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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Junior Garrett Cox gets a “still here” temporary tattoo on his cheek for Colors for Hope. Read more on page 4.

Athletes deal with record heatwave

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With the fall semester picking up in all aspects on campus, this means the fall sports and athletics are in full swing in terms of frequent practices. For a lot of athletes, though, the heat has been unbearable. This past summer was officially the hottest recorded meteorological summer (June to August period) in the history of the United States. The heat has set records and the humidity has not been great either. This has caused a lot of issues in the Doane athletics community, as most teams need to practice outside for multiple hours a day. This is also not just a problem in one sport, but members of all the athletic teams this semester have had problems with the

heat.

When asked about how the heat has been affecting their practices, juniors Rylee DeV Vaughn and Hayle Brodine expressed their individual struggles with coping with the heat while playing soccer.

“I’m from Alaska, so I’m not really used to it at all, especially the humidity,” DeV Vaughn said. “It’s really dry where I’m from so I think the biggest thing is just blocking it out mentally.” For Brodine, however, this feeling is familiar to her.

“For me it’s different since I’m from Texas so I’m really used to the heat and the humidity,” Brodine said. “It’s really hard for everyone to come together and practice in the heat.” She then specified that practices typically start around 6 p.m. and last around an hour and a half, so the sun goes

down and it gets cooler. The two expressed that playing games are a lot more difficult as they’re earlier in the day when the heat is at its peak, which makes the turf worse. Some of the games had to be moved even earlier in the day to avoid high temperatures. The two then added that the games matter a lot more and that they can play at a lower intensity in practice, but never during games.

An anonymous football player explained that the heat hasn’t been too bad for him as he’s from Florida, but he’s seen it get to some of his teammates. Football practices start around 4 to 6 p.m., but if the heat is too unbearable, they’ll push it back to later in the night. However, these kinds of changes can conflict with a student athlete’s already busy schedule. When asked

about the intensity of the practices, the football player said that they don’t get more breaks and it’s usually the same amount of work with more heat.

Not all sports have been practicing outside, although those inside still have issues as well. Junior Ivy Shove, cheer, expressed that her practices span multiple hours and happen in the Field House with no AC.

“It makes the experience overall a lot hotter,” Shove said. “It makes practices feel a lot more productive. It makes you feel like you’re working really hard, which is satisfying.” She also expressed that the amount of sweat makes it a lot more difficult due to cheer being a heavy contact sport, and the amount of sweat and the heat lowers team energy and spirit a lot.

As the campus is ex-



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periencing a very rainy and can’t necessarily control the weather, might temporarily be resolved, but the heat is a real issue for coaches as they need to practice

Political Corner: Trump hosts first-ever Midterm Convention in Dallas

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As President Trump’s approval ratings decline and the midterm elections approach, Dallas hosted a two-day “Midterm Convention” on Sept. 10 and 11. Despite its name, the event centered on the Republican Party, particularly Trump. It did not resemble the party conventions typically held during presidential election years; there were no nominations, no running mates announced and

no ballots cast. The New York Times referred to the event as “Trump-apalooza.”

The convention featured harsh criticisms of the Democratic Party, with Vice President JD Vance labeling Democrats as the “party of hatred.” Speaker of the House Mike Johnson specifically targeted several liberals, accusing them of promoting an “anti-American agenda.” He mentioned individuals like Hasan Piker, Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Abdul El-Sayed and

Zohran Mamdani. Several speakers also used anti-Muslim rhetoric when discussing El-Sayed and Mamdani. In the conclusion of his speech, Vance portrayed Republicans as the “party of common sense” while depicting Democrats as “the party of the crazies.”

On the first day of the convention, Trump claimed that prices were decreasing and stated that every American adult would receive a \$5,000 “Trump Dividend” if Republicans retained control of the House and Senate. This

claim was not echoed by other speakers, including his son, Vance and Johnson. Trump insisted that food and other prices were rapidly dropping, despite the fact that grocery prices had increased by 3.4% and gasoline prices had risen by 31% since January 2025.

The convention paid particular attention to the midterm elections, which could determine which party controls the House and Senate, influencing the direction of the country leading into the presidential election. Currently, the Republi-

can Party holds a six-seat majority in the Senate, with 35 seats up for election in November.

A notable moment occurred when Trump asked the crowd to pledge allegiance to him and encouraged them to commit to voting. “I don’t care if I’m registered or not, I’m going to try and cheat like hell, like they do,” Trump said, urging the crowd to repeat after him. “I am going to get my friends, my family, and we are going to vote on November 3.” On Thursday night, Trump delivered a lengthy two-

hour speech.

However, when asked by Fox News anchor Laura Ingraham whether he intended to campaign harder than before, Trump responded with “no.” He seemed unconcerned when questioned about the potential loss of the Republican hold on Congress. “I’ll block all their bad stuff for two years. It won’t be the same, but I’ll be a blocker; what can I tell you?” Trump said.

New club joins Doane Community

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Last year, many students attended Citylight South church in Lincoln, but now a new club has brought that experience to Doane. Citylight U is a Christian club that meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m., in Nyrop Hall.

Citylight South College Director Trent Marshall says the mission of this club is to “see

all students at Doane and beyond discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ.” Marshall mentions ways that Citylight U helps with this mission: discipling groups, teaching how to read the Bible, Citygroups and creating a Christian-centered community.

Specifically, Citygroups are male and female Bible studies that are hosted by Doane students. These studies

consist of studying the Bible and hanging out with fellow Christians in a small-group setting.

When asked what makes this different from other Christian clubs on campus, Marshall says, “We don’t only have one weekly rhythm; we actually have two.” These “rhythms” consist of Citylight U gatherings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., and Citygroups which, as mentioned, are student-led Bible studies.

“Citylight U gatherings are larger group gatherings for anyone to attend, these have musical worship,...a Bible teaching and hanging out afterwards,” Marshall said.

Marshall also notes that worship during the gathering makes Citylight U different from other Doane ministries.

