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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Freshman Andrew Jones plays Tobey Maguire in "I'm Gonna Marry You Tobey Maguire. More on Page 2.

UNL and UNO get their own AI-Chatbots

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

On Doane's campus, AI has been introduced and is being widely used. From students using ChatGPT to do their work for them, to teachers encouraging students to use AI to check their answers or help write formulas and code.

At the start of the month, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) introduced a new character to campus. The artificial chatbot, Cornelius, contacted students on Nov. 3, introducing itself.

According to a press release by UNL, the bot will conduct outreach and "offer 24/7 assistance to support student retention and degree completion." On Nov. 10, University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) students received a similar message

from an AI chatbot named Durango. A 1\$ million private donation funded the chatbots.

The bots will contact students roughly every 10 days to keep them updated in hopes of keeping students connected to campus. Amy Goodburn, Dean of Undergraduate Education at UNL, spoke to Nebraska Public Media, explaining that the chatbot can instantly answer questions on university topics like major changes, housing contracts and study tips.

Nebraska Public Media reported that Cornelius received over 15,000 messages in its first week, and within the first day, 50 chats were flagged for human review. The Daily Nebraskan reported that such a message included a student who told Cornelius they were going to bomb the Nebraska Union, prompting a police investigation.

Goodburn said, "I think people are just sort of playing around with it." She highlights the part of the introduction message, for both Cornelius and Durango, which explains that the texts students send to the bot are not anonymous and staff may reach out based on what they read.

However, the bot has received a mixed response.

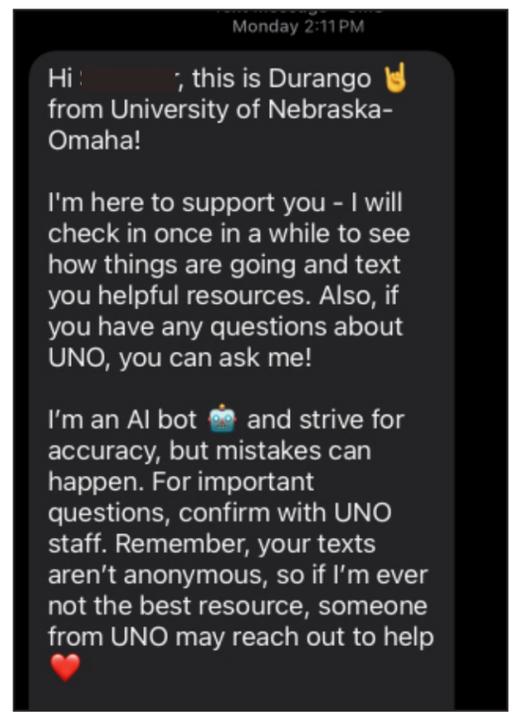
One student reported thinking the message was a scam when they received it. Sophomore Sydney Hale said, "Someone brought it up in class, and everyone was like, yeah, it sucks- I blocked it asap."

Sophomore Kate Roesch told the Daily Nebraskan that she was disheartened by its introduction and "literally sighed" when she saw the notification.

Some of the complaints from students were that the

bot was unable to answer simple questions, such as where buildings were on campus, the fear that it would take jobs from staff and the feeling that the university didn't care enough to actually speak with students. One student on UNO's campus called Durango "a freaking embarrassment." A 1\$ million private donation funded the chatbots.

25Live, the app Doane uses for event planning, utilizes AI to help students schedule simple and quick events on campus. The university has also recently introduced a certificate, Thinking and Writing with AI, run by English Professor Phil Weitzl. As part of a business class's capstone project, run by Business Professor Charlena Miller, students are developing AI chatbots to assist in club creation at Doane.



Courtesy Photo
Message UNO students receive for their AI-Bot Durango.

Political Corner: Epstein files get released with juicy information

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

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On Wednesday, Nov.12, the House Oversight Committee released thousands of documents related to Jeffrey

Epstein, just hours before a House vote aimed at ending the government shutdown. These documents included private emails and texts that were sent starting around the time Epstein completed his 2009 Florida sentence and continued until the month before his sex trafficking conviction in 2019.

Epstein's network included a wide range of individuals, from liberal academic Noam Chomsky to Steve Bannon, a longtime ally of former President Donald Trump. Trump was explicitly mentioned in several documents following his alleged falling out with Epstein. The emails suggest that Trump "knew about the girls," a

claim he has denied for years. Epstein described Trump as the "worst negotiator in human history," "borderline insane," and referred to him in a 2011 email as the "dog that hasn't barked."

