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Doane's Baseball team comes out victorious against Hastings. See Page 9 for more.

Housing applications now open

On-campus registration based on credits

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

Housing applications officially opened on March 22 for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

The deadline to register for off-campus housing is April 5 at 11:59 p.m.

Students who are eligible for off-campus housing must have successfully completed 90 credits by the end of the spring

semester, commute to school within a 40-mile radius of campus, have a dependent child or be legally married.

Extenuating circumstances may also be applicable for off-campus housing. Each situation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Documentation for commuting and married students must be submitted when applying for off-campus housing.

On-campus housing selection will take place between April 27 and April 29. Students will receive their specified selection time via email.

Time slots are based on seniority of academic credits achieved to date.

There are on-campus housing info sessions via

Zoom on April 7 at 12 p.m. and April 14 at 12 p.m.

These sessions will be recorded and shared for students who are unable to attend.

Students who attend an on-campus information session will be eligible to enter to win the Golden Ticket.

This Golden Ticket allows the winner to select their housing first, regardless of their academic credits.

To apply and review other resources, go to <https://doane.erezlife.com/>.

With any questions or concerns, please contact Residential Life and Education at doanehousing@doane.edu.

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New COVID-19 variant spotted

Over a dozen states report cases of new strain

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

A new variant of COVID-19 was spotted in the United States at the end of January 2021.

According to Forbes,

close to fifty cases of the variant have been reported in over a dozen states, and it has been found in at least twenty-five other countries.

The CDC states that the P.1 variant is a branch off the B.1.1.28 line that was first reported in Japan after travelers from Brazil were tested in an airport outside Tokyo. The P.1 variant contains mutations that affect its transmissibility and can potentially reinfect those who have already recov-

ered from COVID-19.

As several states are loosening restrictions, like mask mandates and reduced capacity in indoor spaces, the new COVID-19 variant could be enabled to run wild across the country.

As of now, the B.1.1.7 variant, which represents up to thirty percent of COVID-19 infections in the U.S., has been reported in all fifty states and close to one hundred countries.

According to MD

Amesh Adalija, infectious disease physician and Senior Scholar at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, the new P.1 strain has the potential to bypass all current vaccines aimed at combating the virus.

"[The] P.1 variant poses some difficulty for current vaccines; the vaccines are nonetheless effective at what matters-- serious illness, hospitalization and death," Adalija said.

However, most med-

ical professionals are not worried about the P.1 variant, as it is not nearly as contagious nor as lethal as the B.1.1.7 COVID-19 variant.

MD Eric Topol, Founder and Director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in San Diego and Professor of Molecular Medicine, tweeted on March 20 that trials with the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine have produced promising results.

"It has responded very

well to the J&J vaccine, and all data supports a full response to the mRNA vaccines, too" Topol tweeted.

With vaccinations in the U.S. increasing by the day and infections and deaths decreasing in most states, it is recommended to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible to prevent the spread of the P.1 variant, among others.

Nebraska vaccine rollout increasing

Nebraska on next phase of distribution of vaccines

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

As of March 22, Nebraska has moved into phase 2A of its vaccination plan for the state's residents. Now, people between the ages of 50 to 64 and those with underlying conditions may receive their COVID-19 vaccination.

This was announced in a press conference by Governor Pete Ricketts on March 19.

With studies from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) suggesting that some 350,000 Nebraska

residents fall into these categories, some health departments in the state had already declared phase 2A for their areas. Of the individuals identified as eligible by the DHHS, 90,000 have already been vaccinated due to being high-risk or through an employer, 1011 News reported.

Some people have criticized Ricketts for not acting fast enough on vaccinating Nebraskans.

"What we're doing here in Nebraska is what we've been doing all along," Ricketts said. "It's right for Nebraska."

To aid in Nebraska's phase 2A plan, more vaccines are on their way in order to facilitate higher vaccination rates.

"The week of March 29, DHHS official Angie Ling says we'll be getting more doses of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine," ABC 8 report-

ed. According to 1011 News, the DHHS said it hopes to use these vaccines to finish off vaccinations for educators and those in phase 1C.

Phase 1C consists of every person living in a "congregate living" situation. By "congregate living," it means everyone who is currently living in a space or facility where there are shared common spaces with other residents. Examples of congregate living include, but are not limited to, residential treatment centers, correction facilities and homeless shelters.

According to the Nebraska DHHS COVID-19 tentative vaccination timeline, phase 2B should begin sometime in late April or in May if all goes according to plan. Phase 2B looks to vaccinate all adults 16- to 49-years old.

COVID-19 Vaccine - Phase 2

Nebraska has moved into phase 2A of its vaccination plan for the state's residents as of March 22.

Now, people aged 50 - 60 and those with underlying conditions may receive their COVID-19 vaccination.

Phase 2B should begin in late April or in May which would allow people aged 16 - 49 to get their vaccination.

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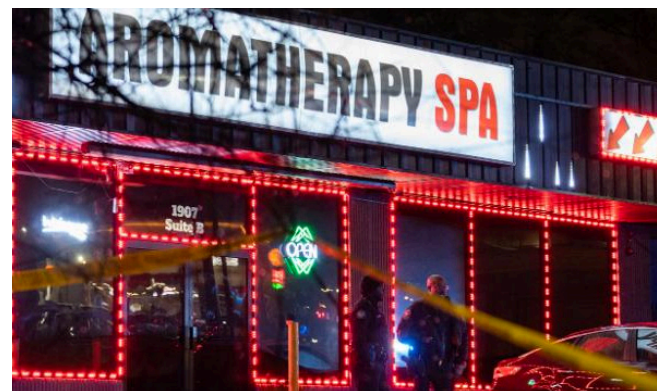


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Mourners outside Young's Asian Massage



Mourners outside Gold Spa

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This Week's Weather Forecast

Wednesday

3/10



High: 52

Low: 26

Thursday

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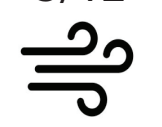


High: 60

Low: 42

Friday

3/12



High: 72

Low: 46

Saturday

3/13



High: 78

Low: 53

Sunday

3/14



High: 82

Low: 60

Monday

3/15



High: 80

Low: 57

Tuesday

3/16



High: 79

Low: 58

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Eight dead after shooting

Hate crime targeted at Asian-Americans

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Eight people were found dead at the scene of three spa shootings in and around Atlanta, Ga. on March 16.

