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HEERF gives Doane funding

Eligible students receive federal aid

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Communications Manager

Doane has recently received emergency relief aid funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

The HEERF is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA).

This funding is similar but separate from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

The CRRSAA funding is different from the CARES Act because it calls for the university to disperse this funding to students with exceptional need. This could include students who receive Pell Grants or federal financial aid. The CRRSAA is also available to students who are only enrolled in distance learning.

"Recognizing that many Doane students above the Pell-eligibility threshold have exceptional financial need, Doane

prioritized full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and online students with an Estimated Family Contribution of up to \$12,000 for financial aid grants to students," the Financial Aid Office said.

Students who qualified for the funding received an email with detailed information about how to access their funds. If students have not received their funding within two weeks of receiving a notice from the Financial Aid Office, they are advised to contact studentaccounts@doane.edu.

The funding that students receive is meant to be used for any emergency costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This could include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. The funds are non-taxable, and students are not required to track how the money is used.

Details on the disbursement of this funding can be found on Doane's CRRSAA webpage at <https://www.doane.edu/crrsaa-emergency-student-aid-funds-information>.

The Student Account Office is open for questions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can also call (402)826-8250 or send an email to faoffice@doane.edu.

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Governor repeals Texas mask mandate

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On March 2, Governor Greg Abbott of Texas repealed the state's mask mandate.

This now makes Texas the largest state in the U.S. to no longer require face masks, which are still seen as one of the most effective ways to prevent COVID-19.

When questioned over his decision, "removing statewide mandates does not end personal responsibility," and "it's just that now state mandates are no longer needed," Abbott said.

All of this is coming at a time when Texas is at its lowest point in the number of new cases, deaths and hospitalizations since last October. Since mid-February, the number of weekly positive test results have dropped from over 10,000 per day

to around 7,600 positive cases per day.

With Abbott's announcement, some of the general public, city leaders and hospital staff in Texas have become worried.

"[Some] doctors and big city leaders [said] they are now bracing for another deadly resurgence. One hospital executive in Houston said he told his staff they would need more personnel and ventilators," ABC News reported.

Businesses are now left to decide for themselves how they will deal with masking.

Larger retailers like Target say they will remain strong on requiring customers to wear face masks.

With locations across Texas, Tarka Indian Kitchen is now allowing customers to come in maskless but still requiring staff to have masks



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Governor Greg Abbott, pictured above, lifts mask restrictions for the state of Texas which go in to effect March 10.

on. "While we've made significant progress, I'd hate to have that go away," CEO of Tarka Indian Kitchen, Tinku Saini said.

Bob's Steak & Chop House in Dallas was undecided on what route to take, but founder Bob Sambol said he welcomes being able to make the choice for his own restaura-

ative manner as the vaccine [hasn't fully] reached the population," Quinn said.

Senior Jacobi White agreed with Quinn.

"I believe it is way too early to lift restrictions. There is still too high of a risk, especially for the elderly, and opening things up 100 percent just because we can't handle restrictions in our everyday life is absurd," White said.

Quinn also noted a concern for students and teaching staff in the classrooms.

School administrators in Texas have been scrambling to figure out how best to deal with the repeal of the mask mandate.

According to Abbott, school administrators will only be able to impose new rules if cases begin to spike within the schools once more.

The mask mandate is

set to end on March 10. As of yet, it isn't fully known how this decision will affect the general public.

"If I do return home at any point, I will continue to wear a mask. Personally, none of my family members have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine, and even though I have, I do not want to be a risk to my family or the ones closest to me," White said.

Quinn said she would also continue to wear a mask when she returns home.

"When I return home, I will always wear a mask when going out. When cases reach under five per day, then I will think about taking my mask off. If me wearing a mask can prevent even one other person [from getting] sick, then I am willing to wear it," Quinn said.

New vaccine authorized

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On Feb. 27, Johnson & Johnson (J&J), developed by Janssen Pharmaceutical Company, was approved for emergency use by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This makes the J&J vaccine the first single-shot COVID-19 vaccine and the third vaccine approved in the U.S.

The vaccine met the criteria for the FDA, showing clear evidence that it lowers the risk of contracting COVID-19 and that the benefits outweigh any possible risks, according to the FDA.

"The authorization of this vaccine expands the availability of vaccines, the best medical prevention method for COVID-19, to help us in the fight against this pan-

demic, which has claimed over half a million lives in the United States," Dr. Janet Woodcock, acting FDA Commissioner said.

The FDA set a goal for COVID-19 vaccines to have an efficacy of at least 50 percent. In the U.S. trial, the J&J vaccine had an efficacy of 72 percent, according to the New York Times. Efficacy, in terms of a vaccine, measures how much the vaccine lowers the risk of contracting the targeted virus.

Efficacy trials were completed in the U.S., Latin America and South Africa. The South Africa site had the lowest efficacy of 64 percent, which is believed to be attributed to the B.1.351 variant in South Africa.

The Pfizer vaccine had 95 percent efficacy, and the Moderna vaccine had 94 percent efficacy.

However, trials for both were completed in various stages of the pandemic and before variant B.1.351. The flu shot typically has 40 to 60 percent efficacy.

Out of the three currently approved COVID-19 vaccines, each had an efficacy of 100 percent against COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths.

Therefore, those who get vaccinated should "feel confident that they are reducing their risk when they choose to vaccinate," according to the Nebraska Department of

Health and Human Services. Vaccinations help to reduce the spread and end the pandemic.

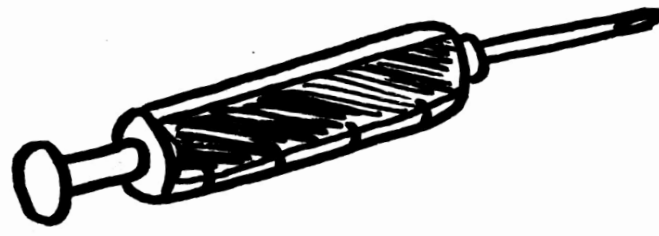
The J&J vaccine also varies from the other two in the type of vaccine. Both Pfizer and Moderna are mRNA vaccines, which teaches cells how to make a protein that could cause an immune response and produce antibodies that protect people from getting infected if the virus enters the body, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The J&J vaccine, on the other hand, is a viral

vector vaccine. This type uses an inactivated virus, an adenovirus, or common cold in this case, and contains some DNA that will instruct the body to make a protein to trigger that immune response.

A person vaccinated cannot get COVID-19 or a cold from any of these vaccines because they do not contain live viruses.

In the past week, Nebraska has begun the process of distributing J&J vaccines and hopes that another vaccine will help move everyone out of the pandemic more quickly.



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This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

3/10



High: 74

Low: 34

Thursday

3/11



High: 58

Low: 34

Friday

3/12



High: 53

Low: 31

Saturday

3/13



High: 51

Low: 30

Sunday

3/14



High: 43

Low: 27

Monday

3/15



High: 50

Low: 25

Tuesday

3/16



High: 46

Low: 26

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COVID variants spotted

New strains make their way to Neb.