In an April 2, 2011, email to Epstein's longtime friend Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein claimed that Trump spent hours at his house with a woman and "he has never once been mentioned. Police chief. Etc. I'm 75% there." The House Oversight Committee identified the woman as Virginia Giuffre.

Former Prince Andrew, who lost his royal title after previous revelations about his ties to Epstein, was mentioned in a different 2011

email that also linked him to Virginia Giuffre. Giuffre, a prominent victim of Epstein, tragically died by suicide earlier this year. In 2011, Giuffre seemed to implicate Trump in Epstein's sex trafficking; however, she recanted that claim in 2015, stating that she did not recall "ever seeing Trump at Epstein's home or seeing Trump and Epstein together in the same place."

Trump told ABC that the files are a "hoax" and accused House Democrats of "selectively leaking emails to the liberal media to create a fake narrative." Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt stated on Wednesday that the emails "prove absolutely nothing" and reiterated that

Trump "did nothing wrong." In September, a sexually suggestive drawing and note, purportedly bearing Trump's signature and sent to Epstein for his 50th birthday, were released, though Trump denied creating the card.

Trump suggested that the release of these documents was an attempt by House Democrats to "deflect attention from how badly they've handled the shutdown and many other issues."

Since the vote, a group of Republicans has joined the predominantly Democrat-led committee, aiming to expand the investigation to include other political figures tied to Epstein. Representative James R. Comer of Ken-

tucky, the Republican chairman of the oversight panel, told the New York Times, "There are a lot of prominent people who were associated with Epstein. Now, whether they did anything wrong or not, that's what we're investigating." Notably, it was Republicans who identified Virginia Giuffre as the unnamed victim in the Epstein emails.

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is calling lawmakers back into session after initially refusing to convene during the shutdown. In addition to addressing backlog legislative demands, a vote is expected on whether to urge the Justice Department to quickly release all its Epstein-related files.

- Editorial -

Happy Holidays from the Owl

Since this issue Happy Birthday, challenges, but is the last issue of Happy Anniversa- a whole lot of the semester, we ry, and anything growth. From as the OWL staff, else in between. hind the scenes, would like to say And we truly we have had a lot Happy Thanksgiv- mean that. of laughs, tears, ing, Merry Christ- This fall has and sometimes mas, Happy Ha- been filled with even question nukkah, Happy stories, dead- whether to keep a Kwanzaa, Happy lines, brainstorm- story or not. But New Year's Eve, ing, unexpected in a nutshell, we

love what we do, you for being a semester. Hope to on most days. part of our jour- see you on a beach As we wrap ney this semes- or a snow-covered up the semes- ter, even though street somewhere. ter, we hope you you've seen less find the time to of us than usual. -The Owl rest, recharge, But we are look- and spend time ing forward to be- with the people ing in your emails who matter most (hopefully) even to you. Thank on Tuesday next

Importance of No Means November

ZAINAB AL-ZUBIADI
Guest Writer

During November, Chi Delta sorority organizes a full lineup of events aimed at raising awareness about sexual assault and educating students on consent and support for victims. Rather than concentrating their events into a short period of time, they intentionally stretched their activities throughout the entire month so their message can reach as many students as possible.

Several events have

already taken place. The first event, called Consent Cookies, was held at the information desk from Nov. 3–7, which encouraged students to learn about consent. On Nov. 12, the sorority hosted the Consent is Kind carnival event at the Lakeside Coffee Shop. Later in the month, on Nov. 14–15, they held Support the Silenced at the Lakeside stage. They also organized an open mic night at the same location, providing students with an opportunity to express their experiences or support. The month will

conclude with a trivia night on Nov. 24 in Heckman Auditorium, in collaboration with Delta Kappa Pi fraternity.

For many students, these events are more than just activities; they also serve as a reminder of how widespread the issue truly is. It reminds students of the importance of raising awareness in the first place. Junior Krista Hartley explains, “Sexual assault affects so many different people. It can affect you, but it will also affect the people around you. A lot of the time, survivors

will not be open about their assault. That is why it is so important to raise awareness. The vast majority of people know someone who has been a victim of sexual assault, even if they may not know it.” This point becomes especially urgent in a college setting. The message applies broadly, but the issue can still hit close to home at Doane as well.

