



Cuts aim to silence student media

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paid starting the fall semester of 2021.

The faculty advisor of DSM Eric Tucker said the budget cuts could potentially lead to an entire cut of student media within the following years.

“These cuts could end up having the same effect over time; I worry that if the cuts lead to a significant decrease in student participation, the Board could use that as justification for eliminating student media entirely,” Tucker said.

The previous faculty advisor David Swartzlander, who worked at Doane for 22 years, tweeted on the topic, saying “Doane University will no longer allow students working for student media to be paid. And it will cut Doane Student Media by \$5,000 each year for who knows how long. I’m ashamed to say that I ever worked at that school [Doane].”

Swartzlander continued into a thread on the same tweet, saying “I am angry that the president and the Board of Trustees at Doane have turned a good school into the clusterfuck that it is today.”

The previous Managing Editor of the Doane Owl John Celesky commented on the news of possible cuts as well.

“There’s too much

work there to not get paid. It’s pretty sad for the oldest collegiate newspaper,” Celesky said.

The Doane Owl is recognized as Nebraska’s oldest collegiate newspaper and has been one of Doane’s “claims to fame” in previous years. The paper has been nationally recognized, as well.

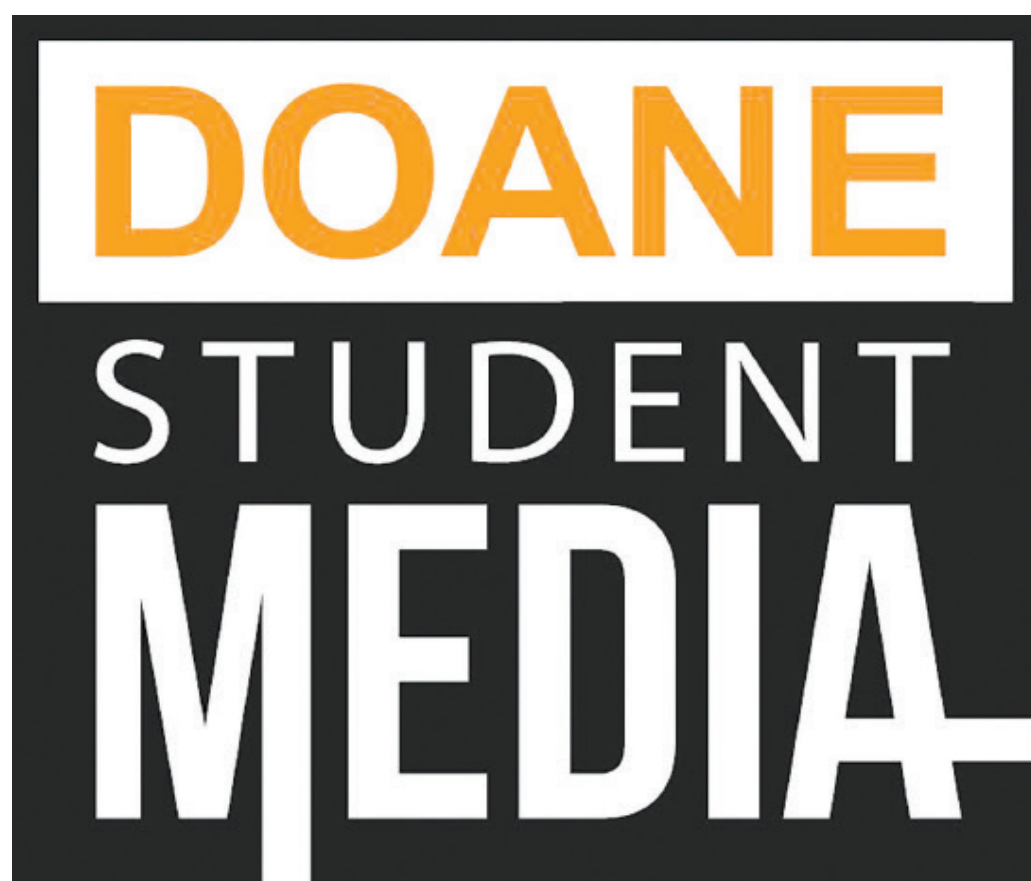
Last year’s Editor in Chief and 2020 graduate Caitlyn Nelson said although cuts may be needed, cutting student media isn’t the way to go.