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

On Feb. 26 and 27, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) released two articles in relation to two new variants of

COVID-19 having been reported in Nebraska.

The Nebraska DHHS wrote in the Feb. 26 article that the U.K. variant of COVID-19, B.1.1.7., was found in a female resident of Douglas County.

"The state has long stated that we suspected these new variants of this virus were circulating in Nebraska, and we have been vigilant in our genomic sequencing efforts to quickly identify new variants to slow the spread," Dr. Gary An-

thone, Chief Medical Officer of the Nebraska DHHS said.

The B.1.1.7 variant has already been seen in 45 other states at the time of the DHHS's article release.

The DHHS reported on the newer California variant of COVID-19, B.1.429. The DHHS and the Nebraska Public Health Lab (NPHL) has reported thirteen cases of this specific variant within the state of Nebraska.

Not much is known

about B.1.429, but it was hypothesized that it is more contagious than other variants.

Until more is known, "it remains as important as ever to continue masking, distancing and avoiding the three C's [Crowded places, Close-contact areas, Confined and enclosed spaces]," the DHHS advised.

Both the DHHS and the NPHL's top goal is to "protect hospital capacity." With the steps Nebraska has taken so far,

there have been significantly lower hospitalizations within the last few months.

This is also attributed to registrations for the vaccine, which over 222,000 Nebraskans had registered to receive either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines before the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was even approved.

These and other possible COVID-19 variants will continue to be monitored by both the DHHS and NPHL.

2021 CPAC hosted in Florida

CPAC features Trump, other Republicans

JOEY WINTON
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The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) began on Feb. 25 and ended on Feb. 28 in Orlando, Fla.

The conference featured everything from Republican Senators speaking about election fraud and highlighting the values of the modern conservative movement, to a golden statue of former-President Donald Trump.

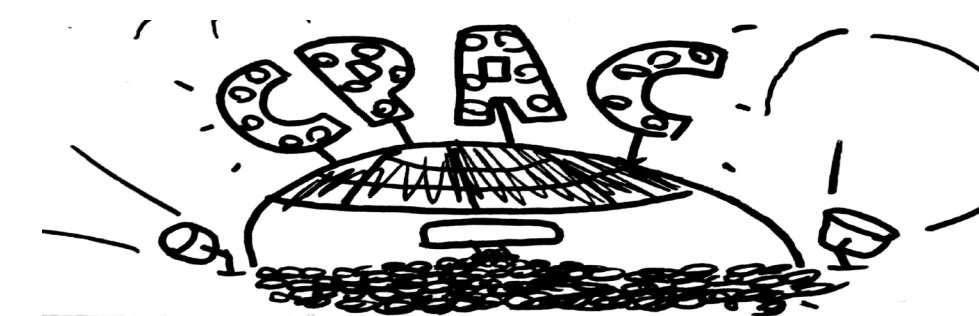
Trump also made an

appearance, giving a speech for the first time since he left office. The speech hit on the same points his administration was focused on during his presidency.

His speech focused on criticizing his political opponents on various policies, hinting at a possible 2024 Presidential run. Trump also stated he will not be starting a third political party.

Rumors were circulating that Trump would be starting a third political party, but he insisted he would be running through the Republican Party.

The general consensus among many reporters is that Trump is trying to reestablish himself as one of the driving forces behind the Republican



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Party after losing to President Joe Biden in November.

Despite the heavy focus on Trump, other Senators and key Republicans were present at the CPAC as well. They echoed concerns raised by the Trump Administration regarding issues like immigration, lockdowns and claims that the 2020 Presidential election was stolen.

Senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), who both

gained significant attention for objecting to the 2020 election results, spoke at length on the issue of election integrity. Despite evidence of there being no fraud, the Senators echoed Trump's claims of widespread fraud, an idea that a majority of Republicans believe, according to a poll from The New York Times.

Senator Mitt Romney (R-Utah), former Vice President Mike Pence

and Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) were absent from the conference, highlighting the rift that has appeared between the traditional Republican Party and the newer members since the coup on the Capitol in Washington.

McConnell has openly criticized Trump's actions regarding the Capitol riot, but voted against charging Trump an article of insurrection at his second impeachment tri-

al. McConnell also said he would vote for Trump again if he is the Republican Presidential nominee.

Brief; class registration begins March 24

KYLIE HUGHES
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As the spring semester nears its halfway point, students are encouraged to start thinking about the upcoming fall semester, as the registration process opens at the end of March.

As per usual, registration will be done by class level, based on the current amount of credits that a student has earned. It does not factor in the in-progress credits

students are earning this current spring semester.

Registration opens on March 24 for current seniors or students who have already completed 90 or more credits.

Juniors and students who have already completed 60 to 89 credits will register March 25 and 26.

Sophomores and students who have earned 30 to 59 credits can register March 29 and 30, while freshmen and those who have 0 to 29 credits can register March 31 through April 2.

Registration will open

midnight on each respective date, and students are encouraged to register as soon as possible before classes fill up.

For students looking to register in a class that is full, they can be placed on the waitlist for that class.

However, before students register, they must first plan their courses, which they can start doing at any time. Students must then get their advisor's approval. When registration day is open for each class, students will hit the "Register Now" button and wait

until their classes all turn green.

The Registrar's Office reminds Crete students to select "2021 Fall: Crete Campus" while they plan out their courses. The Registrar's Office also encourages students to resolve any holds before their registration date. If a student has a hold on their account for any reason, they will be unable to register for classes.

With any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at registraroffice@doane.edu.

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Conversion therapy under review

LB 231 to be further discussed in legislature

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Nebraska State Senator Megan Hunt is sponsoring a new bill to ban the practice of conversion therapy in the state.

The bill, LB 231, would strip away the medical license of any health care professional that uses conversion therapy on minors in order to change the patient's sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Trevor Project defines conversion therapy as "any of several dangerous and discredited practices aimed at changing an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, [and includes] efforts to change a person's gender expression

or to reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward a person of the same gender."

The push for the bill to be passed statewide came only four days after Lincoln became the first city in Nebraska to prohibit the practice.

Mathew Shurka, who underwent conversion therapy and is the co-founder of survivor-group Born Perfect, came to Nebraska to support LB 231 and tell his story.

Shurka was only 16 at the time of being enrolled in conversion therapy, in which he was "train[ed]" how to be heterosexual.

"What they said should only be a few weeks, lasted five years and cost my family \$35,000," Shurka said.

For three of those five years, Shurka was not allowed to talk to his mother or sisters because he lacked "male influence," which the doctors said made him gay.

Nate Grasz of the Nebraska Family Alliance agreed that no one should be subjected to abusive



Graphic by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

therapy but questions if the bill is constitutional.

"Now we're banning the free speech rights of counselors and forcing kids down a path of hormone therapy and genital mutilation instead of allowing them to work through and talk through their feelings and emotions with a licensed

counselor and medical professional," Grasz said.

Angie Klein of Omaha, who has also been through conversion therapy, felt she was helped by the therapy and said she was never abused or pressured.

"I was given the power of choice and the dignity

to think for myself about the issue I was struggling with. Why take that away from an individual?" Klein said.