Hartley continues, “If I had to say something, Doane specific it would be that most sexual assaults happen during college. If you see something, do something. It could be

at a party or just walking to your room. Be an upstander and not a bystander.”

As the month wraps up, the message remains clear. Awareness is the first step, and it is an important one. Students play a direct and important role in shaping such conversations on campus. Small actions, checking in on friends or simply listening can make an impact in the lives of many. The goal is not for this conversation to end when November does, but to empower students to make a change for as long as they can.

Junior, Chi Delta service chair and main planner of the events, Laura Hasemann says, “The most rewarding part of No Means November is seeing the fruits of the things we’ve been able to create through the events we’ve hosted, and the different collaborations we’ve had with people throughout the month. It’s really rewarding and fulfilling to see the direct impact we’ve been able to make. We hope others are empowered to speak out against sexual assault and raise awareness, too.”

The chained up celebrity crush

ANDREA PAVLISH
Staff Writer

What does Tobey Maguire, a basement in South Dakota, and a corn-hole professional all have in common? They were all part of the play, *I’m Gonna Marry You Tobey Maguire*, by Samantha Hurley.

Fourteen-year-old Shelby (played by sophomore Kenzie Sanders) is president of the North American and Antarctic Tobey Maguire Fan Club. Nothing would make her happier than to become the happily wedded wife of the original Spider-Man. So, she steals him away while he’s getting his wisdom teeth removed,

and transports his body by bus, and chains him to a pole in her basement. Set in 2003, Shelby’s apathetic mother (played by senior Jules Harlow) pays no heed to whatever her daughter has brewing in the basement. Posters of Maguire plaster Shelby’s bedroom/basement walls, and the cherry on top is the real-life Tobey (played

by freshman Andrew Jones) plopped in the middle of it all. Despite his screams for help, no help comes.

Hoping that Stockholm syndrome would rekick in, Shelby discovers that threats of a taser are the only way to get Maguire to say “I do.” While Maguire initially denies that Stockholm syndrome would ever take hold,

months into his capture, he begins to show signs of tolerance, and maybe even affection for his captor.

Throughout his kidnapping, Maguire reveals facts about himself that didn’t align with the president of his fan club’s knowledge. Shelby is horrified to discover that he’s not only an alcoholic, but he’s a smok-

er and uncircumcised, too.

Eventually, Shelby releases Maguire from his restraints under the belief that he would stay. Maguire escapes, and Shelby is left without the supposed “love of her life,” as well as the consequences of kidnapping the one and only Tobey Maguire.



(Left) Sophomore Kenzie Sanders and freshman Andrew Jones as Shelby and Tobey Maguire, (Top Middle) Shelby films Tobey Maguire, (Bottom Middle) Shelby has some personal inquiries, (Right) senior Jules Harlow as Shelby’s mother discovering her daughters hobbies



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Weekly Horoscope

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Respond to all those people you left on delivered.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Your kindness and good manners could pay off today.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Daydream about achieving all of your goals.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Sometimes you really are the smartest in the room.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Write a letter to a friend like you’re a soldier in the trenches.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Start a scheme to get a raise.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You can be big and small at the same time.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Money is in your future. The distant future.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Don’t fight it

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): You deserve someone who writes you love songs!

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): It’s time to binge-watch that show you’ve been hearing about.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Misunderstandings don’t have to be viewed as failures, but opportunities.

First ever Relay For Life gameshow

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

Nearly every television on campus was tuned to a special event last Wednesday night. On Nov. 12, Doane’s Relay for Life committee organized a live-streamed game show.

Students were encouraged to watch in the cafeteria, where the dessert table was

stacked high, featuring a special fried cheesecake topped with blueberry and strawberry sauce.

Four teams, each composed of four members, competed in the game show. Junior Barnabus Anderson and sophomores Trey Pulte and Joseph Seifferlein represented Delta Kappa Pi fraternity. Nurse Jody Yank, Elsy Sierra, and Abby Ulrich comprised the

Phi Sigma Tau sorority team. Team Volleyball included sophomores Kate Roseland, Sydney Estill and Addison Harris, while Team Football was made up of sophomores Braden Hardin, Dylan Leuking and Koa Tauiliili.

Senior Rian Green and sophomore Ash Ambercrombie acted as the competition’s announcers and referees. The first game, “Minute to Win It,” featured

an Oreo challenge and a cup stacking event. Team Volleyball started with a strong lead but was unable to finish the game on time. Ultimately, Team Football finished first, taking the lead from the start of the night.