The first shooting occurred around the town of Woodstock, 30 miles northwest of Atlanta, at a massage parlor called "Young's Asian Massage." Two people were pronounced dead at the scene with two others dying at the hospital.

The second shooting occurred in Atlanta about an hour later at a spa named "Gold Massage Spa," where three people were pronounced dead, and one other individual was found dead across the street at "Aroma Therapy Spa," CNN reported.

Of those who died, six were women of Asian descent with the remaining two being white.

The four victims in "Young's Asian Massage" were Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33; Paul Andre Michels, 54; Xiaojie Tan, 49; Daoyou Feng, 44.

The other four victims



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found at "Gold Massage Spa" and "Aroma Therapy Spa" were Soon C. Park, 74; Hyun J. Grant, 51; Suncha Kim, 69; Yong A. Yue, 63.

"The suspect told investigators that he had a sexual addiction and saw the businesses as a temptation he needed to eliminate," local authorities reported to NBC News.

Also being investigated is whether or not these shootings were inspired by anti-Asian sentiment, which has seen a rise amidst the pandemic. According to a recent STOP

AAPI Hate Report, 3,795 hate incidents toward people of Asian heritage have been reported between March 2020 and Feb. 2021.

"We know [violence against Asian Americans] is an issue that's happening around the country; it is unacceptable, it is hateful, and it has to stop," Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said.

Vice president of the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Luis Sotelo also released a statement about the tragedies in an email to

students on March 18.

In his statement, Sotelo rejected racism and promoted coming together as a community. In doing so, Sotelo hopes that people may support and rely on one another and help foster a denouncing of racism and bigotry.

"This alone is not enough, and we encourage all of us to intentionally seek opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of how these incidents impact our Doane community and society and what each of us

can do to actively work to foster inclusive and equitable environments," Sotelo said.

Sotelo also encouraged anyone having trouble in these difficult times to seek out support in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to: Nebraska Appleseed, Doane's bias report form or seeking out counseling services available for on-campus residents by emailing Myron Parsley at myron.parsley@doane.edu or Dusty Mencl at dusty.mencl@doane.edu.

Math dept. hosts Easter egg hunt

Hunt slated from now until April 2 at 3 p.m.

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Copy Desk Chief

The Math Department is currently holding their eighth annual Easter Egg Hunt that will go on until April 2 at 3 p.m.

Until then, students

have the opportunity to find one orange Easter egg that has been hidden on Doane's campus.

The winner will receive one "Eggceptional Easter Basket," according to the Rules and Clues sent out to all students via email by the Faculty Office.

To win, a student must find the undamaged egg and present it to a member of the Math Department.

Everyday until April 2, students will receive clues regarding the egg's whereabouts on the Rules and Clues document.

Students who partici-

pate are encouraged to recite the Easter Egg Hunt Pledge before beginning their searches:

"(Please cup your hands as if cupping a fragile egg and repeat the following words). 'I, (state your full name), pledge that I enter into this Easter egg hunt with a spirit of adventure, enthusiasm and folly. An Easter egg hunt is not a violent thing, and I know acts of aggression will bring disqualification. An Easter egg hunt should never inspire destruction of property so, of course, I will be disqualified if I



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destroy anything while hunting. Of course, I know the Easter egg hunt creators want this to be a fun experience for ev-

eryone, and I pledge to be a fun-multiplier, not a fun-subtractor." Any questions or concerns can be directed to

Associate Professor of Mathematics and Data Analysis Peggy Hart at peg.hart@doane.edu.

Biden administration penalizes staff

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On March 19, Jen Psaki, White House Press Secretary, said that five White House staffers were “no longer employed” after they revealed past marijuana use during a vetting process for security clearance.

The Biden administration has come under fire after reports that several young staffers had been penalized for past marijuana use after being told they would not be penalized.

Psaki said in defense of the administration’s decision that marijuana use is still federally illegal, even



Cartoon by Joey Winton | The Doane Owl

though some of the staffers who were fired are from states where cannabis use is legal.

According to The Hill, a group of thirty Democratic lawmakers signed a letter to President Joe

Biden requesting he remove his administration’s policy regarding employees and past marijuana use.

The lawmakers include Representative Don Bey-er (Va.), Jared Huffman

(Calif.), Mondaire Jones (N.Y.), Barbara Lee (Calif.) and Joaquin Castro (Texas), among others, and requested that Biden remove past use of cannabis as a disqualifier.

“We, however, were dismayed to learn that several White House staffers were reportedly suspended, put on probation or asked to resign after honestly disclosing past cannabis use,” the letter to Biden said.

The lawmakers also cited the inconsistency with which those who used cannabis have been treated, and that more often than not, those in positions of power face the fewest repercussions.

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“[Existing policies] have been applied in inconsistent and unfair ways. Past presidents have admitted to illegal cannabis use, among other drug use, without consequences.”

Letter to President Joe Biden

President Kamala Harris], have admitted to illegal cannabis use, among other drug use, without consequences,” they

wrote.

However, Psaki claimed in a tweet that the Biden administration had loosened existing policies on marijuana use by allowing waivers on a case-by-case basis for potential staffers.

According to Forbes, this allowed the administration to hire staffers who had admitted to “limited” marijuana use, under the conditions that they would not use it during their time working for the government and would agree to random drug tests.

Initially, it was thought that Biden and his administration would take a much more lenient approach than other administrations in regards to marijuana use, but now it is unclear how lenient he will be.

Pope denies blessing LGBTQIA+ marriage

Vatican decree intends to maintain official teachings

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On March 15, Pope Francis signed a Vatican decree stating that priests cannot bless same-sex marriages.

This comes as a disappointment to many, as Pope Francis expressed his support for gay people in the church, has invited LGBTQIA+ advocates to the Vatican and has called for national laws for same-sex civil unions.

