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Seeking the Truth Without Favor



Members of Omega Psi Theta support their advisor in Relay for Life: see more below.

Relay for Life out of this world



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(Left) A Relay for Life attendee puts a glow stick in a paper bag in memory of someone lost to cancer as part of the Luminaria ceremony. (Right) Those battling cancer and their caregivers stand in front as the audience cheers them on.

KYLIE HUGHES
Editor in Chief

On April 5, well over one hundred Doane students and staff in addition to Crete community members gathered in the Fuhrer Fieldhouse to raise money to fight cancer with the theme being “Let’s abduct cancer out of this universe.”

Relay for Life is an annual event where teams of people from the Doane and Crete community gather together to raise money that goes directly to the American Cancer Society. This year, the goal for the Doane Uni-

versity/ Saline County’s Relay for Life event was to raise \$35,000.

In order to try to meet that goal, teams spent weeks leading up to the event fundraising in various ways. Then, on the day of the event, teams hold booths where they sell food, products, games or some type of entertainment to fellow Doane and Crete community members.

Examples of some of the booths included Omega Psi Theta sorority selling Redbull and lemonade infusions, Chi Delta sorority selling que-

sadillas and Delta Kappa Pi selling the chance to egg, pie or wax one of their members.

All 8 of Doane’s sororities and fraternities were represented in Relay for Life with their own teams. In addition to Greek Life, other teams included student organizations such as People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM) and the Agriculture Club; sports teams such as Softball, Volleyball and Football; other Doane departments and community members.

“I think Relay went

really well this year. My favorite part was the participation from the Greek groups and the community,” Head Chair of the Doane University/Saline County Relay for Life and senior Payton Detavernier.

In addition to the booths, the Relay event also hosted fun activities such as a dodgeball tournament. There were also more meaningful activities for cancer survivors, caregivers and those lost to cancer.

By the end of the night, the Doane University/Saline County Relay

for Life raised just shy of \$30,000. Despite the fact that this was not quite the goal, many are proud of the accomplishment.

“It feels awesome to know that even as such a small campus that we still were able to raise that large of an amount of money,” Detavernier said.

In addition to raising money, Relay for Life honors and connects with so many.

“Being part of the executive committee is so fulfilling. Relay has a special place in my heart. My grandma who is a 12

year breast cancer survivor was there and so it was really special to be able to have her there to support,” Relay for Life Committee Member sophomore Addison Rosno said.

This event not only serves to raise money but also serves as a reminder that everyone has been affected by cancer in some way or another making this such a powerful event to many.

“You can really see the impact that relay has for those survivors, especially ones who are close to you,” Rosno said.

Doane experiences solar eclipse



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(Left) Senior McKenna Revis experiences the solar eclipse as part of her biology class. (Middle) Junior Gisselle Martinez looks through the eclipse viewer box to see the reflection of the eclipse. (Right) Freshman Tyas Menning tries on the solar eclipse glasses.

KYLIE HUGHES
Editor in Chief

The United States experienced a solar eclipse yesterday April 8 and the Doane community made sure not to pass this opportunity up.

Full solar eclipses are not rare as they happen every few years according to AP News. However, they most often occur where the general public

cannot see them such as over oceans. This is what made this solar eclipse so special. The path of totality, or where the moon completely blocks the sun, stretches through Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and into the northern part of New England.

This means that in Crete, those viewing the eclipse were able to see

the obscuration of the sun at about 80 percent.

With the eclipse, it is important that those viewing do not look directly into the sun. Despite the fact that part of the sun will be covered, just a few minutes of looking can cause permanent damage.

This is why solar eclipse glasses and other methods are so important. To give students an

opportunity to see the eclipse, some professors and staff members in addition to students shared their glasses and methods with others.

For seniors McKenna Revis and Olivia Kuzas, who both had class during the eclipse were surprised to have class moved out to experience the viewing together.

“I was a bit bummed that I had class during the

eclipse. However [Biology Professor] Kate Marley surprised our class by stopping class early and providing us with everything we needed to have a safe viewing experience,” Kuzas said.

Students in the class and any students or staff passing by were offered the opportunity to look through solar eclipse glasses or to look through a solar eclipse viewing

box. “It was a great opportunity and experience. I’m thankful that Dr. Kate Marley gave us the opportunity and resources to see it.” Revis said.

Kuzas echoed Revis saying that it was such a memorable experience thanks to Marley.

The next solar eclipse to stretch across the United States will be in 2045.

New club honors heritage

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Doane is very notorious when it comes to campus involvement and equality. Now, sophomore Natalee Keodouangdy is adding a new club to the list called Asian and Pacific Islander Organization (APIO).

"We decided to start this club since we [the executive team and students on campus] all come

from places that are diverse and flourished from multicultural businesses and had many people to relate to," Keodouangdy said. "We wanted that at Doane since we should always push for the best for the community and education."