Sophomore Tyshawn Miller is a Citylight U men’s leader. Miller says

that he has “seen the innermost part of people’s lives.” Miller acknowledges that Citylight U has helped him build more vulnerable relationships with others and has helped deepen his faith.

Miller also notes that “anybody who wants to learn more about Jesus, anybody who is curious, [and] anybody who already has a relationship with Jesus,” is welcome to join the group.

Helina Cooper, a sophomore, attends Citylight U weekly. Similarly to Miller, Cooper says that Citylight U has helped her grow in her faith and have fellowship with college-aged Christians.

“Just having that connection with kids my own age has helped me grow a lot.” Cooper said.

Twenty-five years since... 9/11

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It was the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, in New York City, NY. Everyone was getting ready for their day; some were already on their way to work, and some were enjoying a nice cup of coffee. Meanwhile, back in Portland, ME, 19 hijackers were passing through security to board on four different flights.

At 8:46 a.m. when the North Tower of the World Trade Center was hit, 76 passengers along with 11 crew members were killed instantly. At 9:03 a.m., the South Tower of the World Trade Center was hit, 51 passengers, along with nine crew members, lost their lives. At 9:37 a.m., the Pentagon was hit, where 53 passengers, six crew

members and 125 military personnel, along with civilians, lost their lives. At 9:59 a.m., the South Tower collapsed, where more than 800 civilians that were in the surrounding areas were killed. At 10:03 a.m., the final plane crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where 33 passengers and seven crew members were killed. At 10:15 a.m., the Pentagon E Ring collapsed, and at 10:28 a.m., the North Tower collapsed, killing more than 1,600 people.

After the attack, the United States came together as one to help after the destruction. Many Doane students were shocked, but some were confused and upset about the tragedy.

“Life went on... Classes weren’t canceled, and the administration didn’t shut down... But how could any of us, reeling from such a major event,

be expected to study?,” a student told OWL reporters on Sept. 13th, 2001. “When other schools across the nation are closing, why do we stay open?”

This year was the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, and although most of the student body was not born at the time of the events, some professors and faculty still remember that day like it was yesterday. Associate Professor of Practice and LAR Coordinator, J.L. Vertin, was one of those faculty members.

Vertin discussed how it started as a normal day; he was dropping his daughter off at his mother-in-law’s house, where they proceeded to watch the live footage on the TV.

“Once the first plane hit, that kind of thing, then it started getting all over the news, and so we were watching it, and I

will never forget being in her living room and then trying to teach,” Vertin said.

When Vertin got to campus on that day, many students were unaware of the attacks that were going on in New York. With that being said, faculty and staff were left trying to process not only the events that were happening but also their normal responsibilities.

“There were lots of students that were unaware because there weren’t phones like we have now,” Vertin said. “There were several of us that were having to bring it kind of to their attention.”

While the events unfolding across the country left many in shock, Vertin said there was also a sense of uncertainty about what would happen next.

“I think it wasn’t quite rage, but there was definitely some anger about,

like, how does this happen?” Vertin said. “And then what could possibly happen next?”

Despite the uncertainty, Vertin said he did not fear for his own safety. Living in the Midwest, his thoughts were focused more on what the attacks meant for the country as a whole.

In the days and weeks following the attacks, communities across the country found ways to help. Vertin said one of the things that stayed with him the most was seeing people from different backgrounds come together in response to the tragedy.

“I remember thinking this from a patriot standpoint. It’s probably the first time I’ve felt patriotism in that way, because you could see it everywhere,” Vertin said.

Twenty-five years later, however, the experience of 9/11 has changed for many Americans. For

current Doane students, the attacks are a historical event rather than a memory they personally experienced.

Although the immediate emotions surrounding the attacks have faded with time, Vertin said firsthand experiences can bring those emotions back. Vertin recalled visiting Ground Zero and the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City.

“Then it very much becomes that sort of emotionally raw thing again, because you remember all of the stories that went behind it,” Vertin said.

For students who were not alive on 9/11, honoring the attacks can be difficult. Many have learned about the events through history lessons, documentaries, photographs and stories from people who experienced them firsthand.



Students in their Hansen dorm room watching the news on Sept. 11, 2001 (Top Left), Coverage of Sept. 11, 2001 playing in the Tiger Inn, now called Lakeside, the TV headline reads “Terrorists crash hijacked airplane into World Trade Center, Pentagon” (Bottom Left), in the days following the attacks an American flag is displayed in the Perry Pods where community members can share their thoughts (Top Middle), Eric Selk, assistant professor of Theatre, shares his experiences in New York on Sept. 11 at an open forum in September of 2002 (Top Middle), Senior Jessica Allen shares her opinion at Sept. 11, 2002 open forum (Top Right), Doane Choir performs “God Bless America” and other songs at Sept. 11 memorial in 2002 (Middle), The Survivor Tree at Ground Zero in 2018 (Middle Bottom), list of victims hangs from Merrill Tower the Sept. 12, 2002, Owl reports the list was “longer than the tower and trailed down the sidewalk” (Bottom Right).

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Twenty-five years after... 9/11

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To remember the heroic act of first responders 25 years ago during the 9/11 attacks, Doane Athletics partnered with Daniel Dibbern, a Veteran and Military Services Specialist and

Coast Guard specialist, to walk up 68 flights of stairs at Papik Field at 9 a.m. Though coaches in the past have invited students to participate in this act, this was the first year that it was organized with Veterans and Military Services.

This event remembers the 343 brave firefighters who sacrificed their lives to climb the Towers,

fighting to rescue as many people as they could. There were approximately 2,200 steps they had to climb with 40-70 pounds of gear,

During the walk, the live CNN broadcast of when the attacks happened was shown on the scoreboard.

Students encouraged each other to keep going up the flight of stairs, and

the first 100 students got shirts and breakfast pizza.

President Roger Hughes and Laura Hughes also came and encouraged students, giving water bottles as students walked to the top songs of 2001.

“I didn’t really do anything for 9/11 before college... it was a really nice sentiment, not

just reposting something but actually having action through it,” senior Myridean Lehman said. “It’s really important to do something like this; I hope they do it annually.”

