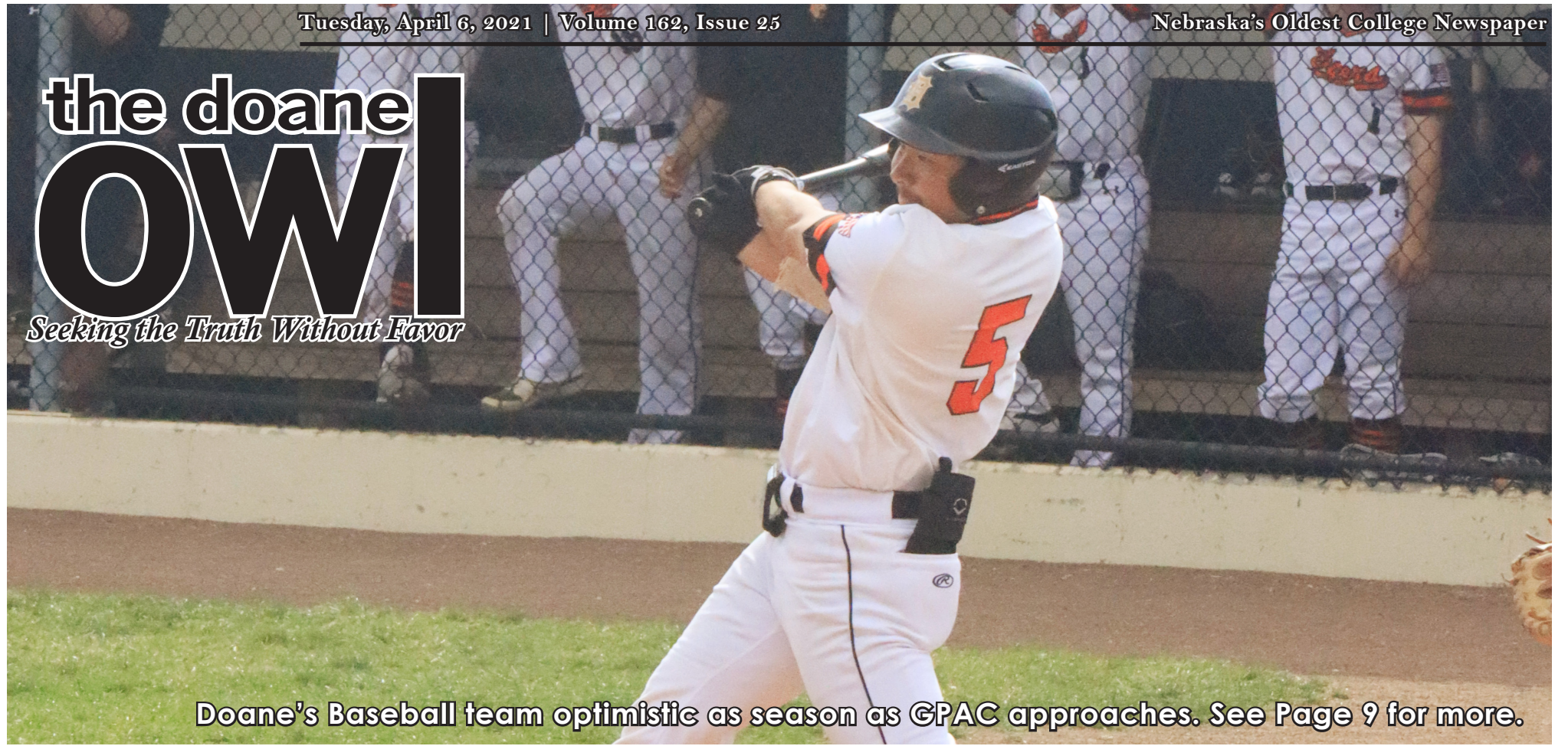


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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Doane's Baseball team optimistic as season as GPAC approaches. See Page 9 for more.

Vaccines given to students

Single-dose vaccines offered on April 7

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

On April 7, Public Health Solutions (PHS) will be administering COVID-19 vaccines in Fuhrer Field House from 12 to 4 p.m. The clinic is open to all Doane students who wish to receive the vaccine.

PHS will use the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) single-dose vaccine at the clinic. An appointment is not necessary to receive the J&J vaccine, but students were sent an email late last week asking for students' time preferences.

Kelly Jirovec, RN,

BSN and Director of Student Health Services, said the purpose of asking students when they are planning to show up to be vaccinated was to gauge how many vaccines, personnel and supplies would be needed.

Also included in the email was a form to complete prior to attending the clinic. The form requires students to document basic information about themselves such as height, weight, age, birth date, etc.

Jirovec said students are not required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at this time, rather the clinic with PHS is providing an opportunity to be vaccinated for students who wish to do so.

"It is important for students to know that based on current [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] CDC recommendations, anyone who is not vaccinated would

be required to quarantine, ten days, if they are exposed to someone who is COVID positive," Jirovec said. "At this time, vaccinated students will not need to quarantine."

According to Jirovec, the number of vaccinated students will play a role in future plans to combat COVID-19 at Doane. These plans include mask mandates, capacity limits and student gathering regulations.

"We have come a long way, and we are so close to moving forward to more normalcy, but we aren't there yet. Please don't let your guard down yet," Jirovec said.

With any questions or concerns about the J&J vaccine or other health-related matters, contact Jirovec at kelly.jirovec@doane.edu, the COVID-19 Task Force at covid@doane.edu or consult the CDC website at cdc.gov.

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Contact kelly.jirovec@doane.edu, covid@doane.edu or cdc.gov with any questions.

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Math Department Easter egg found

Students rewarded with goodies for finding egg

EMMA RYAN
Staff Writer

The eighth annual Math Department Easter Egg Hunt started on March 19.

Students were emailed the rules and clues by the faculty office.

Each day, another clue was posted to the GoogleDoc shared with students. The first clue was a crossword puzzle, and students were given a code to decipher it for the following day's clue.

The official egg was hidden with two decoy eggs in the same area.

Students had until April 2 at 3 p.m. to find

the egg and present it, undamaged, to a member of the Math Department for positive identification to win an Easter basket full of prizes.

On the afternoon of March 30, junior Halie Rohe, junior Maddie Shoemaker and freshman Payton DeTavernier found the Egg in the woods just to the south of Fuhrer Fieldhouse.

The winners said they searched for a total of

about twenty-five minutes, and Rohe was the first one to spot the egg.

DeTavernier claimed it was the clue from March 30 that allowed them to search a smaller area of campus, but it was by luck they happened to find the egg.

Rohe, Shoemaker and DeTavernier all received an Easter basket for their find. The basket included candy, snacks, bubbles and toys.



Courtesy Photo | Payton DeTavernier

Minn. court overturns felony rape

Supreme Court ruled victim not "mentally incapacitated"

KYLIE HUGHES
Copy Desk Chief

The Minnesota Supreme Court overturned a felony rape conviction at the end of March that will set a precedent as to the grounds that someone can be convicted of rape.