Shurka, in contrast, questions the safety and benefit of conversion therapy.

"Individuals who go through conversion ther-

apy have a 63 percent chance of committing suicide. The numbers are enormous, and there's a real urgency to get these bills passed," Shurka said.

As of yet, it is unknown when the bill is supposed to be discussed next.

Ethanol leak error leads to lawsuit

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Doug Peterson, Nebraska's Attorney General, filed a 97-page lawsuit in Saunders County District Court on March 1 against AltEn L.L.C. Peterson claimed the company has violated the state's Environmental Protection Act multiple times and failed to properly dispose of corn and wastewater treated with pesticides in Mead, Neb.

AltEn was using discarded corn treated with

pesticides to produce ethanol, a process no other ethanol producers use. There is also no state regulation against using the treated corn.

According to Nebraska's Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE), AltEn was informed last year to properly dispose of 100,000 tons of contaminated distillers' grain at their plant, but NDEE director Jim Macy said the piles were still present on Monday.

The lawsuit alleges 18 causes of action against AltEn for violations, one



Photo by Abrianna Miller | The Doane Owl

being a leak in a digester millions of gallons of contaminated wastewater

to fill nearby creeks and ditches.

Peterson said he wants the court to force AltEn to remove the waste, fix leaks in waste lagoons and clean up the recent spill. Those repercussions would be in addition to paying fines of up to \$10,000 a day for violations citing "a poorly run corporation with fails to recognize the authority of the state and the need to comply with our environmental standards," according to Peterson.

In AltEn's statement written to KETV News-

watch 7, the company stated it "has been taking all measures on an ongoing basis to contain and clean up the accidental spill" and "is working on steps to address clean up issues on the property."

The NDEE tested the wastewater lagoons and found high levels of pesticides, but in the water-well that tested positive for contaminants, the levels were deemed acceptable for drinking.

The NDEE is still running tests on the soil and water in Mead.



Courtesy photo | Nebraska Tourism Commission

Passport program locations revealed

2021 destinations chosen for Neb. tourism

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Nebraska's 2021 Passport Program has been announced and will feature 70 attractions in 10 themed categories.

The Nebraska Tourism Commission said they had 1,185 participants make it to every stop on last year's passport, the highest number to-date.

The commission said this year's program represents 51 communities spread across the entire state, and participants will have from May 1 through Sep. 30 to visit the attractions and receive their stamps.

There are 70 stops across the state for participants to collect stamps and earn prizes. The program is aimed at encouraging people to explore Nebraska to its fullest.

Madison Johnson, Passport Program coordinator, said she is "excited to showcase some great hidden gems in our state this year."

This year, two of the categories are focused on celebrating the 100th

anniversary of the Nebraska State Parks and the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day.

"We're highlighting important Nebraska anniversaries, new and newly renovated destinations and many stops that have never been featured on previous year's programs," Johnson said.

All categories are: Visual Treats, Parking Spots, Aroma Therapy, Now Hear This, Growth Opportunities, Grub and Cuisine, Shoptimum Values, Childish Things, Branching Out and Time Travel.

Passports will be available at participating stops on May 1 and can be pre-ordered at Nebraska-

Passport.com. Participants are encouraged to download the Nebraska Passport App on their smartphones and get digital stamps to replace the physical passport for convenience.

Those who used the mobile app last year will need to download the app's update to see new program information. To download the Nebraska Passport App, search "NE Passport 2021" in the Apple App Store or on Google Play.




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Laungani research is underway

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Dr. Ramesh Laungani, Associate Professor of Biology and Chair of the Biology Department, is currently working on two research projects, one focused on combating climate change and the other on the representation of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Laungani's climate change research is focused on biochar, the remains left from burning plants at 400 to 500 degrees Celsius. He said by utilizing plants' natural function of absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, biochar could allow us to trap carbon dioxide for years, thus fighting the changing climate.

"When you burn [plant material], you change the chemical structure in such a way that it becomes really difficult to decompose. It almost becomes un-decomposable, which means

now the carbon that's in there is trapped. So, if you put that [biochar] in the soil, that carbon [dioxide] is staying there for thousands of years," Laungani said.

The next step in Laungani's research is to analyze the impacts of biochar on the soil, plant growth and the larger impact of the plant material's remains.

"That's the great thing about biochar is [it's] a system that just is asking for students to ask the next question," Laungani said.

Laungani gives his students freedom to research the different effects of biochar. Students are able to control almost every aspect of their projects while doing worthwhile work.

"I have students working on all sorts of aspects of what the unknown impacts of biochar are before we go out and throw it everywhere," Laungani said. "Let's make sure that it's going to do good things, and that it becomes a net positive."

Laungani's second

research project, 1,000 STEM Women Project, is about the representation of women in STEM fields. His primary target audience is kindergarten through twelfth-grade students, hoping to encourage girls of every age to pursue a career in STEM by representing women in diverse fields.

"Women are largely underrepresented in STEM fields, so this project was my attempt to at least try to help," Laungani said.

This project is also meant to shine a light on lesser-known careers in science, such as geneticists, animal community ecologists and reproductive neurobiologists.

"[O]ftentimes students, both at the college level and K-12 level have a rigid picture of what a scientist looks like," Laungani said. "This project is meant to show students a tangible endpoint."

Laungani said he hopes this research helps students of all ages learn about the different career possibilities in STEM



Courtesy photo | Ramesh Laungani

fields.

Researchers from across the world are involved in this project. Laungani mentioned that this project enables scientists across all fields to sharpen their skills in communication, as they have to summarize their job and research in a 90-second video.

"The other part of this

is trying to give scientists the opportunity to work on their own communication skills," Laungani said.

The goal is to make the videos accessible and understandable to audiences from the first years of schooling and beyond which is challenging given the nature of STEM fields, according to Laun-

gani.

For more information about the 1,000 STEM Women Project, visit the project's website at <https://1000stemwomen.wixsite.com/home>. For questions regarding either study, contact Laungani at ramesh.laungani@doane.edu.

Array of activities offered March 9

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Staff Writer

Student Experiences is helping organizations and clubs on campus host another event-filled day on March 9.

The Feb. 9 Tiger Wellness Day went extremely well with over 635 individual participants, and there is expected to be the same outcome for this week's Tiger Wellness day.

Throughout all of the Wellness Days, students can earn stickers for their passports by attending events for each of the nine dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, occupational, financial,

environmental, cultural, intellectual, spiritual and social.

After all of the Wellness Days are completed in April, students can turn their passports in for a chance to win big prizes like a Nintendo Switch or AirPods.

The Wellness Day kicked off on the night of March 8 with a Ruth Bader Ginsburg screening for International Women's Day, hosted by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in Heckman Auditorium at 7 p.m.

On March 9, Career, Leadership and Service (CLS) is putting on an occupational wellness event

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of Perry Campus Center called Handshake and Lemonade. Students will have the opportunity to learn about service activities for this semester.

Also from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be a spiritual event on Lakeside Patio and a Tie Dye station in Cassel Amphitheater outside of Perry Campus Center. This social wellness event is put on by Prism and the Student Programming Board (SPB).