Next was “Relay for Life Jeopardy,” featuring categories such as Relay for Life History and Cancer Awareness. This round allowed Delta Kappa Pi

to move ahead of Team Football, while Team Volleyball dropped to last place—a fact that Green playfully teased them about.

The final event of the night was “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,” which included a wide array of trivia questions. Unsurprisingly to Green, Team Volleyball finished in last place. Team Football and Phi Sigma Tau were tied, but af-

ter a decisive game of rock-paper-scissors, Football claimed third place and Phi Sigma Tau took second, leaving Delta Kappa Pi as the overall winner of the event.

The next Relay for Life event will be “Giving Tuesday” on December 2. The main Relay for Life event is scheduled for April 11 and will feature a jersey theme.

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November is the best

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

It's official. The best month of the year is here. November is a magical time and a lawless month. Sandwiched between two of the calendar year's greatest hits, November offers a time between fall and winter where anything can happen.

Now, I know some people look down on November because of its holiday. And yes, the white colonizer celebration is not the best holiday to ever exist. However, I think it has some redeeming qualities (as a contemporary holiday, not a historical reflection).

Firstly, the food around

this time of the year is bound to be good. Christmas flavors are being introduced, Thanksgiving specials come out and there's still time to gorge on discounted Halloween candy.

Secondly, November has some phenomenal movies. "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" is a feel-good comedy starring an unstoppable duo of John Candy and Steve Martin, with John Hughes directing. With names like those attached, it was destined for greatness. Lesser known, but dare I say funnier, is "Home for the Holidays". The 1995 movie follows a dysfunctional family celebrating Thanksgiving in Chicago and even stars a young Robert Downey Jr. as the main character's gay

younger brother.

Not to mention the all-star cozy fall movies team of "Knives Out", "Fantastic Mr Fox", "Silver Linings Playbook", "Dead Poets Society", "When Harry Met Sally" and "Good Will Hunting". If you haven't seen any of the movies I just listed, then you haven't lived.

Not to mention, November has plenty to offer besides Halloween's leftovers and December's prerequisites. These are the last few weeks college students can pretend like finals week doesn't exist and their fall semester isn't rapidly coming to an end. It's the perfect time to get nostalgic while getting excited for everything to come.

The air is crisp, the trees are a riot of colors with their leaves littering the sidewalks, and it's perfectly acceptable to curl up under four blankets with a hot drink. Speaking of, are you a coffee fan? Tea? Hot apple cider? Maybe even hot chocolate? All of it is acceptable in November.

This month won't judge you or hold you to a stereotype. Its relative blank canvas allows for creativity to run wild. So here's to all the Friendsgivings, the Native American Heritage celebrations, the Pumpkin Patches, first snows, Friday night football games, s'mores, bonfires and so so much more.

Hot takes; I need to be on a beach somewhere

ELIJAH LARA
Managing Editor

With finals coming up, the semester coming to an end, I think it is time to say that I officially need a break, and you do too. But what I mean by a break, I actually mean a break.

Now, let me explain to you what I am talking about. Have I been the best I can be academically? No. But let's be honest, none of us

has. We, as college students, have been functioning off of caffeine, panic and the false hope that next week we will "lock in," but we don't. Which brings us to here, where we are crawling towards the finish line after being in the front lines of academic war zones.

Which is why I need a break, not a "oh, I am going to scroll on TikTok or Instagram reels for an hour then get back to work," kind of break. Nor a "I am going to take a six-hour power

nap and then I will be back at it" kind of break. I mean an actual intentional reset. A time where I don't have to think about assignments, grades, my schedule for next semester, or whether I remembered to turn in my astronomy quiz I forgot to do on Canvas three days ago.

I need space to breathe again, to have a good rest without feeling guilty about it. To exist in a world where being productive is not the number one priority. Because in reality, we can only

run on low energy for so long before we crack, and I think a lot of us are about to that point.

So when finals are done and you successfully make it back to the place you call home, take a real break. Go outside, if you really want to. Sleep in that nice, comfy bed. Eat food that doesn't come from the caf, the den, or a microwave meal. Remind yourself what it feels like to be a human again because we all deserve it, especially now.