The document says the Catholic Church cannot bless same-sex unions because God “cannot bless sin.”

While the Pope has expressed his support for the LGBTQIA+ community in the past, his approach to this issue seems to come from a place of maintaining official teachings.

Officially, the Catholic Church states that sex should be between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and changing any part of that ideology could prompt a reconsideration of other church positions.

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, head of the Vatican’s laity office, defended the Pope’s actions by saying that a “blessing” is a sacramental action relat-



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“I do not want to insist that nobody, nobody must ever be excluded from the pastoral care and love and concern of the Church.”

Cardinal Kevin Farrell
Head of Vatican Laity Office

ed to the sacrament of marriage. The Catholic Church teaches that this “blessing” can only be celebrated between a man and a woman.

Farrell said civil unions are not “marriages” as the Catholic Church understands the term, but he was adamant about his support for the gay community.

“I do not want to insist that nobody, nobody must ever be excluded from the pastoral care and love and concern of the Church,” Farrell said.

According to the Associated Press, a group of Catholic priests in Austria known as the Pastor’s Initiative expressed disagreement with the decree and would not abide by it.

“This is a return to times we had hoped with Pope Francis to get past,” the Pastor’s Initiative said. “We will, in solidarity with so many, not reject any loving couple in the future who asks to celebrate God’s blessing which they experience every day, also in a worship service.”

While Pope Francis has said he has no issue with same-sex marriage, official Church teachings and documents cannot allow him to bless those unions under the Catholic faith.

As of this publication, the Catholic Church has not released any more statements regarding this issue.

NCAA under fire for unequal treatment

Viral videos spark outrage among athletes

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

Outrage sprung among players and coaches at the despair of equipment, gear and facilities for the women’s National College Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament this March.

Athletes posted videos on social media of the discrepancies between the men’s and women’s facilities.

According to NBC News Today, Sophomore forward Sedona Prince posted a video on Twitter and TikTok that showed the clear difference between the women’s weight room compared to the men’s.

For the women’s weight room, they were given a set of dumbbells and yoga mats, while the men’s weight room was fully equipped.

Since photos and videos have gone viral for the unequal treatment, the NCAA has provided

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Mark Emmert
President of NCAA

the female athletes with more equipment and an apology.

In an interview with The Athletic, USA TODAY and The New York Times, Mark Emmert, president of the NCAA, said he is upset about the differences in commodities for the athletes.

“It’s deeply disappointing,” Emmert said. “We want the student-athletes to have a great experience and feel appreciated as they are for what they’ve done. They’ve gone through an incredible grind to get to these tour-

naments. So anything that detracts from that is so disappointing.”

Although the NCAA apologized, the acts of inequality have been brought to political attention.

An article from CNBC informs that 36 members of Congress wrote to Emmert looking for answers on the stark differences between the facilities given to men and women.

“Such actions are deeply concerning and reflect [the] NCAA’s lack of commitment to the spirit of Title IX to ensure a level playing field for women in athletics that are subsidized with federal financial assistance. Despite having corrected at least some of these infractions, the NCAA’s clear disregard for women cannot be tolerated,” an excerpt from the letter from Congress reads.

Congress asked for the NCAA to respond by April 2.

An investigation has started and procedures have been put in place to ensure unequal treatment between teams does not happen again.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between March 22 through 28 include:

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Chess Club brought back to life

SARAH DALY
Communications
Manager

Sophomore Samuel Province has taken it upon himself to revive the Doane Chess Club.

Back in 2014, Doane had a Chess Club, but with time, it fell through the cracks. As the current president, Province wanted to reform the group out of personal interest and investment in the game of chess.

"A chess club helps engage with the liberal arts. Without both academic and entertainment clubs on campus, we are not really liberal arts. Chess Club helps round out the liberal arts mission by offering a wider range of entertaining academic engagement," Province said.

All students are invited to come to the Chess Club's weekly meetings on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Perry Campus Cen-

ter Boardroom. Province encourages students to come regardless of skill level.

At this point in the development of the group, 12 to 15 students come together each week and play chess and relax with one another. Province said the group listens to music while playing chess.

"Anyone can be involved. None of us are very good, we just play because it's fun and interesting," Province said.

Province describes the

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Samuel Province
President of Chess Club

environment as non-formal and a safe place to learn and have fun.

"The people that surround chess are also incredibly supportive and helpful making learning that much easier," Province said.

Sophomore Erik Rodriguez is a new member of the Chess Club. He said he really enjoys the game and the community that this club provides. Rodriguez learned about the club through his fellow fraternity brothers.