The sexual assault discussed in the case over the past few weeks took place on May 13, 2017, according to the New York Times.

The perpetrator of the rape that took place four years earlier was originally charged with one count of third degree sexual conduct with someone who was mentally impaired or physically helpless, according to CNN.

The victim in this case consumed five shots of vodka and a narcotic pill before going to a bar that night. When she was denied admission to the bar, she met the perpetrator who then offered to take her to a party. However, there was no party, and she was taken to his home where she passed out and woke up during the sexual assault.

According to the New York Times, the details of the case were not in question when brought to the Supreme Court, as the

assault had been proven in another court. In question, however, was the wording of Minnesota law, specifically regarding the definition of "mentally incapacitated."

The current Minnesota law defines being "mentally incapacitated" as "a person under the influence of a narcotic, anesthetic or any other substance, administered to that person without the person's agreement, lack the judgment to give a reasoned consent to sexual contact or sexual penetration."

The Minnesota Court ruled in a unanimous decision that "the legislative definition of 'mentally incapacitated,' as set forth in [the law], does not include a person who is voluntarily intoxicated by

alcohol."

This means that the victim did not meet the criteria to be considered "mentally incapacitated" in this case because she voluntarily got drunk. The perpetrator will now be retried under the new precedent.

After spending a year in prison, the perpetrator has recently been released. At the time of this publication, there are no new updates in this case.

Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project Director Suzannah Rogan said she believes that it is ruling such as this that perpetuates victim-blaming and does not create a safe environment for victims to come forward.

"At the very start, I want to acknowledge that

when people ask why victims don't report, this is one of the reasons. It often leads to victim-blaming and shaming; obscuring the crime by discussing drinking or clothing or pre-rape promiscuous behavior," Rogan said.

Minnesota is one of nearly 40 states that do not explicitly state that sexual contact with a voluntarily intoxicated person is considered assault, according to the New York Times.

In Nebraska, first degree sexual assault occurs when there is sexual penetration with either lack of consent, the "actor knew or should have known the victim was mentally or physically incapable of resisting" or of recognizing the na-

ture of the intent, or the actor is at least 19 years old and the victim is 12 to 15 years old, according to the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Rogan said if a victim chooses to drink, then it is clear they cannot consent.

"While I wish our systems were built to support this woman, the system [statutes and judge] are looking for ways to excuse those who cause harm," Rogan said.

This Minnesota Supreme Court decision has brought sexual assault policies front and center, as many organizations and representatives are advocating for a change in legislation to clarify the criteria of sexual assault.

Suez Canal unblocked

Ship freed after being stuck for six days

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

After nearly a week, the 1,300-foot, 220,000-ton container ship "Ever Given" was freed from the Suez Canal on March 29.

Britannica states that the Suez Canal is a waterway which runs north to south across the Isthmus of Suez in Egypt and connects the Mediterranean and the Red Seas. The Canal provides the shortest maritime route between Europe and places located around the Indian and western Pacific Oceans and is one of the world's most heavily used shipping lanes.

According to The New York Times, the ship, which is carrying nearly 20,000 containers, became wedged in the Canal on March 23, and it took six days in total for excavation crews and tug boat captains to get the ship unstuck.

The BBC reported that a fleet of tug boats used cables to push and pull

the ship while digger machines were used to excavate the ship's bow. As the boats struggled to move the ship, dredgers were brought in to dig sand and silt out from under the bow and stern of the ship.

Despite the relatively short time in which the ship was stuck, the congestion cost billions of dollars of trade every day the canal was blocked.

In addition to the "Ever Given," the impact was felt by the other ships which were forced to wait until the Canal

was cleared. The impact was also felt by the ports which now have to figure out how to adjust docking schedules on account of there being too many ships to hold.

The New York Times states that it will likely take days for the over 300 ships waiting for passage through the Canal to resume their voyages.

According to The Washington Post, the "Ever Given's" owner filed suit against the ship's operator in the United Kingdom's High Court in an attempt to limit the

owner's liability.

However, the battle for who takes responsibility is likely to take time, as different facets of the ship are owned and operated by different companies from a total of about four countries.

The ship is owned by two Japanese firms, Luster Maritime and Higaki Sangyo Kaisha, is currently being leased by a Taiwan-based conglomerate, Evergreen Marine Corporation, is staffed with a crew from India and is operated by a German company, Bernhard

Schulte Shipmanagement.

Egypt's Suez Canal Authority is arguing that it should be compensated for the incident, requesting one billion dollars to represent the lost revenue from tolls, the cost of the equipment and manpower used to free the ship and the damage done to the waterway.

As of now, no further details are available about the legal battle taking place, and consumers can expect potential delays on packages.



