



Senior Kashwell Pugh and sophomore Aidan Burns pose at Club Craze . Read more on page 3.

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Seeking the Truth Without Favor

Students respond to program cuts

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Editor-In-Chief

On May 22, Doane University announced operational changes to the university as part of the “Doane Forward” initiative via email.

At the time of publishing, there were four majors cut: Human Relations, New Media, Policy and Values and Strategic Communication as well as seven minors: Communications, Communicative Qualitative Information, Environmental Communication, Ethics and Interfaith Studies, Film, Journalism and Policy and Values; and one extracurricular, Forensics.

President Roger Hughes told the Owl that some information reported by external news outlets following the announcement was “not entirely accurate.” “The figures of 78 and 23 measured different groups of students,” Hughes

said. “The 78 included students enrolled through Crete, Lincoln or Online who had declared any of the affected majors or minors. The 23 included crete students who had declared one of the affected majors.”

The Owl found an additional 22 students on the Crete campus enrolled in an affected minor or extracurricular in the 2026-27 academic year, excluding those also in an affected major.

Students enrolled in those programs were assured they would be able to complete their program. Additionally, in the May 22 email, students were informed that academic advisors would work directly with students to answer questions and ensure they stay on track for graduation.

Here is what impacted students had to say.

“I switched my major from exercise science to new media to finally major in something I’m passionate in,” sophomore Elizabeth Wemhoff said.

“I’ve lost my advisor. I already have two classes taught by an adjunct professor and I am worried about graduation.”

“I’m worrying about graduation because some of the classes I need are being cut. It’s also made forensics kinda emotional because I know this is the last time I get to do it,” freshman Lillian Blank, a member of the forensics team, said, “and I thought I’d found my place. I also came to Doane for it, and now I’m in debt for something that I’m losing.”

“I lost my current advisor to someone I don’t know who does not reside in Lincoln, so I can’t even see her face to face,” a human relations major, who wished to remain anonymous, said. “I’ve been worried about getting enough classes to graduate. I am supposed to graduate this next May, but nobody has reached out to tell me that they would make sure to help me graduate or anything like that.” They told

the Owl they had not received an email from the school and found out about the cuts through their parents, who are Doane alumni. “I would like anyone to have talked to me so that I could have my anxieties relieved or to know there was a plan for my education. I’d like to ask Doane why they didn’t reach out individually and thought it was fit to just email everybody, which I’m assuming, like myself, some people did not even get.”

“I am losing my advisor and most valued teacher at this school, and I am very disappointed about this. I have never had a close relationship with a teacher until Doane, and right when I found a community within my major, it was stripped away,” sophomore policy and values major Katie Picard said. “In the future, I know I’ll be taught by adjunct professors, and that is something that makes me very nervous. I will also have lost my advisor by next year, and I don’t know

what I’ll do without him. I truly found a friend in my teacher.”

“I am now working at a radio station that has an unknown future,” sophomore Asher Slover said. “I was going to study new media and communication at Doane. But now I’m seriously considering a transfer; what’s the point of going to a liberal arts school that cuts communication, which is a division of classes that is beneficial in any career path.”

Junior strategic communications major Lauren Maly said she was concerned about “how I’ll do my capstone.” Her advisor accepted another position two days before the start of the semester. Her schedule has changed; she now has two classes taught by adjuncts and one class that was completely switched.

A student who wished to remain anonymous explained they dropped their minor following the announcement. “I knew not having a commu-

nication department would make my minor much less important to the University and its quality would dwindle swiftly,” they said.*

“My program is on the brink of being cut. If the radio station is cut, then this campus loses another outlet of student expression and creativity,” Slover said.

“I’m concerned people wanting to become counselors who have a day job, or children, may not be able to do it anymore without these night classes. I’ve already had trouble filling basic requirements for my major before they even cut it,” the senior human relations major said.

“I am heartbroken for my professor because they do not deserve to spend their last year here at Doane knowing that all the time they have spent here is being stripped away so quickly,” Picard said. “They deserve better.”

**To protect student privacy, identifying information was edited out of this quote.*

Political Corner: Dan Osborn’s 93 county campaign comes to Crete

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Dan Osborn held a town hall meeting in Crete, Nebraska this past Sunday, Aug. 23, as part of his 93 county tour. Osborn is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and the Nebraska National Guard who led the 2021 strike at Kellogg’s Omaha plant. He is running as an independent for the Nebraska State Senate.

