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Seeking the Truth Without Favor

Sophomores Mazie Tippetts and Jozi Heermans perform a duet at Alpha Psi Omega's Cabaret. See page 3 for more!

Crete campus's growing problem

ELIZABETH STRATTON
Staff Writer

After having a drastic weather change over the past week, a large portion of Doane's campus has been affected by seasonal allergies, however, this isn't the only reason why students are sick right now. Some students have gotten sick from an unrelated, yet more serious way. Many students on campus have become more vocal about mold sightings in their dorm buildings, and how seemingly no action is being taken.

An anonymous student who lived in Hansen Leadership Hall last year was severely impacted by mold in their living space.

"I started to notice issues after coming back, after winter break. The first day after sleeping in my room, I woke up with a cough so uncontrollable,

I was vomiting every day from coughing so hard, multiple times a day," they said. They also said that the sickness started to affect their academics because all they could do was stay in their room and rest, the room that was making them sick. They took many different medications often, and the problem persisted. Then they developed asthma and long-term lung issues as a result, getting exhausted more often from simple things such as walking across campus.

"They told me they were going to test my room for mold, and I checked in multiple times about how that process was going, and never once got information back," they said. Now that this individual is out of Hansen, their health has gotten progressively better, but the amount of mold they consumed still negatively affects them.

Another student who has been living in Hansen for the past 3 years has had mold issues as well.

"I used to get sick regularly, but it just got bumped up like 10 times since living in Hansen," they said. They claim that it has gotten worse by year and has appeared in more places. They added that this kind of exposure cannot be good for the students living there, especially in the basement since the problem is the worst down there. They stated that students don't deserve to be exposed to mold poisoning, especially with the amount of money they're paying to go here.

Another anonymous student shared their experience and photos of their room. They kept reporting it, and maintenance would just spray the mold and paint over it every time until maintenance told them there was nothing they'd

be able to do without tearing down walls. This student shared that their roommate suffered more effects from the mold, and the whole process was just inconvenient.

From what was shared, Hansen seems to be a breeding ground for mold, as the showers are attached to the rest of the suite with little to no ventilation. Although the issue seems to be the most severe in Hansen, students have reported seeing mold in the showers of other dorm buildings as well. Symptoms that interviewees shared were extreme exhaustion from things they have never been exhausted from before, violent coughing fits, nausea and getting sick more often. A common theme around the interviewees' stories was that no serious action was taken until a third party (parent) called the school to make a complaint about their child be-

ing exposed to mold.

This kind of living environment is not only harmful to students and their health, but also to their academics. The student who developed long-term lung issues also suffered bad grades on things from the illness and exhaustion they experienced from the poisoning, something they have never experienced before as a straight-A student. These conditions could also potentially be most harmful to athletes, music students and any

other involvements that have major lung use. A lot of students are also questioning ResLife's concern on the matter. An anonymous student who has previously worked with ResLife stated that they tell their Community Advisors (CAs) to call mold "suspicious substance" instead of calling it what it is. This is allegedly done because if ResLife or a CA calls it mold, that means they actually have to address the issue and handle it as a serious instance.



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Political Corner: U.S. agreement with Greenland signed at United Nations

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On Sept. 18, President Donald Trump announced on a Truth Social post that Denmark, Greenland and the U.S. had agreed to give the U.S. "permanent control over security and all other needs in Greenland."

In early 2025, Trump had threatened to "take" Greenland for its strategic national defense location and mineral wealth. The

island could serve as an important military base if the U.S. ever entered conflict with Russia or China. Greenland is a semi-autonomous Danish territory in the Arctic, bigger than Mexico; the island is home to fewer than 60,000 people.

Denmark and the U.S. already have a long-standing agreement allowing the U.S. to deploy forces in Greenland. During the Cold War, the U.S. had a large military presence in

Greenland.

In his Truth Social post, Trump wrote that it came at "no cost to the United States." It is unknown at this time what the scale of the planned buildup is and whether there will be any formal authority over foreign policy and resources. Last week, American soldiers were spotted surveying an airstrip in Narsarsuaq, Greenland.