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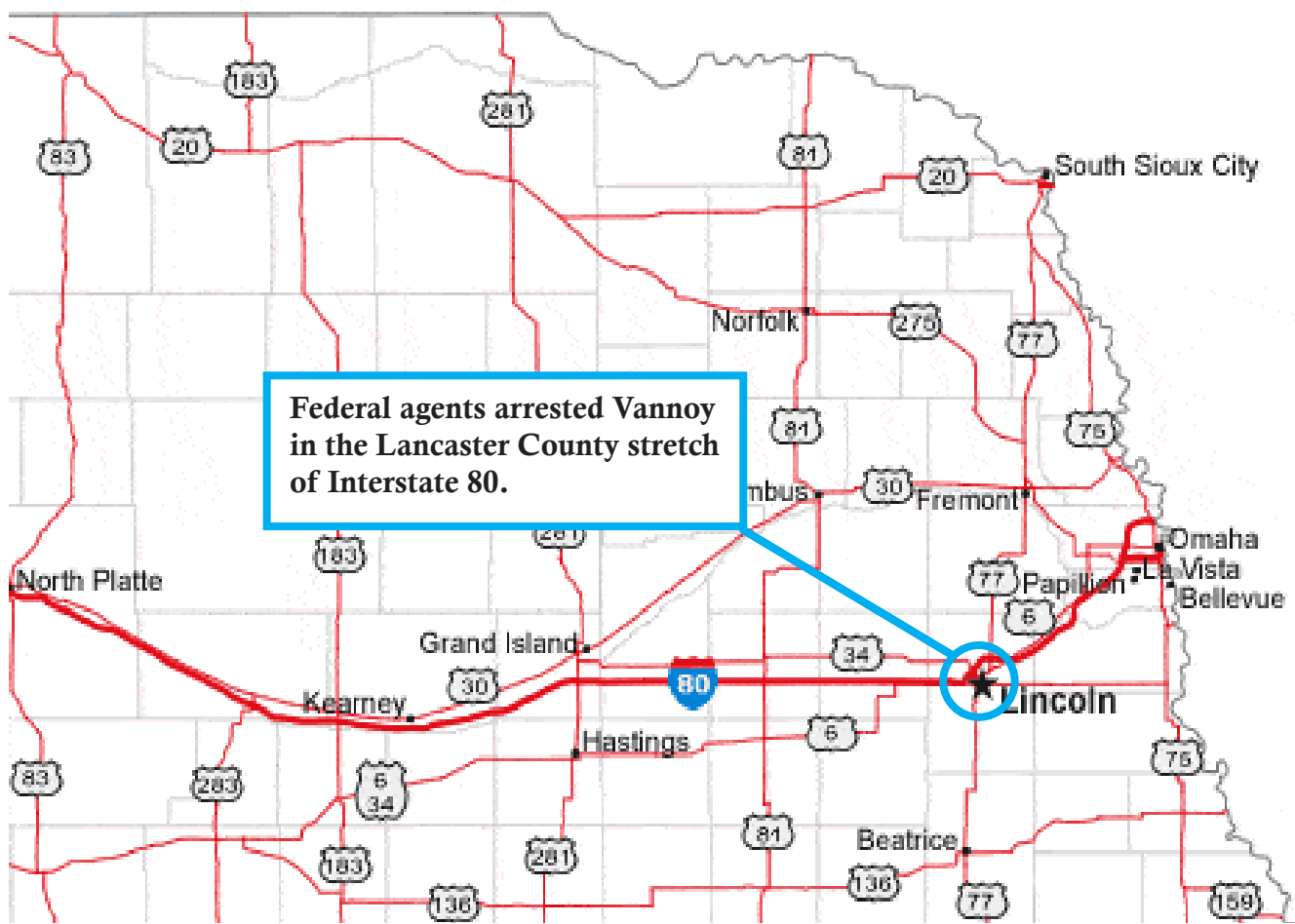
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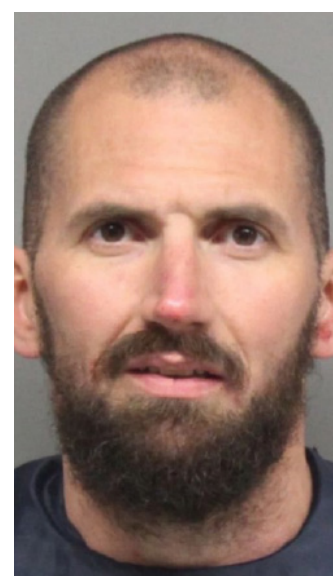


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Federal agents arrested Vannoy in the Lancaster County stretch of Interstate 80.

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Adam Vannoy, 40, arrested for marijuana possession and illegal possession of a firearm.

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Man arrested on I-80

Concerning remarks led to Denver man's arrest

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Nebraska State Patrol officers arrested Denver man Adam Vannoy, 40, on March 14 on Interstate 80 in Lancaster County after drivers had reported reckless driving.

While searching his truck, officers found a handgun from Vannoy's jacket, a loaded AR-style semi-automatic rifle with an illegal silencer, four

other firearms, ammunition, a bulletproof blanket and vest, marijuana, two brown wigs and an Air Force costume.

Vannoy said his truck was packed with all of his belongings, as he was leaving Colorado.

After being arrested, Vannoy told a state trooper he would use his time in jail to "think about getting even with people," a remark which the trooper viewed as concerning and threatening.

Vannoy was jailed on weapons and drug charges but was released after posting the \$5,000 bond on March 17. According to a federal complaint, Vannoy threatened to kill a guard, exposed his penis to guards and

threw feces from his cell into a common area.

According to Sentinel Colorado, less than a week after his release, Vannoy attempted to purchase an AR-style rifle from Sportsman's Warehouse in Ankeny, Iowa near Des Moines.

The store refused to sell Vannoy the weapon after he said he was shocked that his friends had not contacted him to ask if he was responsible for the March 22 shooting in Boulder, Colo. which left ten people dead.

After the store contacted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives about Vannoy's comments, agents arrested him in Iowa on a new federal charge in

relation to the Nebraska traffic stop, illegal possession of a firearm and unlawful use of marijuana.

His arrest comes as Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds must decide whether or not to veto a bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature that would remove the requirement to obtain permits to buy handguns from private sellers or carry them in public. Critics say supporting the bill would allow more unqualified, and potentially dangerous, people to purchase weapons.

If Reynolds does not veto the bill people would still have to pass background checks and present permits to purchase weapons at retailers.

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Bill introduced from AltEn case



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High court reverses adoption case ruling

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

In 2020, Judge Douglas Luebe in Dixon County, Neb. ruled against a same-sex couples' adoption of a 3-year-old girl they had raised since birth.

Luebe's decision was "based not on state law but on the legal definition of 'wife' that he pulled from a law dictionary," the Lincoln Journal Star reported.

According to the dictionary, Luebe was using 'wife' as "a woman who has a lawful living husband," therefore rejecting the lesbian couple's petition to adopt the 3-year-old girl.

"[This is] outdated terminology, and it leads to a heteronormative world that is associated as normal, and anything that deviates from that thus is considered abnormal and wrong in other's eyes," senior Shiloh Rosseter, president of the Doane's People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM), said.

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President of PRISM

More recently, this decision has been reversed by the Nebraska Supreme Court, stating a clear allowance for same-sex couples to adopt.

"The judge's reasoning was flawed, the high court said, because the plain language of the state law doesn't preclude same-sex married couples from adopting," the Associated Press reported.

The reversal on March 26 has not been an isolated case for the Nebraska Supreme Court's stance on the legality of same-sex couple's adoption rights.

Back in 2017, a judge struck down an old state policy from 1995 that banned same-sex couples from being foster parents or adopting wards of the state.

"In a scorching opinion, the high court slammed the former policy as akin to hanging a 'Whites Only' sign on a hiring-office door," the Lincoln Journal Star reported.

Rosseter echoed the sentiments of the Nebraska Supreme Court and believes this is a step in the right direction.

"When gay or lesbian couples want a child, they actively think about every step. They can't make a child on accident. So, when they wish for a child, they truly have thought about it and want to care for a child by providing a loving home," Rosseter said.

AltEn lawsuit continues with new bill introduction

JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

Back in March, Nebraska state regulators filed a lawsuit against AltEn, an ethanol plant near Mead, Neb., for "repeatedly failing to comply with their orders to clean up wastewater and old, pesticide-laced seed corn," the Associated Press reported.

A variety of problems had been observed by Mead residents since the plant's opening in 2015. Bloody noses, headaches and trouble breathing were recorded among many residents, but it was not studied whether or not these symptoms were a result of AltEn's opening.

"State officials in Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts' administration said they tried to work with plant managers to clean up the affected area and gave the company a full year to comply, but their administrative orders weren't followed," the

"The major environmental challenge is to public health. Policy and administrative changes must be made to see that this does not happen again."

Russ Soucek
Professor of
Environmental and
Earth sciences

Associated Press reported.

On March 25, Nebraska lawmakers gave approval on a bill that will bar all ethanol plants from being able to use chemically treated seed corn in the creation of their product. The measure for this bill was advanced by legislators 43-0.