When thinking about doing it at Doane Keodouangdy said that the opportunities are important.

"There's no reason for Doane not to have those standards similar to big-

ger schools. We should make opportunities that those schools also have. Also we want to educate our communities so that we can understand each other as humans and expand our perspectives and the way we learn," Keodouangdy said.

This is a lot of pressure being put on Keodouangdy and her team, but she feels that her team can get through any obstacle that comes their way. Although their club got started so late in the

year, they have a variety of ideas planned for next year like dumpling days, potlucks, Lunar New Years festivals with lion dancers, Thai New Years and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May.

"I'm very excited about our future events," Keodouangdy said. "We have the whole summer to organize them and I think they will be really fun for everyone and anyone. I'm also excited to connect with my com-

munity. The thing I am scared about is the obvious lack of students that have Asian and Pacific Islander heritage."

For the end of the semester, they are planning on doing self-care bags that wish everyone good luck on their finals with Asian snacks to try. The first APIO meeting is on April 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 in Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art building room 236.

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4/15



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Tuesday

4/16



High: 71

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CAPE advocates for survivors

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

This April, Campus Advocacy, Prevention and Education (CAPE) Project is highlighting Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The month is meant to help spread advocacy and education around sexual assault in the hopes of destigmatizing and preventing sexual assault. CAPE is doing a visual project called the "What Were You Wearing" exhibit. The project is a way for students on campus to have their stories about sexual assault shared anonymously.

"I think it is super important to bring light to sexual assault. Sexual assault can be a range of things and it is essential to help educate our students on what falls under this

umbrella term," sophomore and CAPE Peer educator Morgan Smith said about the event. "That way, they can prepare and set boundaries with others. SAAM is so important because it is a symbol to victims to let them know they are never alone and there are people who support them."

The "What Were You Wearing" exhibit, located in Nyrop Hall, displays sets of clothes. Each one displays a story describing their assault and the feelings the victim has attached to the incident. The clothes are meant to illustrate what the victim was wearing during their assault and show how, regardless of what they were wearing, assault can still happen. The project aims to humanize the

pain and build empathy with survivors of sexual assault. Each story is voluntarily submitted by students and aims to build a community of both survivors and advocates against sexual violence.

"By sharing their experiences, survivors may find themselves feeling less isolated in their own experiences. Moreover, these narratives raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of sexual assault, fostering empathy and understanding within the community," CAPE Director Jaden Hilkemann said. "Hearing firsthand accounts can also inspire action and advocacy to prevent future incidents and improve support services for survivors. Additionally, it serves as a reminder



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Exhibit in Nyrop Hall depicts what survivors were wearing at the time of their assault to demonstrate that clothes do not give consent.

that even if you have not been directly impacted by sexual violence, survivors are all around us, including our teammates, friends and coworkers."

The display will be available for students

to see throughout the month of April. CAPE aims to promote more activities and projects for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Etiquette dinner to be held

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

Doane's Career, Leadership and Service Office is hosting a professional etiquette and networking event for students to learn how to handle themselves at a professional party. The event is on April 14, and interested students have to sign

up via Handshake.

The guest speaker is Human Resources Director Nicolette Villwok, a professional who has experience with E&A Consulting Group, the consulting group for an engineering company. To attend the event, it is at no cost to students.

"Some topics covered will include: how to confidently enter a room full

of strangers, how to properly introduce yourself and others, how to make small talk while networking and how to use utensils and dishes appropriately," the Career, Leadership and Service Office said.

The event requires that students dress in business casual attire.

For those not familiar with business casual at-

tire, an example of business casual attire would be a button-up shirt with khaki pants and no tie. One last thing on business casual attire is, no short sleeves unless it is a polo shirt.

The event has appetizers and mocktails and near the end of the event, there is a three-course dinner planned for all in attendance. The goal of

the event is for students to be able to conduct themselves properly and represent Doane University well at professional events.

For more information about the event, look either to Handshake, or email the Director of Career, Leadership and Service Office at quint.geis@doane.edu.

MindExpo happening soon

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

MindExpo is getting ready to have its undergraduate students present at Doane University. The expo is an opportunity for undergraduate students at Doane University to present the scholarly research and projects that they are working on.

MindExpo, as the

name suggests, is an exhibition event where students get to showcase their works. The Expo is also a chance for students to share your findings, and potentially be inspired to pursue further research into that discipline.

Another facet of the MindExpo is the fact that presenting their work to other students could potentially inspire their peers to look into that

discipline as another avenue for study.

"The Undergraduate Research Committee reviews student proposals for MindExpo and schedules the oral presentations and poster sessions. In collaboration with other staff and faculty, we help with getting student presenters organized and set up for their presentations," Assistant Professor of Counseling Andrea McGrath said.