Trump also claimed that the agreement would prevent Russia and China

from establishing military bases in Greenland; however, since the island is North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) territory, it is unlikely Russia or China would put troops there.

On Saturday, Denmark and Greenland said any agreement with the U.S. would not compromise Greenland's sovereignty. The deal was signed Sept. 22 at the United Nations General Assembly, where Trump emphasized that

the deal "greatly protects" Europe and "very much enhances NATO."

Under the agreement, no state that is not a member of NATO can establish manned or unmanned military installations in Greenland, nor are they allowed a persistent presence of military forces in Greenland unless otherwise agreed upon. The new deal stresses the permanence of this agreement but is otherwise very similar to the 1951 agree-

ment between the US and Denmark.

"A time of uncertainty will hopefully give way to a binding agreement that strengthens security in the Arctic and the North Atlantic, and thereby our shared security within NATO and Europe — while respecting the [Danish] Kingdom's red lines," Danish Foreign Affairs Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen said in a statement posted on Facebook on Saturday.

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Director of International Programs, Professor Timothy Burge explains “Studying abroad is when students earn academic credit outside of the United States,” Director of International Programs Timothy Burge said. “Students can study abroad any time of the year, including during a semester, summer, or winter break. Students can study abroad either through partner or-

“The global and multicultural perspective that you can get from study abroad from longer term travel is so valuable,” Associate Professor of Modern Languages Josh Pope said. Pope also mentions how studying abroad is vastly different from just a trip. “You can go on a vacation in Italy and you see the Colosseum, a museum, and have tourist pasta. [Study abroad] lets you start to have a picture of what it’s like to live in a place.”

Johnson says
to anyone think-

Before leaving for Australia, Doane provided orientation sessions for Johnson with Burge. In these sessions, Johnson was taught about culture shock, mental health abroad, flourishing abroad, staying safe abroad and learning how to get used to the new culture. “I do feel like Doane prepared me really well, especially through those orientation sessions. If I had any questions, Tim was super open to assessing me and I could just make an appointment with him whenever I need-

Sophomore honors student Daisa Smidt is in the process of getting ready for a study abroad experience. Smidt will be going to eleven different countries through a program called "Semester at Sea." Smidt's experience will be four months long and will take

"Now is the time in our lives, as college students, to go out and do things. Study abroad and study in different countries... it's only going to get more expensive... We are in prime time, most of us are physically healthy enough to go and do these amazing things that not everyone in the United States has access to [studying abroad]." Doane has helped Smidt get to this point, "Doane is just so willing to work with you and willing to do what you want to do," Smidt said.

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ELIYAH LARA
Editor-In-Chief

“For a student who hasn’t traveled abroad before, Ireland is a great

Ritzenthaler and Johnson's plan during this trip is to visit castles, the Guinness Storehouse and explore Dublin, along with going to Trinity College and visiting some scenery spots that looked as if they were pulled from "Harry Potter."

“Personally, I am looking forward to trips to Glendalough and Northern Ireland to see Giant’s Causeway,” Ritzenthaler said. “Both are stunning—Glendalough is a picturesque valley in a national park, complete with remains of an ancient monastery and the Causeway is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage

This semester, the English Department has a variety of events planned where interested students can attend if they want to learn more. One of them is at the English fireside event on Oct. 1 at Smith Hall fire pit from 5-9 p.m. They also plan on screening a movie set in Ireland sometime later this fall. Otherwise, Ritzenthaler and Johnson encourage students

"All Doane students have access to a one-thousand-dollar travel scholarship," Ritzenthaler said. "Whether for this trip or another, I would encourage students to utilize it while at Doane. Travel is a great learning opportunity that cannot be replicated on campus."