“When you feel like your foundations are being shaken and your safety is being jeopardized, there’s a time where you have to stand up and fight for your rights,” Dibbern

said.

Dibbern joined the military because of what happened that day.

Dibbern was also encouraged by the students who participated in the event and hopes to make this event for the whole student population in the following years.

4-H impacts the future of farming

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4-H is America's largest youth development organization, with six million members across the U.S. and around 140,000 children in Nebraska.

The H's represent Head, Heart, Hands and Health; their mission statement is "to provide Nebraska youth with positive youth de-

velopment opportunities that prepare them to become healthy, capable, and ready to engage in school, work, and life"

Sophomore Daisa Smidt shared some values from her time in 4-H that have helped her in her college career. Within Smidt's club, she was a president, treasurer, historian and news reporter. Smidt has been in multiple events within 4-H including modeling.

After joining 4-H, her family has gone to all Nebraska state fairs. he shares that this was her past fair that she modeled in, "I'm going to look back and look at all the memories and all the things I learned... without 4-H, I wouldn't be the same person I am today."

As a business marketing major, Smidt has had experience with marketing in 4-H. Smidt and her sister have given speeches

and won second place for marketing for 4-H camp. "It's about knowing your audience and knowing how to adjust," Smidt said.

John Slieter, Agribusiness Program Director and Assistant Professor, shared his personal experience in 4-H by doing 4-H teaching and projects in past years, as well as leadership seminars. Slieter shares that he thinks in the last 10 years 4-H has changed by allow-

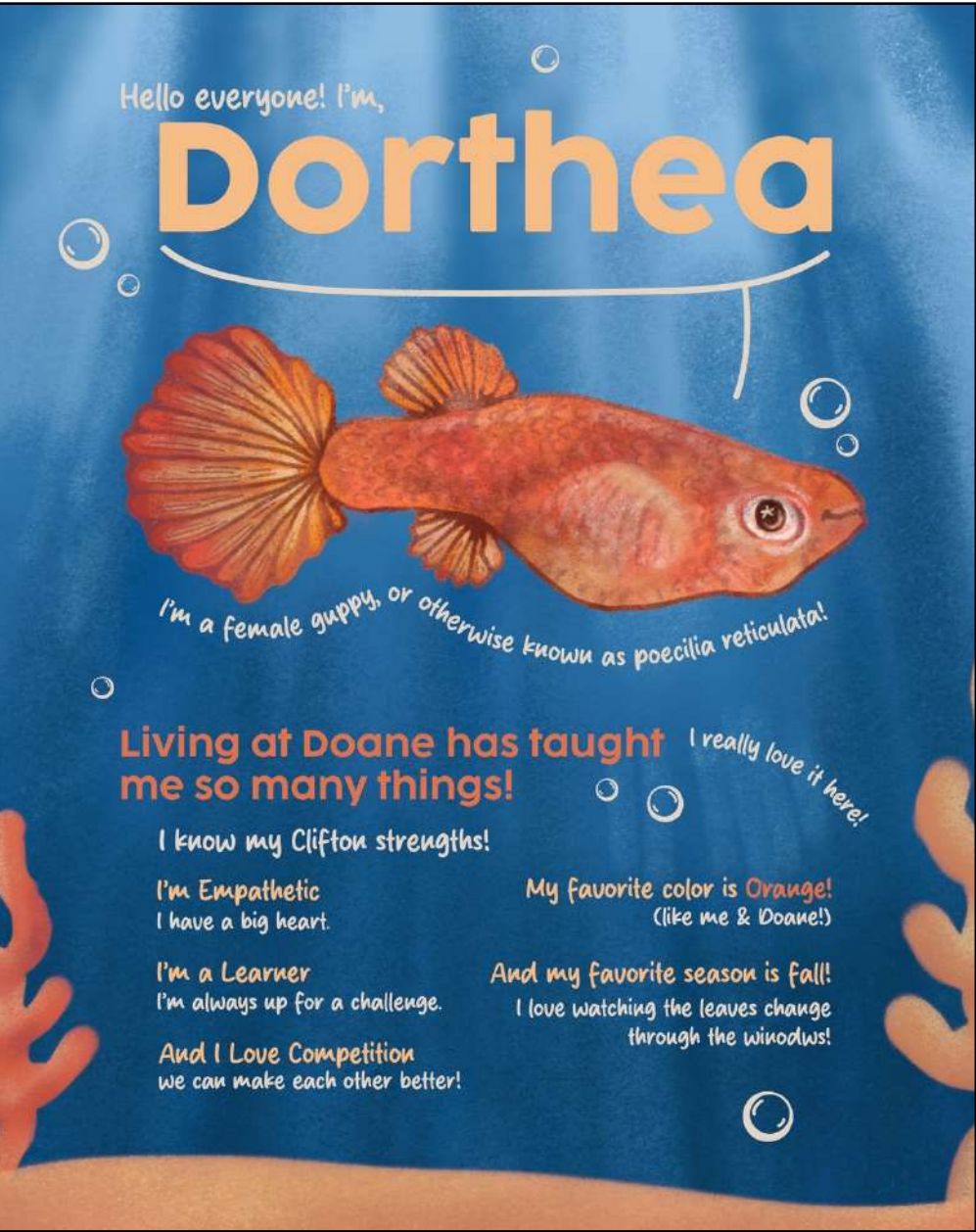
ing more opportunities for all kids, whether they grew up on a farm or not.

"4-H is great for teaching students basic social skills, communication and teamwork," Slieter said. Slietier has also noticed that students who have been involved in activities like the state fair, 4-H and FFA have more confidence and are strong leaders.

