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Seeking the Truth Without



Junior Addison Croghan cleared 4.25m in pole vault at the GPAC Championships in Iowa. Read more on page 5.

Nebraska undergoes weird weather

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

While known among locals for crazy weather patterns and “fool’s winter,” the weather in Nebraska has been extra odd recently.

Persisting drought conditions and high winds left large portions of the state in fire-related weather advisories the week of Feb. 16. For the first time since 2015, an extreme fire risk

was issued in parts of the state, namely the panhandle and southwest Nebraska.

On Feb. 17, near-record temperatures ranged from the upper 60s into the 70s, according to North Platte meteorologist Caleb Brown. For Western Nebraska, this has been one of the warmest and driest winters on record. And it’s not over yet.

Eastern Nebraska was buried in snow

in the later half of the week. The National Weather Service reported Omaha received around 8-9 inches of snow, more than they’ve received this whole winter. Snow began falling Thursday evening, with Friday classes being cancelled for Doane students at 9:44 p.m., providing a relaxing three-day weekend for students ahead of midterms. Despite a chilly

weekend, temperatures are expected to climb back into the 50s and 60s later this week. Nebraska Public Media reports the average temperature for this time of year is the low 40s.

Nebraska isn’t the only state experiencing unusual weather. Australia and central Africa have both experienced unprecedented record-shattering heat waves. Meanwhile, the east-

ern United States was hit by a winter storm beginning on Feb. 22. Governors in multiple states declared a state of emergency.

“This is the thing we’ve talked about with climate change,” Meteorologist Judson Jones told The New York Times, “The extremes are going to be more extreme.” High temperatures and low snowpack

could mean less water for Nebraska, with 59.4% of the state already in a drought. Less snow this winter means less water for rivers such as the Platte. However, March and April are often the snowier months for the eastern Rockies, so there is still time.

Currently, it’s too early to see how the rest of the season will turn out.

Political Corner: Conflicting claims between US and Iran Government

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

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address and correct the issue.

President Trump spent much of early January threatening Iran with military action. Trump listed the protests that the country had been experiencing and the subsequent military response as the reasoning.

The unrest began Dec. 28 over the collapse of Iran’s currency, then spiraled further on Jan. 8 with Iran’s exiled crown prince Reza Pahlavi

joining the fray. The country went into a media blackout not long after. Despite that, some photos and reports did get out of the country depicting the thousands killed in response to these protests. Then, this past weekend, several anti-government protests were staged at Universities across Iran.

However, Iran claims those who have died in protests were killed by “terrorists,” with Foreign

Minister Abbas Araghchi on Feb. 21 claiming some of those supposed terrorists were armed and funded by the US and Israel.

Recently, American forces have taken positions in the Middle East, including two aircraft carriers, dozens of fighter jets, bombers and planes within striking distance. On Friday, Feb. 20, Trump said he might use them in a limited strike to pressure the end of Iran’s nu-

clear program. According to The New York Times, he also told advisers that if an initial strike fails, “he may mount a bigger attack to drive its leaders from power.”

Iran has thus far responded by asserting that the United States would bear full and direct responsibility for unpredictable and uncontrolled consequences. Similarly, Iranian citizens are still grieving from the death toll that came from the De-

cember-January protests. Citizens who spoke to The New York Times differ on whether outside intervention would fix anything within the country. Many feel the strikes are inevitable.

Despite the fatalism surrounding this issue, Trump has yet to seek approval from Congress. That could change at the State of the Union address on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Water main bursts outside of Gaylord

ANDREA PAVLISH
Staff Writer

During Superbowl weekend, a water main burst just outside Gaylord at the 9th & Boswell Intersection.

The pipe burst majorly disturbed the pavement above,

causing the whole road to be closed off. To fix the water, all of the adjacent roadway had to be cleared off. The actual repairs required water to be shut off temporarily in Gaylord on Feb. 18. The City of Crete does not

have a clear answer fixed, and there also as to why it burst in

“The pipe burst majorly disturbed the pavement above, causing the whole road to be closed off.”