APO steals the show with Cabaret

AMANI MUISYO
Life & Culture Editor

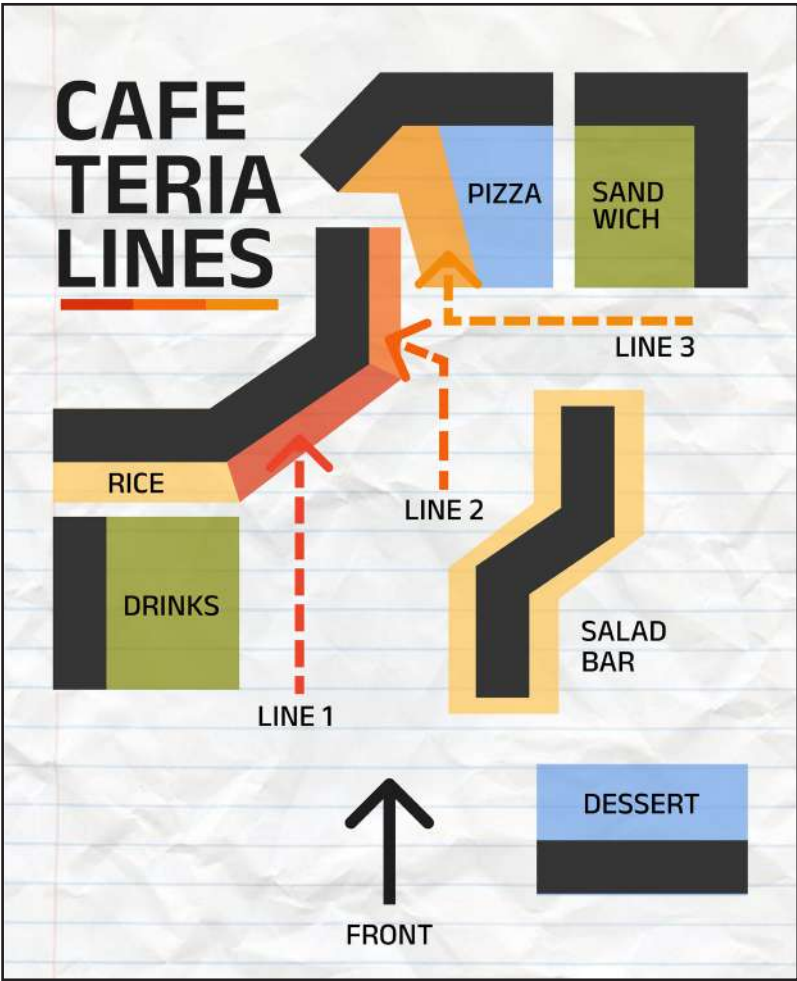
Alpha Psi Omega (APO), the national theatre honor society, hosted its annual Cabaret last Friday, Sept. 18, as a way for students to share their musical talents and fundraise for APO’s annual trip to Chicago, Illinois. The set list included six performances from musicals like “Into the Woods,” “Cabaret,” “Next to Normal” and “Chicago.” The APO President senior Tori Brelsford shared, “I love giving students in the department another opportunity to perform that isn’t one of the main stage shows.” Sophomore Aleena Allen, who came to support performers, shared, “I like seeing how creative everybody was and how passionate everybody was.” “I really liked how everyone had fun; you could see it during “Your Fault” from “Into the Woods,” sophomore Tyler Greenwood said, who also came to see the performances. APO Secretary, senior Kenzie Sanders, who performed first with “Moment in the Woods” from “Into the Woods,” shared why she chose that song. “I really love ‘Into the Woods,’ and it’s a challenging piece,” Sanders said. “I wanted to challenge myself in front of people.” The theatre department will perform “Rhinoceros” from Thursday, Oct. 1 through Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.