“Underpaid, understaffed and still they work their butts off to put Nebraska’s longest-running collegiate newspaper out every week,” Nelson said. “Who’s going to provide accurate information to the Doane community on the cuts if you threaten the student media? Not the move, Doane.”

Swartzlander commented on President Jacque Carter’s salary as well, suggesting that there is enough money to refrain from cutting funding to DSM.

“Fifteen percent of the president’s salary would pay for Doane Student Media. Why keep Media Communication if you’re going to turn student media into a fucking club?” Swartzlander said in a tweet.

Religious Studies professor Dan Clanton replied to Swartzlander’s



Graphic | Doane Student Media

Budget cuts have become commonplace at Doane in recent works, with the newest program in administration’s sights being Doane Student Media. Proposed cuts include cutting funding across DSM’s outlets which include the newspaper, website and magazine. Cuts would also mean that students working for DSM would go unpaid for their time and effort.

tweet, saying “Especially now, when we need independent media and student-led media outlets more than ever. I guess this kind of “experiential education” isn’t good enough.”

So far, the administration has only proposed these cuts with no official decisions having been made.

The university has said DSM will continue to

have an operating budget, though workers will no longer be paid.

“Student reporters serve an important role in the campus community and it is vital that their work will not be discontinued, despite significant university-wide budget cuts. Doane will continue to provide funding for student media costs, including production, distribution, and hosting

costs,” Doane said. “To align with how other Doane student organizations operate, student workers for the Owl and Doaneline will no longer be compensated by the university. Should the Board approve this recommendation, it will go into effect July 1, 2021.”

“This is not the legacy I had hoped to leave for Doane Student Media,” Swartzlander said.

New budget cuts threaten programs

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No athletic programs have been recommended for complete elimination. Some may experience budget cuts and changes, but none will be cut altogether.

In addition, the President’s Office has recommended that Doane establish a university-wide advising center for students, presumably in place of its current system of students choosing an academic advisor.

“There has never been a plan to eliminate faculty advisors. The university will continue to explore if a university-wide advising center is the appropriate way to move forward. Those plans are to be shared with the Provost and Implementation Committee by the end of Spring 2021,” the university said.

There will also be a hiring freeze beginning on Nov. 9 until further notice if these recommendations are approved.

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Doane University

en access to the list of administrative cuts and changes being recommended by the President’s Office.

Doane’s spokesperson said the report does not involve students.

“The bulk of this report contains details regarding departments that pertain to faculty and staff and don’t pertain to students. Whether it is dealing with personnel or budgets, these are operational items that don’t involve students,” Doane said.

Doane said students directly affected by the report will be contacted by Student Congress. Thus, students who are a part of the Student Congress were given more information on the report than other students.

“There are some things in the report that do concern students,” Doane said. “University leadership has reached out to Student Congress to form a partnership to share that information with them... University leadership has worked with Student Congress to ensure that the students that are impacted in the report are contacted and plans are developed to ensure that they are being supported.”

Students are currently unable to declare their major into any of the programs recommended for elimination. The university shared information regarding this freeze with StuCo.

“The proposed program eliminations, if approved, may result in

Doane’s inability to deliver certain majors, and it would be irresponsible on the part of the University to commit to something that it could ultimately end up not being able to deliver,” the university said. “Therefore, we are pausing on accepting declarations, which is something allowed under the Catalog’s rules, until university leadership has a clear picture of the status of all programs.”

Some people have argued that if the eliminations are approved, Doane will no longer qualify as a Liberal Arts institution.

