse in global trade and rising unemployment.

With all these being said, I think it is fair to conclude that we can not know if they are good or bad. That is something that only time will tell, and this will become either a great success that will be in history forever or an awful mistake that we will remember for a very long time.

AI can't do everything a human is capable of doing

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is improving at a rate that can be hard to keep up with and slightly frightening, from writing papers and making art to holding conversations that sound surprisingly human. With these rapid changes, it makes sense for people to be concerned about the future of employment. A common fear is that AI will make human work unnecessary since algorithms never need sleep, breaks or even ask for a raise. Yet, even with all their progress, AI systems could never replace the things that make us human and our unpredict-

ability.

Instead of just sitting around imagining a dark, cold world run by heartless robots, I decided to test this theory in a lighthearted way. I asked my classmates and professors at Doane University a simple question: “What is one thing you can do that AI could NEVER replicate,” and the answers were funny, random and revealing.

Junior Jake Prudek, a member of the Men's Wrestling team: “I can walk into a room, forget what I was doing in that room, walk out, and then remember again.”

Engineering professor Calle Stolle: “I can lose absolutely every game of UNO that I play.”

Larry Wood from facilities: “Decide whether I was just in a verbal argument or if a physical interaction was about to happen.”

Nurse Jody Yank: “I can actually look at the patient and assess different parts of the body to see what their signs are, VS just symptoms, which makes me able to better diagnose.”

Freshman Houston Hill, long snapper for the Doane Football team: “AI could never replicate feelings, such as losing a game and how you feel that deep burn. They might understand how much it sucks but they don't know how it really feels. Just as much as the wins, they aren't as ecstatic as humans are.”

Junior Tyler Caldwell, STUCO treasurer: “Balance financial statements, it'll get it right three out of five times, but the other two, your homework is going to be entirely wrong and your teachers are going to be asking what you did and how you got down that path.”

These answers all reflect something real, that humanity is not about flawless performance and efficiency but rather our mistakes, humor and small moments that make life feel genuine. AI might continue to get better and even change the whole system of how we work, but no matter how advanced it gets, there will always be a part of us that can never be replaced.

Special Owl Insert: American Democracy Week Cartoons

The following political cartoons were created by students in Professor Kailin Nielsen's Drawing I class.



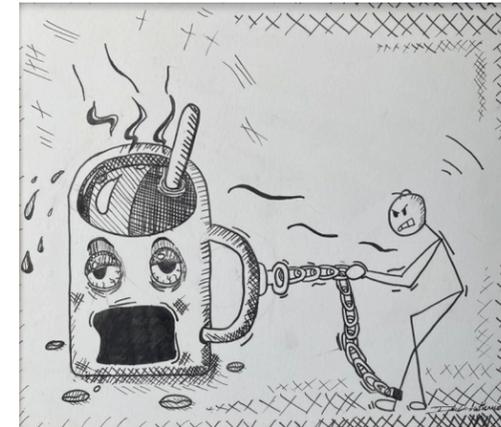
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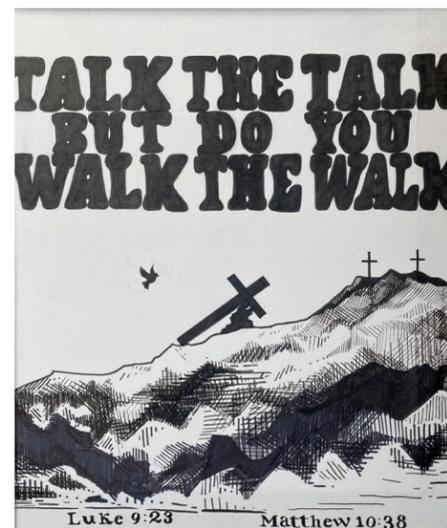
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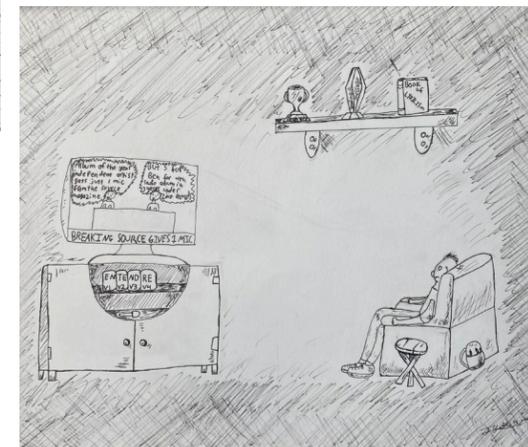
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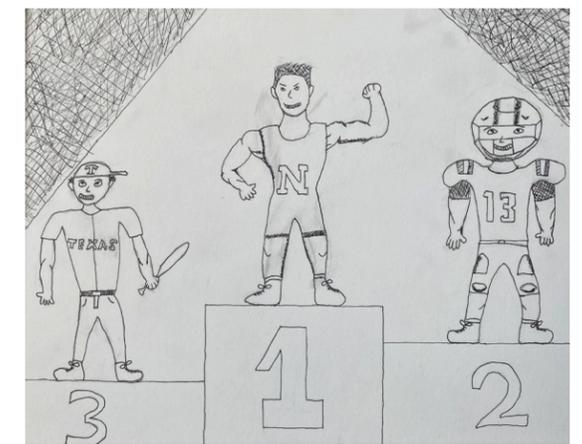
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Drawing by Mia Eshleman



