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Junior Gabe Selby dribbles down the court in a game against Peru State at home on Nov. 4. Read more on pg. 8

Community Advisor applications open for 27-28 academic year

AMANI MUISYO
Life & Culture Editor

Community Advisors (CAs) are one of the first people incoming freshmen meet as they come to Doane. They are often seen in residence halls late at night, responding to calls, keeping students safe, and creating a positive environment while students are away from home. Applications for the position are now open for the 27-28 school year

Both introverted and extroverted students are encouraged to apply since CAs require various skills.

"I believe that [CAs] are all strong leaders, with different qualities," Community Director Alyssa Plock said. "In and outside of their ResLife duties, some of them lead more by example in a quieter tone by always being on top of both the student and housing handbooks, as well as academically in the classroom. On the other hand, I have some CAs who may also lead by example, but also like to put themselves in leadership opportunities in multiple activities."

One priority that CAs have is tap-ins, activities created by CAs to engage with their residents.

"They have to come up with an activity and ensure it is not only educational, but also reflects one of the ResLife values: community, empowerment, and inclusion," Plock said.

Being a CA can be mentally and physically exhausting; however, CAs have support from their CDs.

"Relationships [with CDs and CAs] can be more mentorship-based, while others are more strictly focused on the position duties," Plock said.

This support is founded on regular meetings between CAs and their respective CDs.

"It's a department standard that the community directors meet with their CAs either weekly or biweekly, whichever works best for the staff, as well as weekly hall staff meetings and monthly all-staff meetings. In these one-on-ones, we discuss how the CAs are doing personally, academically and professionally. I also have CAs that just like to stop by my office or message me to discuss whatever their heart desires. Ultimately, CDs are a resource for the CAs," Plock said.

"It's a massive financial relief, so if that's something you're struggling with and you are also someone who wants to help their community and make a difference, then you should apply."

-Evelyn Vanek

Depending on the advisor's needs, meetings can serve different purposes for different people

"During our first one-on-one meetings of the year, we let the CAs take charge and discuss boundaries as well as the type of relationship that they want with their CD. This really sets the tone and helps guide the relationship we have with them," Plock said.

Sophomore Evelyn Vanek, a first-time CA in Smith Hall, was worried about nights on duty being stressful.

"I thought that duty was more demanding than it is; I thought it was super active… You do a couple walks, and then you go to bed," Vanek said.

While you apply and get interviewed like many other on-campus jobs, the CA job comes with a multitude of additional benefits.

"It's a service opportunity… It's a massive financial relief, so if that's something you're struggling with and you are also someone who wants to help their community and make a difference, then you should apply," Vanek said

ResLife is looking for applications that are thoughtful and professional. The whole selection process is multifaceted. They also look at "how robust answers are during the in-person interview, the thought process during the group interview, how the applicants reflect the ResLife values, and how the applicants engage and interact with and in the Doane Community," Plock said.

"At the end of the day, we don't expect people to be perfect, have the perfect answers, or know everything; we want to see effort and care," Plock said.

If students would like more information, they can go to CA Info sessions Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Hansen classroom and Jan. 13.

"In general, it never hurts to apply," Plock said. "This is good interview experience, and you can always decline the position."

CA applications close on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2027. Students can email doanehousing@doane.edu or the co-chairs of the selection committee, alys-



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Political Corner: Mixed midterm election results bring historic firsts

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On the night of Nov. 3, the results of the 2026 Midterm Elections began rolling in, bringing with it a wave of historic firsts.

In January, Democrats will control the House and Senate. Democrats hold 255 seats as of Nov. 11, having flipped 43 seats. Republicans hold 166 seats, having flipped two seats. With 35 seats up for election, Democrats have 54 seats in the Senate, flipping seven. Republicans have 44.

The Democratic majority will still have to contend with President Donald Trump, who has the power to reject legislation. However, there are committees in both the Senate and House with investigative powers. Congressman Robert Garcia of California is the top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee and gave a speech on Nov. 3, where he stated he intended to investigate Trump's family, "corporate corruption," alleged abuses by the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the handling of the Epstein files. The House also has the power to impeach a president.

The current House and Senate made a motion, led by Republican Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky, to force a vote on eight articles of impeachment against Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth. Massie is accusing Hegseth of violating federal law and the Constitution. Three of the eight articles focus on Hegseth's conduct of the war with Iran. The current House blocked the bid; however, impeachment resolutions do not die at the end of a Congress, so the Democratic majority moving in on Jan. 3 could continue the matter.

In Nebraska, incumbents Pete Ricketts and Jim Pillen won reelection to the Senate and governorship, respectively. Districts 1 and 3 reelected incumbents Mike Flood and Adrian Smith. District 2 flipped, electing Democrat Denise Powell, s the first Latina elected to Congress from Nebraska and the first Democratic woman elected to the House from Nebraska.

Scott Peterson won Secretary of State, and incumbent Mike Hilgers won Attorney General.

On the ballot, Nebraska also voted in strong opposition to Amendment 1, which would have increased the limit for Nebraska state senators from two consecutive four-year terms (8 years) to three (12 years).

By a slim margin, Initiative 440 and 441, which would have legalized and taxed online sports betting, were voted against. A 67.8% majority voted for Initiative 442, which opposes transgender youths participating in sports and requires K-12 schools and colleges to establish athletic teams and sports as one of the following based on biological sex: males, females, or coed. The initiative will apply to all school-sponsored teams, including intramural and club teams.

Campus prepares as cold and flu season approaches

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As the year shifts into the coldest season, students on campus are more susceptible to catching the flu, or some kind of sickness. Many students are already experiencing various types of sinus infections and stomach bugs. Nurse Jody Yank, along with the rest of the Tiger Wellness team are taking steps to make sure these sicknesses don't spread to more people. Especially as it creeps into preparations for finals, it's important that students maintain good health so they can succeed.

This past Tuesday, Nov. 10 , they offered a flu shot clinic open to members of the university. A sign-up was sent to all students through an email where they could take advantage of the opportunity. For the clinic itself, students had to bring their insurance card and a completed consent form before receiving the vaccine. A vast majority of students got a flu shot from the clinic. By doing this, students can protect themselves from a sickness that will make its way around campus during the upcoming winter.

For students who didn't want to participate in the clinic, there are still many ways to prevent or treat a possible illness. Yank recommends that students should practice regularly washing their hands, especially after they or another individual coughs or sneezes. She also shared that staying hydrated and maintaining a good sleep schedule can not only prevent catching a sickness, but can help those who are already ill recover quicker. Yank also shared that she's been handing out a pamphlet with different medications students can take to treat various symptoms.

On Monday, Nov 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Health & Medical Occupations Club (HMOC) is hosting a blood drive. Students who are able to donate are encouraged to sign up through an email sent out. The blood drive will be in Nyrop in the Perry Campus Center.



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Students present sociological research at 59th annual NUSS

BRIANNA WRIGHT
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On Friday, Nov. 6, several Doane students traveled to Kearney, Nebraska, to present at the 59th annual Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium (NUSS).

Associate Professor of Sociology, Dr. Kari Gentzler, explains the event is special as "to our understanding, Nebraska is the only state that hosts a sociology conference geared at undergraduate students' work." Doane has been participating in NUSS for at least 25 years and last hosted the symposium in November of 2024.

"Whether they are participating in a poster session, a roundtable discussion, or an oral presentation, they have an opportunity to share their work, receive feedback and build confidence in presenting their ideas to an audience beyond the classroom," said Gentzler. Dr. Andrea Johnson Wysocki likened NUSS to Mind Expo, explaining the difference is that "the audience is sociology students across Nebraska."