“While some of the academic programs recommended for elimination fall under the liberal arts umbrella, Doane will continue to offer courses and majors/minors that provide our students with opportunities for a well-rounded education,” the university said. “Additions of the College of Education, College of

Business, and School of Integrative Learning in recent years is an example of Doane not being exclusively a liberal arts institution for some time, rather, a comprehensive university that is rooted in the liberal arts. Doane programs will continue to have a solid foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, reflecting the university’s mission statement.”

Ryan Mueksch, the spokesperson for Doane, said Doane has a problem of enrollment, which has partly led to the current budget deficit.

“A problem Doane has is undergraduate enrollment has been decreasing and the discount rate, meaning the amount of scholarships provided to students on the Crete campus, has been increasing, so the net tuition that the university has received per student has gone down in recent years,” Mueksch said.

To view the full report, go to doaneline.com



Left: Senior Katie Ellard, number 1, goes for a pass during the game on Oct. 30.

Middle: Senior MacKenzie Brandl, number 8, goes for a serve during the game on Oct. 30.

Right: Junior Joslyn Crow, number 10, prepares to serve the ball.



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Volleyball swept by Bulldogs

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The Doane Volleyball Team took on Concordia last Thursday, Oct. 29, in Seward, Nebraska. The Tigers battled for each set, but, unfortunately, lost with zero set wins to Concordia's three. The set scores were 25-22, 25-23 and 25-23.

"The girls battled each point and were right there each time at the

end of each set," Head Coach Jenna Jones said.

Some stats from the game against Concordia were promising. Doane had 36 kills as a team, compared to Concordia's 40, according to Doane Athletics' rundown of the game.

Additionally, juniors Kennedy Scheele and Genna Ryan-Piasecki had ten and nine respective kills. Sophomore Jaime Renshaw had 28

assists. Defensively, the Team had three blocks and four players with ten or more digs.

The Team also played on Saturday, Oct. 31. This time, the Team travelled to Sioux City, Iowa to play against Morningside. Doane lost the game, 3-0 with set scores of 25-21, 25-12 and 25-17.

This leaves three games left on the Volleyball schedule for this year.

Although they haven't had to cancel any games yet, they have postponed a few due to COVID concerns. According to Jones, they had eight players in quarantine at one time.

The Team will play against Midland at home on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m., then Mount Marty in Yankton, South Dakota. To finish out the regularly scheduled season, the Tigers will take on the

College of Saint Mary at home on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

For these upcoming games, Jones is hoping her team will compete and enjoy playing the game.

Jones does not think the Team will make it to postseason play this year. "Every game is a tough one in this conference, so we're going to have to be playing our best volleyball in order to

end the season on a high note. We can still make an impact on postseason play for teams we will be playing. Unfortunately, I don't think it will work out in our favor to be competing in the spring," Jones said.

Even though the volleyball season is nearly over for this year, Jones is looking forward to preparing for next season during these last few games.

Thomas Oliver takes big strides

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Freshman Thomas Oliver joined the Cross-Country Team and the Track Team this year.

Oliver is from Lincoln, Nebraska, and he attended Lincoln East High School before coming to Doane. He has been participating in track since his freshman year of high school and cross country since his sophomore year.

Oliver said he competed against one of his Doane teammates in high school, and he said it's "cool that [we]



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Pictured: Freshman Thomas Oliver

both decided to go [to Doane]."

At the Oct. 24 meet in Yankton, South Dakota, Oliver earned

third place. Oliver said he is looking forward to the cross country conference meet on Nov. 7, also in Yankton.

"It's fun. I like all the guys on the team. Luckily, we've been able to get some meets in. I was worried they were going to cancel the season if cases went up," Oliver said.

In terms of personal records, Oliver said he has cut his 8K time down by an entire minute since coming to Doane.

The Men's Cross-Country Team is currently ranked tenth in the GPAC Conference, a placement that Oliver said may qualify the Team for Nationals. Nationals are usually held in November,

but the event has been postponed until April because of COVID-19.

Oliver said it will be a challenge if the team competes in Nationals, as it will take place in the middle of track season.