Duolingo streak going strong at 900+ days

ANDREA PAVLISH
Staff Writer

I have a 900-day Duolingo streak in Spanish. It's not perfect. There's usually a day or two when a streak freeze comes in handy. Nevertheless, over two years of my life have been devoted to keeping the streak alive. Am I learning a lot? Eh. Am I retaining stuff I already know? Sure. It certainly came in handy during Welcome Week when every single session required a fun fact about yourself. While spending less than five minutes a day on Duolingo may not be the most effective way to learn a language, I still believe that learning another language is extremely important.

I grew up in an English-speaking household. In high school, I was always jealous of my friends who grew up learning both Spanish and English. It could be because I hated my high school Spanish class, but growing up, learning the language seemed easier than going to that class. I loved discovering the connections between the roots in Spanish and English words (part of the reason I'm an English major). I quickly found satisfaction in being able to translate Spanish billboards/signs/posters/etc.

Then I started noticing the subtle stigmas of knowing a second language, especially when the weaker language was English. It seemed as though there was a second-

ary treatment towards my peers whose parents didn't speak any English. As if the lack of them knowing English made them lacking in everything. I noticed this especially in speakers who spoke Spanish at home and learned English at school. My cousins, who spoke English at home and learned Spanish at school, didn't get that same treatment. Their accent was "normal."

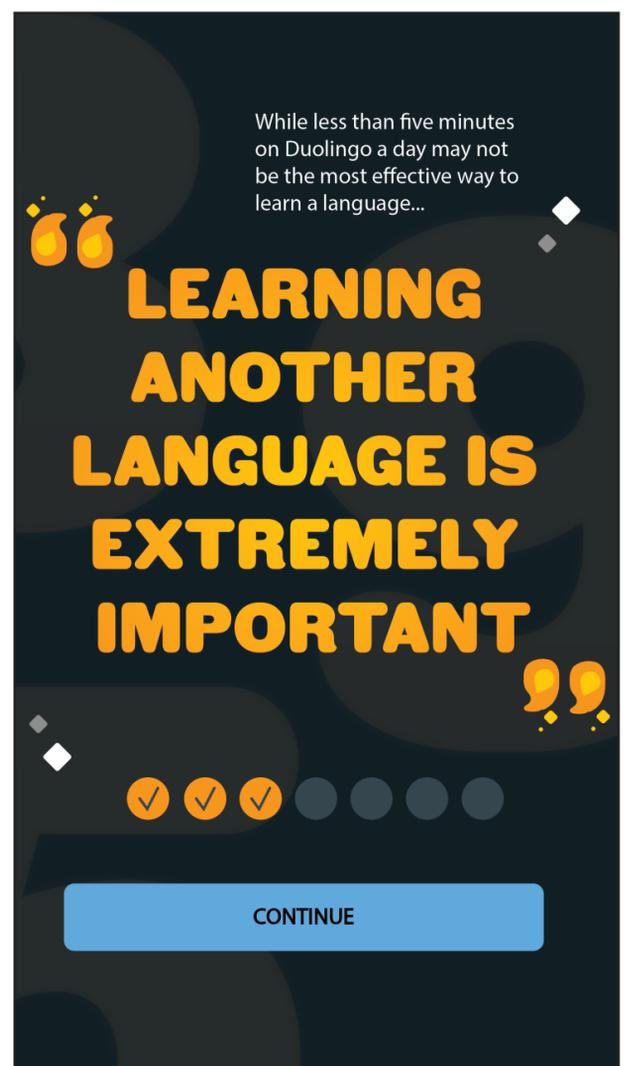
Despite that, I still wanted to learn the "secret code" that my friends conversed in so I could be a part of the conversation. Therefore, I started my Duolingo streak. I occasionally switched languages to mix it up, usually switching to the native languages of my grandparents: Swedish and Czech. However, I was never around anyone who spoke that (my grandparents are now deceased), so I continued with my Spanish course. I paid extra attention in the very Spanish class I hated, trying to find patterns within the language that could be applied elsewhere. One aspect of the class that exceeded Duolingo's capabilities was the speaking portion. I literally cannot remember the last time I haven't hit skip on a speaking lesson on Duolingo. A real human teacher could actually correct my accents and pronunciation that Duolingo couldn't.

Now I'm here. I haven't mastered Spanish by any means. Those 900 days times the 2.5 minutes typically spent on lessons do not add up to much. However,

as an aspiring educator who recognizes that roughly 18% of the US population speaks Spanish (with a significantly higher rate in the Crete community alone), I realize not learning, or at least attempting to learn, a language that a significant portion of my

community speaks is borderline selfish. Who am I to expect others to learn my native language if I'm not willing to learn theirs?