Seven Doane students participated in NUSS this year, senior Olivia Jones, juniors Amani Muisyo and Kayla Meyer, Sophomores Evelyn Baker, Soiyer Pfeiffer, Laney Denniston and Grace Jacobson. Their topics spanned from alternative medical treatments, trust in the legal system and the influence of sexual orientation on happiness.

Meyer won second place in the student paper competition for her work, "Inequalities from the Womb: Maternal Mortality among Black Women."

Sophomore Soiyer Pfeiffer presented on said "expanding mental health services in rural areas." She explained she enjoyed "listening to the keynote speaker during the conference" and was grateful to have attended.

Dr. Gentzler explained that her favorite part of the day is seeing the students share their work. "It's especially rewarding to see them gain confidence in themselves and their work, engage with others and recognize that they have something valuable to contribute to the broader sociological community," said Gentzler. As for favorite presentations, Dr. Johnson Wysocki admitted to being partial to the work of Doane students, however, she did mention enjoying presentations from Midland University and the University of Nebraska- Lincoln (UNL). Dr. Gentzler said a presentation involving statistics gave her ideas for her future courses.

With NUSS being held at UNL next year, Dr. Gentzler hopes more students will be able to participate, including students who want to observe and experience the conference without presenting. The symposium has no requirement on students' majors. "The only requirement for presenting is that students want to!" said Johnson Wysocki.

Those interested in attending NUSS next year should reach out to the sociology faculty members, Dr. Gentzler, Dr. Johnson Wysocki and Dr. Danelle DeBoer. However, Dr. Gentzler also advises students to "start with the basics: go to class, complete your assignments with integrity and take pride in producing high-quality work."



From left to right, Dr. Kari Gentzler, sophomore Evelyn Baker, junior Kayla Meyer, senior Olivia Jones, junior Amani Muisyo and senior Soiyer Pfeiffer in the back row. Sophomores Laney Denniston and Grace Jacobsen and Dr. Andrea Johnson Wysocki (Left), Junior Kayla Meyer stands with certificate for winning second place in the undergraduate student paper competition (Right).

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Chi Delta supports survivors

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Every November, Chi Delta sorority puts on "No Means November," with events spanning the whole month around campus. This is put on to help support sexual assault survivors and to spread awareness about it. It is also there to draw attention to the fact that consent exists outside of just this month.

Some of the events that are a part of this include selling consent cookies and buttons, the Consent Is Kind Carnival, Support the Silenced, Open Mic Night and selling consent shirts. The consent cookies and buttons sale took place on Nov. 2, 4 and 6. Chi Delta sells cookies that have frosting on them with phrases such as "No means No" or "Consent," as well as buttons with phrases such as "Cats against Catcalls" or "Can't take no? Get ready for a KO!" All of the proceeds went to the Hope Crisis Center in Crete.

The next event, on Nov. 11, was the Consent is Kind Carnival. They partnered with the Kindness Project as well as CAPE for this event, where they all set up carnival games around Lakeside. Every game involves consent in some way or form. This event helps keep people more informed about the true definition of consent and what that may look like in everyday relationships, while still keeping it fun!

Support the Silenced takes place Nov. 13-14 during a 24-hour time slot from 9 a.m. to 9 a.m. the next day; the stage of Lakeside is completely silent to support the people who are not able to share their story on sexual assault/harrassment. People do not have to be there for the whole 24 hours, and are instead able to do it in hour shifts at a time.

"This is by far my favorite event we do for No Means November," said Catron. "It really puts a spotlight on victims who are unable to come forward."

People who participate in this event may choose what they'd like to do while on the stage.

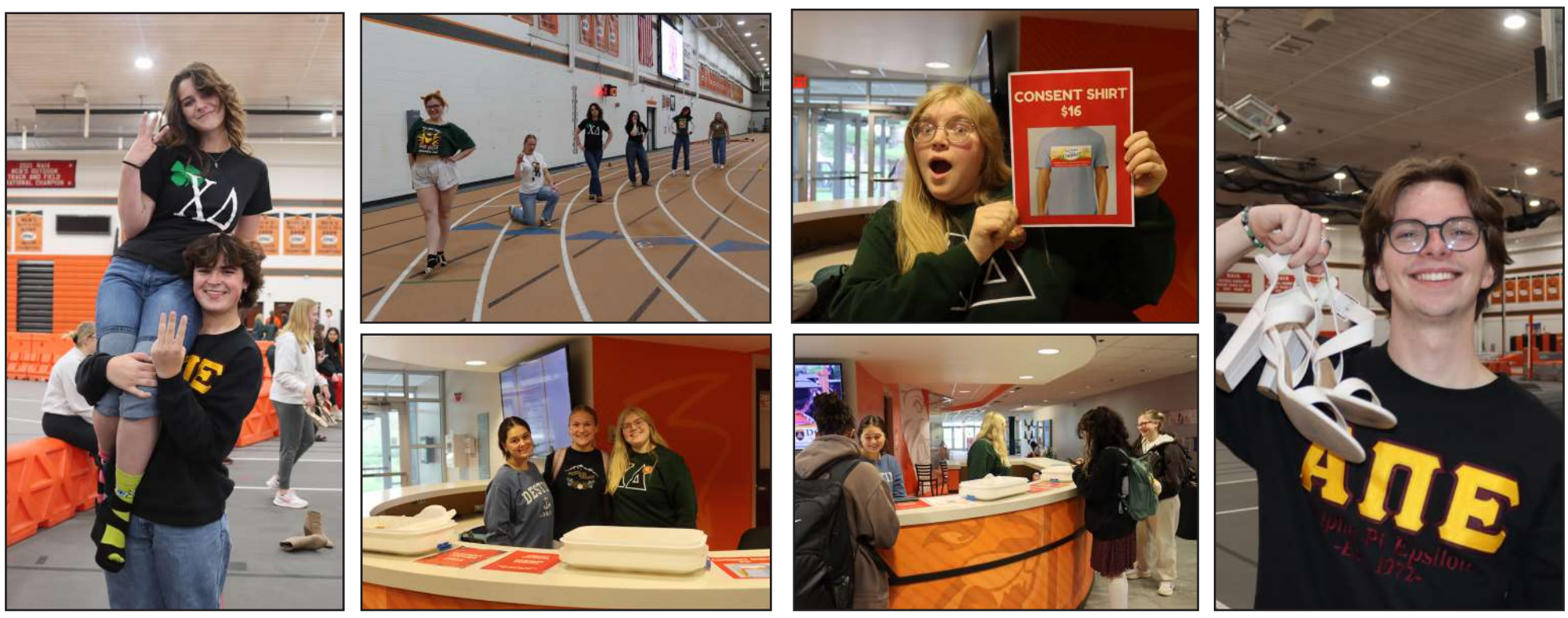
"While you are on the stage, you can do quite literally anything as long as you are completely silent. It is actually quite interesting trying to play Cards Against Humanity or UNO while being completely silent," said Catron. "I love how much this event brings together the Greek Community at Doane, as well as including people who aren't in Greek Life. Anyone can participate in this event, and it gives the opportunity to show support even if you are not financially able to buy the items we are selling throughout the month.

The final event of the month will be Open Mic Night on Nov. 16. Here, people are able to share their story with the Doane community if they feel comfortable enough to do so. People are able to submit their story anonymously or read a poem or story online. This event puts the power in the survivor's hands instead of the perpetrator's, which is empowering in so many ways and allows Chi Delta and Doane as a whole to support survivors in the way that is best for them.