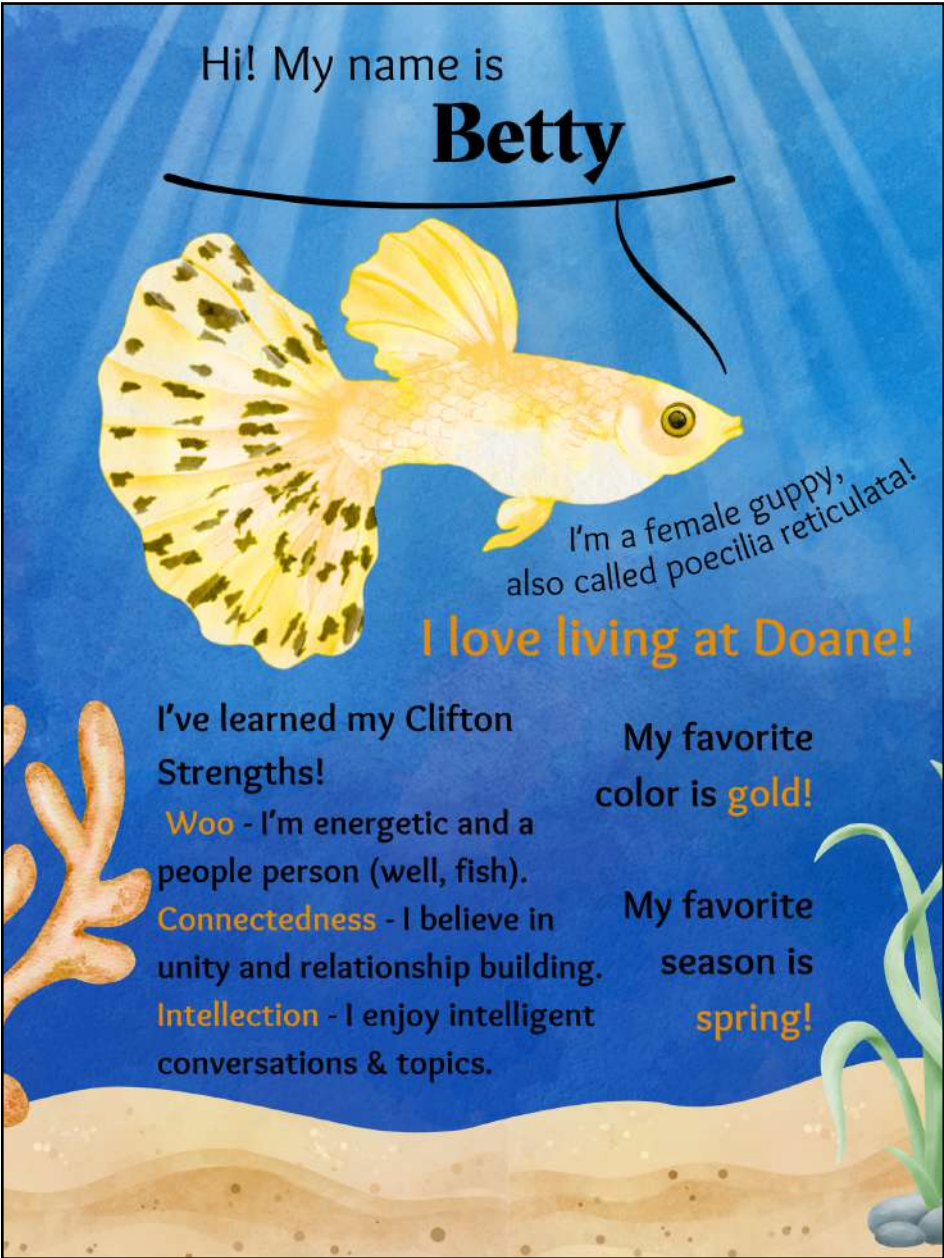
All of this matters because it's the future

of America. Farmers make up 10-15% of the U.S. population, and though the average age in the industry is 60, it's encouraging to have an organization that empowers kids and helps build the future. Doane emphasizes building leaders, and students can come in knowing that they already have a foundation in leadership.

Fantastic fish make Lied new home



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Weekly Horoscope



Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You will have seven days full of hard work. On your third day stop working before 3 p.m. If you don't you won't gain any treasures.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): The best way to take care of yourself is alone time and rest. You are the most important thing in your life.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Within the last month something has changed within you. Even the stars recognize this new change.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Take time to remeber your dreams, set a notebook beisde you so when you wake up you can write it down.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Take time for yourself and just sit. The best way to do this is to go outside and be one with nature. A little bird may come to say hello.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Stay loyal to the people around you.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Let your ego die. This will be scary, and people will notice, but it's for the best. Write down things that make you feel prideful.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You're working on a big project. Perfectionism will kill you. Take time for mistakes. It will all be okay.

Libra (Septmeber 23 - October 22): Take a long deep breath, hold for four seconds, now slowly let get. Repeat this process.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Love is in the air! Ask them out, before you tell them, pinch yourself and click your heels.

Sagittarius (Novemeber 22 - December 21): Go on an adventure this week. Just watch your step. Don't step on more than three leaves, if you do... watch out!

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Don't be stubborn, take a deep breath and keep going.



Alpha Pi Epsilon ends summer with bang

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This past week, Alpha Pi Epsilon fraternity, otherwise known as the APEs, hosted their annual philanthropy event: Summer's End Xtravaganza (S.E.X.). The purpose of this weeklong event is to educate campus on safe sex practices and proper consent. This year's S.E.X. lasted four days with each night having a specific theme and event to go off of it.

On Tuesday, the APEs collaborated with Campus Advocacy and Prevention Education (CAPE) Project to host a bonfire as the first night of S.E.X. CAPE put on their annual "Burn Your Trauma" event with the Safe Sex Trivia and s'mores the APEs were doing. This was a way to help out CAPE with

scheduling their event as well as bringing the two communities together. This first night was held on the Smith patio and had a large group of both APEs and CAPE Members running their respective parts of the event with a large turnout of people there to enjoy what was offered.

Wednesday was a "super awesome tie dye fight" by the sand volleyball courts behind Frees Hall. People could bring their 2026 S.E.X. T-shirts, which were sold at each night of the event and white this year, or anything else they wanted to tie dye. Attendees could either shoot ink and each other from water guns or participate in regular tie dye at a table off to the side. This event had the lowest turnout of the week, but those who went had

a great time and got to customize their shirts together as music played in the background.