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is throwing a Meal Ready to Eat (MRE) eating contest at Lakeside from

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

From 1 to 3 p.m. students can play Kahoot, hosted by the Academic Success Center, for a chance to win Walmart gift cards. All students who attend will receive an intellectual sticker for their passport.

SPB is providing door signs for students to paint from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the second level of Perry Campus Center.

From 2 to 3 p.m., there will be sound meditation in Heckman Auditorium and therapy dogs with Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) from 3 to 5 p.m. in NEXUS.

Student Council is hosting a Relay for Life fundraiser by having a Chick-Fil-A food truck from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The first 150 students will receive free sandwiches.

To end the night, Re-

lay for Life is putting on an intellectual wellness event with Bingo in the south dining hall from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

All students should remember to keep their passports for the next Tiger Wellness Day in April for a chance to win prizes.

More information can be accessed at <https://qrco.de/bbxsQ3>.

DEI celebrates women

Campus groups honor women

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

March is Women's History Month, and the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) has a host of events planned.

"DEI programming for Women's History Month demonstrates awareness for and attention to the personal and wider social implications women are facing during this ongoing pandemic," Leah Rediger, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life and DEI Programming Coordinator, said.

On March 8, International Women's Day, there was a showing of the film "RBG" showcasing the life and legacy of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who died at the end of 2020.

Students who attended the showing in Heckman Auditorium earned their Intellectual Wellness badge for their Tiger Wellness Days Passport.

By collecting Wellness Days stickers, students have the chance to win prizes such as a Nintendo Switch, an iPad, a TV, AirPods and Doane merchandise. Students have through April to collect all nine stickers at Wellness Days events.

Running from March 8 through the 31, the DEI and Chi Delta sorority is hosting a women's donation drive. Donations will be sent to the Hope Crisis Center in Crete and Voices of Hope in Lincoln at the end of the month.

Items needed for donation include menstrual pads, tampons, toothpaste, soap, hairbrushes, shampoo, etc.

"These items have seen shortages over the past year, which affects all people with periods, in addition to the services that require donations of such items to support women and families in need," Rediger said.

At the same time, March 8 through 31, the DEI is collecting the names and short stories of women who have impacted Doane community members' lives. There is a Women's History Month banner in Perry Campus Center that students can write their

names and stories on.

If you do not live on campus, the DEI is accepting responses virtually as well.

Rediger mentioned the struggles women face during this pandemic, many having to choose between work and taking care of their children.

"We need to recognize how the pandemic has highlighted the disparity women, especially working moms, experience in the workforce," Rediger said. "Women who had to resign from or lost jobs due to school and daycare closures that affected their access to childcare and ability to work. This also disproportionately impacted women of color and women of lower socioeconomic status."

Rediger wants to express her support and appreciation for mothers and women across the world for their hard work and dedication, inside and outside of the home.

For more information regarding Women's History Month, email the DEI at dei@doane.edu. For more information about Tiger Wellness Days, please email the Student Programming Board (SPB) at spb@doane.edu.

CAPE looks for new Peer Educators

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Communications Manager

On March 2, the Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project hosted a Peer Educator Information session over Zoom for those interested in becoming a CAPE Peer Educator.

The meeting started with Suzannah Rogan, Director of CAPE and DEI Specialist, talking about the expectations of Peer Educators. After that, Rogan left the Zoom meeting to give prospective Peer Educator students a chance to freely talk to current CAPE Peer Educators about the position.

Senior Shay Rosseter is a CAPE Peer Educator this year. Throughout their time as a CAPE Peer Educator, Rosseter has presented during Freshman Orientation,

facilitated conversations on consent and healthy relationships, advocated against all forms of interpersonal violence and supported survivors of interpersonal violence. They have also worked with other Peer Educators to host events on campus.

New Peer Educators will go through a training period before the fall semester begins. New Peer Educators will be paired with returning educators to give a presentation to incoming freshmen at orientation.

"Suzannah Rogan is an incredibly understanding person and goes out of her way to make sure you feel ready to facilitate, run events, etc. and gives you all the tools you need in order to do so," Rosseter said.

Rosseter has enjoyed their time as a Peer Educator. They accredited

this position with CAPE as the thing that helped them find their purpose in life. Rosseter described their purpose in life as being a preventionist, and CAPE has allowed them to do this.

"We all are a part of the common goal: to do what we can to prevent interpersonal violence through talking, facilitating and educating about it. These topics can be rough to talk about but are necessary," Rosseter said.

Students can reach out to Suzannah Rogan at suzannah.rogan@doane.edu if they have any questions. For students interested in talking with a current peer educator about their position, please contact Rosseter at shay.rosseter@doane.edu. Applications to be a CAPE Peer Educator will be available soon.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Competition and contests are on the mind this week. Strive to do your best you never know what a victory may hold for you.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Be accepting of any help that comes your way this week, Pisces. You will be able to complete many of the goals that you have been working.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Now is the time to collect all of your findings these past few weeks. You will need to convince others of your decision is upon you.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): A windfall of money may be upon you this week, Taurus. Be on the lookout for your chance to cash in on this opportunity.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Take the time to reflect back on your last few weeks, Gemini. This week should be all about you and how these moments affected you.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Many opportunities are possible this week. Though, be careful not to take on too much as to create a burden on yourself.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Keep working through life's struggles, this week will be a light at the end of the tunnel for the blockade in the way of your progress.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Don't let life's many routes confuse you this week, Virgo. There is much to do and staying on track will help you finish these objectives.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Fighting on behalf of your beliefs will get you far this week, Libra. Only by continuing to do so will you finally win the debate.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): This week sees you as a mediator, Scorpio. Think carefully, only then will all sides come out well.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): This week may see many people trying to pull you in every which way, be mindful of yourself and your prior engagements first.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Although it may be hard, now is a good time to hang back and finish up helping those around you.

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Housing selection applications for the 2021-2022 academic year opens on March 22. Off-campus applications are due April 5, and on-campus applications are due April 19.

Residential Life (ResLife) will be hosting three housing information sessions via Zoom on March 25, April 7 and April 14. All sessions will be held at 12 p.m. The sessions will be recorded and shared with students.

Students who attend an on-campus information session will be eligible to win the "Golden Ticket" which will allow them to select their housing first.

On-campus housing selections can be made from April 27 through April 29. Students will receive an email with information regarding the date they are able to select their housing after their application is accepted.

Selections will be made on eRezLife, Doane's housing website.

For students wishing to live off-campus, they will need to have all of their supplemental documents uploaded with their application by the aforementioned due date. Incomplete applications will not be considered by ResLife.

Information sessions for off-campus applications will be held via Zoom on March 18 and March 24, both at 12 p.m.

In order to be eligible to live off-campus, students must meet one of the following criteria: having completed at least 90 credit hours by the end of the Spring semester, commuting from a parent or guardian's home within 40 miles of Doane,

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being married or having a child. Extenuating circumstances are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Applications for living off-campus must be submitted on eRezLife.

If a student is denied living off-campus, they have one chance to file a written appeal to Megan Failor, Dean of Students. An appeal must be submitted to deanofstudents@doane.edu within three days of the application being denied. The subsequent decision will be considered final.