So far, the only plant that was using pesticide-covered seed was AltEn. The company used that seed because it was considered unsuitable for any other use, like animal feed. The bill is specifically targeted at the issue involving AltEn.

"A short time [after shutting down in February], a pipe at the plant burst and spilled 4 million gallons of contaminated waste into nearby ditches and waterways," 1011 News reported.

AltEn is still trying to work on the issues presented within the lawsuit from the beginning of March. The University of Nebraska is also planning on studying the health and environmental impacts that the pollution will have.

Professor Russ Soucek of the Environmental and Earth Sciences Department at Doane has also included this topic in his EVS-392 Environmental Policy and Sustainability course.

"The major environmental challenge is to public health. Policy and administrative changes must be made to see that this does not happen again," Soucek said. "It is important that there are follow-up studies on the impact of this type of pollution on the environment and human and animal health."

As it stands, Nebraska is the second largest ethanol-producing state in the United States.

"[It is] unfortunate we had a bad actor in the industry," Nebraska Senator Tom Brandt of District 32 said.

Air quality advisory for eastern Nebraska

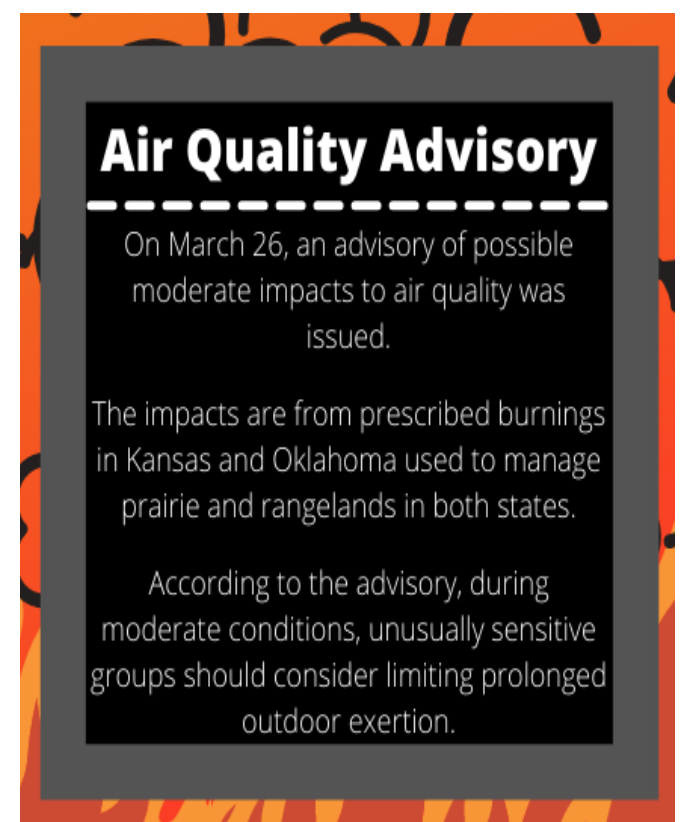
Controlled burnings create air quality advisory

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

On March 26, Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued an advisory of possible moderate impacts to air quality from prescribed burnings in Kansas and Oklahoma active between March 28 through March 29.

"During moderate conditions, unusually sensitive groups should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion," the advisory notice said.

The burnings in Kansas and Oklahoma are to manage prairie and rangelands in both states, and they monitor smoke levels and wind direction



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to notify surrounding states of potential risks.

Lincoln, Omaha, Beatrice and surrounding areas were in the moderate category, with certain places potentially being placed in the "unhealthy

for sensitive groups" category.

However, there did not seem to be any apparent health risk, as the winds were mild enough that minimal smoke traveled to Nebraska.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported between March 28 through April 5 include:

- 03/30 **Vandalism:** Campus Property– Crete
- 04/01 **Vandalism:** Residence Halls: Burrage Hall– Second Floor Balcony
- 04/02 **Vandalism:** Unknown
- 04/04 **Fire; Fire False Alarm:** Residence Halls: Smith Hall– First Floor

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Workshop helps build writing skills

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

When Associate Director of the College to Career Center Sarah Be-gay and Director of Pre-Health programs Melissa Clouse came to Professor of English Phil Weitl to collaborate in a personal statement workshop, Weitl was excited to assist students in preparing for their futures.

As someone who is familiar with helping students with writing aspects such as personal statements, Weitl was happy to help with this workshop, especially because he recognizes how challenging a personal statement can be to write.

"Personal statements are notoriously difficult for any number of reasons. But chief among them, they ask for a really difficult answer which is 'why do you want to do this?'" Weitl said.

The personal statement workshop is made of two parts. The first part took place on April 1. This section, called "The Power of Once,"

was focused on generating material that students can discuss in their statement.

Weitl said the personal statement allows applicants to make claims about themselves to demonstrate why they should be selected. However, students need to provide proof of those claims. That is where the storytelling comes in.

This workshop helps students understand what to discuss and who the audience is, but it also helps students establish "the story of themselves" or who they are, according to Weitl.

The stories and narratives students discuss in their personal statements should demonstrate the uniqueness of the student. Weitl tells his students that the question is not 'why you?' It is 'why you instead of someone else?'

"[The workshop gives] them a sense of how to address the needs and values of their audience in a way that distinguishes them from the pile of other applicants," Weitl said.

The second section will occur on April 28 and is focused more on the language and prose of the personal statement.

Doing it in two statements allows students to think about what they

want to claim in their personal statements, then have several weeks to think and write a draft. Therefore, by the second section of the workshop, students can go more in-depth with the draft they already established.

Weitl said he believes that students have all of the skills to create well-executed personal statements, and the workshops are just about drawing those skills out. The workshops are also about establishing confidence in something that may be intimidating.

"The process of applying is scary, in part because it's wrapped up in the threshold of the next phase of life. Helping students grab a little control over a certain piece of their process, I'm very excited about," Weitl said.

As students start thinking about and writing pieces such as personal statements, they will be more prepared when it comes time to apply for the future. That is why Weitl is hoping to collaborate with other disciplines on campus and create more workshops for students to attend and learn from.

SPB offers March Madness event

Students have opportunity to safely

JOSH BUNDY
Multimedia Coordinator

With March Madness in full swing and millions of busted brackets, the Student Programming Board (SPB) organized an event for Doane students to enjoy the championship game on April 5.

Spencer Munson, Assistant Director of ESE Engagement and Outreach said this event was a way for SPB to remain involved with students while still being able to meet guidelines for COVID-19.

"With limits due to COVID-19, we have had to come up with new ideas. We felt this could be a safe and fun space to enjoy the championship game," Munson said.

Senior Ariel Ortiz echoed Munson's feelings, stating that being able to do something fun for the students while remaining safe was a must.

"We wanted to do something fun, new and something more oriented to college students. I think watching collegiate level basketball was the answer," Ortiz said. "So we knew with COVID-19 guidelines still in place that we would have to wait until things opened

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Ariel Ortiz
Senior

up, which they have. So we went with the March Madness Tournament."