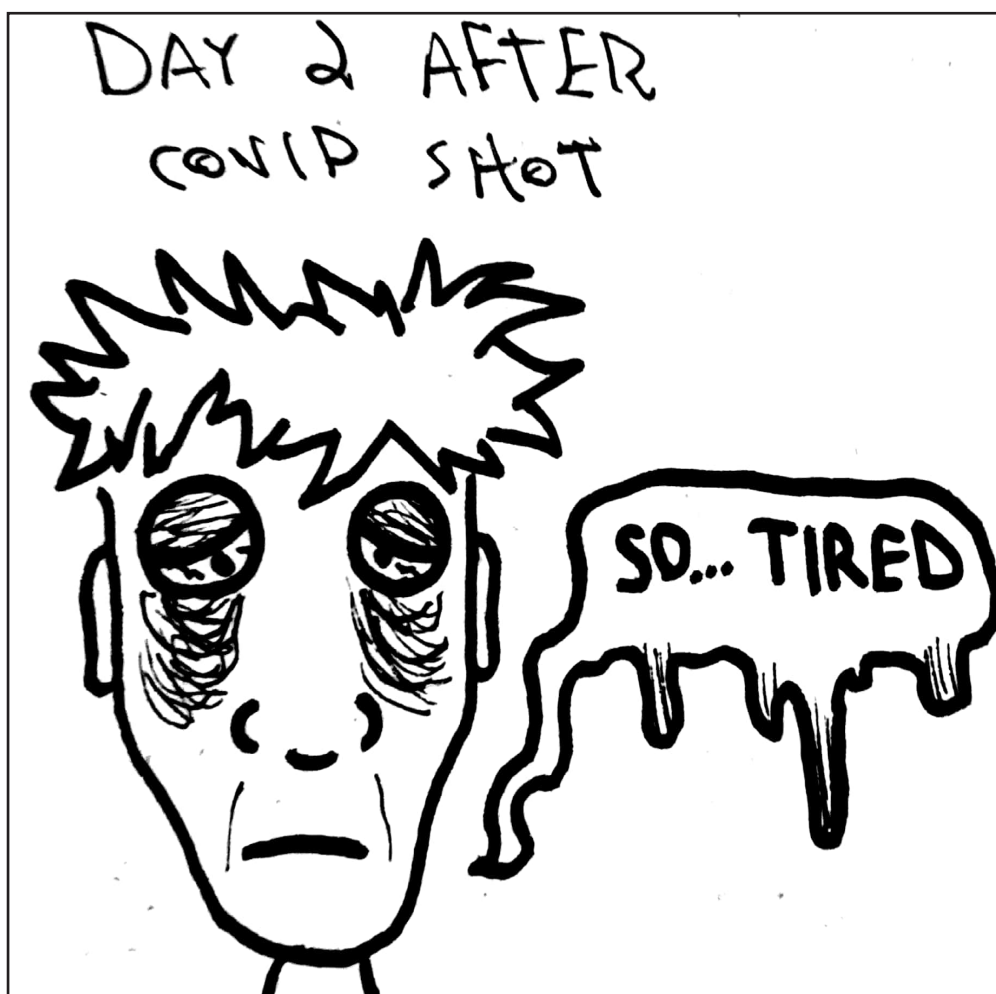
"I just find it very interesting, and [it] promotes brain growth as well. My favorite part of the club is right at the beginning when our president gives us some chess opening lessons," Rodriguez said.

If students have questions about the Chess Club, they can contact Samuel Province at samuel.province@doane.edu.



Courtesy photo | Erik Rodriguez

Students part of Chess Club socialize and play a game of four-way chess during a meeting.



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Vaccines leave some students with reactions

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COVID-19 vaccines have become available to some Doane students as the vaccine rollout plan has progressed.

"I was diagnosed with COVID back in September, but I was said to be asymptomatic," sophomore Makenna Klug said.

Klug was able to get the COVID-19 vaccine because she works for the After School Program at Crete Elementary School.

"The process was similar [to other vaccinations] for the most part. The shot just hurt more when injected. I had to wait 10 to 15 minutes before I was able to leave in case of any reaction to the medicine," Klug said.

Klug said the side effects of the vaccine did not occur until several hours after the injection, and they felt similar to

symptoms of COVID-19, excluding a lack of taste and smell.

"The symptoms lasted for about 12 hours, and it was very miserable with headaches, body aches, fever and chills and a lack of an appetite as well," Klug said.

Senior Jacobi White was also able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Since I work for Crete Area Medical Center, I was selected since I am a

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Makenna Klug
Sophomore

healthcare professional," White said.

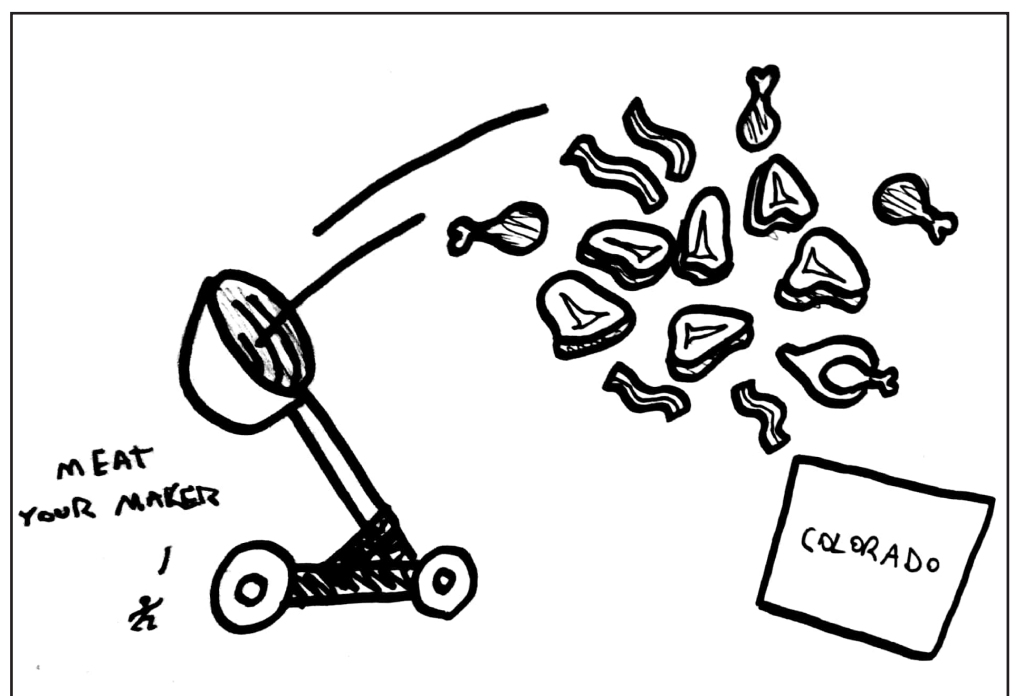
White said the vaccination process was very easy. He said all he needed to do was sign up for a day and time that the vaccine was being distributed.

"It was different because you [usually] don't have to sign up for most vaccines because there is not a shortage," White said.

White said he did not experience any symptoms after he was vaccinated. However, he said his arm did hurt for about a day after his first injection.

"The second shot was painless because I was advised the second time around to take two ibuprofen before and after the shot," White said.

The COVID-19 vaccine plan is currently entering phase 2A, and phase 2B will allow individuals aged 16 to 49 to receive the vaccine in late April or early May.



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Ricketts fights "Meat Out Day"

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Staff Writer

On March 20, Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts declared that March 20 was "Meat on the Menu Day" for Nebraska in reaction to Colorado's "Meat Out Day."