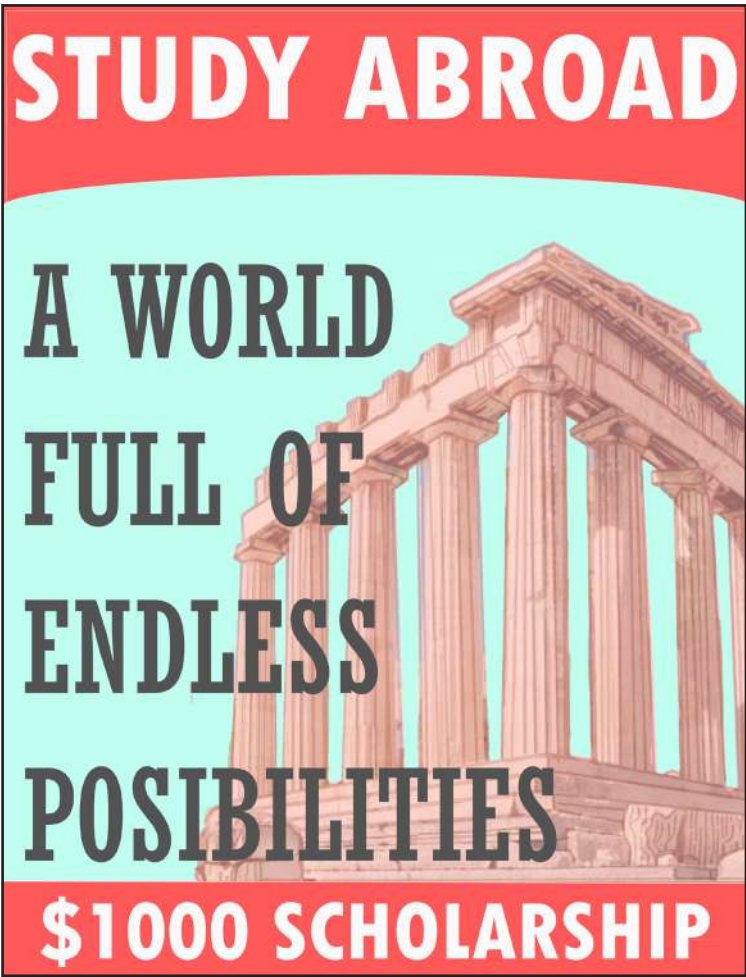
Senior Lillyann Buller and junior Kenzie Sanders (Top Left), senior Tori Brelsford (Bottom Left), performers sopohmores Mazie Tippetts and Jozi Heermans, freshmen Madie Logsdon, senior Tori Brelsford, sophomore Elizabeth Stratton, junior Joe Reimer, sophomore Andrew Jones and junior Jahn Lemus (Middle), Jozi Heermans (Right)

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Campus 101: friendly reminders



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Weekly Horoscope

- Aquarius (January 20 - February 19):** Your past is no longer haunting you, your present is seeking opportunities and your future looks magical.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): Refresh your mind and soul, remove whats old and get clarity.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): It’s time to take a new approach, doing the same thing over and over is the defenition of insanity.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Slow down and embrace change, charish the small things in life. Bask in the glow of the next full moon.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Don’t take any risks this week. Play it safe. What appears to be good is an illusion.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): It’s safe to take a chance on something risky. But don’t put all your eggs in one basket.
- Leo (July 23 - August 22):** Let the anger within you out. You’re anger is a weapon that will only make you stronger and more successful.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Do you remember? The 21st night of September?

Libra (September 23 - October 22): This is your week to take control. Work hard but rest harder, burnout will be your downfall.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Perserve through this season, the best person you can trust is yourself.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): The sun is shining for you, use its energy to shine for others.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): You are blooming like a wild flower, drink water and get some light.

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Yes, we can tell that it's AI

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With AI unfortunately becoming more prevalent every day, it's become incredibly easy to identify when a poster or piece of writing used AI for its creation. Identifying things like this is a talent of mine, as I have not yet been wrong in any of my assumptions, but it's started to become something that more people are able to do.

For one: AI posters always look the same. If you've seen as many as I have, it's incredibly obvious, if you haven't, take a stroll around Perry, and you may see one or two lying around. Maybe even a giant anti-hazing poster that is just as obvious as the rest. Now the posters are the easy ones to identify: the same mismatching brush fonts, ugly textures,

the token AI "art" style and things repeating. It's become near obvious every time a poster for an event uses AI for its creation, it's the writing that stumps most people.

After hearing enough AI Reddit stories on TikTok, I have broken down the ChatGPT speech into a formula. First off, rule of threes. AI-generated writing often breaks speech into threes. Think of "not x, not y, but z." This pattern of speech, in particular, is a huge red flag when you're trying to indicate AI writing. In the same realm of threes, AI like ChatGPT will just list descriptors in groups of three in general, and repeat this formula very often. Another thing that is easily noticeable is the adjectives used, they're just odd and out of left field. One time I saw, "the coffee tasted like pain and regret," nobody has ever said that...ever. Some

other common things that give it away are short, punchy sentences, overuse of em dashes and forced "sass" or "humor" in the writing itself and specifically the phrase "and, honestly?", I promise we can tell, or at least I can, every single time. Seriously, knock that off, it's obvious when writing doesn't match the tone in which someone usually speaks. We all have unique ways of talking that translate into our writing, and when it's drastically different, and you use sentence structures and words you've never used before, we know.