The expo serves as an opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase their work and by extension, get their name out there for future encounters with the Undergraduate Research Committee.

"Student presenters can look forward to sharing their projects with their peers, faculty and staff. Students attending can look forward to learning about

the work of their peers across various topics and disciplines," McGrath said. "This year we have 34 oral presentations and 24 poster presentations across 12 areas of study."

The topic areas that are being covered will be diverse.

The event will be held at Doane University on April 18, 2024, and is an all-day event. The deadline for students to register to present has long

passed, but students who are interested in exploring new areas of thought are encouraged to go.

For any questions, contact Andrea McGrath at andrea.mcgrath@doane.edu.

Doane Crime Log

Doane Safety Office reported incidents in their public crime log. Incidents reported up until April 10 include:

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ASC offers end-of-year resources

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

As Doane students and staff approach the back end of the semester, many students are starting to feel overwhelmed and that they need to catch up. Luckily, the Academic Success Center (ASC) has the resources for students to use to pass their classes.

"I think the number one resource students should be using for these final four, five, six weeks if they have a C or below is to get a tutor. It is past the point where sheer effort can turn around a bad grade, it is important to work smarter and collaborate with tutors," Academic Specialist at the Academic Success Center Rachel Jank said.

Tutors consist entirely of students who have previously taken the course they are tutoring and tutors are free to students to use, the only thing students have to do is register with the ASC in person or use the website doane.mywconline.com to begin looking for tutoring.

"Sometimes we spend a lot of energy not focusing on what helps us academically, sometimes communicating that and reaching out to others can help. Tutoring and studying with others helps you avoid energy burnout," Jank said.

Jank said the biggest thing students can do to help themselves is be present in the classroom and not skip. She says they are missing content, but they are also miss-

ing valuable insights into how to think about their finals and they're losing connection with their professors.

"It doesn't matter if you have the content if you don't know how to convey that through the exam or the project. Putting off assignments can do the same thing, it disrupts your academic rhythm," Jank said.

Jank says that resources in the ASC can help students feel more comfortable and confident, even if they feel overwhelmed or burnout reaching out to the ASC or the Writing Center can get the ball rolling.

"If you feel like you're struggling academically, try something new. Reach out to those who specialize in helping you understand," Jank said.




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Students enjoy using the ASC as both a study and hang out spot during the day.

The ASC and the Writing Center are open to all students and you can acquire a tutor via doane.mywconline.com.

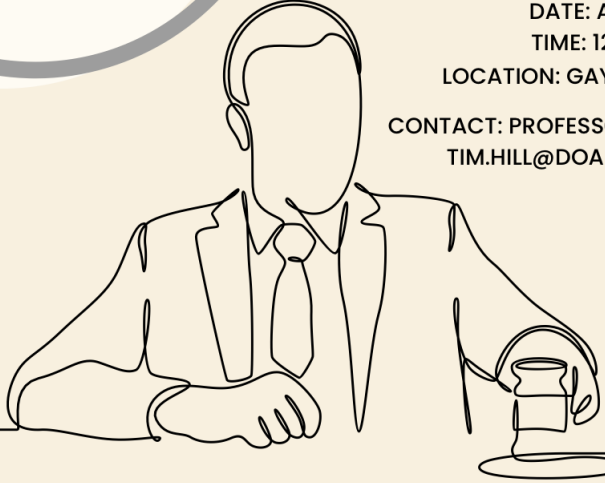
Jank emphasizes that students have the time and the resources available to them

and that they should stay resilient during these closing weeks.



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Pre-law Zoom talk in Gaylord

JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
News Editor

Doane is hosting an event on April 10 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for students who are interested in going to Law School after they graduate. The event is a pre-law talk titled, "Alternative Dispute Resolution: How Modern Professionals Resolve

Disputes Without Going to Trial."

The speaker for this event is Doane Alumni Jack Wagner, who is presenting from the University of Florida's Law School. The meeting will be held via Zoom, but students will be required to go to Gaylord 327 if they want to see the presentation.

While Doane itself does not have a pre-law track for any formal stud-

ies, there are events like this held throughout the year to encourage students to look into Law School as a potential post-graduate option.

Students are encouraged to go because this event will give them greater exposure to the Law as a practice than they likely would have gotten otherwise. For any questions about the event, contact Professor Tim Hill at tim.hill@doane.edu.

Stop Day around the corner

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Staff Writer

It has become that wonderful time of year when everyone is trying to figure out when is Stop Day. Will it be tomorrow, or will it be next week? Well the only student

who knows when Stop Day is, is Student Congress (StuCo) President and senior Sabrina Renderos-Bonilla.

"I would say Stop Day is a popular event on campus," Renderos-Bonilla said. "The Congress puts in a lot of work throughout the semester. Everyone enjoys the activities and it is a nice day

off to enjoy with friends."