Frank Ur, Area Coordinator of Smith and Burrage Halls, recommends that students email their community advisors (CA's), community directors (CD's) or Doane Housing with any questions.

"Students are encouraged to

plan for housing assignments ahead of time and think through who they want to room with and where they would like to room. Students will also need to have the exact number of roommates ready and in a housing group on eRezLife in order to be properly pulled into the housing placement," Ur said.

More information about housing groups will be shared soon, according to Ur.

Ur encourages students to keep a close eye on their emails regarding more housing information, and he said students should make sure and read through the entire email, including attachments.

With any questions or concerns, students should send an email to doanehousing@doane.edu, contact their CA or contact their residence hall's CD.

Juried Art Exhibition announces winners

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

The Virtual Juried Student Exhibition took place on March 4 at 6 p.m. This exhibition gave the audience an opportunity to view pieces of two-dimensional, three-dimensional and graphic design artwork. Student artists also had the chance to receive commentary and awards from the hosts and juror.

The live virtual exhibition took place over YouTube and Facebook Live. Having it over the virtual platform allowed students and family to watch who may not have been able to attend in person.

It also allowed anyone who could not view the event live to watch it over YouTube after the fact.

The exhibition was hosted by Eric Stearns, Associate Professor of Art, Meghan Gaul, Associate Professor of Graphic Design, and Erin Cross, Assistant Professor of Art. The juror for this exhibition was Heather Stark, Associate Professor of Art History at Marshall University in West Virginia. Stark was also a professor at Doane for two years.

As a juror, Stark stood as an outside perspective, detached from artists, the pieces and the context, according to the juror's

statement. She stated that she was "further challenged by the need to assess the submission remotely."

In this unconventional Juried Student Exhibition, all chosen pieces of art were photographed and displayed in the exhibition. This means that Stark strictly used the photographs to judge the artwork.

For Stark, as stated in the exhibition, judging by photograph was harder to see "all of the nuances" of the work, especially for pieces like paintings and three-dimensional work.

This show had 42 submissions, and 21 of those

submissions were selected to be a part of the exhibition, according to Stearns.

Out of the 21 submissions, four received recognition in the form of an award. The three first-place winners will each receive \$75, and the best-in-show will receive \$125.

The best two-dimensional work went to "Living Room" by sophomore Bailey Cordwin. Stark stated that this piece was selected due to the use of light that created an "atmospheric quality that we can all connect to."

"It makes me feel really happy that this piece shared a lot of emotional depth with the profes-

sors judging that I never would have expected. I love this drawing, and I'm so glad that so much emotion was able to be conveyed about this place that I love so much," Cordwin said.

The best three-dimensional work went to "Kanaloa" by senior Terra Nun. This work focused on detail, and Stark highlighted the use of color and the concept behind the creation.

The best graphic design award went to "Mixing Media" by senior Cameron Swanson. Stark saw a "great deal of work" in this book.

"I spent a considerable amount of time on this

piece, and I was happy to have this piece come in as the winner for its category," Swanson said.

Swanson would have also been happy had someone else had because "we all spend a lot of time honing our craft."

Finally, the best-in-show went to "Treehouse Treasures" by junior Emma Ryan. This was a "wonderful choice of subject" and "something we can all connect to," according to Stark.

For students interested in seeing the exhibition, they can visit the Doane Department of Art and Design and the Rall Gallery Facebook page.

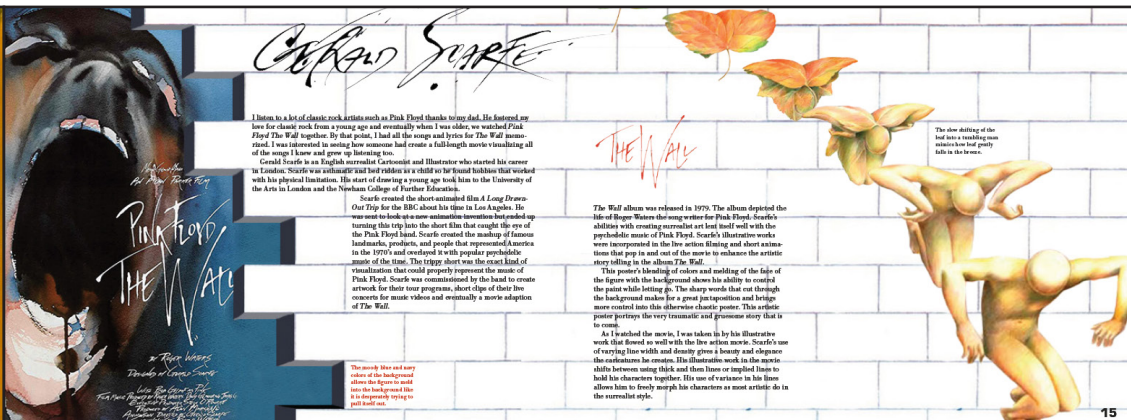


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Above: "Treehouse Treasures," a two-dimensional oil piece by Emma Ryan, won best-in-show at the virtual student art exhibition.

Right: Winning best three-dimensional art was "Kanaloa," a ceramic piece created by Terra Nun.

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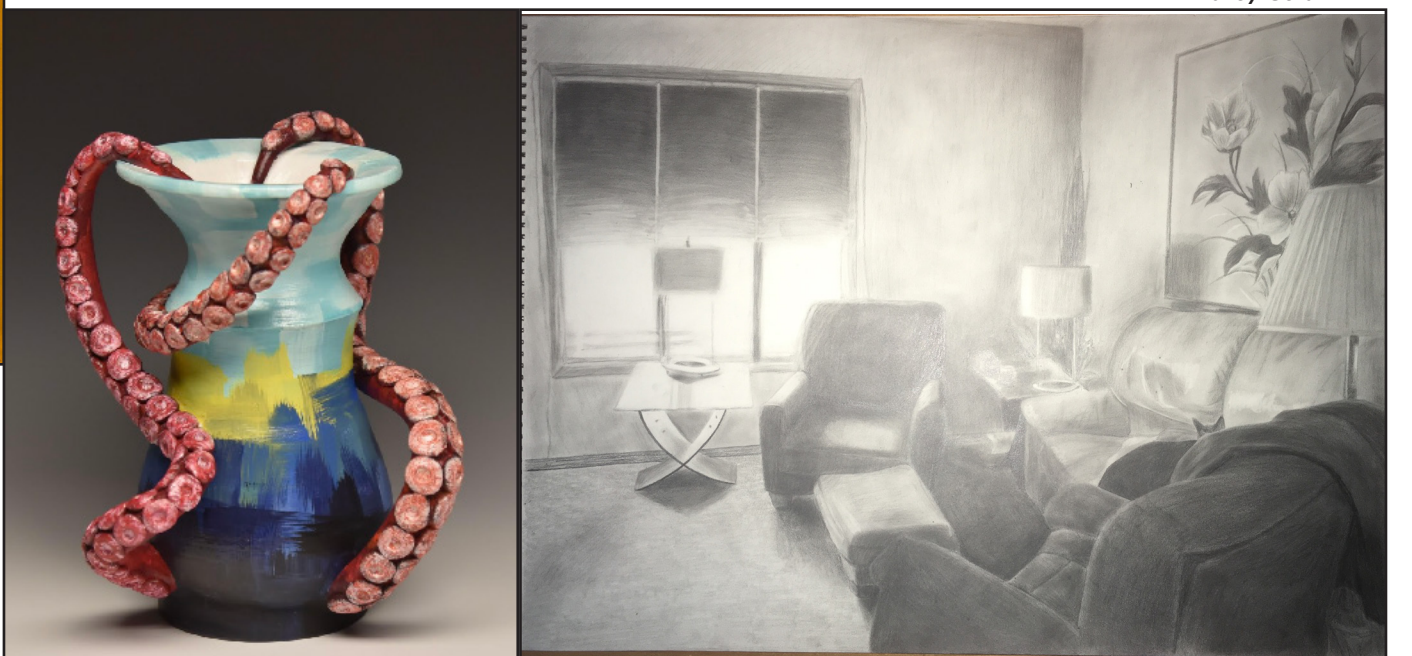