Now, why is this issue so important to me? Why do I care so much about what other people are doing? I absolutely cannot stand when people resort to AI before consulting their peers, their professors or their brains. And just using AI before all else makes your

critical thinking and creativity way worse, not to mention the horrendous environmental impacts YOU are contributing to if you ask ChatGPT how to think for you. There are so many resources out there that can help with writing or making posters. Get on Canva, go to the Writing Center, just try your best. Personally, I'd rather have non-perfect work with humanity and effort than some slop that you didn't even bother to try on. If this article does anything for you, please let it wake you up and encourage you to try hard on things and ask for help. Trying, failing, asking for help, any of it, is way better than destroying the environment and your brain.

Home sweet home?

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Was it all worth it? I hope I can say that it was in the future. I'd like to imagine myself at age 52, with a stable job, mostly happy, married, a small house and two cats. I'd like to imagine that on Saturday mornings I make homemade waffles or cinnamon rolls, and during the fall I visit Vermont for a fun weekend. That would be really nice to feel like I have someone, something that makes it all worth it.

In college, you're building

up for that. Working, studying, making friends, all in hope that one day you can say it was worth it. So I think it's rather scary when your professors, your family and different statistics tell you it won't be.

It's discouraging when you know professors are worried about their own future as well. It makes me wonder if it was really worth coming here. I came here as a Doane chiller, but really what that means is I didn't have a reason to be here. I wish I had done more research before coming here. I mean, I could have just stayed at home and studied online, maybe gone to the University of Colorado Boulder instead.

It's too late to switch. Coming to this school was sadly a mistake. I've made the most of things I would like to think about: writing for the newspaper, being involved in Bible studies. I've met a couple of really good people and amazing professors (most who are gone or leaving).

But I hope I can cling to the good memories. I hope that the future is brighter because, my goodness, if my future were tied to the state of this school... it doesn't look so good.

It's such a weird season on campus because I remember when I came as a freshman, things did feel hopeful. If there

were problems, maybe it didn't fully hit me.

It feels like everyone here is on a sinking boat, and we all feel the water rising; we're doing our best... some people are jumping out of the boat, some are kicked off, some are ignoring the rising water. But it is sinking, and I don't know when it will sink. But a lot of other small private colleges are having similar issues or are at risk of closing. It's not too late to solve the issues. So is there a plan? Because right now it feels like we're in a horrible game of Jeopardy: "What is the sunk cost fallacy?"

Struggles of pre-med

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It is absolutely, ridiculously difficult to get into medical school. This is a well-known fact. In my opinion, as a pre-med student, it's far more difficult than it needs to be. Pre-med students, like myself, are expected to be just about perfect at everything we do and to get into medical school, it's necessary to do a lot.

This is what medical schools expect from their applicants: high GPAs, extensive job shadowing and volunteering hours, a good (but preferably excellent) score on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), clinical hours, research experience and at least one other extracurricular to prove that you, the applicant, are in fact human and not consumed entirely by medicine. This is an absurdly hard-to-achieve set of expectations.

While requiring a high GPA makes sense – medical school is difficult, and schools

need to see that their prospective students can handle it – the effects of that requirement are brutal. Every single undergraduate course affects GPA, so every course's grade matters. The popular saying "C's get degrees" doesn't apply to pre-meds, because sure, the C might get the degree, but it won't earn one of the coveted spots in medical school. Speaking from personal experience, that pressure to succeed generates significant stress and an unhealthy sense of perfectionism in pre-med students.