Throughout the month, Chi Delta also sells consent shirts that read, "Can't believe it's not consent!" made by the Merchandise Chair, sophomore Adeline Woods. Half of these proceeds go to Voices of Hope in Lincoln.

This month emphasizes the resources we have on Doane's campus for survivors, whether you want to report or just need someone to talk to. Chi Delta is advocating for sexual assault victims and letting students know that there are people who have their back.

"There is this stigma around survivors sharing their story, often not being believed or not being defended due to people being friends with the perpetrator, things the community sees on social media, the survivor being in a relationship with the perpetrator, etc," Catron said. "It is completely unacceptable, and if doing these events raises any sort of awareness or helps people snap out of this mindset that they sometimes have, I will have felt like I've made an impact during my time at Doane," Catron said.



(Left) Sophomores Mikalynn Wylie and Gunner Lippold, (Top Middle) Students in line for Walk in Her Shoes race, (Top Middle) Sophomore Emma Schuele with Chi Delt shirt design, (Bottom Middle) Chi Delts junior Laila Saunders, senior Laura Hasemen and Schuele selling buttons and cookies, (Bottom Middle) Chi Delts working the bake sale, (Right) Junior Joe Reimer holding the heels he wore at Walk in Her Shoes.

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Spooky night out for students

ELIZABETH WEMHOFF
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This year, Halloween just happened to fall on a Saturday, and on a beautiful day. Doane students were able to enjoy the full day with friends and family and partake in many Halloween festivities.

Sophomore Kaelin Martellaro traveled around the dorms and went trick-or-treating with her friends. Martellaro and her friends were trying to see how much candy they could get from the Doane community, they met some friends along the way, and had some unforgettable memories.

Sophomore Novy Clutter was able to take her niece, who dressed up as Bluey, trick-or-treating around some neighborhoods.

Junior Kayla Meyers watched some festive movies with her friends. During the movie, they ate candy and other festive foods.

Sophomore Adi Fahrnbruch stayed at her boyfriend's house and handed out candy to trick-or-treaters. Which Fahrnbruch described as "cute and wholesome".

The Doane Owl, when not reporting and writing, spent their Halloween in a variety of ways. Junior Amani Muisyo had a quiet Halloween: "I was feeling rather introverted," Muisyo said. " I dressed up as Orange Blossom from "Strawberry Shortcake" and took some photos to post, then I got some hot wings, put on my pajamas and spent the rest of the evening watching movies."

Junior Brianna Wright spent her Halloween in Omaha, Nebraska, with her Forensics teammates. "It was our last time hosting the Halloween swing with the University of Nebraska - Omaha (UNO). Even though I didn't get to go out, I still got to dress up and make a lot of memories with my teammates. I had a lot of fun, and I would definitely do it again," Wright said.

Junior Mackenzi Pike did not get to dress up this Halloween. "I sat on the floor with my boyfriend watching Nebraska football lose in the fourth quarter after leading the whole entire game," Pike said.



(Left) Freshmen Jonah Herd and Nevaeh Guerin as Beast Boy and the Joker from DC Comics, (Middle) Sophomore Elizabeth Stratton as Audrey II from "Little Shop of Horrors," (Top Right) Sophomore Cole Coppersmith as Hello Kitty, (Bottom Right) Sophomore Avery Scott and senior Jaden Vollenweider as vampires.

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(Right) Doane and UNO forensic teams at annnual Halloween Swing tournament, (Left) Juniors Brianna Wright, Lillian Korbel and freshman Ava Martinez show trophies.

Forensics Enjoys Halloween Swing

AMANI MUISYO
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On Oct. 30, the Doane Forensics team traveled to the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) for their annual Halloween Swing. For 15 years, Doane and UNO have co-hosted this tournament on the last weekend of October.

This year, the tournament fell on Halloween weekend, and the theme was dynamic duos. Students partnered up and dressed up as their favorite and most iconic duos.

Senior Jordynn Jerby and sophomore Channer Koeppe paired up as the Queen of Hearts and Mad Hatter from "Alice in Wonderland".

Though Koeppe didn't compete during this tournament, she hosted activities and did various activities like "decorating the entire hallway, and hosting games like musical chairs" and "Put the Rat on the Hat," Koeppe said.

They also decorated the halls with labels like "Best Best Friend Duo," "Best Romantic Duo," "Best Food Duo," etc., where people could write their own answers.

"I believe someone put "UNO + Doane" under "Best Best Friend Duo," Koeppe said.

Freshmen Lillian Blank and Noah Baeder dressed up as Rapunzel and Flynn.

"I really enjoyed dressing up on the second day with my partner; I was Rapunzel, and he was Flynn. We had to do a decent amount of work, but we still found a way to have fun with it," Blank said.

Blank competed in the Program of Oral Interpretation.

"The speech was about how we need to stop shaming women's interests, no matter what they are, and I did this from the lens of romance books and labeling all of them as smut," Blank said.

Though she didn't place, she shared that she still enjoyed the event.

"I still feel like I did well with it and I had fun. It was tough competition, so I'm honestly okay with not medaling," Blank said.

Juniors Lillian Korbel and Brianna Wright dressed up as the duo, Mordecai and Twilight Sparkle. Korbel shared that her piece was about OCD.

"The portrayal of OCD in media is very wrong, so I took a piece from a documentary from a man with OCD, and I performed it like that."

"I felt more encouraged and inspired… my personal motto is be better than you were yesterday, especially for speech," Korbel said.

Given that this will be their last tournament together, as the Doane forensics team will be cut due to the Doane Forward initiative, this inspired students to work especially hard.

"Sometimes people hold back in order to save it for later, but if this is your last year you gotta give it your all. I felt that from a lot of our teammates, and I definitely saw that for myself," Korbel said.

Korbel placed third in Dramatic Interpretation during Halloween Swing and earlier got second at a tournament at Concordia University, which qualified her for nationals this April.

Blank also said that forensics has felt like a support system.

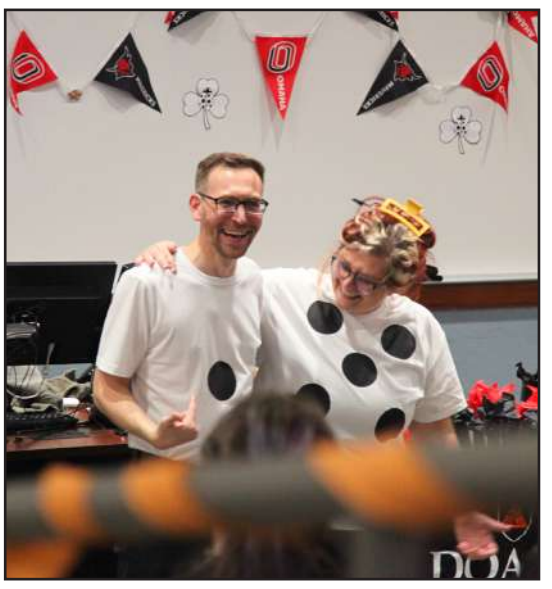
"Probably my favorite thing about being in Forensics is my teammates and coaches. We always have a fun time but still get things done, and they are like my best friends and sometimes even a second family," Blank said.

Koeppe shared that at the end of the tournament she handed out beaded ladybugs as a thank you.