He ran for senate in 2024 against Deb Fischer, and although he lost, he came only

seven points behind Fischer, the closest an independent has ever gotten in a Nebraska U.S. Senate race. Osborn’s campaign is strong on agricultural and economic policies, with a focus on representing working- and middle-class constituents.

He began his opening remarks discussing his career in the Armed Forces before segueing to the ongoing conflict with Iran.

“We all have the advantage of hindsight in 2026, knowing that we are worse off now in this war than when we started,” Osborn said. “In the cost of lives, 19

service members have lost their lives. We see the costs in grocery stores, and in our gas pumps. No one is feeling it like farmers and rural folk, anybody associated with agriculture.”

Concerning agriculture, Osborn opposes the ongoing tariffs and wishes to protect the Ogallala Aquifer. Senator Pete Ricketts, who Osborn is running against, released a statement on Aug. 21 in support of Nebraska farmers and ranchers. Issues like these are a hot topic for the large population of Nebraskans involved in agricultural industries.

“I believe in capitalism, and I believe in a free market,” Osborn said. “Where we are at now is not a free market. It’s a controlled market by the very few.”

Another aspect of his campaign is reforms aimed at stopping government corruption. He supports Congress passing a stock trade ban and banning former members of Congress from becoming lobbyists. He opposes lifelong Supreme Court justice appointments and believes redistricting should only occur in Census years.

“We all share this planet. That’s the

thing we have in common, like it or not,” Osborn said. In speaking on immigration, he spoke negatively about the detention centers such as the one in McCook, Nebraska, and some of the Trump administration’s ongoing immigration policies. However, he also believes the Biden administration did not do enough for the border, so while he is in support of finding ways to make immigrants natural citizens, he believes that needs to be paired with strong border policies. Sen. Ricketts supports strong border security and

has used his time in the Senate to support the One Big Beautiful Bill Act as well as the work of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under the Trump administration.

Osborn and Ricketts will both be on the ballot to represent Nebraska in the senate. The general election is scheduled for Nov. 3. Republicans have not lost a senate election in Nebraska since 2006. If Osborn wins, he would be the first independent candidate to secure a Nebraska Senate seat since 1936.

Munson leaves Doane to focus on new family adventures

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As Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Spencer Munson has made a significant impact. He played a key role in creating events such as Lake Day during Welcome Week and the Student Programming Board (SPB) Foodie Series and positively influencing the students he has mentored. Munson will be leaving Doane after Sept. 3.

Some favorite aspects of his role have been seeing the students he's mentored shine on the public stage. He shared how he enjoyed watching students like alumni Krismar Williams or senior Myridean Lehman become great student leaders.

Reflecting on the state of student engagement in his 5 1/2 years at Doane, Munson has seen the natural ebb and flow of student organizations. When he joined campus

after the pandemic, the University was down to 15 student organizations. It can be hard, he explained, for organizations to stay active when student leaders graduate or faculty advisors leave.

"The ones we really try to put a lot of effort into are those affinity groups. So, People for the Rights of Sexual Minorities (PRISM), Doane University Latino Student Association (DULSA), Black Student Association (BSA). Those are the ones I don't ever want to die," Munson said. Pushing organizations to stay active and getting student leaders to pass the torch is something he believes he could have done better at in retrospect.

Munson has long been passionate about building communities. "I got an art and English degree, and I found that the leadership experience that I had outside the classroom got me further in many ways than my degree," Munson said. He shared that the skills students can develop

in these roles, such as budgeting, delegation, public speaking, conflict resolution and teamwork, are really valuable.

"Plus, the community that you find is often super rewarding. I, of course, found basic community in my different academic departments, but some of my best friends were made in different student organizations that we had a passion for," Munson said.

He advises that students should try to get out of their comfort zones.

Introducing students to the surrounding Crete community was another aspect of his job he took pride in. Showing students from out of state, or even from another country altogether, places they can have fun or hang out in Nebraska was important to him. "We've done the Great Creek Escape, the field trips that we do. This year, we're going to take kids to Josh Johnson," Munson said.

Students can see Josh

Johnson for free at the Lied Performing Arts Center in Lincoln on Sept. 24. SPB Doane, spb@doane.edu, sent an email on August 24 with the registration link.

With the birth of his 4-month-old daughter, Ani Elizabeth Magnolia, Munson wanted to spend time with his family. "My wife is Cherokee, and Ani means a clan or family group within the tribe. And it also means strawberry. So it's community and cuteness," Munson said. He joked that he couldn't choose just one name for his daughter, with Elizabeth being a nod to his grandmother and Magnolia after his favorite trees, inspired by the fact that his daughter was born on Earth Day.