Even so, pure academic success isn't enough. Everything else on the above list is needed, too. Job shadowing (tagging along after a doctor to see what their job is) demonstrates that a student has seen and understood the realities of medicine, while volunteering shows the student is a good, caring person who would make a good, caring provider. Clinical hours are time spent working in a healthcare setting, to once again show the student understands the realities and responsibilities of healthcare

professionals. The MCAT is a formidable exam, yet students are expected to do exceptionally to prove their intelligence and preparedness for medical school. Research experience is important because it demonstrates a student's ability to learn and keep learning even when they encounter setbacks. Finally, other extracurriculars are expected because medical schools want people who are human, who have diverse interests and skill sets outside of medicine. Being a doctor isn't all there is to life, and medical schools want students who understand that reality.

This is all hard. It is a lot. It is, in my opinion, way too much. It's literally impossible to balance all of these things without sacrificing something: sleep, mental health, time with family and friends, time to relax, or multiple of the above. To any medical school admissions professionals who may be reading this: time to give it up. While I understand why each of the extensive requirements for medical school admission ex-

ist, it doesn't mean I agree with them. For instance, clinical hours are gained by working as an EMT, CNA, phlebotomist, pharmacy technician, or in a similar entry-level healthcare position, yet all of those jobs require extra training and certifications that tend to be expensive to get. And job shadowing is near impossible without preexisting connections with doctors, which first-in-their-family physicians (like me) don't have.

The stress caused by needing to live up to these requirements and the intensive workload they create causes students to burn out before they can even begin a career in medicine, which isn't good when we're facing a shortage of healthcare providers in a great many healthcare fields. The system is rough, outdated, and abrasive and we must come up with a better way to ask students to prove their desire to become doctors, in a manner that doesn't cause nearly as much harm.

- Editorial -

The time for change

In a few short weeks, the weather has changed and students have returned to typical college outfits, complete with sweatshirts and pajama bottoms. It won't be long before leaves litter the sidewalks.

The pigments that turn leaves red, yellow or orange are already present in green leaves. They're merely masked by the green of chlorophyll during the summer. College students exhibit a similar phenomenon.

As students fall into a routine, whether it be their first semester or their last, they start to show changes previously masked. These shifts can include an interest in something previously unknown or forbidden to them, the ebb and flow of friend groups, an outward display of new aesthetics or an internal resolution.

Unlike leaves, students are not expected to fall to the ground and wither away; in fact, that's highly discouraged and quite concerning to envision. Internally, the semester can feel exactly like that.

Fortunately, humans have the resilience to face challenges and navigate difficult times. Instead of hunkering down for winter, it's time to embrace the season. This is the time for bonfires, football games, club activities, midterms, group projects, competitions and the usual college life. Unlike a tree, you can change colors as many times as you wish, whenever you want. So, before the semester starts to feel stagnant, remember all the experiences that await you and the transformations you've already experienced.

Hot takes; it’s time to decide Team Edward or Team Jacob

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When I was seven, I was introduced to the “Twilight Saga” by my crazy, obsessed sister who made it her whole personality. Now, I am not talking about pretending to be Bella and hoping that she would find her Edward or Jacob, but instead she made it KNOWN that she was on Team Jacob, but I digress. We have officially entered the fall season.

Some of us, like myself, have been patiently waiting for this season to come, while others are secretly wanting the summer season to be a tad bit longer. But if you asked any person who has watched this series, they would tell you it’s “Twilight season”.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have watched this series at least three times all the way through. Whether it was me watching it with my roommates on a nice Tuesday night or watching it with the amazing Owl editors, I

could never get enough of it.

But the main question that always gets asked is “Team Edward or Team Jacob?” and that is what this is all about.

Over the course of re-watching these movies, I have found that both of them have major red flags. For example, Edward’s major red flag is that he confuses protecting Bella with having control over Bella. But Jacobs’ red flag gives off “I know you said no, but I’m going to keep pushing because I think you’ll

eventually realize you want me.”

So after years of being asked the same question and constantly changing my side, I finally came to the conclusion that I’m not on either team. And yes, I know; how can someone watch five movies about a love triangle between a vampire, a werewolf and a very emotionally confused girl and not pick a side? But hear me out.

Edward spends a concerning amount of time watching Bella while she sleeps, makes decisions

for her and disappears whenever he decides that he is “too dangerous” for Bella. On the other hand, Jacob treats Bella saying no like it is simply a suggestion. But somehow, both of these men manage to make being in love look like a full-time job with absolutely no respect for personal boundaries.