Drawing by Talon Hawkinson

Newfound love for boxing

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Yesterday I watched something I never thought would get me so excited: a boxing fight. I've never considered myself a big boxing fan. In fact, I usually don't pay much attention to the sport. But when it's Canelo Álvarez in the ring facing Terence "Bud" Crawford, you

know it's not just another fight — it's an event.

The event was on Saturday night, Sept. 13, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The atmosphere of the event was unbelievable. Even though I wasn't there in person, just watching the broadcast gave me chills. The entrances, the music, the energy of the crowd and every punch exchanged reminded me of how sports can bring people together across

cultures and continents. Canelo, the Mexican superstar, and Crawford, the pride of Omaha, showed not just skill, but passion and resilience.

Something I kept thinking about during the fight was how unique it is to experience sports in a different country. Back home in Spain, boxing is not nearly as popular as soccer, for example. Here, though, Crawford's presence made it feel local.

People in Nebraska had a personal reason to tune in and cheer. That connection between athlete and community is one of the most powerful things about sports.

What struck me most is how boxing, like many sports, creates stories that go far beyond the ring. For fans, it's about identity, pride and belonging. For the fighters, it's about years of sacrifice condensed into a few rounds

under the brightest lights. And for people like me, who usually don't follow boxing, it becomes a chance to witness something unique—a sporting moment that captures the world's attention.

Another thing that stood out to me was the staggering amount of money that circulates around events like this. From ticket prices to pay-per-view sales, sponsorships and promotions,

boxing generates a financial wave that reaches far beyond the ring. It's almost shocking to think how much a single night of fighting can move in terms of business.

At the end of the day, I may not become a die-hard boxing fan after this, but I can say with certainty that this fight left me impressed, entertained and grateful to have witnessed such a memorable sports moment.

Ads are getting out of hand

AMANI MUISYO
Staff Writer

Recently, I've noticed ads are getting way too comfortable on platforms. Starting with YouTube, many years ago, it wasn't uncommon to click your favorite video, watch it from start to finish and not see a single ad. Slowly, there's been an increase in ads, some

skippable after five seconds. But more recently, I've tried to watch my favorite videos, and there are now two unskippable 10-second ads, which is absolutely insane. It's even worse if you watch YouTube on your TV; sometimes you get 60 seconds of ads.

It's starting to feel like cable TV, where you get long, annoying ads, so you switch to subscriptions. But now those

subscriptions are adding more ads unless you pay extra, still, I was hoping this trend wouldn't hit YouTube so hard. YouTube is really trying to push users into buying YouTube Premium for \$13.99 a month or YouTube Lite for \$7.99 (and side note, YouTube Lite only allows some videos to be ad free). I know companies need to make money, but this is getting out of hand.