On Thursday they held a "Red Flag" Movie Night where attendees could come and enjoy a mystery movie and raise their red flags when they saw bad behavior from one of the characters. These flags were made and decorated by the APEs and passed out as attendees entered Frees movie theater. The movie selected was "10 Things I Hate About You", and a lot of red flags were raised by viewers throughout the duration of the movie. The APEs served popcorn and enjoyed a calm movie night with those who showed up.

The last day of Summer's End Xtravaganza was the "Summer's End Carnival". This event

consisted of different carnival games, a fortune teller, raffle prizes, live music from John Voyage, and a foam sword fight. They also hosted "Pie a President" where people could pay to pie the sorority and fraternity presidents. It was originally going to be a raffle for one pie per president, but due to the success of it, they changed it to a dollar a pie, which ended up with a lot of Greek members pieing their presidents multiple times. After the festivities outside, attendees moved inside to do sex trivia hosted by Jody Yank. Teams were made and they each had to answer questions about things such as random sex facts, STDs/STIs, anatomy, and more. Due to a technical difficulty, the APEs decided to announce raffle

winners while the trivia was being fixed. Prizes such as Vala's giftcards, a 3ft HDMI cord, tickets to the Crete Isis Theater, a sled, condoms, the "mystery prize", and many more were distributed. After this, trivia continued. The winning team, "Sexy Sigmas", which consisted of a group of girls from Phi Sigma Tau sorority, won gift cards to split among them.

With this, Summer's End officially came to an end. It was an event filled week with the planning being spearheaded by junior Joe Reimer, the 2026 S.E.X. Coordinator.

"Planning started in May", Reimer said, "It's been a lot of organizing things, reaching out to businesses, meeting over the summer online to plan cohesive nights

that all worked together really well". As the coordinator of the entire event, Reimer expressed that it was a chaotic process and he relied a lot on the other APEs for help and support. There were some parts that were also challenging for Reimer as there were a lot of changes in Doane faculty so points of communication for him kept changing.

In the end, Alpha Pi Epsilon fraternity raised around \$720 with \$180 of 25% of the proceeds going to Hope Crisis Center. This was the most profitable this event has been the past 4 years and the total attendance was higher than last year as well. A lot of attendees of the event this year thought it was more fun and successful than previous years as well.



Members of Alpha Pi Epsilon pose for a photo after their S.E.X. movie night (Top Left). Sophomore Emery Kramer pies Chi Delta President senior Ella Ningen (Top Right). Phi Sigma Tau members pose for photo at S.E.X. "Day at the Carnival" in Lakeside (Bottom Left). Juniors Ashton Thoms and Jahn Lemus show off their tie dye shirts (Bottom Right).

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Students come together to celebrate Suicide Prevention

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Content warning: The following story deals with themes and personal narratives of depression, suicidal ideation, and death. Doane offers free counseling for students. Additionally, the National suicide hotline, 988, can be reached at any time. You are not alone.

On Sept. 10, Doane hosted its annual Suicide Prevention Walk, Colors for Hope, with Active Minds.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. According to the World Health Organization, 720,000 people die from suicide every year, and suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds.

The night was marked by 16 groups that participated, both from on and

off campus; each group had a table that encouraged students with positive messages and different activities. Dinner was also served outside. Approximately 380 students attended.

This year, guest speaker Alison Walla shared her story. Walla's life was changed when her dad died by suicide when she was a college freshman.

During the speech, Walla shared that while her dad enjoyed simple things. "He was fun and ambitious," Walla said.

During her junior year, she was still grieving. Walla shared that she continued to study and work towards her goals.

"I could hurt terribly and still keep going," Walla said.

Walla was able to earn her degree and become a wife, mother and healthcare provider.

"You don't have to be able to see your whole future to make it; you just have to make it through today... Your story isn't over," Walla said.

Walla wishes her dad was able to be there to walk her down the aisle and meet her daughter, but she shared that she wants students to remember that "there is a life behind the word suicide; there are inside jokes, Christmas morning, families."

"Something I think went well in this event is people coming out, showing out, and supporting suicide prevention," said president of Active Minds sophomore Emma Schuele. "Something inspiring about suicide prevention is that help is always available, and suicide prevention is every day, not just the month of September."



Phi Sigma Tau poses at their table during Colors of Hope (Top). Students pose at National Association for Music Educators (NAFME) table (Left). Active Minds advisor Darcy Dawson and president sophomore Emma Schule promotes the importance of mental health (Right).

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Hottakes; School Spirit is in

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My freshman year, a few of my friends and I went to a Doane football game. It was the first one of the year, my first college football game while in college. We put on our nauseatingly orange shirts, ran to Walmart for face paint and headed over to the field.

In the 2024-25 season opener, Doane lost. Doane lost 11-49. They would lose the season opener the next year as well. This year the other team forfeited, but as of publication, they’ve yet to win a game this season.

For most readers, this isn’t

a surprise. It is kinda funny, actually, isn’t it? An open secret across campus: Our football team is bad. Our football team hasn’t won a season opener since 2022. Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) football coaches ranked it tenth out of 11 teams for this season. Bad enough that’s not even a hot-take.

So what’s my point? I work seven hours a week at the Study Desk, where student-athletes complete their required study hours. I see a lot of football players on my shifts. It occurred to me while watching them watch a film that if I dedicated several hours of my week- my time, my energy to something every person on cam-

pus would assume I was going to lose... well, that wouldn’t exactly motivate me to win.

I was talking with a friend in the Tiger Pep Band, and I realized that I know no single Doane chant besides “Merril Will Ring.” Since that freshman year football game, I haven’t been to a single one.

If everyone says the football team will lose over and over and then they lose, I think that’s just a self-fulfilling prophecy. How often do you actually go to games, or check the score, or even give the players a simple “good luck”?

I’m not saying the power of positivity and friendship is going to solve this team’s

problems. But it can’t make them worse either, can it?