When he came back from paternity leave, the timing felt right for Munson to step back and spend more time with his family.

"I think that Dr. Hughes is doing a lot of great things for the university, but I have to admit that when I came back from my

paternity leave, and three of my favorite people on campus had their departments cut, I was bummed about that," Munson said. "I think they're such valuable assets to this community and I'm somebody that really holds a lot of passion about the liberal arts education."

He wanted to spend the first few weeks of this fall semester helping with Welcome Week and setting the new Director of Campus Engagement, Karl Anderson, up for success. "He's awesome," Munson said, "and we have two and a half weeks in which I can help him transition and unload all the knowledge I know so that student organizations don't fall by the wayside."

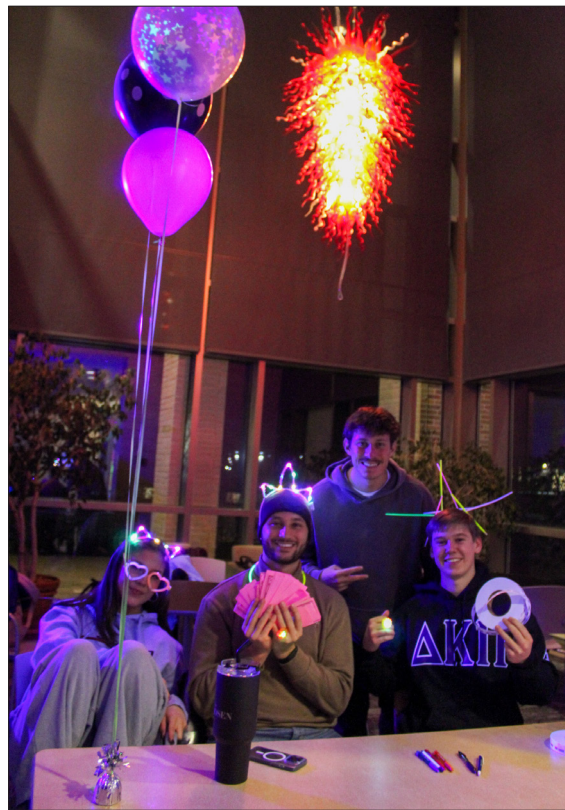
Munson shared that the University is hoping to hire a new assistant director of Student Engagement before Labor Day. He also encourages students to connect with Anderson, their student organization advisors, and Community Directors

(CDs) in his absence.

"I think there are a lot of people in our office who will step up and be great listeners and mentors," Munson said. "The best part about the people in Higher Education is that they care a lot and want to be there. Even more specifically in Student Affairs, they are some of the most empathetic and wonderful people."

After Doane, Munson aims to get more involved in his past part-time jobs, including DJing and selling rare records. His dream job is to open a record and wine bar with a friend.

He also shared that students can contact him on Instagram (@spencermunson) or via his personal email after he leaves. "Sometimes people quit, and there is information that's lost, and then it hurts everybody. I'd rather someone reach out, and I can at least give a tidbit of information to make everybody's life easier," Munson said.



In his time at Doane Munson assisted with Glow Casino (left), SPB Foodie series (Top Middle), Foam Party (Bottom Middle), Club Craze (Top Right) and the Dine 09 Comedy Showcase (Bottom Right). All photos from 2025 publications.

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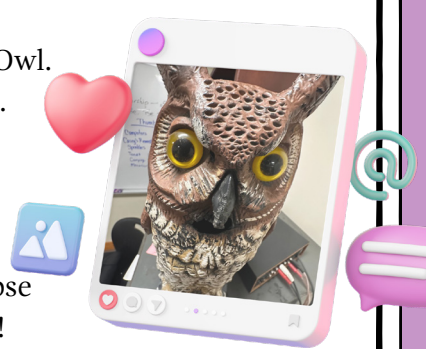
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Artificial Intelligence (AI)’s impact on learning has sparked deep conversations among professors worldwide. Since AI tools like ChatGPT and Gemini have become popular, students have used them for tasks such as research and to help them better understand class content. However, without clear regulations, students can also use AI in ways that can lead to plagiarism or a lack of understanding of the material they are supposed to learn. At Doane University, professors are at different stages in incorporating AI into their classrooms. Some professors encourage students to use AI because AI literacy is becoming an important