Stop Day has happened for many years on campus, the only thing about it is no one knows when it is other than the StuCo President, which makes it even more interesting. Stop Day is also the one day where everything on campus stops. Some events that those attending can look forward to

during stop day are sand volleyball, cornhole, canoe races, dodgeball, the spelling bee, Doane Idol and some additional surprises towards the end.

"I don't think I would change anything about the planning of Stop Day," Renderos-Bonilla said. "I am very thankful for my advisor, Judy [Kawamoto], as she

helps me plan it all out and also my exec team for helping me with as much as they can. I am looking forward to the whole day. It will be nice to see our hard work pay off."

Students should take note of a few things before the day finally arrives.

"Some advice I have for Stop Day is to en-

ter through the lakeside doors in the morning, arrive early to sign a waiver, get a wristband and a t-shirt," said Renderos-Bonilla. "Also stay hydrated throughout the day, sign up for events, stay for Doane Idol, take care of one another and have fun!"

Ninth annual Polk Lecture is held

JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

On April 9th, the ninth annual Robert L. Polk Lecture on Race and Social Justice was held, featuring Dwinita Mosby Tyler. The lecture, which centered on how we outwardly and inwardly interrupt the world, can either challenge or enable racism around us.

Mosby Tyler illustrated throughout her lecture that we are often overwhelmed with recent breaking news, being focused on the "now" and the lack of empowerment to share our history and

have difficult conversations can sometimes perpetuate racism and inequality silently.

"We have to talk about the elephant in the room because our systems are preventing us from being connected and understanding race and how it affects people," Mosby Tyler said.

Mosby Tyler encouraged attendees to look inward and understand how they should feel empowered to share the stories they have, speak openly about difficult topics such as race, diversity and equity, and be open to understanding how a personal identity fits into a larger society. Mosby Tyler used the

metaphor of mirrors and windows, where a mirror is an internal reflection and a window is an outward reflection. She emphasized that to build a society that is kind and caring you need to have an equal grasp on both identities.

The lecture series, named after the Reverend Robert L. Polk, has expressed purpose of using educators like Mosby Tyler to have conversations about race, inequality, and social justice in hopes of creating a kinder society.

Polk was the first black student to attend and graduate from Doane, paving the way for more black students to come



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Dwinita Mosby Tyler presents at the ninth annual Robert L. Polk Lecture.

after him. In recognition of his continued pursuit of racial and social justice as well as continual-

ly giving back to Doane, Polk will both speak at the May graduation ceremony and have the soon

to be built open-air theater named after him.

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Thursday

National Library Week- Mario Kart Tournament- 5 p.m. Family Health Services- 12 p.m.- Perry Money Matters- 2 p.m. Esports- 7 p.m.

Friday

National Library Week- Library After Hours- 7 p.m. Money Matters- 12 p.m. SNOT- 7 p.m.- Conservatory Softball- 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. Esports- 7 p.m.

Saturday

SPB Zoo Trip- 9:30 a.m. Tau Sigma Zeta Kickball Tournament- 5 p.m.- Frees Field Softball- 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Sunday

Networking & Professional Etiquette Dinner- 4:30 p.m. Baseball- 1 p.m.

Monday

Strings and Swings- 7 p.m.- Lakeside

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- Editorial -

Show support in community

This past week was Relay for Life one of the largest events that Doane puts on in conjunction with the Crete community.

The goal of this event was to raise money for cancer, \$35,000 specifically. The event fundraises prior and hosts a range of activities for people to do where all of the money goes toward the American Cancer Society. At the end of the night Doane was about \$5,000 away from their goal.

While it is important to want to achieve goals, as they are set for a reason especially when the cause is as good as the American Cancer Society, it is not always just about reaching that goal.

This event, for example, did so much more than raised money. It raised awareness about cancer in the community, it honored those who have and are currently battling cancer, it recognized caregivers and remembered those lost.

This event touched many people's hearts. It showed that the whole community was able to come together for a common goal.

It is moments like this that remind us that we are all a part of a community. Whether that community is the Doane community or even bigger than that such as the overall Crete community, there are many things that connect us all to each other.

Given that we are all con-

nected it is imperative that we support each other. Events like this are great ways to show support. Support really comes down to showing up and being there. It is not hard to show support especially in the small community context.

By showing support, people recognize that they are not alone. This is why going to things and being there is so important. Relay for Life was a great example of why showing up is so meaningful.

Hot takes; flavorings make or break coffee

A weekly rant of random things by Cassie Kessler



CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

If you're a regular reader of hot takes, you know that I spent the last week in Wisconsin for the national speech tournament. While I was here, I found an utterly AMAZING coffee place and I was inspired to write hot takes about the phenomena occurring here.