"I really enjoyed Halloween Swing both years I attended, and I am very upset at having to leave it behind due to Doane Forward," Koeppe said. "I don't think I would be as confident or collected as I am now without my friends on the Forensics team or my coaches, Nathaniel Wilson and Jennifer Torres."











(Top Left) Senior Jordynn Jerby and freshmen Lillian Blank and Ava Martinez pose, (Bottom Left) Jerby, Blank and Martinez with their trophies, (Top Middle) UNO Graduate Assistant Emma Arneson as Remy the Rat from "Rataouille," (Top Right) Doane Director of Forensics Nathaniel Wilson and UNO Director of Forensics Amanda VonGoodrich As a pair of dice, (Bottom Middle) Freshmen Noah Baeder and Lillian Blank as Flynn Rider and Rapunzel, (Bottom Right) Sophomore Channer Koeppe as the Mad Hatter and junior Lillian Korbel.

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Weekly Horoscope

Aquarius (January 20 - February 19): That memory keeps coming back for a reason. Reach out to them.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Find a new song every morning. Sometimes life feels dull, but you get to make your own fun.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): It's okay if different parts of your life blend. Lessons from different parts of your week coexist, and you can't learn them until you blend them.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): You've worked hard this year. Splurge a little. Celebrate your wins and don't tear yourself apart.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): The reason you don't trust them is that you don't trust yourself. Are your thoughts in harmony with your actions?

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Continue to show kindness to others. Good energy will come your way.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You are noticed; many people appreciate who you are and who you are becoming.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Put some sage and lavender under your pillow to protect your dreams from interdimensional beings.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Make a wish on the first snowfall of the year. If you see your breath in the cold, your wish will come true.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Looking inward requires great courage; facing your pain is the only way to let go.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You don't have to hold the weight of the world on your shoulders. The only expectations are internal...

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): You are one with the world around you. Spend time outside for ideas.

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Letter to the Editor

Dr. Tim Hill reflects on the Doane Forward process

TIM HILL
Guest Writer

After more than 23 years at Doane, I am leaving at the end of the semester to pursue an opportunity out of state. As one might imagine, leaving after so long brings with it some powerfully mixed emotions. Next week, I would like to spend a few column-inches reflecting on what I will miss. Before I can do that, however, I need to comment on the failures of administrative decision-making that are pushing me out the door. My hope is that this sparks more conversation, such that faculty and staff do not simply accept successive rounds of budget prioritization as the new normal. I fear that if they do, Doane will, in the name of balancing spreadsheets, slowly give up everything that has made its academic life expansive and liberating for students and faculty alike.

I am one of the Doane employees whose positions were eliminated in the budget prioritization last spring. I have until now remained publicly silent about the process and its outcomes. That silence is largely due to President Roger Hughes' insistence of including a non-disparagement clause in our severance package and threatening us with legal action if we said anything negative about the university. However, since my departure at the academic year's midpoint renders me ineligible for the severance anyway, I am free to hold those in power accountable for all the ways this process was unfaithful to the ideals Doane claims to stand for, and will lead to outcomes that will make Doane a less vibrant, less academic institution.

Any set of major decisions like these may be judged on two basic criteria: the decision-making process itself and its consequences. Our recent prioritization failed on both counts.

First, the process itself was a black box. Vice President of Academic Affairs Sue Larkin will deny this, and it is true that she solicited input from across the institution, though it is not clear how much attention she paid it. But it is also true that when the time came to make decisions, those decisions were made without any public accounting of how positions were chosen for elimination. Nor was the community ever even provided with a set of criteria. (The closest we came, as far as I know, was President Hughes' comment to local media that the affected programs were "obsolete." This may be a good time to remind readers that the affected programs included students' only professional instruction in politics, religion and rhetoric. How these disciplines could ever be obsolete he did not explain.)

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The upshot of this lack of transparency is that affected faculty are left to draw their own conclusions about why it was us who got the boot instead of someone else — or no one at all. I have sometimes gotten the impression that my perspective — and my willingness to voice it — annoys certain members of the leadership team; is that why my program was singled out for elimination? In the absence of another explanation, it feels as plausible as anything else.

The consequences of those decisions is another source of failure. The most apparent of these is that students will no longer have professionally trained faculty to teach them about government, religion, or communication. Additionally, the award-winning forensics team will be shut down, and the oldest student-run newspaper in the state no longer has an advisor with a background in journalism.

But the consequences go well beyond those tangible concerns. Indeed, the very character of Doane as a liberal arts institution is threatened by these mindless cuts. Having lost programs in philosophy and physics in the first round of prioritization in 2020, we have now cut much of the rest of the heart out of the broad base of our liberal arts training. One wonders how we expect to prepare students for their lifetime of being engaged and curious citizens if they have no training in elements of society as fundamental as politics, religion, and communication.

Moreover, the faculty I am leaving behind are now going to be asked to do even more (teaching an additional class every year) with even less (school budgets are thinner than ever). Meanwhile, the one thing that survived these budget cuts intact are the six-figure salaries of the people making the decisions. Somehow, those who declared the emergency did not feel it urgent enough to include themselves in the sacrifice.

All of this would be bad enough if there had been a solid plan going in regarding how to use this moment to strengthen the institution. But faculty were told straight out that no such plan existed. At a meeting in May, President Hughes even said he could not promise that Doane wouldn't be right back here going through the same exercise two years from now. It is hard not to draw the conclusion, then, that the pain and damage this process has caused is for exactly nothing.

I have spent the majority of my adult life dedicated to Doane and its students, and to trying to make this community better in any way I can. I am greatly hurt to watch that work be undone in a moment by administrators who care more about claiming they have slain some financial dragon than they do about the collateral damage they cause in the battle. I hope my erstwhile colleagues take this moment seriously enough to stand up for the mission our leadership seems intent on undermining.

The world around you

CHRIS EGGERT
Staff Writer

Something I hadn't realized before in the concept of world-building was how diverse and sporadic it could be. Let me explain.

World-building is a piece of equipment that writers and artists use to detail the setting around the characters within it. It's often altered through life-changing scenarios, and it can even be described in the perspective of the characters. How they view the world, for example, versus what it is matter-of-factly to normal people. Usually, in fiction, the world only changes after a big battle against the central antagonist or an ultimatum made by the protagonist in said battle. It's often forgotten that little details hidden in the background could also be substantial enough to have a butterfly effect later on. In other words, a foreshadowing towards a major shift. Of what? That solely depends on who's telling the story.

I remember sitting there on the bean bag playing "Minecraft" on the Xbox. I followed a tutorial on how to build a tent–yes, a tent–because I needed a quick-and-easy structure to call home. Fortunately, not far from spawn, was a little valley between a cherry grove and a snowy mountain. This is where I built it, in addition to a couple of entrances to a man-made cavern system, in which I would mine for resources. The more I did, the more I shaped the world around me. I dug tunnels, constructed bridges, built pens for cows and sheep, and I even thought of creating a path leading towards a nearby village, even closer to the point of spawn than my large tent.

Whatever I decided to build, it would change the landscape forever.

Similarly, in "Elden Ring," progressing far enough and making a significant amount of choices will have an impact on the characters you meet and the locations you come across. Some changes can't be avoided while others have a non-zero chance of being ignored.

An event that is necessary to happen occurs after the player defeats Starscourge Radahn, one of the main antagonists. Upon defeating him, a meteor crashes down into Limgrave, opening up a massive hole in the ground leading to one of the Eternal Cities, Nokron.