skill for entering the workforce. Other professors, however, are opposed to using AI in the classroom. Doane’s new AI policy is intended to help both teachers and students set clear expectations for how AI can be used in the classroom. The policy was approved toward the end of last academic year and is beginning to become the standard for AI at Doane. The AI policy currently included in Doane’s syllabus addendum will eventually be replaced by the new policy. Nathaniel Wilson, Director of Forensics and Assistant Professor of Practice, was chair of the committee involved in creating the policy. According to Wilson, the policy provides students with expectations for how they should engage with generative AI while also giving faculty flexibility in de-

ciding how AI will be used in their individual courses. “The policy tells students how they are supposed to engage with generative AI,” Wilson said. “The majority of this policy gives a lot of autonomy to faculty because it says, ‘Here’s the base standard.’” The policy also includes academic integrity and the use of AI; it has guidelines for citing AI, but it also focuses on the ethical use of AI and the potential for AI-generated content to contain bias. The policy states that “Doane students should approach content with a critical mind, and take care to check for their own biases when ingesting generated content.” This means students are still responsible for the content they submit, even when that content was generat-

ed by AI. If a student uses AI to create biased or discriminatory content, the student can still be held responsible. “On a policy level, what we were really interested in is making “AI reminds us what the point of writing is... If the student is a good enough prompter, they are probably understanding what you need them to know about writing.” Phil Weitzl Professor of English sure that students understood they’re still held liable to the standards of nondiscrimination policies, even when using LLMs,” Wilson said. Because the policy is still new, professors will play an important

role in helping students understand how these expectations work. Phil Weitzl, Professor of English, discussed how teachers can help students think critically about AI and detect bias. “You try to model the right behavior. That’s where it starts,” Weitzl said. For Weitzl, AI can also serve as a reminder of why writing itself is important. Rather than viewing AI only as a way to produce a finished assignment, he sees it as a tool that can help students think more intentionally about the writing process. “AI reminds us what the point of writing is,” Weitzl said. “If the student is a good enough prompter... they are probably understanding what you need them to know about writing.” In one assignment,

students were required to build a bot that could write a paper for them. Instead of asking AI to complete an assignment, students had to teach the bot how to produce the type of writing they wanted. This process forced students to be intentional about what good writing looks like and what they expected from the final product. “I love it as a tool. I love it as a way of teaching certain things that were always important in writing,” Weitzl said, As AI continues to become more common in education and the workforce, Doane’s new policy gives students and faculty a starting point for navigating its use. As AI continues to grow, the policy may change, but right now it establishes basic expectations for AI use in the classroom.

Class of 2030 joins the Ambush

ANDREA PAVLISH
News Editor

Another big freshman class marks the beginning of a new academic year, acclimating to the new campus with an event-filled student orientation. Welcome Week was held Aug. 9-15, filled with popular events like Lake Day, Foam Sweet Doane party and culminating in

the famous Big Bucks Dine:09 with hundreds of dollars in prizes, along with other get-to-know-each-other activities. “My favorite experience during Welcome Week was the foam party and field frenzy,” freshman Peyton Fangmeier said. “I am looking forward to meeting more people!” Besides events, new tigers spent lots of time learning about the campus during Ti-

ger Take-off and wellness sessions, as well as lots of time socializing with other tiger cubs. “My favorite experience was just meeting new people and interacting with everyone,” freshman Miranda Monninger said. “You’re all there for the same reason and in a new place with new people, so everyone wants to make a friend and branch out of their comfort