Yet, every time I re-watch these movies, I still find myself debating which one I would choose, but maybe that’s the whole point. It makes us spend hours arguing

over which red flag we would rather have instead of asking why Bella couldn’t just move to a new town and start fresh.

So, Team Edward or Team Jacob? My answer is simple: Team Bella needs to go to therapy. And honestly, so do I, mainly because I will probably be watching “Twilight” the next time a gloomy day rolls around.

Newsflah BookTok: they’re books, not bragging rights

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If you have scrolled on the BookTok side of social media recently, you might have noticed a common theme: competition. Well, I just want to say that reading is not a competition, and it never should have become one. When I scroll through that side of my social media, I’ve noticed people constantly talking about their goals for how many books they want to

read in a month, or how many they already have. I’ve even seen some comparing their total books read to other influencers or even their own family members and friends. This needs to stop.

Reading is a hobby and should be left as that. Having goals is fine, sure, set a goal to read a couple of books a month, but you don’t have to share it with the world. When someone sees someone else set a goal of 30 books in a month, and then the next goals they see online after that just increase,

they might assume that it’s normal. I am here to tell you that it’s not normal. You should never think that because one person has a high goal, your goal needs to be even higher in order to feel accomplished. It is completely normal to not have a goal and just read for fun, and if you do set a goal, set one that you know you can reach, or that won’t cause you stress.

Additionally, seeing these videos and feeling as though it is a competition can negatively im-

pact your self-esteem. If you have ever seen how accomplished someone else is in something that you also do, and you realize you aren’t successful, how do you usually feel? In most cases, you probably feel ashamed or like you aren’t good enough. On the more extreme side of things, I’ve even seen situations where people will go as far as thinking they don’t deserve to do that thing anymore and just quit. No one should ever quit reading because they don’t have a massive goal.

We, as a society, need to stop making everything into a competition because, while yes, it can be beneficial to have a small one, it is getting severely out of hand. If more and more people start to become discouraged because of this, the literacy crisis in our world will only go further down that steep hill it’s on. People need to keep reading, it should have never mattered how much or even what they are reading. As long as people are reading, people will continue to have creativity and will

continue to inform themselves. For all we know, reading could be what keeps the nations of the world from starting a war due to misinformation. All in all, keep reading, it doesn’t matter how much, just keep reading. Reading should have never become the harmful competition it has become due to social media, and it’s time to fight back.

Notebook pages vs. a screen

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Staff Writer

The best and most effective way for me to get the most out of writing is to use a notebook and a mechanical pencil rather than sitting behind a screen. I get that it’s much easier to do the latter, but without the light emitting from the computer or even the phone screen, the mill within my head turns faster, and I’m able to think more openly without hitting road blocks. Plus, using paper is, in strange ways, more appealing for me. I do, however, copy and revise what I’ve written in my notebook down on a Google Doc or Apple Pages so I have both a physical and digital copy. But I don’t do this all the time. And because of

this, I have paid the price of not keeping a backup and therefore losing hours of work. Such mistakes won’t happen again (they probably will).

As an English major, it’s easy to say that you should always carry notebooks and journals with you no matter where you go. I’ve also seen and argued the side of the less stuff you shove into a bag, the more space you’ll have for other things you might deem more important. Which is why I have two backpacks: my Doane one for school supplies and classes, and an older and bigger backpack for everyday use. Unless I’m going home for special occasions, this one sits in my room, waiting for the day of getting packed with the essentials. Of course, my

laptop goes into this one as well.

I am not saying that technology is a bad thing. For those less tech-savvy than I am, it’s probably preferable to pen and paper. You may use it for note-taking. I, personally, use an AI note-taking app that listens to conversations and summarizes them, but I only use it for one class. Or you may prefer to write notes down yourself. I’ve found it easily tires my handwriting. This makes it incoherent and untidy, thus the reason I avoid it altogether.

The only reason why I don’t ever write or type on the phone is because, unlike my laptop, it’s a much bigger candidate for distractions. It’s where I get notifications the most and it’s where I usually

use it for doom-scrolling on either TikTok, YouTube Shorts, or even the degenerative iFunny. Funny enough, I still use it for comedic purposes and entertainment.