I recently got "Pie Ad-block" as an extension on Chrome, which helps with ads on my laptop. You can also set your VPN address to countries that don't get as many ads, such as Albania. But YouTube is trying to crack down on ad blockers. Some companies, like Amazon Prime, already don't let you watch content if they detect a VPN; this would be really disastrous if YouTube imple-

mented the same thing.

The world is such a hectic place, and I'd love to just enjoy a 30-minute video in peace without constant disruption. There are lots of videos out there to help you study, and ads impact your focus, or videos to help you fall asleep, but you are awoken by a loud ad you can't skip. If this trend continues, I don't think people would completely abandon these

platforms. People will just have to get used to ads, find ways around them (which is getting harder and harder) or buy premium. YouTube can and most likely will get away with it for a while, which shows how they no longer care about users' entertainment but their own gain.

When is the time or place?

RAFAEL GARCIA
Guest Writer

Routine is something that keeps us going. It creates internal stressors, which are important to keep us moving forward as a society (in whatever way that looks). Basically, we are all in our own bubbles. Duh.

We are innately self-

ish, even when we call ourselves the most caring people in the world and get involved in everyone's problems. The truth is, we never change our metaphorical lens through which we view the world; we spend so much time messing with angles, filters, perspective, blah blah camera stuff. How many of us are changing the whole damn camera that we live with? Meta-

phorically, of course.

Too much, we are confined by structure, even when writing this, I know the formatting and grammar are really making someone upset right now. There is a time and a place for everything. I totally understand that, but the real issue is that it is almost never the "time and place". PEOPLE. DO. NOT. CARE.

They don't care about

nuisance, they just use all sorts of heuristics to write it off and move on, cause we are "too busy". Until something falls outside of it, the infamous anomaly.

Everyone is an anomaly, but no one wants to admit it; we are all crazy (in the most cliché way you can tell yourself and kinda almost ick yourself out with). What is the best way to control these anomalies? Label. And

move on.

Because it's obvious they are the problem and are the weirdos, you say as you return to whatever sheepish behavior you follow. Blah blah blah more intro stuff. The point is that people need to learn to look up and truly look at other bubbles. Maybe even tap them a bit, idk, just an idea, definitely makes life less boring.

TLDR: be performa-

tive, romanticize life, listen to crappy music and experiment because life is getting too boring lately (and maybe if you do all that, you too can have some cool friends that are willing to hear about your life experiments just as much as you would wanna listen to theirs), but if not, keep being a sheep. This is getting too long, and I'm being cliché. Peace.

Hot takes; People are lazy

ELIYAH LARA
Managing Editor

People have become lazy. Now, if you are offended by that first line, well then, buckle up because this might pertain to you.

What I mean by this is not to use ChatGPT because you're too busy to write a heartfelt text, or you don't want to do your dishes that have been sitting there for like a week (which, by the way, you should probably do those). No, I am talking about people not doing their job and still expecting to be paid for the work that they didn't do.

Imagine this, you're working at your retail

job, and you have to get everything looking nice and sharp because corporate is going to come in the next day to inspect. After you get done doing your part of the job, your co-worker then asks if you can help them with theirs so they can go to lunch. Obviously, you agree, but you find that they have done nothing, yet they still get paid for that "hour" of work.

If you are like me, you might be thinking that this is a bit messed up. I am not going to do your work for you. Then you go and tell your boss that instead of your co-worker doing their part, you did it for them in a faster manner.

But as a sign of your boss's appreciation, they pay you double for that

hour, and don't pay your co-worker for that hour. Which then causes them to go to your boss, "Why didn't you pay me for that hour when I was there."

The boss then tells the co-worker that since you didn't give me the quality work, you're not getting paid. You're not going to get paid to sit there and do your job.

This is what I mean when I say that people have become lazy. If someone can't do the job the right way, they should not get rewarded for that. If you hand your job to someone else and think, "Oh, they'll just do it", you don't get rewarded for it. You're not going to get everything handed to you on a silver platter, unfortunately.