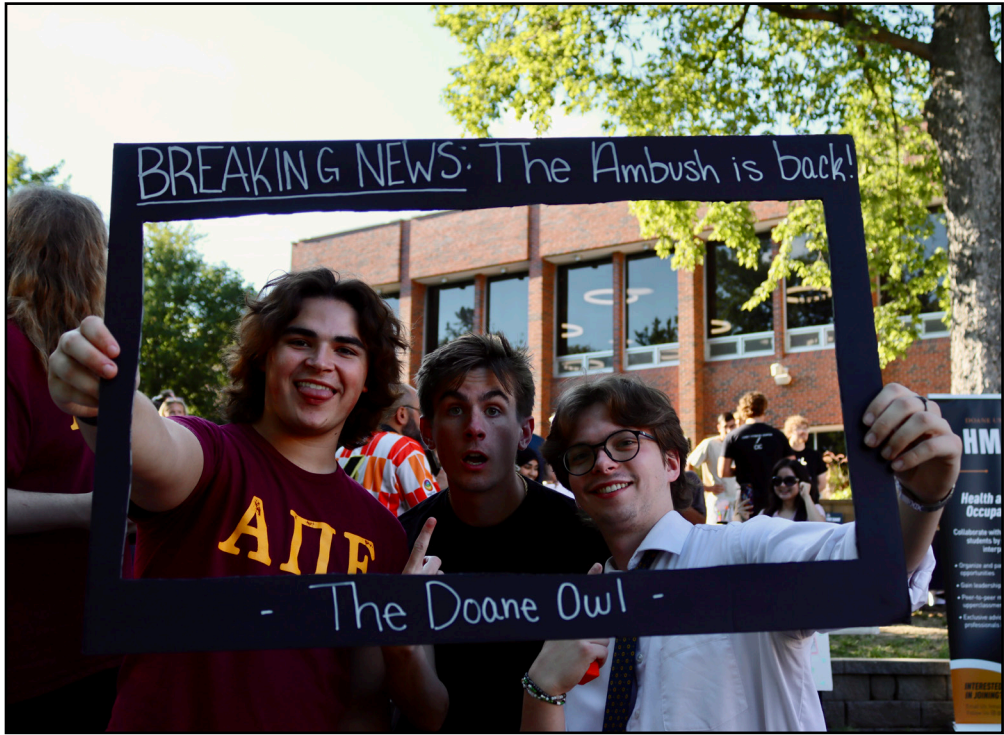
zone.” Going into the first week of classes, Club Craze (Sunday, Aug. 16) provided opportunities to get connected with different student organizations. While checking out different clubs, any student could grab a BBQ dinner from the patio and a bingo card that students filled out by visiting each club’s booth. To make their home away from home, the Poster Invasion sale

began on Sunday and went into the first day of classes on Monday, Aug. 17. For many students, college is one of their first experiences being away from home and on their own. “My transition to Doane has been full of excitement and new things,” freshman Angelina Niete Otero said. I admit it’s a little different from home, and I’m still getting used to it, but I know

that I can rely on my community to keep me comfortable.” “The transition to Doane has been amazing for me,” freshman Abby Hudnall said. “I truly felt so welcomed right when I got here. I was very nervous at first, but that didn’t last long. I found a group of friends quickly and am incredibly grateful for that.”



Sophomores Tyler Khoundet and Tina Nguyen (Left) and sophomore Gunner Lippold, senior Ashton Barber and junior Joe Reimerat (Right) participate in Club Craze.



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Weekly Horoscope

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Expect sudden change and be alert. Be extra careful.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Take time to say hello to an old friend.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Dive into a new project or hobby. Your creatives juices are flowing.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): It's a good time to get extra rest. Things will get busy soon.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Laughter and joy will attack you like never before.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): A new person will enter your life. Set boundaries and protect your energy.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Living in survival mode ends when you want it to.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You've been working hard. Good things are coming soon, don't give up.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): It's time to meditate! Be mindful.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): GET IT TOGETHER MAN!

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): People pleasing will destroy your friendships. Learn to let go.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Wisdom is chasing you. Slow down.

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Alumna express concern over recent budget cuts

MEAGHAN STOUT
Doane Alumna

Dear Editor,

To say Doane has become a disappointment is an understatement.

In 2020, they slashed through programs claiming budget cuts. Now, the administration has picked the scissors back up. Not because of a lack of funds, but to continue their shift from a liberal arts college to a factory.

Roger Hughes and his predecessor Jacque Carter seem to share the same fault - a basic lack of respect for the humanities. Hughes claims that students will still learn the skills from courses cut, but from a business perspective... as if business marketing and journalism are remotely similar. As if the courses cut aren't worthy of

full programs. It's insulting to the students who are in those programs, to the ones who have graduated from them and especially to the hard-working professors running them.

The programs cut in 2020 and the programs being cut now aren't nothing. Humanities are the backbone of a functioning society. They teach us how to understand and communicate with each other, how to work with people from all walks of life, how to think critically and recognize biases in news and day-to-day life. Considering how quickly AI has taken hold, these fundamentals are more important than ever. Doane has already let students down by allowing the cuts in 2020 and they continue to set them up for failure now.

Hughes implied students

aren't interested enough in these programs, but why would they be when the college itself spits on them?* Hughes doesn't want to run a liberal arts college; he wants to be the figurehead of a business school. Students wanting a liberal arts education aren't going to look at Doane as a place for them because it's not anymore. It hasn't been for a long time. The administration touts about its new "Innovation Center" and the \$82 million wrung out of the pockets of its alumni, but I've never seen anything about its humanities programs.