I miss the energy of my high school football games. Dressing up according to theme, coordinating chants and blaming the referee when our team lost. It was fun, it was energetic and even though we sucked, it wasn’t negative.

When it gets to the point where we tell people on tours that our team sucks, the jokes and the crass attitudes lose their humor. Do we really want to be the self-deprecating, constantly disappointed school? Do we want to win our homecoming game or not? Then let’s show a little school spirit now and again.

Needlework traditions

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Embroidery is widely viewed as a historic craft, as something that people, mainly women, only did in the past. Embroidery is certainly more common in historical clothing, as in eras when clothing was made by hand, a skilled seamstress would add careful details like embroidered embellishments and patterns. With modern-day clothing manufacturing, embroidery is definitely less present in our clothing, and thus less present in our daily lives. That doesn’t mean it’s any less important a skill than it once was – merely a less common skill.

While embroidery was more often used historically, it’s still a skill that is practiced today because of its continued significance in

cultural traditions and the enjoyment of embroidery as a hobby.

As embroidery was more common historically, it’s become embedded within a great deal of cultural traditions that many people continue to engage in. For example, all types of Czech kroje a traditional Czech folkwear (pronounced kroy-eh) incorporate elaborate, decorative embroidery and every detail, pattern, and color harkens back to a particular Czech cultural group (Bohemian, Moravian, or Silesian) and even to specific towns. Embroidery is, therefore, a vital part of preserving Czech history and culture. Today, American Czechs will often research their family’s history to make and decorate their kroje in line with their ancestors’ traditions. Such is the case in my family. My cousin, the current Miss Nebraska Czech-Slovak Queen,

Josephine Davis, and her mother, Brenda Davis, spent days researching and embroidering to honor our family history through their kroje.

Embroidery’s historical significance is seen in other places, too. For instance, Lagartera, Spain, is home to a unique kind of embroidery called “labrado” that uses special techniques not found anywhere else in the world. The skill of embroidery helps keep the vibrant traditional dress of the small town in Castilla-La Mancha alive and well.

Much like other fiber arts, such as sewing or knitting, embroidery is still a very common hobby. Personally, I enjoy spending my free time on various embroidery projects, some of which are purely decorative (like the embroidery kits found in craft stores) and some of which are functional (like

my current project of making my own set of kroj). As I mentioned previously, others in my family – especially my cousins and aunts – enjoy embroidery as well. In addition, there are various thriving online communities devoted to embroidery, varying from TikTok pages to blogs. Embroidery isn’t an antiquated technique, nor solely devoted to practical pursuits: it’s a popular hobby that’s alive and well.

Embroidery holds incredible and enduring historic and cultural significance, but it is also a thoroughly modern hobby. Embroidery brings cultural traditions from the past to the modern day, and because of that, its importance cannot be understated. It doesn’t belong solely to history or to modernity; instead, embroidery fits neatly into both.

Karting in a Mario world

CHRIS EGGERT
Staff Writer

The game that introduced my brother and I to karting was “Mario Kart DS.” The version of the game that had a terrible drifting mechanic (which was thankfully improved in “Mario Kart 7” for the 3DS, that also introduced gliders, but Zach and I skipped that one).

The Nintendo DS was also the first handheld console I ever owned and played. It was dual-screen, too, which was a vaguely intriguing concept at the time. I wish Nintendo had kept it when designing the Nintendo Switch 1 and 2, but alas. Mayhaps they’ll bring it into consideration for the Switch 3. I have

high doubts, though.

A recurring theme for the “Mario Kart” franchise was that Nintendo would bring back older courses from older systems, namely the GameCube and the Game Boy. I loved that they remastered these courses and made them up-to-code with newer games. I especially liked the rebuilt DS courses such as Shroom Ridge, Sky Garden, Choco Mountain and – the most disgusting one – Baby Park. Though, admittedly, I do like how Baby Park has better and more realistic details outside the track in “Mario Kart 8.”

It makes it look more like a park. I still despise it with a passion. Excitebike Arena is a much better course. It has the same oval-like shape, but it’s bigger and actually has ramps and obstacles. The only defense in Baby Park

is the items the player grabs. And it has seven laps instead of the regular three, because it’s so small. The DS version lowers it to five.

The courses aren’t the only things that are brought back in “Mario Kart 8” from “Mario Kart DS.” Some of the karts are, too, namely the B-Dasher, which is the only one, now that I think about it. It might be due to it looking the most like a real kart. The B-Dasher was also a Mario-only kart, as well.

In the DS and Wii versions of “Mario Kart,” my preferred character to play was the Koopa King himself (Bowser). He’s a large (and therefore, heavy) character, which meant his speed and weight stats were much higher, and his acceleration was much lower than smaller characters. However, in “Mario Kart 8,” I like to

choose my own Mii character, a medium-sized racer.

Side story: my brother, cousin and I were playing “Mario Kart 8” on the Switch one day when my cousin’s family was over. It was the Electrodome map, and the three of us were nearly to the finish line on our third and final lap. Everyone took the blue ramp (which deployed the kart’s gliders), and we went airborne. My brother and cousin touched ground first, and because of that, I crept by and passed the finish line in first place. My cousin trailed behind and my brother ended up in third. With his defeat, of course, he was furious. Ever since that day, we have always wondered how I got more airtime to even the odds of winning.

The Hadestown proshot is what the theatre community needed

ELIZABETH STRATTON
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As a theatre kid, I tackled the canon event of a boring post-freshman-year summer by indulging in as much theatre content as I had access to, so that meant listening to musicals all the time, every day, everywhere. Unfortunately, it really wasn't enough for me. Towards the end of my summer, though, the most glorious, spectacular, amazing thing graced my local movie theater. It brought my bored, dying soul back to life and filled

the gaping theatre-shaped hole in my heart. If you haven't seen the "Hadestown" proshot yet, OH BOY are you in for a treat. I loved it so much that I saw it in theaters twice and even dragged my mom to see it so I had someone to talk to about it at home. This godsend of a proshot included the Original Broadway Cast for all of the principal roles and brought in West End performers for the Fates and the Workers. Hands down, the best part of the performance for me was Amber Gray (Persephone) and Allie Daniels (Fate Three).