So I'm incredibly into coffee, specifically iced coffee if you haven't seen me around campus carrying a gigantic iced coffee (even during the winter unfortunately). Because of my love of this drink, I've tried tons and tons of flavors in my iced lattes and I must rank my all time favorite flavors.

Three things to base this

ranking on: the first is how sweet the flavor makes my drink. It can't be too sweet or I don't want to drink it. The second is whether I can still taste coffee with this flavor. Some people want their flavoring to overpower the coffee, but I am not one of those. The third and final criteria is how easily I can find this flavoring. Let's begin.

Hazelnut - This flavor is an absolute staple that you can find anywhere, and I personally find that this flavor compliments the flavor of coffee well. While it's sweet enough to outweigh the bitterness of coffee beans, it doesn't overpower everything in the cup and therefore, it may be my most reliable favorite.

Brown Sugar - If this flavor was easier to find, it would be ranked number one. Just copy and paste everything I said about Hazelnut flavoring but turn it up a level. This is my preferred flavor and if I could get it anywhere, it would be my number one choice.

Vanilla - Old reliable if you will. It was pointed out to me that most of my rankings hold one that is labeled "old reliable", but I feel like the midpoint in any ranking should be reliable. It's nothing



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Cabin Coffee in Wisconsin serves the coffee that was the inspiration of this week's hot takes.

ing extraordinarily special, but it's good and really hard to think of any words against it.

White Chocolate - This flavor is rather sweet, but I still really like it if I'm in the mood for a sweet treat. I don't want this one all the time and it would never be my regular order, but every once in a while it is utterly delicious.

Caramel - WAY too sweet for my preferences. It could also be related to the fact that I went through a serious caramel phase and I got a little bit sick of it, but

that's not the point. It's very easy to get carried away with this flavor and when that happens, the overpowering sweetness makes me sick.

Mocha - I'm not really a chocolate flavored girl to begin with, so mocha loses me a bit. It's also so incredibly sweet that I question how people drink it and think they're drinking coffee. If you want mocha flavoring, just drink a glass of chocolate milk because that's essentially what it is to begin with.

Choose what to do with life



JOHNATHAN SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

Spoilers for "East of Eden", it came out in the 1960's, and is amazing, so go read it.

I was reading my now favorite book, "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck, and near the end of the third part, one of the characters, Samuel Hamilton, was at the ranch of businessman

Adam Trask, and they are discussing what should be the names of Adams' children, as it has been a year and some change since they were born and they did not have names yet.

They ended up with the names Aaron and Caleb, an homage to the biblical names Abel and Cain. Afterwards, Samuel and Adam talk about life, when Samuel comes to the realization that there are two primary ways of living life, one being in mediocrity but having a warm and loving life as well, or having the title of greatness, but living cold and lonely.

Their conversation got me thinking, are those the only two overviews of life that a person can have? The answer I have found is complicated, as it can be argued that on the large scale

of life, one lives largely in either region and in the smaller moments breaks the mold they are put in.

It can also be argued that the little moments of non-conformity to that mold make the overall overview of a person's life one way or another. Either way, it's an interesting dilemma that we have to deal with as a people, whether to live life in mediocrity but be surrounded by people who care about you or to be excellent in all aspects of life but not have that.

The reason for this dilemma, I think, is that mediocrity is average, and therefore more relatable to the people as a whole, who on a whole speak to an average. People are more willing to accept averageness in their lives because averageness is familiar, av-

erage is comfortable.

The reason for the flip end, that being the cold excellence, is that excellence does not fall within the average that society has set for itself, it is larger than that, so when somebody does push past that average level that most people fall into, it isolates them from the larger consciousness, as they have put themselves as pioneers.

So my opinion for this week is this: choose what you want to do with your life. Also, do not adhere to this mold adamantly, as it could be interpreted in different ways and could ultimately end up as meaningless for most people. Finally, read "East of Eden" if you read to the end of this without reading it first.

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Women's sports worth watching



JOHN DAWES
Sports Editor

Women's sports grow in popularity due to March Madness

March Madness is coming to a close, with the women's tournament concluding on April 7, the University of South Carolina securing a perfect season, and the men's tournament concluding on April 8. As with many March Madness tournaments, there was the spectacle, heartbreak and busted brackets. But this March Madness stood out, especially because it was the first March Madness, in which the women's tournament was the main draw of viewers, rather than the men's tournament.

This is for a variety of reasons. The proliferation of the transfer portal and star-freshman skipping their eligibility and going straight to the NBA has made the men's tournament lack recognizable players for fans to be at-

tached to, there is also an apparent lack of star power relative to other tournaments. The women's tournament is the complete opposite; many players stay all four years of college and carve out distinguished collegiate careers before declaring for the WNBA draft, and the top-end talent shines much brighter than the men this year.