I've watched professors work their asses off to show students what they're doing, to get their programs a moment of visibility, yet Doane looms over and watches the programs drown.

Hughes claimed that he

doesn't want to change what Doane is, but his actions say differently.

My father chose Doane, my brother chose Doane and then I chose it for myself. I would not choose it again.

Sincerely, an embarrassed alum.

-Meaghan Stout

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Post-summer hangover

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Walking back into classrooms this fall felt different. Just a few weeks ago, summer was at its peak, and the entire world was locked into the 2026 World Cup. Now, the roar of the stadiums and the watch parties with

friends have been replaced by homework and five a.m. alarms

That tournament made this past summer unforgettable. For a month, every single day had real stakes. Strangers came together in living rooms and sports bars, united by late-game goals, pure drama, and the simple joy of sharing a game. It gave the entire summer

an energy and rhythm that made everything feel bigger and more alive

Coming back to campus is always a reality check, but transitioning straight from the world's biggest football stage into routine college life hits harder than usual. Sitting at a desk while trying to focus on lectures feels strange when you still have the tournament's highlights

running on repeat in your mind

The excitement of a new semester is here, but so is the hangover of an incredible summer that ended way too fast. We are back to our normal schedules, our routines, and the daily grind of classes, but the energy of that World Cup is going to linger in the back of our minds for a long time

Late night explorations around campus

ANDREA PAVLISH
News Editor

If you've ever gone into a building on this campus other than a residence hall after the hours of 10 p.m., you will be shocked to be in the company of no one but a couple of dead/dying crickets and occasionally public safety. You will also discover that there are places you would never go in the daytime, new spaces to be unveiled. Doors to open. Doors that won't open. Weird smells. Odd corners. Classrooms that are unbelievably boring without people in them. One of my favorite things to do is to explore them.

Starting with the obvious best place to explore: Gaylord Hall. Personal favorite. Nothing like bringing an oblivious friend up the creaky stairs to Gaylord 500

before telling them about its tales. The multiple stairwells, various ceiling heights and the spirit of the communications department looming near makes every dark hallway a little more exciting to go down. Peering into the graveyard that is the window of the journalism lab's door, you might see the essence of an early-departed professor (not dead) toward the front of the closet-sized classroom, particularly on the whiteboard. Of the four different stairwells, the best one is obviously the one-story, cemented, air-freshened descent into the basement right off the first floor.

I should mention that it is important to do all of these at night. Preferably when you have homework to be done or an early morning. Exploring in the daytime is half the fun and requires a much fuller social battery. You also don't risk opening a classroom door during class.

Once you've cleared out Gaylord and said your fare-

wells to the spirits, skip over to the Communications building. The newer the building, the less weird doorways you can find. The Conservatory is also a good option if you aren't a theatre person, but there aren't many classrooms to stay there for long. Anyway, Communications is peak exploring material. Even though most of the place is locked up, you can go into the 067 lecture hall and watch Shrek as many times as your heart desires on the giant projector. However, the point of exploring is to keep moving, so don't do that. Also, never touch anything besides a door handle; that also defeats the purpose of exploring.

Once you have successfully infiltrated the communication building, you are going to exit out of a new door you might have just discovered and head towards Lied. The bugs will be getting bad at this point, so push through. If you've seen

public safety, make sure you give them a nice wave and maybe a friendly hello. Never be surprised by their presence. Or at least don't show it.

In Lied, don't disturb me, who is probably in the lounge actually getting her work done. (Guess where I'm writing this from.) Enter loud enough that I can hear you but not loud enough that it's irritating. Anyway, you are not going to really go into any classrooms here because 1) they probably aren't open, and there's no second point. So walking here was probably a waste of your time, but you could grab coffee from the lounge and be okay.

You're probably wondering why Perry and Art & Ed didn't make it on the list. Respectively, the buildings are too familiar and too new. Ask me again in 20 years. Maybe 30. Anyway, keep exploring!

Hot takes; Common sense needs to come back in style

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Well-devoted readers, if I am going to be one-hundred percent transparent with you, I never saw myself getting to this point in life. A senior in college. Some may say I officially reached unc status, which, for my peers who are also graduating this year, just know I didn't say that.