According to BBC, Colorado called for March 20 to be a day where no one should consume meat as a means to try and reduce our carbon footprint.

Not only can excessive intake of meats such as beef and pork affect the environment, it can also have negative health implications.

Ricketts felt that because Nebraska is such an agricultural powerhouse, residents should show support for the meat industry, according to the Omaha World Herald.

In addition to showing support, Ricketts also

wanted to highlight the importance of meat in one's diet.

"While meat is one of the most nutrient-dense foods you can eat, there are radical anti-agriculture activists that are working to end meat production and our way of life here in Nebraska," Ricketts said, as reported by the Omaha World Herald.

One Doane student in particular was taken aback by Colorado's proclamation.

Sophomore Kalen Dockweiler and his family are all active members in the agricultural industry. He felt that, especially in the midst of a pandemic, it is not permissible to have a "Meat Out Day."

"The livestock industry took a pretty big hit with COVID-19, and this seemed to just add to the fire," Dockweiler said.

Dockweiler said he

thinks that alternatives to meat should have been promoted instead of creating a "Meat Out Day." That way, it would not have been seen as an attack on farmers and butchers who rely on meat as a means of living.

The statements from Colorado and Nebraska were met with mixed reactions. Many felt that people would eventually cut meat from their diets completely, closing some businesses and forcing people to alter their lifestyles, according to the Omaha World Herald.

Animal activist group PETA also voiced their opinion on the matter. The organization released a statement to the press saying they want to put up a billboard on the border of Nebraska and Colorado that reads "Entering Nebraska, Home of Meathead Governor Ricketts!"

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Many possibilities lie ahead of you. Seize the moment and live your life a little wilder this week.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Old barricades will fall for you this coming week. As you move on to new things, a new light shines at the end of the tunnel.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Opportunity lies in wait. Take the chance or skip over it, you never know how your choice might affect you later.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): It may seem like you don't have a choice in what you're doing lately. Turn that back around and make sure you are heard.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Choices are in abundance this week. Good, bad and anything in between may happen from the choices you make.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Obstacles are blocking your path, Cancer. You can either sit and wait or pick your way through the mountain ahead of you.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Help is only an arms-length away. Don't be afraid to reach out if you do not think you can handle your demons alone.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): All of your hard work is going to pay off soon. Keep at it and don't delay or else you may lose out on your successes.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Even though you may not want it, many people seem to be reaching out to you lately. Take more time for yourself.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): A new work opportunity is upon you, Scorpio. Be prepared and you'll be rewarded.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Take the road less traveled. Taking it easy on the road is better than risking the shortcut through the forest.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Don't wait for opportunity to knock on your door this week. Knock on its door instead and you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Choirs tour around to Nebraska schools

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

Last week, two choir music groups on campus, Jazz Unlimited and Doublewide, had the opportunity to go on tour around different schools in Nebraska.

This "COVID amended tour" started on March 25 and continued through March 26.

On March 25, the two groups were able to visit Seward High, Norris High and Blair High. The next day, the groups visited Beatrice High, Waverly High and Lincoln Pius X Catholic High.

High school students getting the opportunity to hear college choir students perform can help get them thinking about what colleges they are interested in and what music departments they like.

Freshman Anna Harveson, member of Jazz Unlimited, said she remembers colleges visiting her own high school and how that influenced her.

"Seeing performances from colleges gets high school students interested in starting their college process. I looked into every school that performed at my high school," Harveson said.

Harveson also stated that as someone who lives for "live performances," it can be hard not having those due to COVID-19. So, she believed that this was an opportunity to "rejuvenate" the audience and performers.

Harveson and other participants in the tour also felt grateful that Professor and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Kurt



Courtesy photos | Ryan Hellmuth (top) and Samuel Province (bottom)

Runestad was able to put the tour together.

While the tour was able to happen, precautions still had to be taken.

The students took vans to the various schools they performed at, and, therefore, were required to stay in the same van to minimize any exposure. Students were also not able to eat and remove their masks on the van. The performances were all outside, except for one performance that was rained on. The performers were also at least six feet away from each other, and the microphones were cleaned after each use.

Harveson stated that being far from the audience made it difficult to read their expressions, and it was challenging to hear each other outside.

Despite the challenges, she said that getting to perform again with her friends by her side was "incredible."

"It was fun to just hang out with people and do what we all love, making music. Music majors' schedules are very busy, so it was so nice to just relax for a bit and hang out with friends when moving from school-to-school. I enjoyed performing again so much, and it just felt like a bit of normalcy," Harveson said.

Students interested in hearing the choir or other music groups can watch the upcoming concerts that will be livestreamed on the Doane Music Department Facebook page on April 10 starting at 1 p.m.

Students weigh in on social media

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

After the Capitol Insurrection on Jan. 6, Donald Trump, President of the United States at the time, was banned from large social media platforms including Twitter and Facebook.

However, according to Trump's Senior Advisor, Jason Miller, Trump could be back with his own social media platform in as little as two to three months, according to Fox News.

While Trump has yet to fully confirm or deny this claim himself, he has hinted at the idea.

The idea of Trump creating his own social media platform formed mixed views, including students on campus.

According to a poll sent out to students on March 25, about half of the respondents stated they had heard about Trump's claims that he may be making his own social media platform.

Many students were in support of this potential social media platform;

"When a platform is created with the sole intention of a particular political group joining it, it's bound to be more generally radical and also be an echo chamber."

Samuel Province
Sophomore

however, some said they do not believe that it is a good idea.

Sophomore Samuel Province stated it could even be dangerous.

"When a platform is created with the sole intention of a particular political group joining it, it's bound to be more generally radical and also be an echo chamber," Province said.

Province said he believes that a platform like this could lead to widespread misinformation.

However, other students such as senior Heath Finke believe that America is the "free world," and people should be allowed to express their freedom of speech.

"Americans have the right to say and do what they please within legal reason. America is the only country in the world where it is perfectly legal to speak out against the government, form a petition to change the government or print anything you want about the government," Finke said.

Finke said he believes that current large social media platforms do not allow for freedom of speech. They only allow certain viewpoints and promote "cancel culture."