A smaller example of permanently changing the world is if you choose to either kill Patches in the Murkwater Cave or show mercy when he begs for it. Killing Patches grants you a bell bearing to access his shop items further into the game. Letting him live (which you should do, you sinners) also allows the player to purchase from him, but it also comes with meeting Patches in other regions and continuing and completing his questline, which in turn offers more rewards. Good things happen to good people.

I'm shaping the world right now by putting this article out there for all of your eyes to read. Or, at the very least, beginning the butterfly effect that may or may not come back to me somewhere in the future.

We are all building the world around us every single day. Wherever we walk, whatever we do, how we react and respond. How will you shape your slice of life? What will you leave behind on our planet Earth, or somewhere beyond the stars?

had wasted trying to fool the seekers. I never told anyone about this and nobody knew I had broken the rules. Would anyone believe me if I had?

Hot Takes: You can't get jealous over a fictional character

ELIYAH LARA
Editor-in-Chief

As a person who is in a relationship, I have heard my partner ask for a good amount of things that they would like, especially because the holidays are coming up. But one specific gift that they are asking for is "Grand Theft Auto VI". Now I am not going to explain the game because many people have an idea of what it is.

But all over social media, along with conversations I have had with friends, there is one thing that many people don't like about the game. What is it? Well aside from completing all the missions, you also have to maintain a relationship with a person. This includes texting them back, going on dates with them, and so forth.

Now the reason people are saying that they don't like that is because "They're going to give them more attention then they do for me." Which respectfully shows me everything I basically need to know about your relationship, and here is why.

First of all, if you're jealous of a fictional character then I am not sure what to tell you. But it's kind of a double edged sword especially if you're a reader and you think a book character is attractive, but that's a conversation for a different day.

Second, if you're getting upset because your partner has to actually put in effort for this game like actively texting them back, going on dates with them, and whatever else then respectfully you should be getting upset with your partner that they don't put in the effort for their legit relationship.

At the end of the day, if you don't want your partner to play the game then that is your business. But I did say a couple of weeks ago that common sense does need to make a comeback.

A successful Fall Festival of Winds

EVELYN VANEK
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct.31, the Doane Concert Band hosted its 34th Fall Festival of Winds. This event is an honor band, auditioned for and attended by high school students from all across Nebraska. The day-long marathon of rehearsals culminates in an evening concert opened by the DCB but mainly featuring the high school musicians: the Festival Band and Honor Band. This year, the DCB played "El Camino Real"by Alfred Reed, and seeing the awed expressions of the nearly 200 high school students when we finished was an incredible feeling. It made our months of practice on that piece feel so much more special and important.

The Festival is special generally, though. While getting in is competitive, it's not as competitive as other honor bands, so for many high school students it is their very first honor band experience. We try to make it special and positive for them: Doane band students, including myself, volunteer throughout the run of the festival. We greet the high school students and walk them to the Communications building; we answer their questions about the Festival and Doane in general; we guide them to rehearsal and lunch spaces. We generally do all the work needed to make the day successful, led by the amazing DCB leadership team, who not only do all of the above items but also coordinate and lead the other volunteers. Our goal with the Fall Festival of Winds is to demonstrate to the high school students that music is something they can continue into college; it's something that builds confidence and connections, as well as a beautiful community of friends.

" It was an incredible feeling: knowing that by showing up and performing one piece of music we'd had such an impact on younger musicians. "

We certainly succeeded at that goal this year. At our first band rehearsal after the Festival, Director of Instrumental Music. Andrew Feyes spent nearly the entire rehearsal telling us about the extraordinarily complimentary response to the DCB's performance, and the kind words and emails he'd received from the high school band directors after said performance. Dr. Feyes told us of how moved high school students had been by our performance and how much they'd enjoyed being on campus. It was an incredible feeling: knowing that by showing up and performing one piece of music we'd had such an impact on younger musicians.

For me, this Fall Festival was particularly special because my younger sister attended. She was part of the Festival Band, and they played some spectacular pieces of music that were a joy to listen to. I loved getting to see her in her element, performing and making music not only with friends from our high school but with friends she was making through the Festival experience. We hadn't performed together in over a year, and I missed it. There is absolutely nothing like the feeling of performing – of making music and doing something you love – with your sister. Though, of course, our bands didn't play any music together, being part of the same concert is a very impactful experience. Watching my sister perform filled me with so much pride, and I hope she continues to pursue music – as I hope for all of the high school musicians who attended this honor band.

The annual Fall Festival of Winds is an all-around impactful experience, for both the high school students who attend and the college students that put on the event. We get to connect over our love of music, keeping it alive for years to come. It's one of my favorite traditions the Doane Concert Band has, and I'm already looking forward to next year's Festival.

- Editorial -

You look lonely, I can fix that

The sky is dark by 4 p.m., the weather will (hopefully) start getting colder and finals are around the corner. It's easy to feel stressed out and unmotivated this time of year. Sometimes we need to take a step away, but other times we need to grow closer.

So, solitude versus loneliness. What's the difference?

Solitude is when people are alone on purpose. It's often peaceful when people seek out quiet and alone time to recharge, recoup and destress. Too much solitude can dip into loneliness, but it's not bad to want to be alone.

Loneliness is the gap between one's desires and experiences of social connection. You can be surrounded by people and still be lonely. Likewise, you can be in a small crowd or have limited social interactions without feeling lonely. It's not pleasurable, and it can lead to a lot of negative effects.

How do we determine if someone is lonely or solitary? Quite simply: ask. See someone hanging out alone? Ask if they want company! Notice someone drawing back from social settings? Find out if it's on purpose or not.

There is no perfect solution to isolation, but you can make a conscious effort to not leave others out and keep a close eye on them during these cold and dark months.

I just want to cause Christmas chaos

AMANI MUISYO
Life & Culture Editor

Christmas hasn't been my favorite holiday in a long time. One thing people love about Christmas is its magical, nostalgic feeling. However, I think that Christmas needs an update. I have spent weeks thinking about what Christmas needs: more whimsy? More bright summer colors?

And then it hit me! What's the only thing that could make Christmas feel special again? Aliens. Only aliens can bring the change I'm yearning for. I'm ready for a Christmas apocalypse; we've grown far too comfortable with Christmas. Really, I just want chaos in the world, and if friendly aliens landed on Christmas, it would bring that chaos.

The following is a suggested scenario:

At 6:00 CTE, NASA finds an irregularity in our solar system; an object seems to be approaching Earth quickly. It wasn't picked up sooner due to its speed; even our modern technology couldn't detect it until it started to slow down.

It appears as one large ship; it's rectangular and made of an unknown metal. The news is only shared with a few people, and silent alarms go off; the rest of the world still hasn't noticed. However, there is panic in NASA and many other governments.

At 6:44 CTE, word spreads, and soon major news outlets are reporting on it. Something is coming to Earth; it's not an asteroid, it's aliens, it has to be, but people still speculate: is it AI? Is it a hoax? Governments around the world are collaborating, sharing what little information they have. Where did it come from? Why today? How can an object move so rapidly? Defense systems are created; nuclear weapons are one call away if they try anything, but we all know that if something wanted to hurt us from space, it would.

At 10:00 CTE, the alien ship would break apart into five ships before slowing down as it approaches Earth. Instead of going straight to land, they make a stop in the Pacific Ocean, far enough from any human civilization. All eyes are on it, live footage across all media platforms. It hasn't attacked any military jets; the ships aren't moving, but after an hour. Tall human-like figures in cloaks made of white, silk-like material come out of the openings of each ship. And what's this? They are decorating their ship with Christmas lights!