The event was meant to be a celebration of March Madness for the students, with a theme surrounding the festivities that COVID-19 has halted.

"We all have been enjoying the tournament, and SPB wants to help students celebrate the championship in style. We [had] decorations, great 'tailgate' style food, fun prizes and special VIP seating for the first 25 folks that signed up. VIP gets the best seats and table service," Munson said.

Ortiz added the importance of community and being there for students who may not have been able to travel for Easter.

"Many students are around during Easter Weekend due to being from another state, too far to drive home or even out of the country, so having something to do and go to was a choice we thought would cater to those students and many others," Ortiz said.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): Your efforts will pay off this week. The more you work at whatever you need accomplished, the better it will turn out.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Things may have started to become stale, but it's important to look on the bright side.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): You're near the top of the mountain. Continue the hard work you've been putting in and you'll be finished with whatever task you have been working on.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): **Be patient, Taurus. Many great things arrive for those who wait, this week will be no different. You never know what great things you may find if you are patient..**

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Make sure to read the fine print this week, Gemini. You may be wanting to rush through your projects, but taking the time to read the instructions may help avoid a few setbacks later.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Walk into this week with an open mind. Someone may come into your life with an unexpected, yet needed, gift.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Though you normally dislike sacrificing for other people without much reason, doing so this week may yield great results for yourself.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Help is on the way, Virgo. Whether it be in the form of a friend offering a shoulder to lean on or a stranger opening the door for you, your path will not be walked alone.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Pace yourself this week. You've been taking on too much work, so sit back and take some time for yourself, you deserve it.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Just say "no," this week, Scorpio. You've been so preoccupied with others lately that you've been neglecting yourself.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Being prepared will come to save you this week. Because of your hard work at preparing for the worst, this week will be less of a shock than it would normally be.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20): Although there have been many setbacks, you have persevered. This week, people will begin to take notice.

DULSA hosts speaker

Influential Latinx leaders to be discussed

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

The Doane University Latinx Student Association (DULSA) is hosting speaker Federico Peña, Director of Financial Aid, on April 7.

The event will be held over Zoom at 6:30 p.m., with members of DULSA mediating the conversation.

Students will have the opportunity to ask Peña questions during a question and answer portion of the event.

Peña is speaking with the Doane community to

celebrate César Chávez and Dolores Huerta. Both individuals have worked tirelessly to establish Latinx rights in the United States, especially for migrant workers.

"I believe this will be a great opportunity for students to get to learn more about these two leaders who made a social impact," senior Ana Perez, president of DULSA, said.

Having been a migrant worker, Peña will discuss the importance of the roles that Chávez and Huerta have played in the lives of immigrants across the country.

Detailed information about the event including a Zoom link will be sent out to students shortly in an email. With any questions or concerns, contact Luis Sotelo at luis.sotelo@doane.edu.

Writing contest recognizes students

Marianne Clarke fund hosts range of contests

ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

The Marianne Clarke writing contest submis-

sions were due March 31. "The awards are named in honor of Marianne Clarke, a 1938 Doane graduate who became an accomplished journalist," Brad Johnson, English Professor, said. "The Clarke family established the award in 1987 to honor her while also supporting excellence in writing."

The first-year competition is now closed, and

winners will be contacted via email if they haven't been already. Prizes for winners total \$1,000. According to Johnson, ten first-year students submitted entries to the contest.

The at-large contest is also closed, with two \$1,000 prizes. Winners of this contest will also be contacted via email if they haven't been already.

"The endowed fund [the Clarke family] estab-

lished supports a First-Year Writing Award, an At-Large Writing Award, an Owl Award and a Xanadu Award. Winners are listed in the following year's catalog," Johnson said.

Johnson also noted that the contest is impactful in more ways than monetary awards.

"In addition to the benefit of the money, the award is a feather in the

cap of students applying for graduate school or employment," Johnson said.

The Marianne Clarke writing contest is a way for students to boast their writing skills while also competing for a considerable reward.

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Brad Johnson
English Professor

Easter leads to range of student plans

KYLIE HUGHES
Life & Culture Editor

With the long weekend due to the day off on April 5, many students had the opportunity to go home to celebrate the Easter holiday.

According to a poll sent out on March 31, about 85 percent of the 40 respondents stated that they celebrate Easter.

75 percent of respondents had plans to go home and spend time with family, either immediate or extended.

COVID-19 affected plans, as some students decided not to spend time with their extended family as they would have in past years.

For the students who typically go to church, there were a variety of choices made, as some went in person, some watched virtually and others decided it was best to skip all together this year.

Freshman Jared Rios, who normally attends church with his family, decided it was best to watch church virtually instead of in person.

Rios' family lives in Colorado, so he was not able to go home for the weekend to celebrate Easter with his family. His Easter plans this year were mainly to "stay in and relax."

"I would have liked to go to church with my parents and spend time with my niece and nephews. I wasn't able to do that mainly because I didn't go home



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because of the drive," Rios said.

However, due to the long break, other students were able to go home when they might not have been able to before.

Many students decided to use their day off to spend time with their family, relax and perhaps get

some coursework done.

Despite both the positive and negative changes in Easter plans for many students due to COVID-19 and the long break, many feel thankful for the extra day off to enjoy a long weekend.

Students weigh in on Royal Family dispute

Opinions vary about Royal Family actions

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On March 8, Prince Harry David and Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex, sat down for an interview with Oprah Winfrey for the first time since the couple distanced themselves from official royal duties in 2020.

Many topics were discussed during this interview. The couple wanted to clear the air from all the British headlines they had been wrapped into. Markle claimed that the royal family ran a "smear campaign" against her with headlines describing Markle as impossible

to work with. According to CBS News, the couple also brought up how there were conversations concerned about the skin color of their new child. David described his strained relationship with his father and how he loved his brother, but they were on different paths.

Doane students had many opinions about the interview and the royal scandal.

"I think it is ridiculous that [the discussion of the child's skin color] was a concern in the first place. Having more diversity within an organization as prestigious as the Royal Family is a great outlet for representation," junior Ava Macke said.

Senior Teresa Goodwater was disgusted that the race of the child was even brought up, and she supported the couple distancing themselves from the Royal Family.

"It was obviously a toxic environment for them to continue to live there," Goodwater said.

Macke agreed with

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Ava Macke
Junior

the couple's decisions to distance themselves from the royal family.

"It seems as though mental health has been a serious concern for the couple, and I admire their decision to protect their children from growing up in a potential toxic environment," Macke continued.

Junior Will Louis

agreed with Macke.

"They don't need the family. They have their own source of fame and income. Monarchy in 2021? Come on now," Louis said.

Sophomore Riley Mitchell had a different viewpoint about the entire situation.

"We shouldn't care about the Royal Family as much as we do," Mitchell said.

Junior Adam Baker was along the same line as Mitchell.