-Andrea Pavlish, Staff Writer

the first place. Doane Facilities sent out three emails over the course of a few days, warning students of possible road closures in the future. Any questions about this is-

sue can be sent to facilities@doane.edu or 402.826.8653 during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For any after-hour emergencies, call 402.826.0060.

- Editorial -

We can't control everything

Emily Dickinson once said, “In this short life that only lasts an hour, How much – how little – is within our power.” It is a reminder we don’t like to hear, especially with the midterm season coming up: we are not in control of everything.

We can’t control what questions are on the exam.

We can’t control how strictly the professor will grade. We can’t control the fact that sometimes you have to teach yourself because you have no clue what the professor is saying. But there are things that we can control, like how prepared we are when we walk into that classroom, lecture hall, etc.

We control whether we should start studying now or wait until the night before (which is not recommended). We control whether we get a good night’s sleep the night before, or do the opposite and stay up too late playing video games, spending time with friends or binge-watching a show you think is more im-

portant. Although midterms are just tests to see what we know, they’re also a test of how we as students respond under pressure and of whether we studied outside of class. It’s easy to blame professors, schedules, or even luck. But if you discipline yourself and put in the work, then you’ve

already taken hold of the part that’s yours.

We may not control the outcome of midterms, but what we can control is the standard we hold ourselves to. Besides, after midterms, you get a week-long break to either go home, go to a new place, or even go to work.

Feeling Blue? Listen to Eva Bleu.

ANDREA PAVLISH
Staff Writer

Omaha songwriter and artist, Eva Bleu, joined the Student Programming Board (SPB) on Tuesday, Feb. 17, for some R&B/soul covers and crafts.

SPB's coffee shop series brought in some chill vibes with felt pennant banner crafts and some funky tunes to Lakeside.

"The goal for our coffee shop series is to promote small artists within the Nebraska community," senior and

SPB president Celeste Galvan said. "Usually, once a month, we'll try to bring in people that are local—kind of underground—so that way they can make a name for themselves out here and introduce the Doane students to a different type of music."

The music performed was a mix of about three covers to one original song. Eva Bleu has been songwriting for 30 years, playing guitar for 10, and performing for eight.

"[My music is] a balance between just being soulful and blues-y—

which is kind of emo, which I'm not a huge fan of—but I think that it speaks to people, that it helps other people," Bleu said. "Music is like liquid emotion."

Events like this aim to foster community among students.

"I hope [students] find a new artist that they like, maybe a new type of music that they like, a new type of craft they could be into," Galvan said, "just kind of getting out there and socializing with friends or maybe meeting new people."

"My favorite part

about this event has been getting to see my friends and also listening to music I wouldn't usually listen to and enjoying being in this nice space with my friends," sophomore Henry Glenn-Hash said. "You're supporting your community, and you're getting to be with the people that you hopefully like, and you get to listen to some new music."

SPB's next event is paired with APIO for some ramen bowls on Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Lakeside from 6-8 p.m. The first 20 students will receive a free ramen bowl.



Photos by Andrea Pavlish | Doane OWL
Eva Bleu performs while students work on felt crafts.

APIO's Lunar New Year Celebration

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

After hours of snowfall on Thursday, Feb. 19, some students braved the storm to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Although the Lunar New Year was on Feb. 17, the Year of the

Fire Horse, the Asian and Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) held a celebratory gathering that Thursday.

Senior Nadalie Leon and Chef Shack showed people how to make dumplings at the event. Students had the opportunity to complete each part of

the process themselves, including the cooking and steaming.

"Tastes like nostalgia," sophomore Connie Jarm said after trying her dumplings. Once their dumplings were cooked, students could add shaved carrots, peanut sauce and sweet and sour sauce.

For many of those

gathered, this was not their first time making dumplings. For sophomore Amani Muisyo, it was, however, her first time celebrating the Lunar New Year. Freshman Andrea Pavlish said it was her first time making these kinds of dumplings, as her family makes Czech potato dumplings.

Students hung out in the Brodie basement that evening, continuing to make dumplings and chat. Conversations ranged from classes to movies to speculations of a snow day. Chef Shack also talked about how he got into cooking. There was even an enthusiastic Foosball match and

some spontaneous singing.