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Left: "Mixing Media," a graphic design book, won best graphic design award. Shown is the first spread Cameron Swanson made where the design and layout originated from.

Below: "Living Room" by Bailey Cordwin won best two-dimensional award.

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<p>1691 Mexico</p> <p>A celebrated writer and nun who defended women's right to education.</p> <p>Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz</p>	<p>1911 Japan</p> <p>Co-founded Japan's first all-women-run literary journal. There, she challenged traditional roles among women.</p> <p>Raicho Hiratsuka</p> 	<p>1990's India</p> <p>Worked to conserve strains of seed crops and educated about environmental issues. She empowered women to protect the livelihood of their communities.</p> <p>Vandana Shiva</p> <p>Information obtained from UN Women</p>	

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Appreciating women everyday

Now that it is Women's History Month, we wanted to shed a light on all of the contributions that women have brought to this world.

We will skip the obvious in that women have brought everyone into this world.

Women have pioneered change and only recently received the credit they deserve. Not only have women worked to make their own lives better, they have worked for other causes like civil rights.

All too often we take women for advantage: our moth-

ers, our doctors, our scientists. We tend to overlook the contributions that women bring to this world because that has historically been the trend.

We can't thank our mothers enough for putting up with us. In a typically male-dominated society, it can't be easy to be expected to care for one's children and try to work regularly.

Professional women are highly underrated. They do not get enough credit for the work that they do. Women have pioneered research in

the fields of psychology, biology and numerous others.

Often times, their accomplishments are not recognized, or credit is pushed on to someone else, usually a man.

It's time to stop pretending like this is not an issue. Women have made great strides in being recognized for their accomplishments and in securing their rights.

That does not mean the work is done, though. Until we, as a society, accept the position that women hold in

this world, all of these improvements have been made for nothing.

The social script needs to be altered in order for us to move forward.

This March, take some time to thank your mother, your doctor, any woman that you come in to contact with. It will mean more than just words.

Women's History Month will not end after March because we, as a collective, cannot allow 31 days to be enough to celebrate women.

Hot takes; console caper

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Let's get right into this week's Hot Takes by ranking all the home consoles sold by everyone's favorite Japanese gaming company-- Nintendo.

Each console is graded on how intuitive the console and user interface is, what games you can play on it, the controller and how easy it is to transport.

How user-friendly the console and interface is, to me, the most important aspect of any console. If it's a hassle to navigate and feels like a chore to try and operate, then it's a poorly-designed console.

The second most important quality of a console is the game selection. While there are remakes and remasters of many games, I will only be taking into account the console-exclusive games for this ranking. I will grade each console based on how many games it has and how good those games are.

The controller design falls right below game selection, as if there are fun games, but the controller makes it frus-



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trating to play, the console will lose points. Now, Nintendo is infamous for having the most bonkers controllers out of any gaming company, so the bar is pretty low for this one.

The final category is the ease of transportation, which is the least important out of the criteria. For the most part, these consoles were designed to remain stationary. For this, I asked myself how easy it would be if you were to pack it up and take it to a friend's house.

S Tier - The consoles that live here are the stuff of legend. Everything about them is basically perfect, and their games are exceedingly fun. All in all, these consoles are the holy relics of Nintendo.

A Tier - While not as great

overall as the ones above, the consoles here still provide hours of entertainment and are certainly worthy alternatives to the ones in S Tier.

B Tier - These consoles are the border that separates the good consoles from the bad ones. Everything about them is average, neither great nor terrible, these consoles are respectable but not noteworthy.

C Tier - Every company has a misstep, and the consoles here are Nintendo's missteps. Just take a console from B Tier and make everything about it slightly awful, and you have the consoles in this level.

F Tier - I would rather be hit by a bus than look at the consoles that occupy this

tier.

*Note: All rankings are final and no amount of hate/convincing will change my mind

S Tier: (The best)- Switch, Wii

A Tier: (Second Best)- GameCube

B Tier: (Average)- Nintendo 64, Nintendo Entertainment System

C Tier: (Below Average)- Super Nintendo Entertainment System

F Tier: (Garbage)- WiiU

Again, let me say: no amount of debating with me will change my mind so please save yourself the time and energy, you have better things to do than argue with a college kid about tier lists.

Do you have a topic you want me to make a ranking of? Email me at joey.winton@doane.edu with the subject line Hot Takes and I might write about it!

Never as bad as it seems



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

Last year, we all got sent home early in the spring semester because of COVID-19. I missed out on experiencing a Stop Day, a full rush season and who knows what else.

I'm so grateful to be able to be on campus this year, even if things are a little crazy.

So far, I have been able to watch the campus defrost from the winter, students enjoy the sunshine and actually go to my classes. It's the small things that are making this semester worth all of the hard work.

Personally, my spring semester last year was cut even shorter than most. I was in the hospital for a chunk of the time leading up to being sent home thanks to the pandemic.

My kidney decided to stop working, and the infection spread to my blood. So that was fun. Not to mention I was on crutches because my joints, specifically my knees, are absolutely atrocious.

That meant I couldn't attend my classes, not even over Zoom. I couldn't properly rush Greek groups because I was essentially on the verge of dying (not an exaggeration). I never got to see the campus rebloom with the warmer weather.

All that being said I feel very blessed to even be on campus this year. Instead of watching four IV's drip continuously, I watch my roommate's cat zoom around the suite. Instead of writing apology emails, I'm able to actively engage in class.

A lot has changed in the past year, and we usually focus on the negative things. But I think it's time to reframe the situation we find ourselves in.

The past year has been shitty. There's no denying that. That doesn't mean we should sit and cry in the trenches, though.

If focusing on the positive side of things is difficult for you, sit down and write out a list of everything you appreciate about the past year. I think it's fun to get my friends involved either face-to-face or over the phone. Reminiscing the good



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over the bad will put you ahead of everyone else, and

I promise it will make the future more fulfilling.