Of course, the world would be in a panic as they decorate. But after an hour or so they figures go back into their individual ships and they start approaching land. Defenses are high, but everyone agrees to hold fire. In fact, it's shocking that no country has dropped any nukes. Oregon, Moscow, Russia; Sydney, Australia; Hangzhou, China; and Varanasi, India.

Why these locations? They sound the most alien-friendly.

The aliens come from a small galaxy light-years away; they appear to be like humans but with silver skin and white hair. One alien would come out of each ship, drop their cloaks, and dress up in their tech-like wear and Santa Claus hats.

In Oregon, CNN would be broadcasting them, picking up their voices from a distance, and for the first time humans would hear the voice of an extraterrestrial being.

"Hello, kind people of Earth," they would say.

"We come in peace; we are here for Christmas and want to experience this human festivity." They would then proceed to go to different theme parks, play in snow, try hot chocolate, and the rest of the world would collapse—chaos, confusion, riots—but at least the aliens are having a jolly time.

After that, Christmas would have a new meaning, and a new sense of magic. And that's my Christmas Proposal.

Surviving seasonal depression

ELIZABETH STRATTON
Staff Writer

As we approach the winter season and the end of the year, I, along with many other people, are beginning to experience something really awesome called seasonal depression. With the 5 p.m. sunsets and ungodly cold wind messing up my bangs, at this time of year, there's literally nothing to smile about. This is why us gloomy folk need to find ways to bring joy into our lives, so allow me to share my tricks with you, so you can survive seasonal depression.

Number one, listen to some festive music! I know a lot of people feel strongly about Christmas music before Thanksgiving, and to that I say: I do not care. There's no music for Thanksgiving, and by the time it passes, you have like no time to be festive. Start now, make it a season, yearn for winter break. Trust me: it works. Christmas music is unrelentingly positive and nostalgic, and it is perfect to listen to when driving at night, or walking in the cold wind. I personally recommend Olivia Rodrigo's new song "take me home (4 christmas)" or "Christmas Wrapping" by The Waitresses, they're very upbeat and fill me with joy. If you're into some classics, you can never go wrong with "(There's No Place Like) Home For The Holidays" by Perry Como or "Happy Holiday/The Holiday Season" by Andy Williams. I've also heard that you can combat the early sunsets by turning on some Christmas lights, so do with that what you will.

Number two, get a yummy treat. I am a huge fan of getting a treat after doing something hard, and when you're depressed, the simplest of tasks can be incredibly taxing. Reward yourself with a snack or a nice drink often, because you deserve it! I'm no expert, but I do think getting something delicious will improve your mood a lot! Take it from me, I am eating SO MANY Little Debbie's Christmas tree cakes, and I'm thriving!

Number three, go see your friends. I know you want to hole up in your room and bounce between TikTok and Instagram for hours, and trust, I get it, but you need to socialize. Getting out of bed and out of your room to see others is not only fun, but it will also make you feel better all around. Go make some crafts in your friend's room, go drive to Lincoln and get Taco Bell, go to events on campus and talk to people. Getting up and moving around helps, I promise it does.

I know depression isn't curable, and how in the winter, it becomes unbearable, but taking these small steps, while it seems unhelpful with approaching finals or exams, can help you appreciate the cold a little bit better and calm your mind into a more whimsical and joyous state. And if you take away anything from this, literally go eat a Little Debbie's Christmas tree cake. I'm serious. Go to Walmart right now, get a box, eat them, you'll thank me later.

What makes a sport a sport?

LILLIAN BLANK
Staff Writer

Multiple times throughout my life, I have heard people questioning what exactly counts as a sport. I have honestly questioned it myself. One thing that I have always noticed is that dance and cheer are almost always discredited. The thing is that they are sports. There are three main things that make up a sport – and not using a ball isn't one, because what about track and cross country - skill, physical strain/exercise and competition.

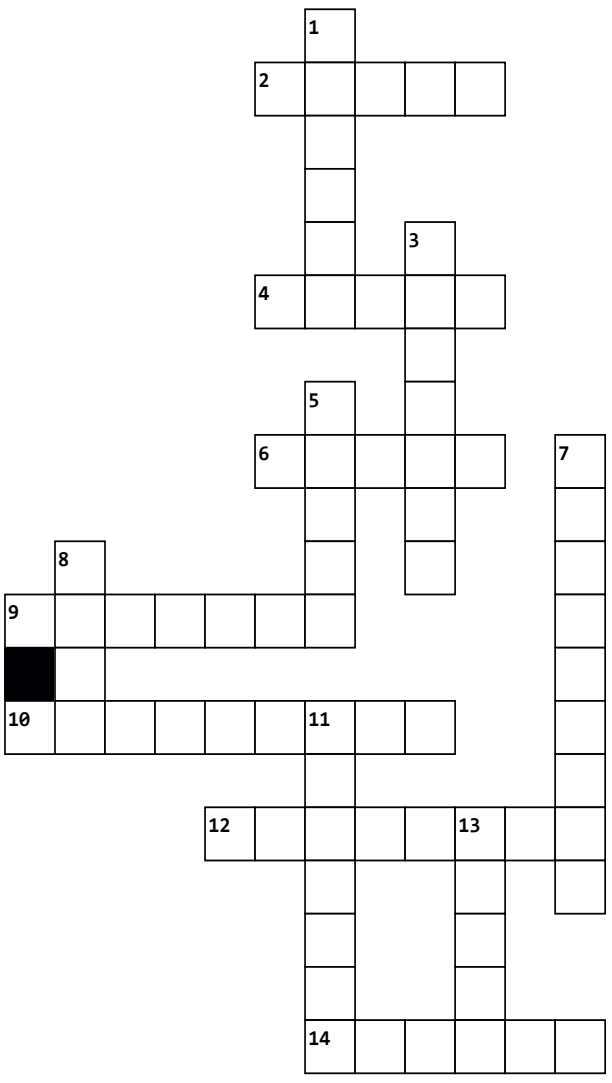
First, dance and cheer both take a lot of skill, because not just anybody could go out there and start flipping and kicking and getting thrown in the air as they do. It takes years of practice to master these skills, and they are always trying to improve or gain new skills.

Second, they both take a physical toll on the body and act as exercise. If you've ever seen a cheerleader or dancer right after a performance, they are usually out of breath or sweating like crazy. That is because both activities take a lot of physical activity and can be quite fast moving with that activity.

Third and finally, there is some form of competition. Not every cheer or dance group competes, but there are plenty of competitions out there for those who do. Nationals is a huge deal for many cheer or dance teams. Some people argue that the competition part doesn't count because the scoring isn't numerical or specific, like a goal, touchdown or time would be and is instead based on judges' opinions.

However, it is still a form of scoring, is it not? Additionally, even if the scoring is subjective, people still go and compete in the activity just like any other sport. Overall, dance and cheer are sports for three reasons: skill, physical activity and competition. If cheer and dance aren't sports because of not using a ball, then neither is cross country, but no one wants to have that argument.