Leon and junior Johnathan Schmidt made a dumpling delivery in the snow, and some students took dumplings to go. It's safe to say that all those in attendance left that night warmer and with full stomachs.



Photos by Brianna Wright & Mackenzie Pike | Doane OWL
Chef Shack and students learn to make dumplings in the Brodie Kitchen.

CGR builds community on campus

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Life & Culture Editor

The office of Community and Government Relations (CGR) hosted another installment in the Hear Me Out series, which was attended by an equal mix of staff and students. The goal of these sessions is to build thriving communities where stories can be shared and connections made. Students learned how to listen to others and share their own stories, with time to prac-

tice both these skills.

Community and Government Relations Specialist Wendy Huntsmann shared her own moment that altered her life. In this story, she described her path to college and how she began coaching basketball. "That's what I want to do with my life. I know I want to be that leader—that coach," Huntsmann said. The story ended with how she came to live and work in Nebraska.

Afterwards, those in attendance had time to

reflect on a significant moment in their lives or on why they attended college. After some time of self-reflection, the attendants shared their own stories with a random partner.

Huntsman praised the group for how well everyone connected. Freshman Andrea Pavlish volunteered to share her story with the group and received a free t-shirt for her effort.

As with all the Hear Me Out sessions, care package raffles were drawn, consisting of var-

ious snacks and drinks.

Attending a Hear Me Out session automatically puts students in the drawing for a big prize raffle. There will be one more session on Wednesday, March 18, from 3-4 p.m. in Trobough. There will once again be three care package raffles at that session. Anyone who attended the Feb. 18 session and brings friends to the March 18 session will receive additional raffle tickets toward the grand prize.

For those unable to attend but wanting

to participate in more community activities, Huntsmann encourages students to stop by the Nexus center located on the lower level of Perry. Additionally, CGR

will be hosting several other events, including an International Women's Day Luncheon on March 5 and Doane Dialogue on April 14, 21 and 28.



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Weekly Horoscope

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Things don't happen quite the way they should. Buckle in and hang on.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Fantasies cloud your vision this week. Escaping is preventing real connections.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Wait for someone bold enough to ask twice.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): The doubt you feel isn't a flaw but a signal.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Your honesty will open doors. Make sure they're the right ones.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You deserve grand gestures. Remember that self-love is always an option.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): The people you meet aren't meant to validate you- they're mirrors showing what you already possess but fail to recognize.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Your younger self needed someone like you.

Libra (Septmeber 23 - October 22): No brakes, no mercy.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Enjoy time without worrying whether there will be more.

Sagittarius (Novemebr 22 - December 21): Love is a gentle thing.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): You were only waiting for this moment to arrive.

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Grief is like petrichor: the smell after rain

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Managing Editor

Content Warning: The following story deals with themes and a personal narrative about grief and mortality. Doane offers free counseling for students. Additionally, the National suicide hotline, 988, can be reached at anytime. You are not alone.

Hello devoted readers. Now this isn't like my normal hottakes, but instead it's something I believe isn't discussed as it should be. Pain. We have all experienced it in one way or another. Whether you skinned your knee falling off your bike when you were younger, or if you got a piercing or a tattoo, or maybe a major surgery that left you with scars.

But there is one form of pain that no one talks about. One that goes unnoticed. Grief. If you have never experienced grief before, gosh, I wish I could be in your shoes right about now. But grieving something is not just you being sad all the time.

Grief is the random breakdowns in your car, room, bathroom, etc. Grief is the flashbacks you get at the most random times of the day. Grief is stalking their social media as if they were still here on this Earth. Grief is isolating yourself or finding ways to numb the pain. Grief is dreaming that the person came back. Grief is feeling sad one day, and yet your day went just fine, while others spent it sobbing on the floor.

Everyone grieves differ-

ently. I get that. But sometimes I question why it is easier for others to get over something faster than I can, even though we experienced it at the same time.

But maybe grief isn't something we are meant to "get over," but instead it's something we learn to carry. Some people carry it quietly, while others carry it loudly. Some let it shape them, while others try to outrun it.