Senior Catliyn Clarke of Iowa, Senior Angel Reese from LSU, Senior Cameron Brink from Stanford and Senior Paige Beckers from UCONN have captivated audiences. Each one has their own storylines and unique styles of play that captivate viewers. The talent is limited to one class either. Freshman Juju Watkins from USC is set to be the next greatest hoops phenome-

non and South Carolina, the recent March Madness champions, are set to have a destiny with their young core of players staying for numerous years.

I've seen so many men who would never watch women's sports period tune in for this March Madness and they were blown away by the level of play displayed. What I hope this tournament shows, especially to men, is that you have to watch women's sports. Whether it is basketball, track and field, swimming, volleyball or softball, whatever it is, the talent has always been there, we just haven't been looking.

It doesn't matter your gender. When you reach the highest level of competition, it's worth watching at full stop. For decades, women have been



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March Madness, the college basketball tournament, had high views specifically for the women's teams.

asking us to watch them compete and it's on us to continue watching, because if you're not you're missing out on some of the best play athletes are capable of. Don't make

this March Madness a flash in the pan, I promise you that watching women's sports is worth it.

Best fast food chicken in town



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Two competing fast food places that both primarily serve chicken are up for debate in Lara-Johnson's opinion.



ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Over the past several weeks I have been asked the same question, do I prefer Chick-fil-A or Raising Cane's, and if I am going to be honest I would much prefer Chick-fil-A. But before you bash me for my likes and dislikes, let me give you some reasons why.

The first reason is that Chick-fil-A has more options, they have a variety

of sandwiches, nuggets, salads and chicken strips. I think you see my point. Raising Cane's has only four different options and the fourth one is a sandwich.

The second reason is that Chick-fil-A serves just fries with their meals, Cane's however has fries, coleslaw, and Texas toast, which you might find shocking. I am not really

into coleslaw and Texas toast.

Now I am going to give a point to Cane's because their sauce is actually quite delicious and I would much rather have that than Chick-fil-A sauce. But honestly, when you ask people this question, I believe that the only reason they brought it up is because they wanted to start an

argument.

These two restaurants are very successful and at some times I would much rather have Cane's over Chick-fil-A and vice versa, however when people are like "I can't talk to you anymore because you much prefer Chick-fil-A than Cane's," that is where I draw the line.

Honestly, everyone is entitled to their own opin-

ion and we can't judge people for what they like and don't like, but if you are going to ask me a stupid question like that and get mad when I say my answer, that will just prove to me you wanted to start an argument.

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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. Votes are simply interpretation open to interpretation with no context.

Thumbs DOWN...

Tennis secures wins on home court

CASSIE KESSLER
MANAGING EDITOR

During the last week, the Men's and Women's Tennis teams each played three games hosted on their home courts. They kicked off the week against Nebraska Wesleyan University, next facing Mount Marty University before finishing things off against Baker University.

Both teams were against NWU first with split results for the teams. The Men's teams won the match 6-1, earning a clean sweep in the doubles matches. Senior Federico Infante and sophomore Diego Infante won a tough battle 7-5 at the one spot.

In the two spot doubles match, senior Esteban Gutierrez and junior Jose Purizaca won soundly with a final score of 6-2. And in the three spot, freshmen Andre Hartman and Elliot Dassel made an epic comeback from 1-5 to win the set 7-6.

Meanwhile, in singles action, Gutierrez picked up a 6-3, 6-2 win while Purizaca allowed no sets won against him, winning 6-0, 6-0. Federico

Infante went 6-2, 6-4 and Hartman followed with a 6-1, 6-4 victory. Freshman Julio Avlia rounded things out with a 6-0, 7-6 win.

On the Women's side, the team did not fare as well, falling 2-5. Only one doubles match was secured by the Tigers, courtesy of sophomore Grace Schroller and freshman Maria Purizaca Soto who went 7-6. Purizaca Soto also won her singles match with a score of 6-1, 6-0. Senior Emily Guiton added a singles win of 6-2, 6-4.

The next game against Mount Marty University kicked off conference play for the Tigers. The Men's team narrowly snuck away with a win of 4-3. The Infante brothers won 6-4 in the doubles, as well as Gutierrez and Purizaca who won 6-2. Rounding out doubles play was Hartman and Dassel with a win of 6-2.

In singles action, Gutierrez successfully held on to the lead to win 7-6, 6-1. Purizaca added another win in singles play with scores of 6-4, 6-7, 6-1. Finally Federico Infante rounded out singles wins going 6-2, 6-1.

The Women's team was just barely edged out

by the Lancers with a final team score of 3-4. No doubles matches were won by the Tigers, but they would claim three singles matches. Purizaca Soto won in a clean sweep of 6-0, 6-0 while freshman Isabella Castilero won 6-3, 6-4. In her college debut, freshman Kat Johnson won 6-3, 6-2.

Finally both teams hosted Baker University. The Men's team dominated their opponent, winning with a team score of 7-0. Meanwhile, the Women's team grabbed their first win of the week with a score of 5-2.