...Thumbs UP

Dinos 

 Days Off

Sun 

 Scams

Pop Quiz 

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

Thumbs DOWN...

Sports Briefs

Men's Soccer

Doane Men's soccer lost their away game against Kansas Wesleyan University 2-0 on Sept. 9th in Salina, Kansas.

Junior Diego Villarreal and freshman Mateo Jelichich both dominated the match with two shots on the goal each for the total of 90 minutes of game time.

On the defense side, junior Curtis Oberg persisted with five saves for the whole match.

The Tigers lost again against McPherson College by four goals against two on Sept. 13th at McPherson, Kansas. Senior Luis Aragon and Jelichich dominated the match with three shots on the goal each during the whole match.

In 12', freshman Guillermo Hamue scored a goal assisted by junior Paul Adukor.

Consequently, in minute 67, Jelichich scored a goal assisted by junior Kai Goodman.

On the defensive side, Oberg fought back with eight saves for the total of 90 minute game.

Next week, the Tigers will travel to Sioux City, Iowa to take on Briar Cliff University on Saturday, Sept. 20th at 1 p.m.

--LIZ CALDERON

Women's Soccer

On Sept. 10, the Women's Soccer team traveled to Bellevue, Nebraska, to take on Bellevue University, where they walked away with a loss of 2-1.

Freshman Brianna-Lynn Ehia and junior Megan Townsend dominated with two shots to the goal for the whole match, and in minute 29', Townsend scored a goal unassisted.

On the defense side, junior Virginia Johnson fought back with seven saves during the 90 minutes of game time.

The Tigers lost again against McPherson College, one goal against zero on Sept. 13th at McPherson, Kansas.

Consequently, Ehia dominated this match with three shots on the goal during game-time.

On the defense side, senior Grayce Southern persisted with three saves during the 90 minutes of game time.

Next week, the Tigers will travel to Sioux City, Iowa, to take on Briar Cliff University on Saturday, Sept. 20th at 3 p.m.

--LIZ CALDERON

Men's Tennis

On Sept. 13 and 14, the men's tennis team participated in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Individual Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In the first round of singles, freshman Mats Vervloet won in the first round 6-4, 2-6, 10-8 and in the second round lost 5-7, 1-6. At the same time, freshman Jaime Asiain lost 0-6, 1-6.

In the second round of singles, senior Andre Hartman lost 0-6, 2-6 and senior Diego Infante lost 5-7, 2-6. In the third round of singles, sophomore Tanner Adams lost 1-6, 2-6. At the same time, junior Elliot Dassel won the first game 6-3, 6-0 and in the second round lost 0-6, 3-6.

In the fourth set of singles, freshman Miles Mollring lost 2-6, 2-6 in the first round.

Finishing up the last set of singles, freshman Nick McGill won the first round 8-0 and in the second round lost 2-8. Sophomore Christian Jensen lost in the first round 5-8 and freshman Aiden Jespersen also lost in the first round 2-8.

In the doubles Flight one, Hartman and Asiain Banzo lost in the first round 0-6. Mollring and Dassel lost 3-6. Finally, in flight one Infante and Vervloet lost 1-6.

However, in the second flight of doubles Jensen and Adams lost 0-6 and Jespersen and McGill also lost 0-6.

The next for the Tigers will be the ITA Regionals tournament on September 26, 27, and 28 in Salina, Kansas.

--LUI REJANOO CANDAU

Men's Golf takes second and fourth

ELIYAH LARA
Managing Editor

On Monday, Sept. 8 and Tuesday, Sept. 9 the men's golf team participated in the Siouxland Invitational.

The Doane golfers were divided into two different teams. The Men's Golf "A" team placed fourth in the tournament with a score of 887 (304-299-284).

Junior Joshua

Warmer finished in 7th place with a score of 219 (75-78-86), Senior Cauly Walters ended in 14th place with a score of 222 (76-77-69), freshman Jax Loh finished in 17th place with a score of 223 (76-73-74), and sophomore Toby Knevet finished in 20th place with a score of 224 (78-71-75). Finally, for the Tigers team "A", sophomore Matt McConkey ended in

the 47th place with a score of 233 (77-78-78).