Amber Gray was incredibly well recorded, and as I watched, I had a similar feeling to when I watched the "Hamilton" proshot for the first time. It was then when I realized why these two musicals worked so well on their release in comparison to other "movie musicals". Theatre lovers want well-recorded proshots over any slopped-together movie musical. By this I mean, nobody wants to watch Ben Platt in "Dear Evan Hansen." Especially me. I don't wanna watch a Cady Heron who can't sing in a poorly designed "Mean Girls" mu-

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sical movie (and I think everyone who saw that movie can agree). These movies take the beauty out of theatre and its live performance aspect. We want to see stuff on a stage with the dedication and humanization of a live performance. "Hamilton" and "Hadestown" were infinitely better received than "Dear Evan Hansen" and "Mean Girls" combined. I think if the "Big Guys in Charge" can internalize the success of the "Hadestown" proshot (which got its original five-day run extended due to high box office

sales), they'll continue releasing really well-recorded proshots and us theatre lovers will never have to watch a bad movie musical ever again. I hope and pray for the moment to come. And if the "Big Guys in Charge" are somehow reading this...please drop a "Little Shop of Horrors" proshot with Milo Manheim and Liz Gillies, and my life is yours.

- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Over the course of time, we as human beings tend to just keep going in life no matter the circumstances. We become so busy with school, work, relationships, friends and a variety of other things, but the one thing that isn't celebrated enough are the small wins in life. You just got a promotion? Celebrate it. You got a good grade on an exam you thought you were going to fail? Celebrate it. You got out all of your house work done, kitchen clean, bedroom clean, bathroom clean, etc? Celebrate it. Even if you gathered up the energy to get out of bed. Celebrate it. And if you are celebrating your small wins, do not let anyone ruin it for you regardless if it's your family, friends, roommates, co-workers, no one. Because there is a reason to celebrate them. With that being said, if you are someone who either criticizes someone for celebrating the small wins or says that they don't matter, well that's the problem. Just because something is not important to you does not make it important to someone else, so don't ruin their fun (saying this in the nicest way possible by the way). All in all, life is too short to not cherish the little things in life, especially when it comes to those little wins. But remember for all things you're celebrating, please do it responsibly. As always, be safe, don't get sick, and remember to celebrate those little things and don't be a debby downer. Have a great rest of your week!

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Men’s Golf host Blue River Classic tournament in Lincoln

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Men’s golf hosted the Blue River Classic on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 in Lincoln, NE. The Tigers brought three teams to this tournament.

Doane’s Team “A” placed 4th and broke the 54-hole school record with an 853. The leader of Team “A” is sophomore Carson Kildow placing 8th with a 210 (71,69,70), junior Jamie Pala placed 13th with a 213 (71,67,75) senior

Josh Wassmer tied for 19th shooting a 216 (75,71,70) sophomore Jax Loh tied with Wassmer for 19th shooting a 216 (72,72,72) and freshman Torm Helde placed 45th ending with a 227 (80,74,73).

Right behind, Team “B” placed 6th with a total score of 868. Freshman Casey Sliva shot on top for Team B placing 16 with a 214 (69,73,72), junior Matt McConkey shooting 217 (73,75,69) placing 25th, sophomore Embree Stutsman shot a 218 (71,75,72) placing

27th, sophomore Ry-lan Patterson placed 34th with hitting a 221 (77, 72,72) and sophomore Ben Kottmeyer placed 45th shooting a 227.

Team “C” placed 8th with a collective score of 900. Sophomore Josh Reeves leading Tigers Team “C” with placing 32 with a score 220 (75,76,69), sophomore Eli Miller scores 225 (75,77,73) placing 40th, senior Brock He-usinkvelt placing on 45th with scoring 227 (73,72,82), freshman Calvin Wilmes placing 59th with hitting

235 (79,76,80) and sophomore Tyson Essex placed a 50th and scoring 238 (81,82,75).

Lastly, Team “D” placed 14th, scoring 948. Brock Olivo led Team “D”, placing 56th and scoring 234 (80,74,80). Alex Morrall scored 238 (78, 87, 75) and placed 73rd; Oliver DeMars placed 73rd and scored 240; junior Trey Pulte placed 79th and scored 246 (81, 81, 84); and sophomore Brady Haake placed 80th and scored 247.

On Sept. 14 and Sept. 15, the Tigers

traveled to Iowa for the Siouxland tournament.

The Tigers brought two teams to this tournament. The Tigers placed 5th with a score of 876.

Kildow led with a 20th-place finish and a score of 219 (73,74,72). Wassmer placed 27th with a score of 221 (75, 71, 75), Loh placed 29th with a score of 222 (72, 77, 73), Pala placed 32nd with a score of 223 (83, 71, 69), and Silva placed 48th with a score of 228 (77, 74, 77).

Doane Team “B” scored 883 and placed 7th.

Team “B”’s leader was McConkey, who placed 7th with a score of 214 (71, 69, 74); Helde placed 20th with 219 (77, 73, 69); Patterson placed 37th with 224 (78, 74, 72); Reeves placed 44th with 224 (79, 74, 75); and Stutsman placed 63rd with 236 (86, 73, 75).

Men’s golf will play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Midwest Regionals on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29

Men’s Soccer gets a win against York

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

This week, the Tigers played at home against Kansas Christian College on Sept. 10.

The Tigers ended up winning against Kansas Christian

4-1.

In the first 13 minutes, sophomore Mateo Jellicich scored the first goal for the Tigers.

In the first half, Jellicich scored the second goal for the Tigers, leading Kansas Christian 2-0.

Starting the second half, Jellicich scored the third goal for the Tigers.

Around the 70-minute mark, Kansas Christian came back with one goal.

Junior Jerson Calderon was able to score the last

goal of the game, making the score 4-1.

Soccer’s next game is against Morningside University on Sept. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in Sioux City, IA.