In the doubles, Purizaca Soto and Schroller paired up again and won 6-2. Johnson was joined by junior Cierra Schwarzkopf to win 6-3. Both Purizaca Soto and Guiton were the only Tigers to add wins in singles play.

Both teams will host Concordia University on April 10 before hitting the road this weekend to take on Northwestern University on April 13 and Morningside University on April



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Senior Federico Infante eyes up his serve. Him and his brother sophomore Diego Infante won their doubles match 7-5.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Junior Cierra Schwarzkopf and her partner freshman Kat Johnson celebrate after scoring a point.

Track & Field competes in Seward

ELIYAH LARA-JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 5, the Tigers traveled to Seward to compete in the Concordia Invite at Concordia University.

Jumping into the field events were senior Sarah Theiler and sophomore Josie Garrett in the high jump having a height of 1.55m, tying them for eighth place. Setting the provisional standard in the pole vault with a height of 3.55m was sophomore Kennedy Stanley.

Going into the long jump was Garrett, having a length of 5.50m, placing her second. Garrett also met the provisional standard in the triple jump with a length of 11.58m.

Now going into throws was junior Alvia Baucom, who met the qualifying mark in the shot put with a length of 13.50m. Placing third in discus for the Tigers was senior Sydney Biermann who had a throw of 40.95m, and finally throwing the javelin and taking home sixth with a length of 35.75m was senior Molly Vander Hamm.

For the men the Tigers had junior Dylan Starr in the high jump where he jumped a height of 1.97m, moving into pole vault was senior Mike Pulliam where he placed sixth with a height of 4.30m.

Placing fourth in the long jump with a length of 6.72m was junior Luke Davis, and jumping in the triple

jump was senior Trevor Malone who had a length of 13.72m and walked away in fifth.

Transitioning into the men's throws, walking away with first in the shot put was sophomore Colton Dillow who had a mark of 15.56m. In discus, the Tigers had junior Trey Dickey who had a mark of 48.73m, placing him fourth. Along with discus, Dickey also walked away with fourth place with a mark of 51.73m. And finally throwing the javelin was freshman Mason Crumbliss who had a mark of 53.14m, placing him fifth.

Going into the track events, the Tigers first had freshman Neryah Hekl, walking away with first place in the 100m dash having a time of 11.96. Also running in the 100m dash was junior JaDae Moore where he also walked away with first having a time of 10.65.

Running the 200m was sophomore Katie Vogt where she walked away with first and had a time of 25.44, also running in the 200m was senior Zach Turner where he had a time of 21.93, placing him third. Going into the 400m was sophomore Jordan Kwiatkowski who had a time of 52.56 and walked away in eleventh place.

In the 800m was sophomore Michael Grigsby who had a time of 1:59.06 which placed him fourteenth and freshman Laura Hasemann took home seventh after having a time of 2:30.55. Going into the distance the Tigers first had sophomore Em-

manuel Yego who had a time of 4:06.66 placing him third in the 1500m. In the 3000m was sophomore Danie Parriott who had a time of 12:56.18, placing her third. Finally in the 5000m was senior Thomas Oliver who had a time of 15:41.86.

Jumping over the hurdles in the 100m was Garrett who had a time of 14.50 which placed her second. In the 110m was freshman Addison Corghan who had a time of 15.15, placing him fifth. Running in the 400m hurdles for the women was freshman Chaney Nelson who had a time of 1:06.88, placing second and for the men was senior Zach Turner who had a time of 56.72, walking away with first.

Now in the 4x100m women's relay team was senior Isabel Bothwell, sophomore Morgan Mahoney, Vogt, and Hekl, who had a time of 47.28, placing them first. And in the men's 4x100 relay team was sophomore Joaquin Gutierrez, Moore, senior Chris Vincent, and sophomore Connor Bradley, who had a time of 41.73 which also placed them first.

In the women's 4x400m relay was Nelson, Vogt, freshman Kiley Hejtmancek, and Parriott who had a time of 4:01.40. And for the men's 4x400m relay was Gutierrez, Yego, sophomore Caleb Mulder, and Turner, who had a time of 3:18.65, placing them first.

On Friday April 12, the Tigers will be participating in an annual dual with Nebraska Wesleyan over in Lincoln.



Photo by Elenna Koenig | The Doane Owl

Sophomore Danie Parriott made her 3000m steeplechase debut with a time of 12:56.

Athlete of the Week

Macy Fuller
Track & Field

beat her school record in the hammer throw by six feet with a throw of 55.93m.



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Softball drops two games at home

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Softball team had two games at home against the nationally ranked Midland University on April 4. Despite taking on the No. 13 team, Doane competed in two very close scoring games but unfortunately

could not pick up a win.