Tiger Timeout



Across

2. Indianapolis NFL team

4. The only planet that rotates clockwise

6. A mixture of snow and rain

9. Popular frozen Fourth of July treat

10. The name of Vegas's new PHWL team

12. Lead actor in the film "Grease"

14. Finish the Adele lyric, "We gotta let go of all our ___"

Down

1. Real name for a small piece of computer hardware

3. Filled fruit snack introduced in 1991

5. Covering a curse word in television

7. Popular web-slinging superhero

8. State with the world's largest truck stop

11. Newest Hunger Games book, "Sunrise on the ___"

13. Minnesota supposedly has 10,000 of these

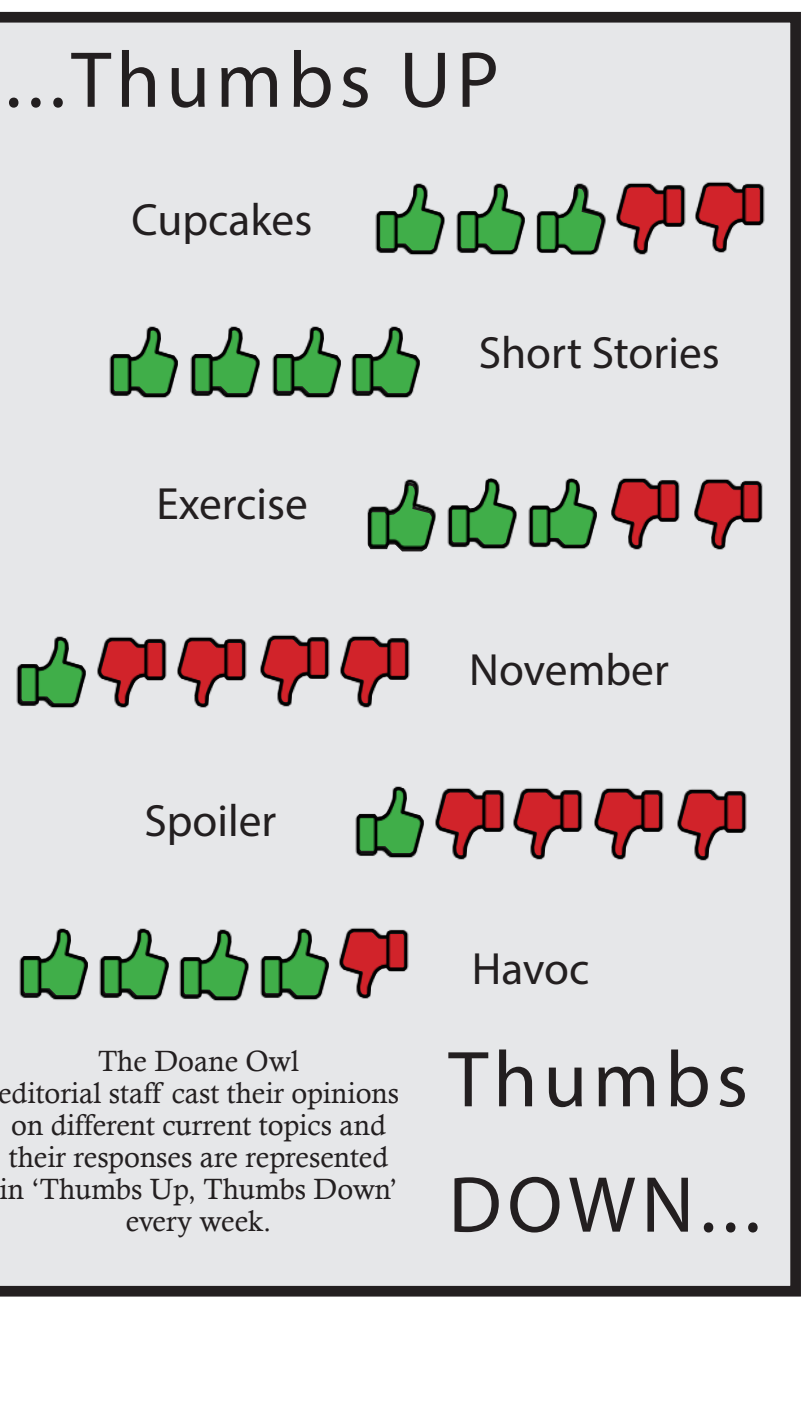
Answers: *1. Dongle, 2. Colts, 3. Gushers, 4. Venus, 5. Bleep, 6. Sleet, 7. Spiderman, 8. Iowa, 9. BomPop, 10. Vanguards, 11. Reaping, 12. Travolta, 13. Lakes, 14. Ghosts*

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Thumbs DOWN...

Men's XC takes second in GPAC Championship

ELIYAH LARA
Editor-In-Cheif

Last weekend, the men's cross country team traveled to Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa, to compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships, where they finished in second among 11 teams.

Leading the Tigers was junior Jayden Wall, who had a time of 24:47.1, and finished in second overall. Finishing seventh, and being the second runner for the Tigers, was junior Porter Bickley, who had a time of 25:02.3. Behind Bickley was junior Alvin Keter, who finished eighth overall with a time of 25:05.0, making him the third runner for the Tigers.

The fourth man for the Tigers was senior Nate O'Brien, who finished 21st overall with a time of 25:56.8. A couple spots back were freshmen Jonah Herd and Trevor Zurn, Herd placed 27th with a time of 26:10.7 and Zurn finished in 28th with a time of 26:10.7. Finishing in the top seven for the Tigers was freshman Collin Krahling, who finished 32nd overall with a time of 26:21.3.

Next up, the Men's Cross Country team will finish up their season in Vancouver, Washington, to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships on Nov. 20.

Women's XC earns third place and All-GPAC Honors

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Editor-In-Chief

On Nov. 7, the Women's Cross Country team traveled to Sioux Center, Iowa, to compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) championships. The team finished with 92 team points, securing a third-place finish.

In the women's 6k, the average time for a Doane runner at the meet was 22:44, only one second behind second place.

Freshman Hailey Hengtgen finished sixth overall with a 22:01.1 time, running an average mile of 5:54. Not far behind was Sophomore Kristen Billings with a 22:24.7 time in 11th place. Both earned All-GPAC recognition for their placements among the top 15 in a 100-runner event.

Junior Alison Bradford finished 25th with a 22:5.7 time. Seniors Laura Hasemann and Maddy Ramey finished 28th and 30th, respectively, crossing the finish line at 23:06.3 and 23:11.4.

Senior Delaney Catron ran a time of 23:53.7, giving her 45th place. Freshman Corbett Lanum finished 54th with a 24:29.8 time, followed shortly by senior Morgan Smith with a 24:45.4 time at 57th. Senior Gabby Maryott and sophomore Rilyn Schledewitz finished 67th and 68th with times of 25:31.6 and 25:39.1.

The team will travel to Vancouver, Washington, to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships on Friday, Nov. 20.

Women's basketball goes 3-0 in recent games

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

Women's Basketball had a crazy week starting with Bethany College at the Haddix Center on Oct. 31. The Tigers won, 84-53.

Sophomore Emma Vander Plaats led the way with 20 points, followed by sophomore Ellie Wells and senior Rylie Rice, each with 16.

The Tigers led the game in rebounds, totaling 46, with Vander-Plaats leading with eight, followed by Rice with seven and Wells and junior Catrice Olds with five.

Freshman Keeleigh Knobbe led the team with five assists, followed by Vander-Plaats with two, and senior Esmee Creyghton, freshman Lexi Cooley and Faith Carlson with one each.

Then, the Tigers began the Doane Open Tournament by playing St. Ambrose University on Nov. 6. The Tigers beat St. Ambrose 91-47.

Rice led the team with 17 points, followed by Knobbe with 15 and freshman Kallen Stauffer with 13. The Tigers grabbed 52 rebounds, led by Rice with 13, followed by Wells with eight and junior Ella Johnson and Vander-Plaats with seven.

On the assist side, Wells had four assists, followed by Olds with three and Knobbe with two.