I have realized that grief doesn't move in a straight line, but instead shows up uninvited. It lingers in weird and ordinary moments. It hides itself in songs, places and memories that you sometimes don't realize. Then there are times when grief feels like petrichor, which is the earthy smell after it rains. The storm is over, yet the smell proves

that it happened.

Maybe that's what grief really is. Not something to rush through, nor a constant state of sadness. But instead, it's love that does not know where to go anymore. And instead of asking why it's easier for others, we also need to remember that healing isn't a race. It's personal. Messy. Even unpredictable. But at the end of the day, it's ours.

So if you're grieving, whether it is a person, a relationship, or even a version of yourself, remember to give yourself grace. The rain may have stopped, but the petrichor is still there. And that doesn't mean you're broken, it just shows that whatever you're grieving about, it mattered.

Red, Knight and Blue

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Life & Culture Editor

I am so incredibly astounded and proud of Team USA's hockey performance at these Winter Olympics. Of course, I'm talking about the women.

Sixteen of Team USA's players and Twenty-three of Team Canada's players were from the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), the best hockey league around. No, seriously, none of our players have ever been convicted of vehicular manslaughter or faced with sexual assault charges. But seriously, good job to the men for winning gold on the Miracle on ice anniversary, for honoring Johnny Gaudreau and shoutout to the entire Hughes family.

But, besides that, the PWHL and, by extension, the Olympic teams are among the only profession-

al sports teams with players who are moms. Or players who are married to each other.

I mean, Team Canada's Marie-Philip Poulin and Laura Stacey are the cutest spouses/teammates you'll ever see. And step aside, Heated Rivalry, because Anna Kjellbin and Ronja Savolainen are not only engaged but played on opposite teams these Winter Olympics.

But I promise I did not write this article to convince you to watch the PWHL. (Though you really should.)

We need to talk about Team USA.

First, Aerin Frankel, Boston's own Green Monster, is the first woman to record three shutouts in a single Olympic appearance. Her first Olympic appearance, too, mind you. Not to mention she's the first to ever shutout Team Canada in

women's hockey Olympic history.

Then, we have to address Laila Edwards. She's the first black woman to represent Team USA in women's hockey at the Olympic Games. And her assist to Hilary Knight in the last three minutes of the gold medal match helped secure Team USA's gold medal. Which coincidentally means Edwards is also the first black woman to win a gold medal in women's hockey.

Now, there were so many phenomenal players on the ice, but I have to talk about Hilary Knight. She's the first American hockey player to participate in five Olympic Games. She also has the most career points in U.S. women's Olympic hockey history. Then, to top it all off, she scored the second goal of the Canada-USA final, securing the most career goals in US women's Olym-

pic hockey history.

Outscored by Captain Clutch, Team Canada's captain, Poulin, who has twenty Olympic career goals and holds the title of all-time goal scorer in women's Olympic hockey history.

These were Knight's last Olympic Games, but she left with the gold and three records. It's time for the world to start paying attention to women's hockey because you won't want to miss players like these.

"I think the reality is that women's hockey isn't going to go silent. It's not going to go dark," Kendall Coyne Schofield told AP News a day before the final. You'll be able to see every one of these players in tomorrow night's game, a week from now, which is pretty awesome and hasn't been the case for the existence of women's hockey and the Olympic Games."

Bagels & Homies, not Joe

ANDREA PAVLISH
Staff Writer

Last Monday, I walked into the Bagels & Joe on Pioneers Blvd. in Lincoln at 7:30 in the morning to the smell of burnt bagels. Not exactly the sweet cream cheese and coffee aroma I was expecting to walk into. I had already miscommunicated with my friends about which location we were even meeting at, been awake since before the sun and knew that my time with my friends would be cut short by my upcoming 10 a.m. natural resources class, so the only thing keeping my attitude up was the prospect of seeing my friends—my best friends—friends I so desperately wanted to see that I even skipped my 9 a.m. for an extra hour with

them (sorry Eric).