For the Tigers' "B" team, freshman Embree Stutsman, who carded a 220 (78-72-70) to finish in 10th place. Right behind him, freshman Ben Kottmeyer turned in a 221 (79-70-72), earning a share of 11ths. Freshman Jarett Moriarity followed with a 227 (80-76-71), tying for 32nd overall. Junior

Brock Heusinkvelt posted a 244 (84-86-74), which put him in a tie for 69th alongside freshman Brock Olivo, who got 244 (87-79-78).

The next tournament for the Men's golf team will be on Monday, Sept. 22 and Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Silvis, Illinois, for the NAIA Preview Invitational held at TPC Deere Run.

Volleyball goes one for one for the week

-LUI REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

The Doane volleyball team (8-6) started their conference games this week with a loss on Wednesday, Sept. 10, against Hastings College and a victory on Saturday, Sept. 13, against Mount Marty University, both home games. The conference overall for the Tigers is (1-1).

The Tigers couldn't get a win in their first game of the week with a score of 3-1. The set results were 25-21, 20-25, 24-26, 18-25. Sophomore

Brooke Larsen had a total of 18 kills in this game.

In their second game of the week, the Tigers defeated Mount Marty University by a score of 1-3. The set results were 23-25, 25-23, 18-25, 20-25. Larsen was again the most highlighted player for this game with 15 kills.

Next up, the Tigers will be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska, on Sept. 17 to take on the College of Saint Mary, with the game set to start at 7:30 p.m.



Graphic by Hailey Schweitzer | The Doane Owl

Football is struck down by Dordt university

-LUI REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

The Doane Tigers football team (0-3) lost to Dordt University on Saturday, Sept. 13 in the second home game of the season by a score of 41-0.

The Tigers were unable to score any points during the game. On the other hand, Dordt scored 7 points in the first quarter, 14 in the second quarter, 7 in the third quarter and final-

ly, in the last quarter of the game, 13 points.

The next game for the Tigers will be an away game against Midland University at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. in Fremont, Nebraska.

In the second game, Castillero lost 0-6, 0-6. Senior Alejandra Prat was the other player in the second flight. Prat won the first game 7-6 (7-4), 6-4. In the second round, Prat lost 0-6, 2-6.



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Women's Tennis opens their fall season

-LUI REJANO CANDAU
Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 14, the women's tennis team participated in the GPAC Individual Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In the first flight of singles rounds, junior Maria Purizaca won in the first round 6-1, 6-1, in the second round won 6-0, 6-1 but lost in the final, which placed her second overall. Also, in the same flight, soph-

omore Liz Calderon won the first and the second round, 6-4, 6-4 and 4-6, 6-1, 10-2, Calderon finished losing against Purizaca in the semifinal, 0-6, 1-6.

Finishing up the first flight of singles was senior Kat Johnson, who lost 2-6, in both games.

In Flight two, junior Isabella Castillero won in the first round 6-3, 4-6, 10-4. In the second game, Castillero lost 0-6, 0-6. Senior Alejandra Prat was the other player in the second flight. Prat won

the first game 7-6 (7-4), 6-4. In the second round, Prat lost 0-6, 2-6.

Thirdly, in the third flight, senior Grace Schroller won the first round 6-1, 6-2 and lost in the second round 2-6, 1-6.

In flight four, freshman Elizabeth Roth won the first game 8-2, and lost 6-2, 3-6, 8-10.

Finally, in the fifth flight, freshman Evelyn Kusek lost the first round 3-8.

In the doubles Flight one, Schroller and

Johnson lost in the first round 1-6. Purizaca and Calderon ended in 2nd place. The couple won the first and second rounds of the tournament 6-0 and 7-5, respectively. However, in the final, they lost 2-6.

On the other hand, in flight number 2, Castillero and Prat lost 2-6 in the first round.

The next for the Tigers will be the ITA Regionals tournament on Sept. 26-28 in Salina, Kansas.