To finish out the Doane Open Tournament, the Tigers played Graceland University.

The Tigers won 93-73. The top scorers were Knobbe and Rice with 23 points, followed by Stauffer with 15 points. Wells led the team with nine rebounds, followed by Johnson and Rice with six each.

The team totaled 20 assists, with Wells leading with seven, followed by Rice with five and Knobbe with four.

The Tigers will travel to Orange City, Iowa, on Nov. 14 to play against Northwestern at 2 p.m.

Men's basketball victorious on home turf this season

ELIZABETH WEMHOFF
Staff Writer

On Oct. 29, the men's basketball team defended their home court by defeating the York Panthers in a tight game where they won 75-71.

Junior Crayton Macholan scored the first couple of points by free throws. The Tigers held their lead in the first half 40-39.

Sophomore Trevon Beckman led the Tigers with 18 points, six rebounds, and seven assists. Junior Gabe Selby followed with 16 points, and junior Crayton Macholan had 14 points.

The Tigers won their home game, 80-68, against Peru State on Nov. 4.

In the first half, the Bobcats had a one-point lead, 33-32, against the Tigers.

The Tigers sprung back in the second half, and scored 13 more points than the Bobcats, securing their big win.

Sophomore Trevon Beckman was the highest scorer with 20 points, eight rebounds, and four assists. Other leading scorers were junior Gabe Selby with 19 points and sophomore Justus Gardiner with 14.

On Nov. 6, the Tigers played Kansas Christian College at home where they walked away with another win 91-47.

In the first half, the Tigers swept the Falcons 40-25, and in the second half 51-22.

Sophomore Trevon Beckman led the team points and assists with 16 points and six assists. Senior Jack Wilson gave 15 points and senior Jonah Claussen with 12. Sophomore Justus Gardiner led the team with rebounds, with six.

The Tigers will take on Northwestern University on Nov.14 in Orange City,Iowa at 3:45.







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Strong Start for Men's wrestling

ELIZABETH WEMHOFF
Staff Writer

On Oct. 31, the Men's Wrestling team traveled to Park City, Kansas, to compete in the Falcon Open.

The Tigers came back with three individual champions.

In the Elite Section, sophomore Jaren Jackson won the 197-pound championship. Junior Coen Quintana was runner-up in the 165-pound elite division.

In the Freshman/Sophomore Division, two Tigers claimed victory in their weight division: Freshman Emiliano Hernandez at 149 pounds and Sophomore Colby Reichenbach at 285 pounds.

Freshman Tensei Thompson got runner-up in the 157-pound division. Sophomore Jonathon Morrison also got runner-up at 184 pounds.

Freshman Samuel Butcher won the third-place match in the amateur division at 184 pounds.

On Nov. 7, the men's wrestling team attended the Dakota Wesleyan Open in Mitchell, South Dakota. Sophomore Colby Reinchenbach secured second place at 285 pounds. Reinchenbach lost to Sioux Falls' Stetson Davis by decision, 5-2.

Freshman Emiliano Hernandez won his fifth-place match at 149-pounds by fall at 4 minutes 15 seconds into the match.

Wrestling's next match will be on Nov. 19 in Seward, Nebraska, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Young players lead in recent Football games

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Editor-In-Chief

On Oct. 31, the football team faced Concordia University, ending in a loss of 17- 45.

Doane had 94 offensive plays and 49 rushing attempts, scoring every quarter except the fourth. Sophomore Noah Booras began with a 35-yard kickoff. The Bulldogs scored twice before a pass from junior Cannon Crowder set up a Doane touchdown by sophomore Kayd Houston.

In the second quarter, another successful pass from Crowder gave sophomore Trent DePompa the lead to score a touchdown. With less than four minutes on the clock, Carroll would have a successful 22-yard field goal in the 3rd quarter. The final score was 17-45, with the Bulldogs coming away victorious.

On Nov. 7, the Tigers would go toe-to-toe against Midland University with the score of 14 -51. The home game was also the Tigers' senior night.

Midland took the lead in the first quarter, however, Doane scored in the second with a successful pass from Crowder leading to a touchdown by sophomore Trent DePompa. The Tigers would fail to score in the third quarter before sophomore Quinton Archer scored a touchdown with 6 minutes on the clock in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers lost to Midland 14-51, making 58 offensive plays and 33 rushing attempts.

Football will have its last game of the season Nov. 14 against Hastings on Papik Field at 1 p.m.





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Women's wrestling finshes meet with one champion

ELIYAH LARA
Editor-in-Chief

The Women's Wrestling team traveled to Park City, Kansas, for the Falcon Open on Oct. 31, where the Tigers competed in both the Elite and Freshman/Sophomore divisions.

Starting off for the Tigers in the Elite division was sophomore Skylar Hattendorf, who had an undefeated record of 5-0, which placed her first in the 160-pound division.

In the 145-pound division, senior Bridgette Sotomayor finished second with a record of 3-1. Staying in the 103-pound division, placing fourth with a record of 3-2 was senior Kimberly Navarette, while sophomore Bettie Chambers went 2-2 in the 124-pound division. Also going 2-2 in their weight classes was senior Angelica Vicente Gonzalez (110), junior Payton Weese (131) and sophomore Jessica Rodriguez (180).

Switching over to the Freshman/Sophomore Division, freshman Khyla Lipumano finished second in the 103-pound division with a record of 3-1.

Having a record of 5-2 in the 160-pound division was freshman Audrey Lennard, while freshman Taimane Benemerito had a record of 4-2 in the 131-pound division. Going 3-2 in the 160-pound division was freshman Addison Josi. Also going 3-2 in the 180-pound division, was freshman Kolbi McElwain.

Next up, the women's wrestling team will travel to Forest City, Iowa, to compete in the Waldorf Open on Nov. 21.

Volleyball season comes to an end

MACKENZIE PIKE
Sports Editor

The volleyball team played Midland University at home on Oct. 28.

The Tigers lost to the Warriors 2-3 (19-25,25-22,14-25,27-25,8-15).

On offense, the Tigers scored 47 kills, led by junior Brooke Larsen with 14, followed by junior Audrey Holm with seven kills and senior Nuria Calvo with six. On the serving side, the Tigers recorded 42 assists; freshman Lauren Pearson led with 21, followed by sophomore Gentry Jensen with 15 and junior Kylie Williams with 2. On defense, the Tigers totaled 76 digs. Sophomore Katie Picard led with 23, followed by William with 12 and Jensen with 10.

On Oct. 31, the Tigers hosted Briar Cliff University. The Tigers unfortunately lost 1-3 (19-25,26-24,14-25,15-25).

Juniors Kate Roseland and Natile Wood led in kills with nine, followed by Larsen and senior Addison Raebel with seven. For assists, Jensen had 21, Pearson had 19 and Larsen had two.

On defense, the Tigers got 64 digs. The leader was junior Jaylen Nachtigall with 14 digs, Picard with 11 and Larsen with nine digs.

Then, the Tigers traveled to Seward, Nebraska, to play Concordia University on Nov. 3.

The Tigers ended up getting swept 0-3 (22-25,15-25,12-25).

On the kill side, Larsen had six kills, and Wood and Calvo had four each. The Tigers recorded 22 assists, led by Pearson with 12 and Jensen with 10.

On the dig side, the Tigers were able to get 14 total, with Jensen and Nachtigall with five, followed by Larsen, Picard and Pearson with four total.

The Tigers finished their 26-27 season with a 4-25 record.



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