"Cancel culture is tearing this country right down the middle of people who are canceling and people who are being canceled," Finke said.

For this reason, Finke believes that the potential new social media platform by Trump is a good thing, as it will promote the idea of free speech.

Yet, Finke acknowl-

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Heath Finke
Senior

edged that if this platform does go public, it will consist mainly of Conservative users.

Finke said he believes Trump's platform could have both positive and negative elements. He said he worries about a lack of Liberal voices, as he appreciates open discussion and hearing viewpoints that differ from his own. However, he feels that a site where Conservatives can openly express their opinions could be a safe environment away from labels.

"I could see people who feel like they are constantly being beat down and degraded because of their political beliefs could have some place to actually express their feelings and beliefs," Finke said.

Despite the differing opinions about Trump's potential social media platform, it is still a waiting game to see if the claims about this platform are true.



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GUILD hosts array of game events

SARAH DALY
Communications Manager

The GUILD group on campus hosted a Mario Kart Tournament on March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Nyrop Hall. There were 16 slots available for students to join.

This event was one of two that GUILD hosted for their "Weeks of the Greeks." The other event was a Skribbl.io event on March 19. All students could join for a night of virtual drawing.

GUILD put on these events for students who were not participating in Greek Life so they did not feel left out on campus.

GUILD is a themed

community centered around all types of gaming: video games, board games, card games and any other type of gaming. GUILD also hosts charity streams and gaming competitions to benefit Nebraska communities and foundations.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, GUILD held weekly meetings to discuss upcoming events, and then participants would break off into games.

"It is basically a community game night," junior Matt Pracht, president of GUILD, said.

GUILD, in a normal year, is based out of the basement of Smith Hall. There is a gaming room in the basement with multiple televisions and other

equipment that students may need.

Pracht plans and coordinates events for GUILD and its participants.

"My favorite part of GUILD is seeing everyone enjoy each other's company. That is why this year has been so rough. We haven't been able to hold in-person meetings, so we haven't been able to play many of our usual games. Seeing people through screens isn't quite the same as being able to laugh together in person," Pracht said.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

No room for hate here at Doane

In light of the recent shootings in Atlanta, Ga., we would like to make our official position, as Doane Student Media, known.

Under no circumstances do we condone the violence and reckless murder of the eight victims: Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Soon C. Park, Hyun J. Grant, Suncha Kim and Yong A. Yuc.

Say their names. Do not stand by and permit these actions by doing nothing.

As a media outlet, we will not be naming the shooter. To do so would glorify and recognize the actions of that individual as noteworthy.

The shooter's actions do not require a spotlight-- the eight lives lost do.

We encourage all students, faculty and staff to recognize the victims and discredit the shooter. It may seem like a small gesture, but it could mean the difference between another eight lives being saved.

When a perpetrator is rec-

ognized, people with similar intentions may try to seek out notoretiy as well. By refusing to focus on the shooter, we, as a community, can shape the conversation around the topic.

The anti-Asian sentiment surrounding this horrific event is in no way supported by Doane Student Media. We do not tolerate racism or discrimination of any kind.

It is our belief that the larger community of Doane feels the same way, but it would be unrealistic to take that at face

value.

We know there are people on this campus and in the Crete community that do not share the same persepective. We would like to encourage those people to educate themselves on the impact that these events have on the victims' families, the broader communities and society as a whole.

Do not allow the conver-saiton to focus on the shooter. Instead, recognize the victims. Recognize the eight individuals whose lives were unnecessarily taken.

Hot takes; best-dressed

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Smile and wave boys, just smile and wave. That's right; it's time for this week's Hot Takes on penguins.

These flightless, well-dressed birds are by far some of my favorite species of bird, and it's time I made a list ranking them.

Each penguin is ranked based on a series of criteria that I believe are important to measure their quality.

These categories are appearance, commonality and place on the food chain.

Appearance is the most important and also the simplest, as there are some penguins that are either really majestic or goofy-looking to the point of beauty, and there are others that are just... kind of ugly.

Commonality is essentially how likely are you to find them in the wild which might seem like a dumb thing to grade a bird on, but I'm writing the article, so I say what goes.

The final category is placement on the food chain which means what is their predator to prey ratio in their environment. If they are near the top of the chain, they will score more points than one that is in the middle or near the bottom.

S Tier - These penguins are the pinnacle of aquatic-bird superiority. Everything about them is sheer and utter perfection, and I want one.

A Tier - Overall, these birds are inferior to the ones above, but don't let that make you think they are bad. These guys are still a real treat to look at and are still a worthy choice.



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B Tier - There is nothing super special about the penguins here. They are not good enough to be in the levels above, but they still have enough redeeming qualities to keep them from inhabiting the lower levels. They're fine, and that's about it.

C Tier - These penguins have a lot to learn in the way of self-improvement if they ever want to make it to the tiers above. Their negative attributes outweigh their positives, and while it's a shame that they have to be here, I have to put them somewhere.

F Tier - (While I truly believe that no penguin belongs in F Tier, I have to put something in this category.) These

little idiots are an embarrassment to all other penguins, and they should feel ashamed of themselves.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Adelle, Gentoo, Macaroni, Eastern Rockhopper

A Tier: (Second Best)- Emperor, Galapagos, Southern Rockhopper

B Tier: (Average)- Chinstrap, Erect-crested, Snares

C Tier: (Below Average)- Royal, Fiorland, Northern

Rockhopper

F Tier: (Garbage)- Yellow-eyed, Humboldt

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!

Light at the end of the tunnel



ANDREUS ABNER
Staff Writer

For over a year now, the COVID-19 virus has forever changed the way of life and culture here at Doane University, but does it still affect us now?

This virus still has a gloomy hold over some, if

not all, students here. I have seen that look of sadness in people's eyes when I'm walking around campus. The masks used to hide the faces, but the eyes tell more about a person now more than ever before.

Not only does the pandemic still have a grasp on my mental health, but it also affects the way that I have started to see the outcome of my future. My education and social life just don't seem to motivate me anymore.