However, let's talk about something that has been giving me the ick ever since school started. Why does no one have common sense anymore? Now what do I mean by this? First thing, whenever you're walking on the sidewalk with a friend or a group of friends, and someone is walking the opposite way. The best thing to do is move over and allow the other people to continue on their way, but no. I guess that is not a thing anymore? Another example is whenever you're driving out of a parking lot: maybe don't speed through the parking lot; maybe don't drive in the middle, especially when you see a car coming your way or coming into the parking lot. Here's another one: maybe instead of thinking something isn't occupied, like maybe the pool

tables on campus, the booths/tables, anything else of the sort, you ask around this very simple question: "Hey, are you using this?" or something along those lines. But the more obvious ones are: making sure you don't leave your laundry in the laundry room, picking up your trash, patience, don't go into other people's rooms without their permission and the list goes on and on.

The moral of the story is, maybe we need to bring common sense back. I'm not asking for everyone to suddenly become a perfect human being who never makes a mistake. Because trust me, I make plenty of mistakes on a daily basis sometimes. I'm just asking for awareness of your surroundings and, more importantly, the people around you. We live in a world

where everyone is constantly on their phones, rushing to their next class or just trying to get somewhere in general or simply living in their own little bubble. This does not mean the world around you disappears. The funny thing about this is that common sense does not require a college degree, a tutorial or even a 30-minute lecture from your parents, but instead it requires thinking.

- STAFF EDITORIAL -

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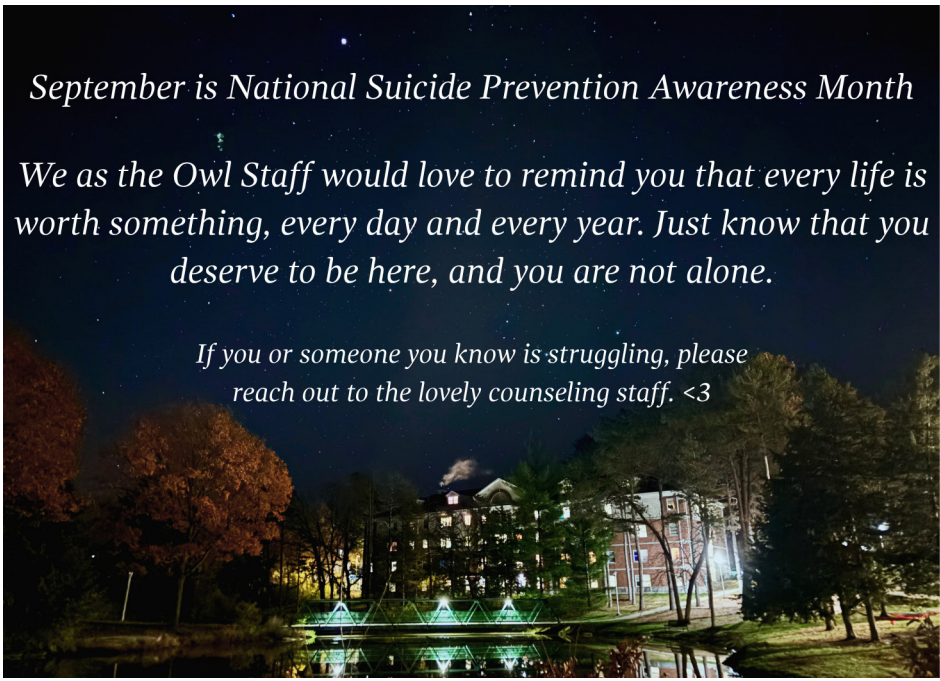
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Women’s Golf places third at first tournament of the season

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On Monday, Aug. 24 and Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Doane women’s golf team opened the 2026-27 season at the Mount Marty Women’s Invite in Yankton, South Da-

kota. The Doane golfers were divided into two different teams, both finishing in the top six of the 13-teams. The Women’s Golf “A” team placed third in the tournament with a 36-hole score of 668 (338-330). For the Tigers “A” team, junior Con-

nie Jarm led, ending in 10th place with a score of 165 (85-80), senior Avery Van-Horn tied for 11th with a 166 (83-83), sophomore Isabelle Johnson finished tied for 24th with a score of 171 (82-89), senior Payton Morgan placed tied for 28th with a score of 175

(88-87) and junior Jamisyn Kirkpatrick ended in 31st with 176 (96-80). The Tigers’ “B” team finished sixth overall with a score of 684 (358-326), making a dramatic 32-stroke improvement on day two. Junior Lailia Saunders led the way,

earning a fifth-place overall finish with a score of 159 (83-76), sophomore Em-marie Miles tied for 17th place with a score of 168 (88-80), sophomore Kaelin Martellaro finished 35th with a 179 (92-87), freshman Sophia Esqueda took 36th with a 180 (95-85)

and freshman Dayna Keeling tied for 38th place with a score of 181 (96-85). The next tournament is the Siouxland Invite on Sept. 8-9 in Orange City, Iowa.