I sat down at a booth that had room for all four of us, with my sweater covering my nose so I wouldn't inhale any more of the burnt bagel smell. I looked outside to see my first friend arrive. She goes to school 300 miles away, but decided to come home for the weekend after a long and tiring week. I think she needed that hug more than I did. My second friend arrived, and I hugged her too, but I would see her next Sunday anyway.

Finally, my third "friend" arrived. I put that in quotes only because she's more of a mentor—our old youth group leader who's grown into a friend. She's only a few years older than the rest of us, but she has far more life advice than most people

her age. She was a victim of my miscommunication and had already eaten her bagel on her way over from a different Bagels & Joe location. She's a teacher, and by some miracle, she didn't have school that day, and by some additional miracle, we were all within driving distance of each other. We hadn't all been together since I was in junior high.

We ate our breakfast and talked until my one friend had to leave for her 9:30 calculus class at UNL—definitely not one she wanted to skip. We said our farewells and promised to send weekly voice memos. And then we all left, and I went to class.

Life is so surreal. I know that story didn't really have much of a point to you, but

for me, it was the highlight of my week. It wasn't just an obligatory social affair, but a life-building session. The main life advice I took from my mentor that morning is this: the only way out is through. There's no way to get through the hard times unless you do something about them. And it hurts—trust me, I know. But it's necessary not to dwell on the things from the past, but to learn from them. And with friends like mine, they help tremendously. Talking with them is part of the process. Ninety minutes of good conversation and I've reaffirmed that these are people I will always want to chat with over breakfast, even if it does smell like burnt bagels.

The downfall of Indie animations

ELLA KRANZ
Staff Writer

I am on YouTube a lot, watching all kinds of indie cartoons and getting interested in new ones that come up. I also watch a lot of video essays about how Disney has really gone downhill in the quality of their animated films. If you have no idea what I'm talking

about. Let me explain a little more. Indie means independent, which means indie creators get to do whatever they want with their show without big corporations tearing it up to fit their ideas and requirements.

There are always some exceptions, like "K-Pop Demon Hunters". But most of the time, it's movies that don't do as well as producers want them

to. Take, for example, the live-action version of "Snow White"; it was so collectively hated that they took it down after two screenings. In fact, a lot of the live-action movies, though successful, have a lot of criticisms to them, and I personally find them bland. A lot of people's great ideas are often shot down or canceled due to the producers not thinking they will

be successful.

What makes indie animation so popular is that the creator is in control and gets to stay with what they design and create, and that means they put their heart and soul into it, not for money but something they want to share with the whole world. For example, "The Amazing Digital Circus" started as an indie pilot and is now the

most-watched show on YouTube, and has spread everywhere; you can even buy merchandise from Walmart and Hot Topic. Even creators that use to work for Disney are now going Indie with their newest shows, like Dana Terrace, the creator of "The Owl House" is now working with Glitch Productions to make her newest show "Knight's of Guinevere" and Matt

Braly, creator of Amphibia another popular show, has recently created his own independent animation studio Fantasy Project and creating his own little series called "Clara and the Below" and I hear they're both really enjoying it. INDIE will RISE, DISNEY will FALL!

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Sports Briefs

Women's Basketball

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ENDED THEIR REGULAR SEASON WITH GAMES AGAINST HASTINGS AND MIDLAND.

ON FEB. 18, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYED HASTINGS IN HASTINGS, NEBRASKA. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COULDN'T BEAT THE BRONCOS, LOSING 62-83.

FRESHMAN KEELEIGH KNOBBE SCORED 14 POINTS, WITH SENIOR RYLIE RICE SCORING 12 POINTS.

SENIOR DAY FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WAS ON FEB. 21 AGAINST MIDLAND. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WON 95-61.

KNOBBE WENT ON A SCORING STREAK WITH 22 POINTS, WITH RICE AND FRESHMAN MATTEAS KASSEBAUM SCORING 20 POINTS.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WILL PLAY THEIR FIRST ROUND OF THE GREAT PLAINS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (GPAC) TOURNAMENT ON FEB. 25 AGAINST DAKOTA WESLEYAN AT 7 P.M. THE GPAC TOURNAMENT IS BEING HELD IN MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA.