For months, students and most of the professors have been slowly receiving the vaccine. Places are starting to lift the mask mandate, and for some reason, that still doesn't sit right with me. Deep down, amidst all the hope that quarantine will

come to an end, I really don't think that I'm ready for things to get back to normal.

Quarantine has not only made school seem not as beneficial, but it just makes seeing and talking to people a lot less exciting.

We all live in a world now where standing closer than six feet away from someone is dangerous without a mask, and you can't leave the house without fear of catching the virus or spreading it to someone else.

In the most recent months, though, I have started to realize that even though it doesn't seem or feel like it will end, the pandemic will be over. Even though we're confined to

our dorms and off-campus residences, what we do here at this university still matters.

If you feel the pressure and stress of the pandemic, know that what you do and accomplish during quarantine doesn't stay in quarantine. Hard work shows when you can do it with limited resources, and someday, we can all look back and say that we managed to push through the virus.

Please remember to follow and practice social-distancing. It is imperative that we try and keep the rest of the community safe until everything has finally come to an end.

Stress and responsibilities mount



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

I normally do not prioritize my mental health over my responsibilities, but I did this week. I pretty much took the week off so I could focus on keeping myself sane and healthy.

Usually, I write four or five articles, have my homework done a couple of days in advance and clean everything in my suite twice a week.

None of that happened this past week.

I knew the past few days were going to be rough for me, and I made the decision to reduce the amount of stress I would have ahead of time. What I didn't know was that the week would be even worse than I thought it would be.

Instead of one or two stressful events, I ended up having more like four or five. The amount of times I cried over the past seven days should be illegal.

I have never been so grateful in my life to have been in a position in which I could take a step back for one week.

That said, I give major thanks to my team. When I asked them to step up and cover my workload for this past week, they really took it in stride. I know it could not have been easy, but I appreciate it so much.

I could not have imag-

ined how quickly the past week went downhill, but I did have full faith in my team to handle the extra work that came with it. The knowledge that I can depend on these people to take charge means more to me than I can express.

Not only does it make me feel encouraged about the skills each person is developing, but it is also nice to know they are there when I need them.

That said, I don't plan on making this a routine thing. One, I don't want to stress everyone else out that much, and two, I missed writing and collaborating with people on campus.

Taking a break from my responsibilities was an embarrassingly-hard decision for me to make, but I am beyond glad that I did. If I hadn't, I may have actually gone insane, and for that, I thank everyone on staff for putting in the effort and work to make up for my lapse.

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Reignited passion shifts the focus



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Lately, I've been noticing that I have been looking at the bigger picture a lot. So, because of this, I started up one of my old hobbies that kind of died out after coming back to campus, photography.

Whenever I've tried going out to take photos of anything, I noticed that I would pay a lot more attention to the smaller things and be more in tune with my surroundings. It would remind me a lot of when I would go out hunting

with my dad.

When the time for deer season would come around, my dad, his friend, his friends' son and I would go out to a wildlife management area called Pressey, which was about a 40-minute drive north from my hometown of Lexington.

As much as I hated walking the hills in the terrible cold at the time, at the end of the day I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. It was very calming sitting out in the middle of nowhere, just taking in everything around me while waiting for a deer to eventually show itself.

When I go out taking photos, I almost feel the same way as I did back then. There's obviously less of that "middle of nowhere" feeling here in town, but it feels good nonetheless. It doesn't matter what it is, if something small or normally insignificant happens



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and I can capture it quick enough, that'll keep me happy for the time being.

With photography, along with almost any other hobby or skill, the more you try it out, the better you get, and to be honest, I understand that concept a lot more with photography than other

subjects.

If I don't take a good picture at first, I just delete it and move on. You never know, maybe I'll get another chance some other time, or maybe not, who knows.

The only thing I need to work on is being able to accept that kind of

thinking with other things that I do. If I can apply it to the bigger picture of whatever I'm doing, I feel like I'll be much better off whenever I am faced with a difficult situation that may not be favorable for me.

Taking the time to look at the small things in

this way again has helped me greatly with all the difficulties that have been thrown my way lately. Although this is mostly because I actually managed to take a break and start taking some photos again, it has helped regardless.

Childhood shows incite nostalgia



JAMESON OFFICER-THURSTON
Staff Writer

When I was a kid, I remember coming back from a long day at school to sit down and watch TV.

The channel that I could always turn to without a doubt was Cartoon Network. I think it was in a flood of nostalgia that

I was thinking about all the great shows that the channel produced.

A classic that I can remember watching is "Ed, Edd and Eddie," quite possibly one of the dumbest but most entertaining things I could've watched as a child.

I loved seeing the weird adventures that the three main characters would go on in a quest to get money for massive jawbreakers.

I had actually gotten a two-by-four piece of wood and drew a face on it to resemble a character in the show named "Plank" that was literally a plank of wood with a face on it.

Another great show was "Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends." I think as a child this show

made my imagination run wild because it was a show about kids who would drop off their imaginary friends once they had outgrown them.

Conceptually little sad but the episodes were crazy, and anything could happen because it was set in a world where imaginary friends were a real, physical thing.

As a kid, I always wanted to go into the house in the show just to see what a day would be like there.

I think all this is really telling me that I need to go back and rewatch some of those shows that I held so close as a child.

...THUMBS UP

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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...

Shotgun Sports compete at nationals

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On March 25 and 26, the Shotgun Sports team competed at the national competition in San Antonio, Texas. Ten members of the team qualified for this competition and performed in both individual and team events.

Freshman Skylar Clark said he was excited to qualify for the national competition and be able to achieve his goals for the season.

"That was like one of my main goals to be able to come here as a freshman, so I kind of set my goals high, and I ended up making them which was nice," Clark said.

In preparation for this competition, the team made the most out of each practice despite being unable to get outside as much as they had anticipated. Freshman Kar-

lie Muff said she believes this could potentially be a disadvantage for the team.

"Obviously, with the weather in Nebraska, we weren't able to practice as much as we wanted to before nationals," Muff said. "I feel like we're coming in a little less prepared because we didn't have that practice, but we're still giving it our best effort."