Mixed results for start of Volleyball’s busy season

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Doane volleyball starts its official season this week with five games. On Aug. 25, Volleyball started its conference games playing in Lindsborg, Kansas, against Bethany College. The Tigers Bethany(25-23, 26-24, 25-20). Leading the Tigers with kills were junior Natalie Wood with 12 kills, junior Kate Rose-land with seven kills and

junior Brooke Larsen with six kills. The Tigers with assists were sophomore Gentry Jensen with 24 assists and juniors Ashley Wright and Reagan Davis with four assists. On the defense side, freshman Brooklyn Weise had 25 digs, Larsen had 14 digs, and freshman Jerney Tang-Silva had nine digs. The Tigers then traveled to Parkville, Missouri, to play in the Park Classic on Aug. 28-29. On the first day of the tournament, the Tigers played against Saint Mary College and

Park University. The Tigers lost 1-3 to Saint Mary. Despite the loss, Woods led with 8 kills, junior Jaylen Nachtigall had seven and junior Kylie Williams had six. The assist leaders were Davis with 13 assists, junior Gracie Koch with 10 assists, and Jenson with 8 assists. In digs, Larsen and Wood led with ten digs. Dakota Martinez and Weise led with nine digs. The second game against Park University was a 0-3 loss. The players who led

in kills were Tang-Silva with nine kills, Larsen with five kills, and Addison Raebel and Nachtigall with three kills. The assist leaders were Koch with eight assists, Wright with seven assists, and Jensen with five assists. The players who helped on the defensive side with digs were Larsen and Wright with eight digs, Tang-Silva with seven digs, and Williams with five digs. On day two in Parksville, Missouri, they played Southwestern University and Hannibal-LaGrange University.

Against Southwestern,the Tigers fell short, losing 2-3. On the attacks, Wood led the day with 10 kills, Williams had nine kills and Larsen had seven kills. Jensen led the most assists with 13, Wright had 10 assists and Koch had seven assists. Larsen led in digs with 13, followed by Wiese with 11 and Wood with nine. Volleyball finished off the Park Classic by playing Hannibal-La-Grange University. The Tigers won 3-2. Leading the kills were Wood with 11 kills, Tang Silva with

nine kills and junior Kajsa Bates with seven kills. On the assist side, Jensen had 19 assists, Davis had 15 assists and Wright had 13 assists. On the digs side, Martinez had 15 digs, Jensen had 14 digs and Wood and William had nine digs. Volleyball’s next game is against Mount Marty in Yankton, South Dakota, on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

Women’s soccer starts the season playing at home

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Sports Editor

On Aug. 26, women’s soccer started its season at home with a tie, 2-2, against York University. In the

first half of the game, sophomore Anali Astorga scored the first goal with the assist of junior Hayle Brodine. York was able to bounce back to tie up in the first half of the game. In the second

half, junior Alexis Adam assisted senior Megan Townsend with a goal to put the score at 2-1. In the last few minutes of the game, York was able to tie up and end the game.

Women’s soccer continued the season in Crete on Aug. 29 against McPherson College. The Tigers fell to McPherson 1-3. The Tigers weren’t able to score in the first half

of the game. Ten minutes into the second half of the game, Brodine scored the first goal of the game. McPherson finished the second half of the game by scoring three

goals to make the final score of the game. The next game for women’s soccer is Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. against Nebraska Wesleyan at home.

Slow start for Men’s soccer

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Men’s soccer started the 2026 season with home games against York University, where they lost, 1-4. During the first eight minutes of the game, sophomore Mateo Jelcich scored with

an assist from freshman Gaberial Lara. In the second half, York scored four goals against the Tigers. Lara had eight saves against York on the goal. On Aug. 29, Men’s soccer played against Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, Kansas, where they lost 1-6. In the first half, Kansas Wesleyan scored three goals.

The Tigers were able to bounce back in the second half with a goal by Jelcich. Kansas Wesleyan finished the game with two goals. Men’s soccer’s next game is Sept. 2 in Leavenworth, Kansas, against College of Saint Mary’s at 6:30 p.m.



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