

### **Grant native speaks at national tournament as Doane student**

Doane College placed 18th at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET), April 6-9, at Texas State University-San Marcos. Eighty-three colleges and universities from throughout the country attended the tournament; there are no divisions based on school size. Five hundred students competed with 1,496 speech entries. Jordan Johnson, a junior from Grant, was a quarter-finalist (top 24) in Persuasive Speaking out of 146 speakers. Johnson was also a quarter-finalist in Communication Analysis out of 120 speakers.

She also participated in Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Persuasive Speaking and Communication Analysis.

Doane qualified 28 events for the national tournament. All students who competed earned high rankings in their preliminary rounds contributing to the team's overall score.

### **Schmitt participates in Concordia University symposium**

Twenty-two students gave presentations as part of Concordia University, Nebraska's second annual Student Research Symposium on March 28.

Sarah Schmitt, a senior from Grant, was a participant. Students who had completed research projects as part of class assignments presented on topics including the relationship between lifestyle and self-esteem, ballistics and gunshot testing, and perspectives on education, among others.

Researchers presented their findings, orally or via poster, using either empirical or non-empirical data, or through a literature review. Nine faculty members judged and offered feedback on the presentations.

The symposium was designed, according to its student committee, to showcase "academic prowess, excellence in research and a passion for knowledge and learning." Next year the committee hopes to expand the symposium and highlight projects by students enrolled in capstone courses at Concordia.