I guess there are many

options available for writers, whether they want to save the trees or fill the air with carbon emission. As much as I love nature, I will never let these blank pages go to waste. Therefore, for as long as they’re

available, I will make story after story on the refinement of a tree. And I think that’s pretty cool.

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Seventy

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Thumbs DOWN...

Women’s Golf finishes first at the Mount Marty Tourament

BRIANNA WRIGHT
Editor-In-Chief

Doane Women’s golf finished first at the two-day Mount Mary Invite at Tanka Golf Club. The Tigers sent two

teams to the tournament, both finishing within the top 20. Representing Team “A,” junior Connie Jarm finished the first day with a 74 and the second with a 77 for a total of 151, securing her second-place finish. Jarm had five birdies through-

out the tournament. Only three strokes behind, senior Avery Van Horn finished with a 154 (79-75). Van Horn also made four birdies. Junior Laila Saunders finished in ninth place with a 161 (78-83), followed by senior Payton Morgan from Team “B,” who

finished 10th with a 164 (86-78). On hole 9, Saunders shot an eagle on a par 5. She was the only player to make an eagle during the tournament. Additionally, Morgan improved by eight strokes between day one and day two. Also representing Team “B,” freshman

Dayna Keeling finished 13th, shooting an 86 and a 79 for a 165 total. Team “A” finished with a 638 (320-328), 25 strokes ahead of second place. Team “B” finished in 7th place out of 10 teams with a total score of 693 (354-339). JV Women’s Golf

will play next at the Peru State tournament in Nebraska City, Nebraska, on Sept. 25 and 26. Varsity will play at the Hannibal-LaGrange University invite on Sept. 28 and 29 in Hannibal, Missouri.

Men’s and Women’s Soccer strike out against Morningside

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On Sept. 19, Men’s and Women’s soccer played Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa. Men’s soccer lost 0-3. Morningside scored

two goals in the first half. The Tigers had six shots on goal: sophomore Mateo Jelichich had two shots on goal, and seniors Hamza Wadi, Joaquin Cortes, Tadeo Loutayf, and junior Cohen Hubbard each had one. In the second half, Morning-

side scored their third goal. In goal, freshman Gabriel Lara had seven shots on goal and saved four. Meanwhile, women’s soccer lost to Morningside 0-4. In the first half, Morningside scored the first two goals.

The Tigers had eight shots on goal: leader senior Brianna-Lynn Ehia had three shots, senior Megan Townsend, sophomore Megan Kennedy, senior Jennifer Tenney-Sierra and sophomores Caitlyn Adams-Baum and Elizabeth Win-

kels each had one shot on goal. In the second half, Morningside scored two more goals. Senior goalie Virginia Johnson had ten shots on goal and saved four. Both Men’s and Women’s soccer will play Dakota Wesleyan Univer-

sity at home on Sept. 26. Women’s soccer will start at 5:00 p.m., and Men’s soccer will follow at 7:15 p.m.

Volleyball flounder at back to back games this week

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On Sept. 16, the volleyball team traveled to Hastings, Nebraska, to play the Broncos. The Tigers lost 0-3 (15- 25, 22-

25,24,26) to the Broncos. Junior Brooke Larsen and junior Natalie Wood led the attack with nine kills each; freshman Jerney Tang-Silva had seven kills and junior Kajsa Bates had three.

On the assisting side, sophomore Gentry Jensen had 27 assists, with Tang-Silva adding one. Tang-Silva led the team with 12 digs; freshman Brooklyn Weise had eight and junior Dakota Mar-

tinez had five. On Sept. 19, Volleyball traveled to Fremont, Nebraska, to play Midland University. Midland swept the Tigers 0-3 (15-25, 18-25, 10-25). On defense, Martinez had ten digs, and Jensen and

Tang-Silva had seven each. On offense, Tang-Silva had seven kills, with Larsen adding four and junior Kate Roseland three. Ashley Wright and Jensen led the team with eight assists, while

Tang-Silva added two. Volleyball will travel to Leavenworth, Kansas, to play against Saint Mary on Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