Also, if you have a Duolingo streak more impressive than mine (which I doubt), send me proof.



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Winter wardrobe 101; What to wear this upcoming winter

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor
&
MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Welcome back to the award-winning show hosted by Kenzie and Bri, where we tackle mundane topics no one else cares to address. Meteorologists have predicted that a weakened polar vortex will lead to the coldest winter in recent years.

So, with an oncoming cold front approaching, we're here to outline the do's and don'ts of winter wear.

First, let's acknowledge the importance of

wearing proper clothing for the weather. Winter clothes are here to protect you from the elements, but it's possible to look fashionable while doing so. Take our Editor-In-Chief, Elenna Koenig, for example, and her lovely, sleek black winter coat. It really does go with everything. But not every winter coat is that good-looking. In fact, many of them are big, bulky and vibrant. As such, it can be mildly mortifying to walk around campus in a winter coat when others are wearing shorts.

Speaking of, why the heck are you wearing shorts in November? If it's below freezing, you

should NOT have your bare legs out. Unless, as Kenzie points out, you have so much leg hair it practically counts as wearing pants.

When it comes to accessories, there's a lot to do in the cold. It's the opinion of these two writers that beanies are practical and cool. Unfortunately, many early 2000s movies have forever associated the beanie with stoner attire. Fight the stigma! Wear beanies with pride!

Winter boots tend to be fashionable. Plus, they help you from falling on your butt or breaking your foot two feet from your dorm. However, it's truly cruel the way these

boots turn your feet into swamps by the end of the day.

Lastly, scarves and gloves. Brianna would like to let it be known that she's never found a scarf that she hasn't immediately wanted to take off. They itch, they choke and they slip off. A high-collared jacket serves much better than a scarf. Gloves offer a final defense from frostbite and chapped skin. Unfortunately, you have to sacrifice phone privileges once you put on a pair of them. Perhaps you could take that time to enjoy the natural world instead of mindlessly scrolling on TikTok like you spend three hours a day doing.



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Thanksgiving Week SPECIAL HOURS

MONDAY 11/24	ALL NORMAL
TUESDAY 11/25	DINING HALL & RETAIL CLOSURES AT 2PM
WEDNESDAY 11/26	ALL OUTLETS CLOSED
THANKSGIVING	ALL OUTLETS CLOSED
FRIDAY 11/28	ALL OUTLETS CLOSED
SATURDAY 11/29	ALL OUTLETS CLOSED
SUNDAY 11/30	DINING HALL ONLY OPEN 5-7 PM

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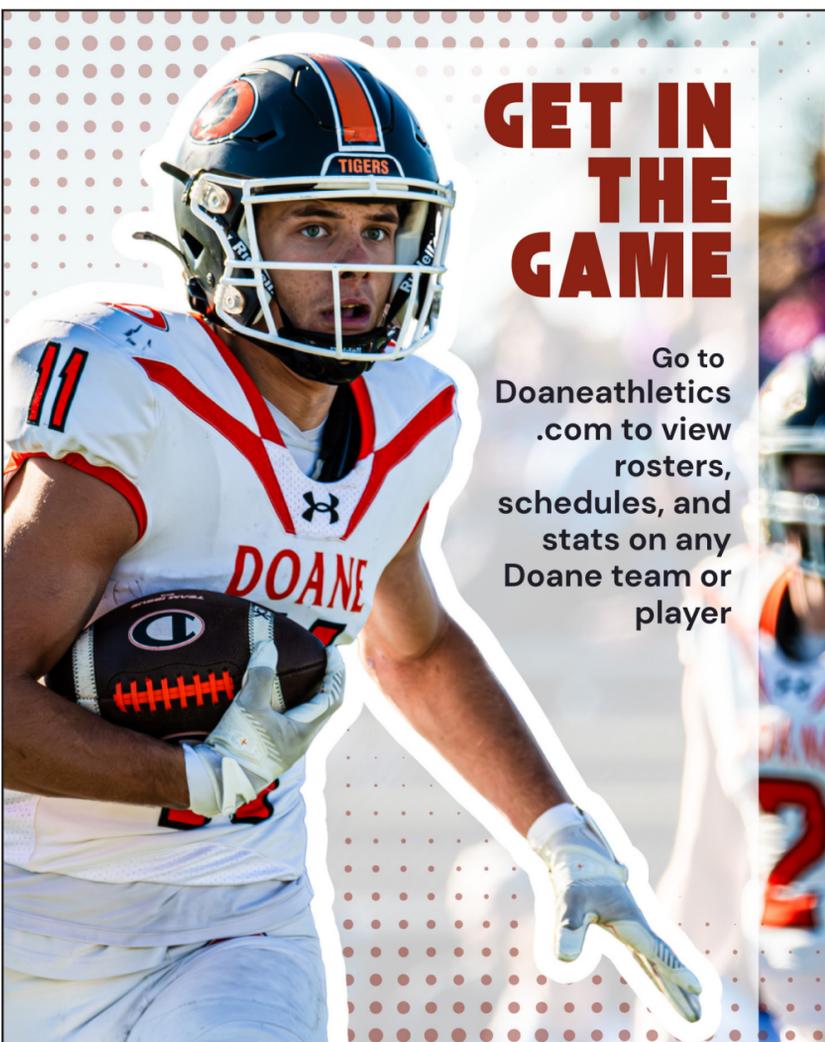
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...Thumbs UP