-MACKENZIE PIKE

Cheer & Dance

The Cheer team competed in a two-day tournament at the Midland Invite on Feb. 21. The competition was held at the Wikert Event Center in Fremont, Nebraska.

The Cheer team placed 2nd with a score of 82.77 points at their first competition in the tournament.

At their second competition, The Cheer team scored 84.43 points, placing them 2nd once again.

Cheerleading's next competition is on March 6 in Orange City, Iowa, for the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships.

-Mackenzie Pike

Baseball

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the Doane Baseball team (7-2) traveled 443 miles to St. Louis, Missouri, where they defeated Missouri Baptist at Weber Field by a score of 18-11.

The Tigers' offensive explosion was led by junior Grant Sommers, who went 4-for-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored. Junior Tanner Nelson went 2-for-4 and contributed a big home run and four RBIs. Senior Carter Roth, senior Sam Kwapnioski and redshirt junior Max Harris each added three runs.

The team played very fast, stealing seven bases without getting caught, including two steals by sophomore Thaden Wewel.

Senior Kaden Crawford (3-0) got the win, pitching five innings and striking out six to stay undefeated on the season. Junior Ethan Merk came in to finish the game, striking out six batters to get the save.

Next up, the Tigers will host Clarke University on Saturday, Feb. 28, with the first game scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

- Jeronimo Corcho

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball finished out their regular season games, preparing for GPAC next week. On Feb. 18, the team played Hastings but lost by a buzzer-beater. The score was 58-61, and it was a devastating loss.

The top scorers who impacted the game were freshman Trevon Beckman, scoring 18 points, with senior Casen Chaney and junior Jonan Claussen scoring 10 points.

Men's Basketball finished their last home game with senior day on Feb. 21. Men's basketball took the win against Midland 79-77.

Beckman and Chaney were the top scorers, scoring 21 points, with freshman Justus Gardiner scoring 16 points.

Men's basketball will start the GPAC tournament on Feb. 25.

-Mackenzie Pike

Men's Track wins GPAC Championship



ELIYAH LARA
Managing Editor

On Feb. 20, the Men's and Women's track and field teams traveled 240 miles to Sioux Center, Iowa, to compete in the two-day Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships, where the Men's team walked away as Champions while the Women's team walked away in second place.

Starting with the Heptathlon was junior Addison Croghan, who had a total of 4,852 points, which placed him second. Also placing second, but in the Pentathlon was junior Chaney Nelson, who had a total score of 3,161 points.

Going into the field events, placing first and second in the Men's shot put were senior Cale Bessler and senior Andrew Schmitz. Bessler had a mark of 16.85m, and Schmitz had a mark of 16.39m. Placing second and third in the Women's shot put

were junior Delaney Burge, with a mark of 13.39m, and sophomore Madison Heu-sinkvelt, with a mark of 13.34m. Finishing off the throws was Schmitz, who placed first in the Men's weight throw with a mark of 18.98m.

Taking the top three in the Men's triple jump were junior Brian Cech, Callan McKinney, and Mason Bahm. Cech had a mark of 14.61m, McKinney finished with a mark of 14.09m and Bahm had a mark of 13.95m. Finishing in second in the Women's triple jump was junior Kyla Davis, who had a mark of 11.71m. Placing second in the Men's long jump was Cech, who had a mark of 7.26m.

In the women's pole vault, placing first and third were junior Kaylee Pribyl and freshman Avery Scott. Pribyl had a mark of 3.75m while Scott had a mark of 3.65m. Placing second and third in the Men's high jump were junior Cooper Girmus, who had a mark of 1.99m, and

junior Andrew Harms, who finished with a mark of 1.94m.

Transitioning into running events, placing first and second in the Women's 60m were junior Neryah Hekl, with a time of 7.47, and senior Tania Gleason, with a time of 7.56, where she also walked away as female outstanding athlete for this meet. Taking the top three in the Women's 200m were Gleason, freshman Elizabeth Wemhoff and senior Kat Vogt. Gleason had a time of 24.41, with Wemhoff having a time of 24.71 and Vogt finishing with a time of 24.81.