"I think the media likes to stretch the truth and that the whole family including Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are racists. I think that them leaving is purely so that they can discredit those inline ahead of them for the throne," Baker said.

Markle and David are continuing to navigate their new lives separate from the Royal Family.

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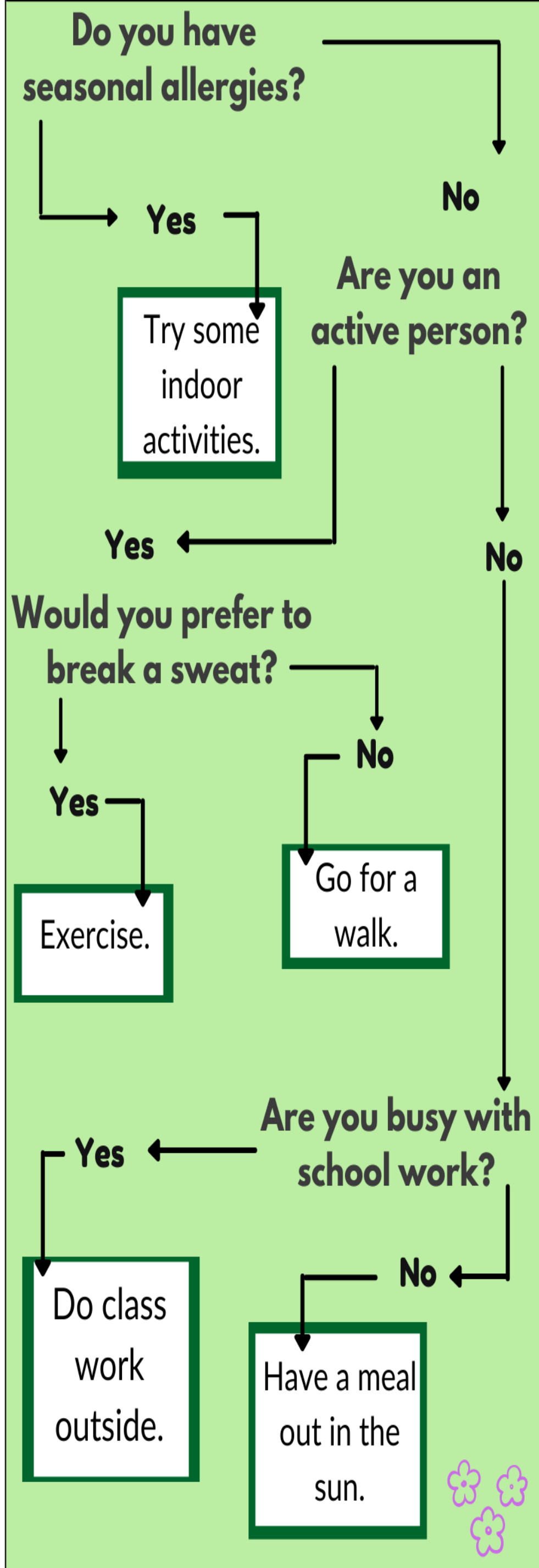
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

No means no, end of sentence

With the debate happening in the Minnesota Supreme Court about what qualifies as being "mentally sound," we at the Doane Owl want to make our stance on the issue known.

No means no.

Consent is given and can be taken away at a moment's notice, and all parties must cease all actions once it is taken away.

It is vital that everyone understands that an absence of a no is not the same as a yes.

For consent to be given, all

parties must be fully sober and have an acute understanding of the situation.

The judge's ruling that the victim of a rape was not technically raped because of an outdated definition of what it means to be fully aware is insulting to anyone who has ever experienced any form of harassment, but especially so to those who have been sexually assaulted while under the influence.

The person in question had taken multiple shots of high-proof alcohol in addition to a

mind altering pill and was in no condition to ever give consent.

They passed out and woke up in the midst of being violated by someone hoping to take advantage of their lessened motor skills.

The fact that the judge did not choose to convict the person accused because the individual who was raped chose to consume alcohol is disgusting.

People should not have to worry about being taken advantage of when they drink,

and this judge might as well have blamed the victim for drinking.

It is never the victim's fault, regardless of what they were wearing, how much they had to drink or how much they might have given consent. If their decision making is inhibited in any way, they are no longer able to give consent.

Again, consent is a defined yes, is ongoing and can be rescinded at anytime, and assault is never the fault of the victim.

Hot takes; rabbit season

A weekly rating of random things by Joey Winton

JOEY WINTON
Managing Editor

Hey, can you give me the time? IT'S HOT TAKES TIME BABY!

For this week's ranking, I will be assessing popular rabbits in TV shows, movies and commercials in honor of Easter.

Each rabbit is graded on a series of criteria that I deem important in judging the quality of it.

The design of the rabbit, its personality and how entertaining it is are the three pieces that, when put together, make up how to judge a rabbit.

The rabbit's design is pretty straightforward but is also the most important. It's graded on originality and how iconic the rabbit is; the more inspired the design, the better score the rabbit will get in this category.

The second most important quality of a rabbit is its personality. You can be the handsomest rabbit ever, but if your personality is awful, you won't score as high as a lesser looking but better behaved rabbit.

The third and final category is the entertainment value the rabbit brings with it. If they steal the show anytime they're on screen because of their wit or charisma, they are awarded more points than a rabbit who just kind of ambles around aimlessly.



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With these traits established, it's now time to explain the ranking system.

S Tier - These guys are the ideal rabbits; the ones all other buns should strive to emulate. Their looks paired with a great personality allows them to steal any scene they're in.

A Tier - While not as good overall as the bunnies above, these boys still bring a lot to the table. They have good looks and a good personality to match, but they just aren't

on the same level as the rabbits in S Tier.

B Tier - The rabbits that occupy this level are perfectly average. There's nothing really special about them which places them at the barrier that separates the good rabbits from the bad rabbits.

C Tier - These rabbits have more negative attributes than positive ones, and they should be left alone most of the time.

F Tier - There is no

amount of holy fire that could purge these blights disguised as rabbits from our world. The fact that someone made the conscious decision to create these abominations leaves me with no hope for humanity.

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

S Tier: (The best)- Bugs Bunny, Buster Baxter

A Tier: (Second Best)- Thumper, Peter Rabbit

B Tier: (Average)- Roger Rabbit, Rabbit (from Winnie the Pooh)

C Tier: (Below Average)- Energizer Bunny

F Tier: (Garbage)- The Trix Rabbit, The Cocky Rabbit from The Tortoise and the Hare

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!

Everyone needs a Nathaniel



ABRIANNA MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

My buddy Nathaniel is one of the funniest people I have ever met, and I think it is time that the world knew about it.

I am going to subjectively rate Nathaniel's typical behavior.

"Hey, bud!" receives a ten out of ten-- makes me feel appreciated and valued. Also, it is a super fun and catchy way to greet people; no complaints.

Stealing my boyfriend for "bro time" gets a four out of ten. While I know they want to spend time together and chill, I get jealous. I can nev-

er be Nathaniel, and he puts that fact in the spotlight. I'm here for the mutual mood boost, though, so he gets a few more points.