Even though they may not have been able to practice as much, the team still had every opportunity to do well in their events. Since there were both individual and team competitions, each event provided the opportunity to earn points for the team.

"Even if we get down, shooting is a sport where you can do bad in one event and do really good in others and still be right there in it because there's the individual stuff, but



Courtesy photo | Rick Marshall

The national qualifiers pose at the shooting site before taking part in the competition.

there's also the team stuff. So you just have to stay positive and bring your best effort and help each other out as you shoot," Muff said.

Having this opportu-

nity to compete allowed the Shotgun Sports team to receive recognition from the rest of the school. Junior Jack Olsen said he believes this competition will allow

the team to represent Doane at a national level.

"We're not a really recognized team at Doane, so it's really relieving to actually get this

chance to compete and show what we can do," Olsen said. "We get to put our name out there and put Doane's name out there."

Even at a high stakes competition such as nationals, the team looked forward to spending time with each other and continuing to bond.

"The thing I'm really looking forward to is hanging out with the team," Clark said. "It's fun to come here, and it's fun to compete but hanging out with the team is probably the best part of all of it."

The Shotgun Sports team finished sixth overall. On the Women's side, Muff finished seventh overall. Meanwhile for the Men, freshman Seth Swinea finished first for the class B trap shot.

Baseball has successful weekend

Team comes in first in conference

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Over the weekend of March 27 and 28, the Doane Baseball team had four games against Hastings College and managed to win every game.

After their second weekend of conference games, the team is feeling good about their current standing and the way they have been playing. Junior Jack Tillman said he believes this par-

ticular team is "really fun to be on."

"This team is just different, honestly, like we will get behind in a game, and we will come right back," Tillman said. "It is just really awesome to see and be a part of."

As of now, the Doane Baseball team is ranked first in the conference, being 8-0 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). After being predicted to be seventh in the conference, this ranking means a lot to the team and the players.

"We just wanted to come out and prove right away that we're better

than that and that we could compete at the top of the conference," Tillman said. "We all know on the team that we can, but it is nice to prove everyone else wrong at the same time."

Despite being ranked first in the conference, there are still aspects of play that the players are looking to improve upon. In order to maintain a number one ranking in the conference, the team continues to practice and build their skills.

"We probably need to work on coming out strong right away at the beginning of games," Tillman said. "Just play-

ing a clean game, having good bats throughout the game, that kind of thing."

At this point in their season, the team is looking forward to the GPAC Championship and potentially winning.

"The main goal the whole year is that we are going to compete for a conference championship, and nothing is going to get in our way for that," Tillman said. "We're just excited to prove to the rest of the conference how good we are and show everyone else how Doane plays baseball."

The Baseball team



Photo by Jose Villalpando | The Doane Owl

Senior Andy Theiler swings at a pitch.

will play against Concordia University at home on April 2 at 1 p.m., Morningside College at

Briar Cliff on April 3 at 12 p.m. and York College at home on April 5 at 3 p.m.

Tennis teams prepare for season's end

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

This past week, the Men's and Women's Tennis teams played against Northwestern College, McPherson College and Emporia State, an NCAA division two school.

While the Women's team faced a very challenging match, sophomore Huang Ngo was able to secure a win for the team against Emporia State.

"We came into the match very hopeful because we knew that we

practiced hard to not only win in our division but to also give the other divisions a bit of a challenge too," Ngo said. "It was so rewarding to win against an NCAA division two school because I fought for every single point, game and set."

At this point in the season, the Great Plains Athletics Conference (GPAC) Championship is coming quite close. Junior Payton Stalder and the team have been preparing by continuing to work their hardest at practice and supporting each other every day.

"As the GPAC match-

es get closer, I think we all just keep a level mind and work hard to get better everyday, whether that's lifting, practice and being there for our teammates," Stalder said. "We are a really close team, both [the] girls and boys teams. Having that connection between the teams, wanting to cheer the other one on, can help you want to win your match for everyone on the team."

Headed towards the end of the season is a bittersweet moment for most of the team. Junior Henrique Sakoda said he is looking forward to

savoring the rest of the season to come.

"I would say we are excited to approach the end of the season but a little sad that it is almost over," Sakoda said. "We are glad we were able to play a normal season considering everything that is going on in the world, and we also enjoyed every match like it was our last."

The Men's and Women's teams next matches will be on April 7 at 2 p.m. in Yankton, S.D. against Mount Marty University.



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Junior Jorge Chevez returns the ball to his opponent.

Men's Golf competes at home invite

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Over March 26 and 27, the Doane Men's Golf team played at the Doane Spring Invite against ten other teams. They started day one in Eagle, Neb. before coming back to Crete for day two.

The team had two different teams playing; both the varsity team and the B team competed on both days. Varsity was able to finish second out of the ten teams, while the B team finished in fourth. Four players

across both teams were able to secure top ten finishes.

The varsity players had a best finish of sixth place. Junior Conor Schubring and freshman Ryan Weiss both tied for sixth with a final score of 154.

Junior Micah Ramirez finished eleventh with a score of 157, and sophomore Blake Anderson was twentieth with 162. Rounding it up for the varsity team was junior Ty Crandon, who tied for fortieth with a score of 171.

On the B team, soph-

omore Josh Spomer finished fourth with a score of 153, followed by freshman Karsten Kern with a tie for eighth, scoring 155.

Senior Hayden Fry was twenty-seventh with his final score of 165, with sophomore Riley Podliska in thirty-fifth after scoring 170. Freshman Garrett Dalton shot a 78 on day one, and his score was figured into his team's score after the second day of the invite.

The team also had three players who were playing under individual status. Freshman Brett

Leighty was tied for fortieth after scoring 171. Sophomore Riley Mitchell finished fiftieth with a score of 177.

Freshman Isaac Brown shot 183 and finished sixtieth, followed by freshman Samuel Banzhaf in sixty-third with a final score of 196.

The Men's Golf team will be back in action on April 2 and 3 when they compete at the LTU Deere Run Invite in Silvis, Ill.

Athlete of the Week



Class B - Trap (1st)

Seth Swinea Shooting Sports

Posted a score of 99 in the trap division to be the Class B national champion.



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