November 

 Chicken

Jimmy John's 

 Tobey

Roadtrip 

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 Wrestling

Women's Wrestling took home multiple medals at the Mile High Open in Arizona this past weekend.

Beginning with the 103 lbs weight class scored a total of 32.5 team points. Senior Karina Vang placed first, winning her final match in 1 minute and 15 seconds. Junior Kim Navarette placed third, winning her final match in 1 minute and 28 seconds.

Freshman Isavela Gutierrez was Doane's only competitor in the 110 lbs weight class. She came in fifth place.

The 117 weight class consisted of two competitors who scored a combined 38 team points. Sophomore Angelica Gonzalez came in first place, and freshman Bettie Chambers came second.

Senior Cristelle Rodriguez represented the 124 weight class, came in first and scored 21.5 team points.

Meanwhile, senior Ashlee Palimo'o came in third place in the 131 weight class and scored 15 team points. In the same class, freshman Sienna Long scored 9.5 team points, scoring sixth.

Scoring 19 team points, junior Bridgette Sotomayor finished in third place within the 145 weight class. Junior Aspen Barber, also finishing third, scored 18 team points in the 160 weight class.

In the 180 weight class, sophomore Yazmin Kelk scored 11.5 team points and finished fifth. Lastly, freshman Jessica Rodriguez finished first within the 207 weight class and scored 19 team points.

Overall, this left Doane with the team championship, multiple podium athletes and five individual titles won.

On the other hand, coming in second place at the Mile High Open, Men's wrestling represented Doane well in Arizona.

In the 125 weight class were sophomore Ray Ray Harris, junior Isaac Gibbs, sophomore Brian Peck and freshman Preston Neufeld, who scored a combined 47.5 team points. Harris placed second and Gibbs fourth.

The 133 weight class consisted of two competitors, with junior Matthew Terrence playing third and scoring 13 team points.

Shane Sherrill represented Doane in the 141 weight class, scoring 5 team points. The 149 weight class, consisting of three competitors, scored a cumulative 14 team points.

Senior Ben Miller placed third and scored 15.5 team points in the 157 weight class.

Doane has two competitors in the 165 weight class who scored a combined 12.5 team points.

Meanwhile, the 174 weight class scored 19.5 team points, with junior Jake Prudek placing third.

The 184 weight class performed well, scoring 38 total team points. Senior Tyson Beauperthuy placed first, winning his final match in 37 seconds, and senior Kolton Kammeyer placed third.

Senior Chase Stieb represented the 197 weight class well, scoring 14.5 team points and placing third, winning his final match in 1 minute and 8 seconds.

Lastly, freshman Colton McCutcheon placed third in the 285 weight class and scored 10.5 team points.

This led to Doane's combined score of 149 points and multiple podium finishes

- BRIANNA WRIGHT

Esports

During week seven of Esports, their regular season concluded. Unfortunately, the team suffered three losses during this week.

The Super Smash Bros team lost on Nov. 4 against Wayne State College (0-2).

But the rounds were close. This marks the end of the Super Smash Bros fall season, but they will return in the spring.

On the other hand, on Nov. 4, the Overwatch team won against California State Polytechnic (3-0). That same week, they lost to the University of Southern California 0-3.