Movie does not meet expectations



KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

After over 30 years, the long-awaited sequel to "Coming to America" was released on March 5 through Amazon Prime.

Though writers and producers had over 30 years to come up with ideas for the movie, it was lackluster at best, and many aspects fell short.

The sequel, "Coming 2 America" picks up 30 years after where the first movie left off. Prince Akeem of Zamunda (Eddie Murphy) has just

been crowned king after the passing of his father. As tensions arise with a neighboring nation, Akeem learns that he has an illegitimate son that he had before he met his wife Lisa (Shari Headley). Due to traditions in Zamunda, only a male can inherit the throne instead of one of his three daughters, meaning that Akeem and Semmi (Arsenio Hall) must travel back to America where it all began.

The plot is not anything new or exciting. In fact, it seems to be rather a stretch. While it is evident in its name that Akeem must travel back to America, the reasoning seems far-fetched and not realistic. Akeem never knew he had a son because he does not remember that encounter with his son's mother, as he was under the influence of drugs.

The storyline is something that most of the audience has seen before-- a patriarchal country that does not allow women to govern themselves. Even

though one of his daughters has been preparing to take the throne her whole life, she must step aside for an American son that is ill prepared. Just from hearing the plot, one can imagine the ending.

While it is nice to see a combination of familiar faces from the previous movie with new ones, the humor aspect is not there. For those who have seen and enjoyed the first movie, they would be expecting the sequel to be as quick-witted as its predecessor. Yet, there were very few moments that could even crack a smile. It had an air of someone who is trying too hard to fit in and making jokes that really are not funny.

Bringing back many of the characters from the first movie, such as the barbershop crew (Murphy and Hall), was a nice yet expected touch. It seems that "Coming 2 America" was hoping to carry all of its weight on the nostalgia it would impose instead of the plot and humor.

One unexpected touch

was the number of cameos in the movie. Everyone from actor Morgan Freeman, to comedian Trevor Noah, to the "Empress of Soul" Gladys Knight made an appearance.

Another unexpected, and probably most redeeming, quality of the entire movie was the costume design. The costumes were executed by costume designer Ruth E. Carter. She is most well-known for her costume designs in "Black Panther" that won her an Oscar. Keeping her reputation alive, Carter was the one person who failed to disappoint with her extravagant and awe-inspiring royal apparel.

Sequels are commonly known for their air of disappointment, and unfortunately, "Coming 2 America" was no different. While many had high hopes for this movie, it failed to live up to the high bar that the original film set.



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Cold takes; Girl Scout cookies return



JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

It's around the time that one of America's most popular snacks is starting to be sold: Girl Scout cookies.

It only felt right to create a list in which the various cookies are put in order from best to worst in the form of a tier list rated from F to S, F being the worst and S being the best of the best. I'll start with the worst.

To lead off in the F tier, we have the Girl Scout S'mores, although there

are two separate versions of the same cookie.

The one I'm speaking of is the marshmallow and chocolate combination between two graham cracker-esque biscuits.

This lands in my F tier solely because I have never seen these in my entire life of eating Girl Scout cookies.

In my D tier of cookies, I would place the Toffee-Tastic cookies. This is because I have never had these, but I've had other toffee-flavored cookies similar in appearance to these ones.

Those other toffee-flavored cookies weren't bad, but the residual toffee that gets stuck on your teeth is not the greatest feeling in the world.

Moving on to the C tier, this section contains the average cookies that aren't terrible but also aren't outstanding.

First in this section falls the Do-Si-So's or Peanut Butter Sandwiches. The cookie itself is not



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crazy by any means when dealing with the flavors presented; it's very basic. Essentially two cookie biscuits with peanut butter in between.

Next on the C tier are the second form of the Girl Scout S'mores. In this version, it is a graham-based cookie that is covered in marshmallow and chocolate as opposed to being sandwiched in between. The cookie is also much larger than the other version of the Girl Scout S'mores.

Finally, in the C tier, we have the Caramel

deLites or Samoas. Now, these are a personal favorite of mine, but I realize that texture plays a big part in what many people eat. This is why the chocolate, caramel and coconut cookies fall where they do. The coconut texture throws people off, and I understand why.

In the B tier, we have the Lemon-Ups, Lemonades and the Shortbread or Trefoils. The Lemon-Ups and Lemonades

are essentially the same cookie except that the Lemon-Ups have encouraging messages baked into the top of the cookie. The Shortbread and tangy lemon combo are a go-to for any snack time situation that I have found myself in, and they never disappoint.

The regular shortbread cookies aren't crazy when it comes to flavor combination; however, I have yet to find anyone who hasn't been utterly disappointed when finding the shortbread cookie tin at a grandparents' house and finding sewing supplies in their place.

In the A tier, we have the Peanut Butter Patties or Tagalongs. The peanut butter and chocolate combination is a game-winner, and when paired with the size of the cookie, it is reminiscent of Reese's peanut butter

cups.

Finally, in the S tier section of Girl Scout cookies, we have Thin Mints and the new Toast-Yays. Thin Mints are the epitome of a Girl Scout cookie. Girl Scouts cookies can't be talked about without even mentioning Thin Mints, which is why they land in the S tier.

Next, we have the newest addition to the Girl Scout cookie family, the Toast-Yays. These cookies are life-changing, and if given the opportunity, I highly recommend that you buy a container of them.

The French toast cookie consists of a biscuit with the french toast flavor and icing on the bottom. It is surprising that the Girl Scouts did not make this cookie earlier because I feel like everyone would have benefited from them.

Burning out setting in



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Student burnout on Doane's campus is more prevalent than ever. I know I am not the same student I was prior to March 2020, but I am finding it more and more difficult to find motivation. I wake up, log in and mentally check out.

As a music major, what fills my soul is making music with other people. The Music Department

faculty has been excellent and done everything in their power to be safe while making music. It just isn't the same when I can't hold hands and sing "Precious Lord" with my fellow members of Doane Choir.

Another aspect that can add to Doane student burnout is the lack of a spring break and an extra-long semester. I know that this decision was made with the idea that no spring break would prevent students from traveling, but I need a break. Random days off, no matter what is planned, is not a way for me to breathe. I can't enjoy a Wellness event when I know the following day I have to turn in six assignments and two projects to Canvas.

I am thankful for some

of my professors who recognize this burnout and have scheduled mental health days off for their class.

What do we do as students? We know we can't have a spring break, and COVID-19 is not going to magically disappear. What now? I suggest scheduling time for a break and committing to it. This literally could mean that you put an event in your Google calendar. During that time, you could sit outside, nap or watch your favorite movie.

I want anyone who reads this to know that you are not alone in this burnout in your major. We are surviving a pandemic, political and racial revolution and being students at the same time.

...THUMBS UP

Party hats 👍👍👍👎👎👎

Hermit Crabs 👍👍👍👍👍👍

Spoons 👍👍👍👍👍👎

Orangutans 👍👍👍👍👍👎

Love Island 👍👍👎👎👎👎

The Doane Owl editorial staff cast their opinions on different current topics and their responses are represented in 'Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down' every week.

THUMBS DOWN...