Nathaniel gets an eight out of ten for helping me do math. I am embarrassingly bad at math, but Nathaniel always comes in clutch. Sometimes he does make fun of me, so he loses two points.

Wearing a fanny pack, obviously, gets an eleven out of ten. I mean, come on. It's iridescent, and it's iconic. Anything less than that would be a crime.

If there's one thing I know about Nathaniel, it's that he is the life of the party. For that, he gets a nine out of ten. It would be a ten out of ten, but sometimes he gets a little too rowdy.

Always helping people earns Nathaniel a ten out of ten. His intentions are never double-sided; he just wants to help. Whether it be getting a ride, passing my phone or giving me advice, Nathaniel is the man for the job.

Finally, Nathaniel gets a one out of ten for his license plate. It makes absolutely no

sense. It says "bird sticks," but he insists that it is "breadsticks." I don't buy it. He gets one point for creativity, but that is all he has going for him on this one.

Overall, Nathaniel is a

stand-up guy. I would trust him with a small child but maybe not a pre-teen. He would get too wild with an older kid, but a baby would definitely be safe with my buddy.



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Burning food is not an emergency



JOSE VILLALPANDO
News Editor

whole floor. I understand that everyone makes mistakes every now and then. Forgetting to add water to your macaroni and cheese before trying to cook it, though? I'm no expert at cooking, but I'm pretty sure that's one of the most important parts of it. I felt kind of bad after we were allowed to come back into my building the first time a fire alarm went off this year.

I don't know about anyone else, but I think I'm tired of hearing the fire alarm go off in my building, even though it's only happened a few times this year.

From what I can remember, it has happened three times this year. At least two of those times have been because people either did not pay enough attention to making their food, or they just didn't watch the microwave and let their food start making the microwave smoke up the

The emergency responders left the charred remains of the macaroni for everyone to see at the main doors as a warning for everyone to pay better attention to their food.

I guess one warning wasn't enough. I can understand the macaroni situation-- heck, I think almost anyone that's ever made it has almost forgotten the water at least once. I haven't, but my brother and a few of my friends have.

However, the latest fire alarm has baffled me the



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most. The fire alarm was triggered because of popcorn. Yeah, popcorn.

I know that popcorn is pretty easy to burn if you put it in the microwave for just a little bit too long. However, I have no idea how someone could

have left it in the microwave long enough for it to start smoking and trigger the fire alarm. You can literally just stand next to the microwave and wait. I can only assume that whoever left the popcorn went to do whatever else

within those two to four minutes it usually takes to cook.

All I wanted was to get back on campus after a long weekend and relax, but not even 30 minutes later, the fire alarm went off. I know it's not like

there's a huge chance to start a big fire from something like this but still. It's an easily avoided inconvenience. So, can we just start paying some more attention to whatever the heck we cook from now on?

Video games earn profit and popularity



ANDREUS ABNER
Staff Writer

ed to notice something kind of interesting.

Since more and more people like me have started to look for something beyond just new shows to watch, online gaming has grown quite a bit. Newer people are starting to play games casually and others look for glory as they try and become some of the world's best in the competitive scene.

As I started to play games like Rocket League and Valorant, I realized that the player pool started to grow, as I was digging my way out of the lower ranks rather fast.

The higher I climbed up, though, it felt like there was a higher bar in some of the ranks that I had gotten to before.

People are starting to take gaming seriously now more than ever, and



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I think I might know the reason why.

One of the most notorious games to be played at the professional level is Counter Strike: Global

Offensive (CS:GO). The game came out on Aug. 21, 2012, and the first major tournament that debuted was a little over a year later in 2013.

The prize pool for CS:GO major tournaments stands at an astounding 15 million dollars and that's a game with a dying player pool.

People around the world played the game when it came out, and millions of people still play almost a decade later. Slowly, the realm of CS:GO players started to dwindle down as a new game came to rise in popularity.

On July 25, 2017 Fortnite's Battle Royal game mode came out for the first time, with the World Cup following two years later in 2019.

The first ever Fortnite World Cup winner got 3 million dollars at the young age of 16 years old. If that isn't motivating enough to be good at a video game, then I don't know what is.

In quarantine, people have started to try and find a new source of income. That can be from an assortment of ways, but one way of getting some easy money can be from streaming.

Streaming has been around for years and years, but more people are wanting to watch this form of entertainment.

Nowadays, with how much time people spend at their computer, it's easy to just practice and stream at the same time while you try to get better.

As the competitive gaming scene continues to grow, remember to get out of your comfort zone and maybe try playing a game or two. You'll never know if you like it or not unless you do!

End of pandemic is approaching



JOSH BUNDY
Multimedia Coordinator

end of the tunnel that seemed to be never-ending, but the hope that people have has never been higher.

I have to give it to Doane for their ability to limit the spread of COVID this year, as it was something I felt would be impossible for the school to do. But here we are, mere weeks away from the year being over, and Doane has been able to limit cases and the spreading on campus tremendously. Granted having a number of courses online has only given everyone a bit of a hard time, I believe it is something that we can all sacrifice a little bit of in order to stay safe and get through this pandemic.

Another thing I want to thank Doane for is their ability to get vaccines and be able to dis-

tribute them to their students. I may be out of the loop, but I haven't heard of any other colleges doing this, so Doane being able to source these vaccines is just another pat on the back that I must give to the school.

With the school year almost being over, summer in sight and Stop Day coming any day, it is thanks to Doane that we, as a student body, have been able to have the closest thing to a normal and safe year that we possibly can.

It's important to realize that we still are in the tunnel of COVID and that not everything is clear yet, but I am confident that if Doane is able to continue to have a grip on the pandemic at this campus, I feel comfortable believing this nightmare is almost over.

It's been so long since I felt like the world was normal, but with COVID beginning to be dealt with, it seems like life might just get back to normal.

I know a number of people feel the same way that I do, feeling like they finally see the light at the

...THUMBS UP

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THUMBS DOWN...

Women's Golf starts spring season



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Junior Tressa Bull tees off to start her attempt at this hole.

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

On March 31, the Women's Golf team competed in their first game of the spring season. The Women came in fourth at their home event and are now getting ready to compete in their final three invites.

After almost five months between their last fall competition and their first spring invite, the team has been preparing by practicing as often as they can. Junior Tressa Bull said she believes this season will show a lot of improvement from the team.

"I feel as if we are

ready for the season and ready to put the work into our game," Bull said. "Some of us ended on a high note and others didn't but are wanting to improve this season."

Because most of the team's invites involve traveling, it can be hard to keep up with all their responsibilities, but ev-

everyone has a system so they do not fall behind on any one thing in particular.

"Balancing school, work and golf has been difficult," Bull said. "Managing all this with meets is more difficult because I have to make sure I am organized and know what homework I have to do. This way, I am able to stay on task and get the work done that needs to be done."