"The good news is that everyone is like that. So everyone will kind of be in the same boat... I'm going to be doing the 10K in Track this year, so I think the training will be similar," Oliver said.

With the Conference meet coming up, Oliver said he is excited and thinks the team will do well.

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Both the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams will compete in the GPAC Conference on Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. in Yankton, South Dakota.

Soccer teams have rough week

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Both Soccer Teams have had a rough stretch recently, with a combined record of 1-5 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play.

The Men's Team fell 1-5 against Concordia on Oct. 28, then lost to Northwestern 0-1 on Oct. 31. Their most recent game on Nov. 2 was a 4-0 win against Mount Marty.

In the game against Concordia, sophomore Jesus Maganda scored the lone goal for the Tigers as he headed a rebound from his own shot into the Concordia net. Junior goalkeeper Shayne Miller had eight saves on the night. The Tigers were outshot 15-8 in the game.

Against Northwestern, the Men were downed by an early goal that would prove to be the beginning of their opponent's win. Miller was again in net as he registered two more saves on the week.

Miller felt the team was unlucky in the contests, with things not go-

ing the Team's way.

"The team we have is good enough to compete with anyone in our conference; those games just didn't go our way. After each game, we as a team reflect on what happened during the game and try to make sure that mistake doesn't happen again for future games," Miller said.

In their win, the Tigers were able to jump to an early lead through senior Rey Villafuerte, who headed in a goal off of senior Chandler Farnsworth's cross. The second goal came off of a Villafuerte shot that was bumbled over the line and credited as an own goal. Junior Thiago Costa would score a penalty won by freshman Kobi Smith for the Tiger's third goal. The final goal would be another own goal, as Mount Marty's goalkeeper cleared the ball off his own defender into his net.

Freshman Matt Jones felt the Team has the same mentality going into every game, regardless of previous results.

"Honestly, we always

have the same attitude coming into the games no matter what. We focus on playing our game and making sure that each and every one of us that steps on the field is working for the guys on each side of them. We want to improve every time we step out on the field for a game," Jones said.

Miller doubled down on the Team, stating how confident he is in the Team, and he said he knows success is coming.

"This team has the ability to be successful, and I think this is going to be a season to remember," Miller said.

Jones, being a freshman who has been starting all year, talked about how it can be a bit nerve-racking to be on the field as a freshman but has always looked to earn a spot on the Team.

"Being a freshman adds some extra pressure for me personally since I want to show, and I would like to believe I have shown that I can play at the level these older guys have been playing at for a few years

now. I'm very grateful to be a consistent piece of the team, but I also know that I've worked for and earned the spot I have," Jones said.

The Women's Team was beat by Concordia 0-7, followed by dropping a tough game 0-1 to Northwestern. Their most recent game was another overtime battle, with the Women losing 0-1.

In their game against Concordia, junior Danielle Dubovy had ten saves in 60 minutes of play, with sophomore Hannah Drolshagen adding two saves in the final thirty minutes.

Following the loss, the Women's Team fought to a 0-1 loss against Northwestern. It was a late goal in the game that would cause the Women to lose, as a goal in the 88th minute was chipped over Dubovy. Dubovy collected nine saves in the game.

In their game against Mount Marty, the Women were given a penalty in the first half but were unable to convert. The game would go

into overtime where the Women were scored on six minutes into the first half of added time.

Sophomore Quinn Whitcomb said the team has been improving daily, and it's been an adjustment to each other in order to find success.

"We've improved throughout the season by just getting familiar with each other's playing styles and finding what works best with the talent we have and learning to play to our strengths,"

Whitcomb said.

Sophomore Payton Schelin felt good about the team, saying how practices are beginning to help them build chemistry and get communication down.

"We focus on building chemistry in practice by doing passing drills and scrimmaging. The one thing we always focus on is the importance of positive communication. If you have that in practice, it will translate to games," Schelin said.

Athlete of the Week



Shayne Miller
Soccer

Had 12 saves in goal over the past three games



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