Track teams excel at nationals

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Doane Track and Field ended their indoor season after they competed in the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Meet on March 3 and went through March 6.

The national meet started on Thursday, which was day one for the women's teams. Sophomore Nicole Harms competed in the pentathlon. After six events, Harms scored 3,124 points and ended up placing tenth overall.

Junior Annika Pingel competed in the 800m race. She finished with a personal record of 2:19.84 and placed fourth in her heat for the preliminaries and ninth overall, just missing a spot in the finals.

To end the day on Thursday, fifth-year Alyssa Downs pole vaulted over 3.58 m, putting her in twelfth place.

Friday was day one for the men's competition. Junior Sergio Arcos competed in the heptathlon. At the end of all seven events, Arcos finished with a total of 4,620 points, putting him in twelfth place.



Courtesy photo | Andy McCallister
Both relay teams pose with their All-American plaque.



Courtesy photo | Andy McCallister
Freshman Madison Sutton throws in the weight throw.

The Men's 4x400m relay team, consisting of senior Austin Drake, sophomore Jordan Tasler, freshman Zach Turner and senior Logan Hammond ran in the preliminary race. The boys brought in a season-best time of 3:19.62.

Turner also ran in the 60m hurdles, placing sixteenth with a time of 8.81.

Although there were issues with timing on the men's distance medley relay preliminary (DMR), they were able

to advance to the finals. Sophomore Kaden Dockweiler, freshman Chris Vincent, sophomore Aidan Wheelock and senior Alec Wick finished with a time of 10:24.22.

Dockweiler also competed in the 1000m. In the preliminary race, Dockweiler finished with a time of 2:33.74, placing him sixth in his heat and twelfth overall.

To end Friday, freshman Connor Floyd competed in the pole vault. Floyd cleared 4.55m to



Courtesy photo | Andy McCallister
Senior Matthew Campbell tosses his weight in the weight throw.

put himself in eighth place, making him an All-American.

On the second day of the women's competition, three athletes were crowned as All-Americans. In the weight throw, freshman Madison Sutton was one of the two All-Americans and placed second with a mark of 18.01m. Senior Joey Stenson also competed in the weight throw and finished eighth with a throw of 16.71m.

Senior Allison Skala was the other All-American and threw 13.6m

in the shot put, placing sixth nationally.

Freshman Sarah Theiler high jumped over 1.56m and tied for fourteenth place.

The Women's team finished their indoor season in 21st place with 11 points.

On the final day of the meet, senior Matthew Campbell placed second in the shot put with a mark of 16.79m placing sixth.

Campbell went on to compete in the weight

throw and win the national title as he marked 20.29m. Senior Richard Dover placed seventh in the weight throw marking at 18.30m. Both were All-Americans.

Senior Jake Heitkamp competed in the high jump and placed second with a clearance of 2.10m, also making him an All-American.

The distance medley relay team finished with a time of 10:17.20, improving upon their time set on Thursday. This time placed them seventh in the event and made them All-Americans.

The 4x400m relay team came in fifth place recording a time of 3:19.34, beating their previous seasonal best set just two days earlier, also putting them at All-American status.

The Men's team finished their indoor season with 30 team points making them sixth overall.

The Tigers will be back in action for the start of their outdoor season where they will be competing in the Jim Dutcher Classic from April 15 through April 17.

Wrestling team competes at nationals

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On March 5 and 6, Doane's Wrestling team sent their qualifiers to Kansas to compete in the NAIA national wrestling tournament.

In total, there were six wrestlers headed to Park City, Kan., each one competing in a different weight class.

Four of the wrestlers only competed on Friday and were not able to advance to Saturday's competitions.

Sophomore Tristan Zamilpa competed in the 149 weight class, defeating two out of his four opponents that day, which would end up scoring him 1.5 team points.

In the 174 weight class, sophomore Mi-

chael Scarponi received a bye for his first match and also won two out of his four matches. These victories secured Doane 1.0 team points overall.

Sophomore Bradley Antesberger wrestled in the 197 weight class and also received a bye in his first match. All four of his matches were won or lost by decision, resulting in him winning two of his four matches. This

gave the Doane Wrestling team another 2.0 team points.

In the 285 weight class, sophomore Brandon Antesberger won one of his matches by sudden victory, the other being won by decision. However, he lost two, putting him at 2-2 for the day and receiving 1.5 team points.

Out of the six, two wrestlers were able to advance to Saturday's com-

petition, putting them in the All-American rounds.

In the 125 weight class, junior Daniel Vargas went 5-2 during the entire tournament, finishing with 2-1 on Saturday. He finished fifth place overall.

In the 141 weight class, junior Baagii Boldmaa won three of his matches on Friday and another two on Saturday,

finishing him off with a perfect season of 25-0. This earned him his second straight NAIA National Championship, making him the first Doane wrestler to win two titles.

Overall, Doane's Wrestling team finished 12 out of the 52 competing teams at nationals.



Courtesy photo | Brooke Vote
Junior Daniel Vargas attempts to get his oponent into a vulnerable position to secure a pin.



Courtesy photo | Brooke Vote
Junior Baagii Boldmaa wrestles his oponent in hopes of keeping his perfect season.

Tennis faces back-to-back matches

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

This past weekend, both the Men's and Women's tennis teams had back-to-back matches against Newman University and Williams Jewell College on March 6 and 7.

Despite it being early on in the season, both teams have done well this spring season, as they both currently have winning records. Sophomore Liz Van Der Torre and the Girl's team have been doing very well, with a 2-1 record.

"As a team, we have grown so much, both in our physical strength and our game," Van Der Torre said. "We have

been focusing on getting in the best shape possible, as well as working on our strategy in matches."

Despite currently doing very well, the players still experience plenty of tension before each match. These matches are more nerve wracking for some, including freshman Federico Infante because the players have to rely on each other, not just themselves.

"There is always a bit of tension, pressure and nerves when it comes to competing since, unlike in ordinary tournaments, here you do not play for yourself but for a whole team which trusts you," Infante said.

Having matches two days in a row can take

a toll on the players' strength and stamina. In order to not let this slow them down, the team made sure to take proper care of their bodies.

"Before the match, it is important to make sure that you are warmed up and ready in order to prevent unnecessary soreness," Van Der Torre said. "Additionally, it is important to make sure that you are fueling your body with water, electrolytes and nutritious food."

However, between most matches, there is a day or two of recovery. Having matches two days in a row eliminated the availability of time for the players.

"Generally in these

scenarios between the two games, a recovery routine is carried out," Infante said. "We think about our performance the next day, and we know that it can affect us and even more if the first day is hard. They are perils of the job."

This past weekend, the team was looking forward to getting to perform and achieve success. With each team coming away with one win and one loss each, they look to improve for their upcoming matches.

"We have been working very hard at practice, and I am looking forward to seeing all of that hard work pay off," Van Der Torre said. "I would at least like to see some

of the strategic play that we have been working on shine through in our games."

Both teams play again

on March 13 at Doane against Tabor College before having a full weekend of traveling and matches.

Athlete of the Week



Matthew Campbell
Track & Field

Won
the national weight throw
title with 20.29m