Finishing in first in the Women's 400m was Vogt, who had a time of 56.47. Taking home second and third in the Women's 600m were senior Danie Parriott, with a time of 1:36.99, and freshman Jayden Meyer, with a time of 1:37.16.

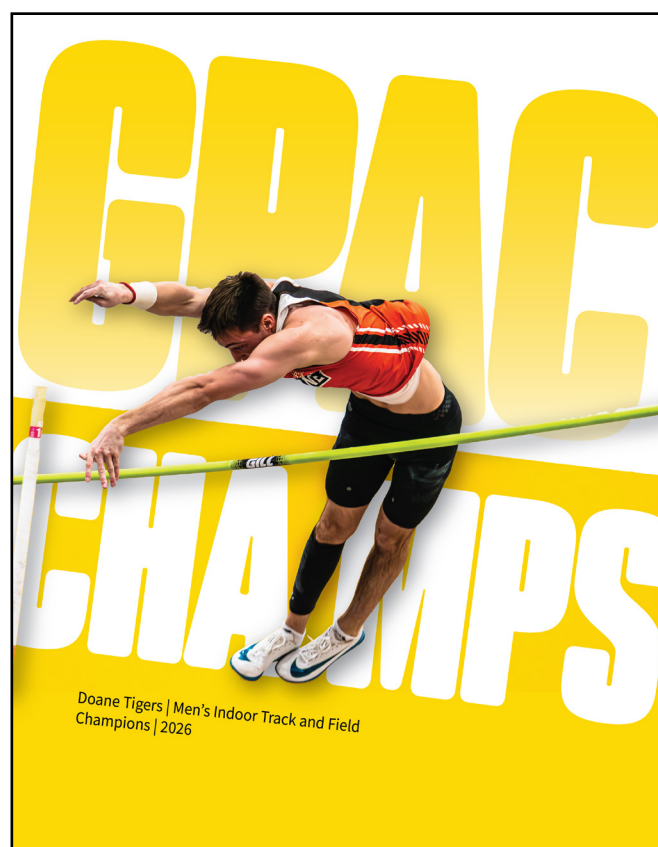
In the Men's 1000m, senior Michael Grigsby walked away with first with a time of 2:32.07. But placing third in the Wom-

en's 1000m was Parriott, who had a time of 3:05.75. In the Men's mile, Grigsby walked away in second with a time of 4:20.54.

Placing first and third in the Men's 3000m were sophomore Porter Bickley, with a time of 8:42.34, and sophomore Alvin Keter, with a time of 8:44.83. Taking second in the 5000m was Keter, with a time of 15:00.44, with sophomore Jayden Wall placing third with a time of 15:13.63.

Jumping in the 60m Women's hurdles was senior Josie Garrett with a time of 8.88, and in the Men's hurdles was freshman Tommy Smith, who had a time of 8.30. Finishing up was the Women's 4x400, where Vogt, Gleason, junior Kiley Hejtmanek and Meyer placed first with a time of 3:52.63.

Next up, the Tigers be traveling to Gainesville, Florida, to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships on March 5-7.