The Rocket League squad lost to the University of North Dakota Orange on Nov. 5, with a score of 0-4.

On the bright side, the Rocket League and Overwatch teams qualified for the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) playoffs. They will move into a single-elimination bracket.

On Nov. 11, the Rocket League team played in the quarterfinal against Sacramento State Gold. The Rocket League team won 4-0. They played in the semifinals on Friday, Nov. 14, securing a victory (3-2) against Grand View University.

-Mackenzie Pike

Football finishes their season with a win

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Football played its last game of the season against Waldorf University on Nov. 15. The Tigers ended the season on a high note by beating the Vikings 27-17.

Sophomore Sam Hartman was able to complete three touchdown passes to senior Blake Allen, senior Andrew Waido and senior John DeRiso.

The Vikings scored first. But Hartman

threw his first touchdown of the game to Allen, completing a two-yard touchdown in the late first quarter.

In the third quarter, the Tigers were able to come back with Waido catching a 1-yard touchdown.

The Vikings attempted a comeback in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers ultimately prevailed. DeRiso received two touchdowns from Hartman.

Football ended its 2025 season with a record of 2-8.



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Basketball starts the season off strong

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Men's Basketball acquired two victories this week. On Nov. 11, against Hesston College, they won 90-54.

Freshman Justus Gardiner scored 19 points, with senior Casen Chaney scoring 15 points.

On Nov. 15, they played Northwestern University, winning 75-71.

Having a big impact on the game was freshman Trevon Backman scoring 18, freshman Jutus Gardiner and junior

Jonan Claussen with 15 points.

On the other hand, Women's Basketball played a tough game against Northwestern University on Nov. 15. The Tigers lost 67-82.

Making a scoring impact was senior Megan Chambers with 25 points and junior Rylie Rice scored 18 points.

Both teams will play at home against Hastings College on Nov. 19. The women's basketball team will play at 6 P.M. The men's basketball team will play at 7:45 P.M.



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Cross Country Highlights

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The 2025 cross-country season has been a breakthrough for Doane University. The men's team surged to No. 15 nationally and No. 1 in the GPAC, while the women's team earned a No. 3 conference ranking and is receiving votes nationally, proving the Tigers are among the top programs in the NAIA.

The season started slowly at the Augustana Twilight Meet, where both squads faced stacked competition and had to shake off early-season rust. However, by the time of the Woody Greeno/Jay Dirksen Invitational, things began clicking. The men ran with confidence, closing gaps on top competition, while the women demonstrated depth and consistency across their lineup.

By the Dordt Uni-

versity Holiday Inn Express Classic, everything came together. The men finished third overall, scoring 107 points, ahead of nationally ranked Dordt (No. 20). The women placed ninth overall, the third-best NAIA team, against a deep field including No. 9 nationally ranked Dordt and NCAA programs Minnesota State and South Dakota State.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference is one of the toughest in the country. On the men's side, Doane battles Dordt (No. 20 nationally). On the women's side, Dordt leads the conference at No. 9 nationally, followed by (RV) Morningside.

The men are chasing a historic milestone: the last time Doane won a GPAC men's team championship was 1989, over 30 years ago.

NAIA National Rankings & Meet Work:

The NAIA Cross

Country Coaches' Association votes on the top 25 teams nationally.

Teams earn points based on where coaches rank them on each ballot.

Rankings are released every two weeks and influence postseason bids.

How Teams Qualify for Nationals:

1. Automatic qualifiers

Each NAIA conference champion earns an automatic bid.

For example, if the Doane men win the GPAC, they are automatically in, regardless of their national ranking.

2. At-large bids
Remaining spots go to highly ranked teams in the national poll.

Teams that didn't win their conference but rank in the Top 25 or receive votes in the top 30 are strong candidates.

This is especially relevant for the GPAC, where 12 women's teams could potentially earn a bid.

3. Individual runners

Even if a team doesn't qualify, top regional finishers not on a qualifying team can earn a spot at nationals.

Key takeaway: Win your conference = guaranteed nationals. High national ranking + strong regional meets = possible at-large bid. Exceptional individuals can also run even if the team doesn't.

Beyond Results
The Tigers' success isn't just in numbers. Men and women train together, travel together, and celebrate one another's wins. Post-race huddles, long runs through Crete, and a culture of accountability have made this team tight-knit and resilient.

With postseason races approaching, the 2025 Tigers carry momentum, confidence, and a shot at making history.