Women’s Golf places high in recent tournaments

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Editor-In-Chief

At the two-day Siouxland Invite on Tuesday, Sep. 8 and Wednesday, Sep. 9 in Sioux City, IA, women’s golf brought two teams, with Team “A” finishing in a tie for third place.

Tigers Team “A” scored 318 at Landsmeer Golf Course. Juniors Connie Jarm and

Laila Saunders led Team “A” at Landsmeer Golf Course, both finishing with a 78. On hole eight, Jarm scored the tournament’s only eagle. Senior Payton Morgan led Team “B” in the first round with an 80.

The next day, Team “A” shot a 321 at The Ridge Golf Course. Jarm and senior Avery Van Horn led the team with a 77 and 80, respectively.

Morgan finished with another 80, once again leading Team “B”. Jarm tied for sixth place with Van Horn and Saunders finishing in the top twenty.

On Monday, Sep. 14, and Tuesday, Sep. 15, Doane participated in the two-day Cottley Fall Kickoff Invitational in Nevada, MO, bringing one team of seven girls.

Junior Jamisyn Kirkpatrick scored

a 75 the first day at Frank E. Peter Municipal Golf Course. Van Horn and Saunders finished only a few strokes behind, both scoring an 81.

On the second day, freshman Sophia Espeuda shot a 79, improving by nine strokes from the first round.

Saunders followed with an 80, and freshman Dayna Keeling finished close behind with an 83.

Kirkpatrick and Saunders tied for first place, followed by Van Horn in third and Espeuda and Morgan tied for fourth. In total, seven Doane

players finished in the top ten. Doane came in first place with a total of 829 (408-421).

Women’s golf next plays in Niobrara, NE, at the Mount Marty Fall Invite on Monday, Sept. 21, and Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Football falls against No.7 Morningside

ELIYAH LARA
Editor-In-Chief

On Sept. 12, the Tigers traveled to Sioux City, IA, to take on No. 7 Morningside University, where they walked away defeated 10-70.

Starting in the first quarter, freshman Alcarrio

Holmes scored the first touchdown for the game, with freshman Brody Carroll’s kick being good, which brought the Tigers to 7-0. The Tigers ended the first half with Carroll kicking a field goal, which brought the score to 10-35.

In the second half of the game, the Mus-

tangs added five more touchdowns, which brought the final score to 10-70.

Next up, the Tigers will be having their first home game of the season against Waldorf University on Sept. 26, with the kickoff set to start at 1 p.m.

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Both Tennis teams compete in GPAC Fall Championships

ELIYAH LARA
Editor-In-Chief

Over the weekend, the Men's and Women's Tennis teams traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Fall Championships. Starting in the Men's singles was freshman Rodrigo Margañon Abad, where he won his first match 6-6, however fell back in the quarterfinals where he went 4-3. In the same flight were sophomores Jaime Asiain Banzo and Mats Vervloet. Asian Banzo won his match 3-6 along with Vervloet win-

ning his as well 7-6. In the quarterfinals, Asian Banzo lost 1-3, with Vervloet losing 2-3 as well. In flight three of the Men's singles was junior Tanner Adams, where he won his first round by a forfeit, but lost in the quarterfinals 0-0. Finishing in flight five of the men's singles was senior Julio Avila, where he won his first round 6-6, but unfortunately lost in the second round 3-6. Transitioning into the Women's singles in flight one was junior Liz Calderon, who won her first round by a forfeit, but lost 2-1 in her

second round. In the same flight was senior Maria Purizaca where she won her first three rounds but came up short in the final round 3-2, which brought her second overall in the Women's singles. "During the match I was totally focused," Purizaca said. "If the match is easy or medium then I'm just chilling not thinking about my match, but if it's hard then I'm boosted with adrenaline and my body shakes because I am too focused." In the second flight, freshman Ana Paramas Sanchez won her first

round 6-6, but fell short in her second round 3-2. In flight three was sophomore Elizabeth Roth, where she won her first round by a forfeit, but lost her second round 2-3. In the same flight was senior Isabella Castillero where she won her first and second round but lost her third round 2-2. In flight four was freshman Jorja Boller, who won her first two matches but lost her third 2-0. Finishing up the women's single rounds was freshman Hailey Hopkinson, who won her first round but lost 3-3 in her second round.

Going into the Men's doubles round flight one was freshmen Pablo Prieto Pelaez and Vervloet won their first round 6-1, but fell short 0-6 in their second round. In flight two were freshmen Ridge Stagner and Lancelot de Pierpont also won their first round 3-6, but lost 2-6 in their second round. Transitioning into the Women's doubles round flight one was Purizaca and senior Josline Carter who won their first round by a forfeit and lost 5-7 in the second round. In the same flight were Calderon and Paramas Sanchez,

who also won their first round by a forfeit, but lost their second round 0-6. In flight two, in the same bracket was sophomore Evelyn Kusek, Boller, freshman Nevaeh Guerin and Hopkinson. Kusek and Boller won their first round 6-1, but lost their second match 0-6, where Guerin and Hopkinson won their first match 6-2, but also lost 0-6 in their second round. Next up, the Men's and Women's teams will be competing in the Doane Reserves Invite on Sept. 22 at home starting at 11:00 a.m.

Tigers scorched by Flames

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Volleyball had only one game this week. On Sept. 9, the Tigers played Saint Mary College. The Tigers got swept 0 to 3 (12-25, 23-25, 15-25) against the Flames. The players who made the most impact on the attack-

ing side were junior Natalie Wood with 10 kills, junior Kate Roseland with six kills and junior Brooke Larsen with six kills. Tigers' leaders in assists were sophomore Gentry Jensen with two assists, Roseland with two assists, junior Ashley Wright with one assist and junior Dakota Martinez

with one assist. On the defensive side, Larsen led with 16 digs, followed by Jensen with 11 and Martinez with six. The Tigers' next game is on Sept. 19 against Midland University at 3:00 p.m. in Fremont, NE.



Men's Soccer takes on Kansas Christian College at home and adds a win to their record on Sept. 10

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