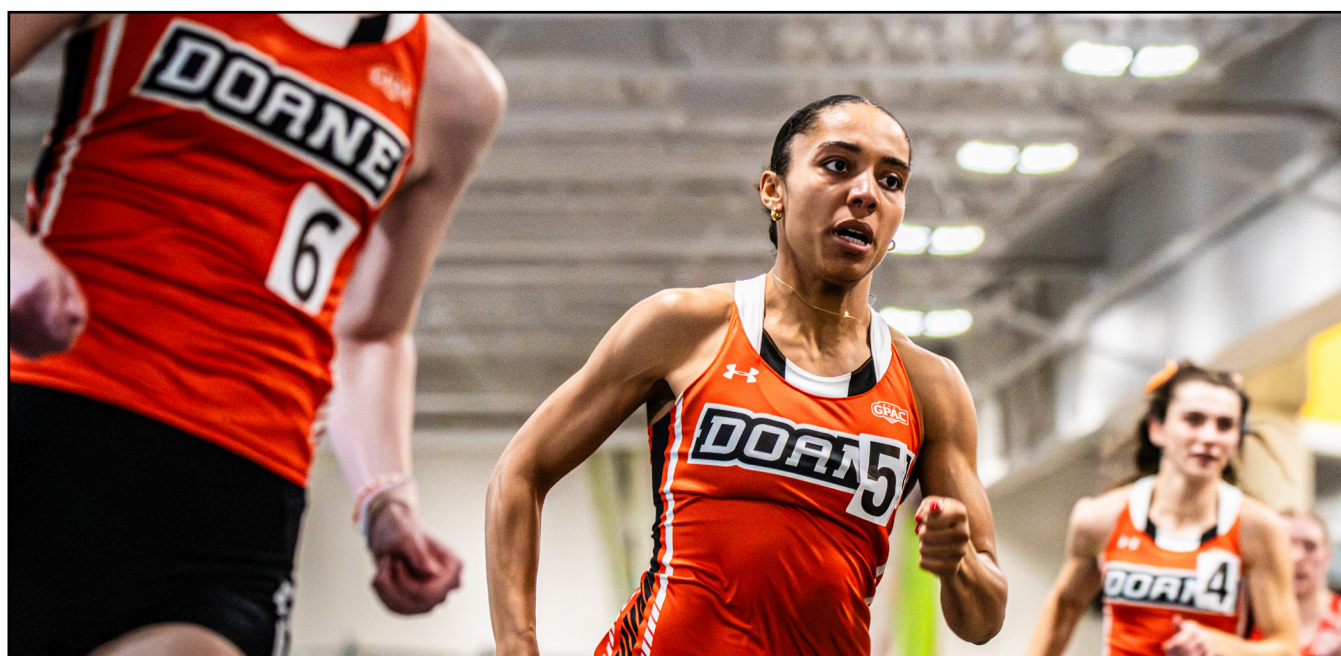


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Men's Wrestling wins three years in a row at the GPAC Championships



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The top GPAC Champions were 125 weight class sophomore Ray Ray Harris, 133 weight class Senior Matthew Terrance, 184 weight class Senior Tyson Beauperthuy and 197 weight class sophomore Jaren Jackson.

Softball travels to Sioux Center, Iowa

Jeronimo Corcho
Staff Writer

Last week, on Feb. 20, Doane's softball team (4-5) traveled to Sioux Center, Iowa, to participate in the ASB Dome Classic, where they finished

with a 1-2 record in the dome. The Tigers started Friday with a tough 8-0 loss against Saint Xavier.

However, they pulled off a decisive 10-0 victory against Dakota State. Doane's offense was led by sophomore Kay-

la Meyer, who went 2-for-2 with four RBIs and a home run. Junior Katelyn Hays and sophomore Ciara Hudson each scored two runs. Sophomore Bri Tru (1-1) picked up the win, pitching four scoreless innings

with four strikeouts. On Saturday, Feb. 21, the Tigers played Valley City State and lost 11-3. The three players who crossed the plate for Doane were junior Natalie Ascencio, sophomore Lexi Adams, and ju-

nior Lilly Lewis. Junior Trinity Robinson took the slab to start the game, pitching over two innings and recording three strikeouts.

Next up, the Tigers will head to Shawnee, Kansas, for the Top Gun Mid-

west College Classic on Feb. 27 and 28. There, they will play against Kansas Wesleyan, (RV) Benedictine, (RV) Friends, and (RV) Baker.

Men's Basketball ends reg. season

Mackenzie Pike
Sports Editor

Men's basketball finished out their regular season games, preparing for GPAC next week. On Feb. 18, the team played Hastings but lost by a buzzer-beater. The score was

58-61, and it was a devastating loss.

The top scorers who impacted the game were freshman Trevon Beckman, scoring 18 points, with senior Casen Chaney and junior Jonan Claussen scoring 10 points.

Men's Basketball finished their last home game with

senior day on Feb. 21. Men's basketball took the win against Midland 79-77.

Beckman and Chaney were the top scorers, scoring 21 points, with freshman Justus Gardiner scoring 16 points.

Men's basketball will start the GPAC tournament on Feb. 25.

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