The team has been spending quite a bit of time practicing and working on the things that need the most improvement. However, in Nebraska, the weather can prove to be difficult to work around and make it hard to get through practices.

"We do not typically practice if it is raining, but now that we have an indoor facility, we do have practices sometimes," Bull said. "The weather can also go from

70 to 80 degree days and then 40 degrees the next. We just have to be prepared and have many layers in our bags at all times."

With three invites left, the team is excited for the opportunity to get outside and play after having waited so long for their spring season.

"I think the one thing that we are most look-

ing forward to is getting back on the course and enjoying the days we get to golf," Bull said. "It will be a lot of hard work and time commitment, but we will get through it with smiles on our faces."

The Women's Golf team will be in Lincoln on April 6 and 7 to compete in the Concordia Invite.



Courtesy photo | Doane Athletic Department

Freshman Sydney Erickson hits her ball from the tee box.

Baseball stays top two in conference

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

As the season's end is just around the corner, the Baseball team has been working hard to keep performing at the same level they have been all season. With only nine days of games left, the team looks to keep their winning season alive.

Although many students and athletes are starting to feel burnt out by this point in the year, the team is still in high spirits. Senior Staley Gilmore said he knows

the team wants to be fully locked in for every game they play.

"We've had some really awesome comebacks, and the confidence is pretty high right now," Gilmore said. "This is a solid team, and it's been the most enjoyable team I've been on."

Right now, the team is standing second in the conference. They are currently behind Concordia, but despite this, the team is especially proud of the way their practicing has paid off this season.

"It's not by accident; we've put in the work to

be where we are, and we just need to continue to play with our abilities," Gilmore said. "It's a tough conference, so it's very rewarding."

With nineteen games left in less than a month, the baseball schedule is packed full of traveling and competing. However, the team is remaining focused on playing their best for the rest of the season.

"It's a grind for sure, but this is what we play for," Gilmore said. "We're deep enough that guys are ready to play each week, and we pre-

pared for the long season."

Like most sports teams, as the end of the season approaches, the chance at winning a conference championship becomes the drive for most of the players.

"[Winning the GPAC] is what keeps us focused; we know it's a tough conference, and it's not going to be easy," Gilmore said. "It's been the goal since fall, and now that it's finally here, guys are determined."

The Baseball team will play Mount Marty University on April 9 fol-



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Junior Nathan Stark pitches to his opponent.

lowed by Midland University on April 10.

Track teams dominate duel and GPAC

JOSH BUNDY
Multimedia
Coordinator

Doane Track and Field was able to defend their home turf on Friday by defeating Nebraska Wesleyan in their annual dual. The Men's team won comfortably by a score of 124-98, their largest margin of victory over Nebraska Wesleyan. The Women's team narrowly edged the win with a score of 98-90.

The victory for the Men was their 14th straight win against Nebraska Wesleyan, and 11 NAIA national qualifying marks were hit by Doane athletes in both

the "A" and "B" standards.

Junior Jacob Hruska moved atop the NAIA rankings in the high jump after posting a personal best of 2.11m. Senior Richard Dover also hit a personal best in the discus to move him atop the leaderboards with a throw of 50.15m.

The Tigers also have a few athletes with top five marks in the nation. Freshman Carter Reckling is third in the nation after hitting 2.05m in the high jump, meeting "B" standard. Fifth-year Henry Arnold posted a 14.93m triple jump for third in the nation. Senior Tanner Sand ranks fourth in the nation in

long jump with his mark of 7.26m. Arnold is right behind him with a 7.25m mark, also in long jump. Freshman Sarah Theiler cleared 1.64m in the high jump, placing her fourth in the nation.

Both teams had a number of athletes hit additional standards as well. Junior Sergio Arcos hit the "B" standard in long jump. Sand hit the "B" standard in the triple jump in addition to his top five long jump rank. Senior Matthew Campbell earned an "A" standard in the hammer throw and tacked on a "B" standard shot put as well. Freshman Zach Turner achieved a national qualifying mark

on the 110m hurdles.

On the Women's side, freshman Madison Sutton hit the "A" standard in discus with a mark of 44.98m, while she remains eighth in the nation based on her throw in the previous competition. She also placed herself in the seventh place spot for shot put this week with a throw of 13.40m. Senior Allison Skala follows close behind with her with a throw of 13.39m, good for eighth in the nation. Fifth-year Alyssa Downs cleared 3.55m in pole-vault to place her sixth in the nation.

Hruska attributed a lot of his success to the motivation that his team-

mates and coaches give him at every meet.

"I think everyone always wants to improve. It's a process though, not every meet is going to be my best meet, but I know that with my coaches and teammates constantly pushing me, I'll continue to reach my goals of improving. It will always be about doing your best, working your hardest and competing like every meet is conference or nationals," Hruska said.

Sutton echoed that feeling, adding that the encouragement keeps her motivated.

"My experience on the Doane track team has exceeded my expectations. It's easy to per-

form at a high level when I have teammates that rally around one another and coaches that continually encourage me to reach my potential," Sutton said.

Hruska made sure to add that even with COVID-19 present, he didn't feel it was something that stood in the team's way.

"The hard-working culture on this team is always going to be the main reason why we are able to achieve our goals. No matter the hurdles in our way due to COVID-19, that culture isn't going to change," Hruska said.

Softball sweeps first home games

CASSIE KESSLER
Sports Editor

Last weekend, the Softball team had their first home games of the season, playing Briar Cliff University and College of Saint Mary. The team was able to win all four of their games and now has a record of 17-14.

After spending so much of their season on the road, the team was excited to have their first home games this spring. Junior Cecily Kaluza said she enjoyed being able to play in front of Doane fans, calling it a

"really awesome experience."

"The atmosphere with baseball also playing next to us and having all the fans there, it was amazing," Kaluza said. "It was exhilarating; we were all super hyped and ready to go play and win some games."

Now that the team has entered more conference play, they have really come together to set themselves up for a successful end of the season.

"I think because it is now conference season, we're a little more serious," Kaluza said. "Not that we weren't serious

in preseason because we were really serious; I just think we're more determined now to really do what we need to do and win games."

Although the rest of their schedule is packed full of games, the team is ready to continue on and stay determined.

"I don't think it's going to be much of an issue, just because we had so many games in preseason that we got used to it," Kaluza said. "We're very determined so we work hard, and we do what we need to on the field to be prepared for so many games."

The team is staying focused and knows that each person on the team is counting on them to do their part in order to help secure win after win.

"We're a very close team so I think that also helps us with winning because we have such great chemistry, and we're such a tight team," Kaluza said. "We all get along so I think that helps us stay focused as well because we want to win for each other; we're doing it for each other."

The Softball team will play Concordia at home on April 7 before heading to Sioux City, Iowa

to play Morningside College on April 10.

Athlete of the Week



Jacob Hruska
Track & Field

Had a personal-best clearance in high jump with a mark of 2.11 meters to move atop the NAIA chart.



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