In the first game, Midland got on the board during the first inning with just one run. They added two more in the fifth to lead the Tigers 3-0.

Doane made a late push during the sixth inning, grabbing two

runs. The scoring started with sophomore Isabella Beauchamp who singled to get freshman Katelyn Hays across home plate. Then junior Lexi Alaniz-Diaz was hit by a pitch to walk in junior Marisa Marquez.

However, that was as close as Doane would

come to overtaking Midland and the Warriors won 3-2.

Game two was dominated by the Warriors despite all the scoring being contained to just two innings for each team. Midland jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning before adding three

more runs in the fourth to go up 5-0.

Doane scored a run of their own in the bottom of the fourth inning, with Hays driving in freshman Kennedy Walter. But that was as far as scoring for the Tigers would go and Doane dropped the second game 5-1.

The Softball team has a busy week ahead, starting things off with a doubleheader on the road against College of Saint Mary. They then return home to host a doubleheader against Northwestern University followed by a doubleheader against Dordt University.

Baseball splits their recent games

CASSIE KESSLER
Managing Editor

The Baseball team had an action packed week, splitting the six games they played with three wins and three losses. The team started on the road, playing doubleheaders against Concordia University and Northwestern University before returning home to host Dordt University.

Doane played their highest scoring game first against Concordia. The Bulldogs were quick to strike, getting two runs in the first inning. The Tigers answered with four runs in the third inning to take the lead, but Concordia tied things up

in the bottom of the third with two more runs.

The Tigers scored in every following inning except the last. They picked up three runs in the fourth while Concordia added two. Three more runs were scored by the Tigers in the fifth inning and one in the sixth.

The Bulldogs answered in the sixth inning with six runs of their own to take the lead 12-11. Doane added two more in the seventh to take the lead, but once again Concordia tied things up with another run, forcing extra innings.

In the only extra inning, Concordia added a run to win the game 13-12. To kick off the sec-

ond game, Doane was first on the board with one run in the first. This was answered with three runs from the Bulldogs. Moving on to the second inning, Doane put themselves in front with three runs, but were edged out when Concordia picked up another run in the second.

Two scoreless innings were followed by two runs for each team in the fifth. Concordia held a 7-6 lead to close out the game and deliver Doane two losses on the road. The Baseball team was then headed to Northwestern University for another set of away games.

In the first game against the Red Raiders, Doane struck first with

three runs in the first and an additional run in the third. That would be their last run scored and Northwestern would go on to score two runs in the third, one in the fifth and two in the seventh to edge out the Tigers 5-4.

In the second game, Doane was able to secure their first win of the week. It was back-and-forth between the two teams to begin, the Tigers up 3-2 after the first two innings. Doane then went on a scoring run, adding one run to their score in the fourth, fifth and sixth inning. However, Northwestern had a big sixth inning with six runs to take a 8-6 lead.

During the second to last inning of the game, Doane took

the lead by adding three runs, a lead they held onto until the end. The Tigers earned a 9-8 victory over the Red Raiders before returning home to take on Dordt University.

In their first home game against the Defenders, it was extremely low scoring. Only the Tigers got on the board with a single run in the first inning. The following game was much higher scoring than the previous.

Once again, Doane was first on the board with two runs in the second inning. Dordt answered with one in the fourth, but Doane immediately struck back with four of their own in the same inning. They added

another single run in the fifth inning to go up 7-1.

Dordt had their most successful inning in the bottom of the fifth, adding five runs of their own. Doane grabbed one run in the sixth and four in the seventh, winning their final game 12-6.

The Baseball team has two doubleheaders in the coming week. The first will be away for the Tigers against Briar Cliff University on April 12 before they return home to host Midland University on April 14.

Next week for Tiger Athletics

BASEBALL

April 12 @ SIOUX CITY, IA

1:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF

3:30 versus BRIAR CLIFF

April 14 @ HOME

1:00 versus MIDLAND

3:30 versus MIDLAND

SOFTBALL

April 12 @ HOME

3:00 versus NORTHWESTERN

5:00 versus NORTHWESTERN

April 13 @ HOME

1:00 versus DORDT

3:30 versus DORDT

April 16 @ SIOUX CITY, IA

3:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF

5:00 versus BRIAR CLIFF

WOMEN'S TENNIS

April 13 @ ORANGE CITY, IA

12:00 versus NORTHWESTERN

April 14 @ SIOUX CITY, IA

11:00 versus MORNINGSIDE

WOMEN'S GOLF

April 11 @ OMAHA, NE

SAINT MARY SPRING INVITE

TRACK & FIELD

April 12 @ LINCOLN, NE

NEBRASKA WESLYAN DUEL

MEN'S TENNIS

April 13 @ ORANGE CITY, IA

4:00 versus NORTHWESTERN

April 14 @ SIOUX CITY, IA

11:00 versus MORNINGSIDE

