For college students, summer break often means returning home to family and friends and choosing between work and fun.

International students at South Dakota State are faced with a different choice for the summer: stay in the U.S. or travel thousands of miles to return home.

For the more than 750 international students, returning to their home for the summer months can sometimes cost thousands of dollars. Some avoid the chance to see loved ones again out of fear that their return home could put them at risk of being denied entry to the U.S. for unforeseen legal reasons.

This is the case for junior Kaveen Jayamanna from Sri Lanka.

Jayamanna arrived in Brookings in 2016 to study electrical engineering. Jayamanna said he has not returned to Sri Lanka primarily because the cost of travel would be too great.

“I would also miss work here and lose the chance to earn money so that I have to buy insurance, new books and stuff for the next semester,” he said. “I don’t want have to ask my parents for money when I’m here.”

Finance, legality disrupt international students’ plans to go home

IAN LACK
Senior News Reporter

Left, junior Kaveen Jayamanna from Sri Lanka has stayed in the country for the past two summers to conserve money and avoid visa complications. Grace Kavunge from Ivory Coast, Africa, a junior economics major, was able to return home and visit her family this summer after two years. Kathy Oh spent her first summer in America this year learning English through the ESL program.
FIVE MINUTES with FRANK ROBERTSON

LAUREN FRANKEN
Managing Editor

Frank Robertson is a second-year instructor at the School of Communication and Journalism.

Q: Is it true that your mother is the “Spencer” of Spencer Hall?

A: Yes. My mother was the Native American student advisor for many years and she helped a number of students-college students, including myself – navigate the waters of higher education. And she was building really strong relationships with students and she was a person of integrity. She was a great friend. It’s because of her that I got through my undergraduate ... She was an important part of this campus for many people. And a very modest person ... There’s no way she would've let a building go up in her honor while she was still alive ... She was a modest, humble person. I think it’s important for her name to be there. For people to see that name and know her history.

Q: What does it mean to you to be back on a campus where you can walk by Spencer Hall and know it’s named for her?

A: It’s fantastic. I stop by regularly. I mean when I was living in Ohio I still had family in Brookings and I’d come back a couple times a year when I’d come back – I love this campus and every time I came back to go visit campus I’d visit the Sylvan Green, take a look at the campanile and walk over to Spencer Hall. I’d take a picture, do a little bit of thinking and talking and it just means a lot to have that up there... She was a really good friend to me as well as being a fantastic mother. And so, I see her through her presence on this campus ... It’s not so much for her honor, it’s for remembering the contributions that she made to the university and to the students. I grew up on this campus ... She [Spencer] came to SDSU as a divorced mother of two boys who were in their early teens and raised them [Robertson and his brother] on this campus. It was nice to have that named and now my nephew – who had never met my mother – has a connection with this campus.
On Friday, Aug. 18, 2,200 to 2,400 students were moved into their residence halls during Meet State. Meet State not only assists students getting moved in, but also helps new students create relationships with volunteers and gives incoming freshmen a big welcome to South Dakota State University.

Toby Uecker, the coordinator of Meet State and associate director of living-learning and outreach, said Meet State helps freshmen “make the transition to SDSU as new students.”

“Today [Friday] is all about the students’ physical transition to campus and our goal is to get everyone settled and comfortable,” Uecker said. “And we are so excited that (the students) are here.”

For Zachary Baschnagel, freshman civil engineering major from Rapid City, Meet State served as a buffer for him from the stresses of moving in during a hectic first weekend at SDSU.

“Meet State has been really helpful so far,” Baschnagel said. “They are really helpful not only in moving things into your room, but you also start to remember the names and faces of people that will be there to help you through the first few weeks of college and beyond.”

Baschnagel’s mother, Diana, believes Meet State makes having to leave their student simpler.

“I think having so many friendly faces around helps to ease the transition for parents,” Diana Baschnagel said. The volunteers themselves find moving in new Jackrabbits rewarding.

Meet State makes transition easy for new Jacks
While you were gone: Five substantial changes at SDSU

LANDON DIERKS  
News Reporter

SDSU is not the same as it was when students left in May. Campus is constantly evolving, and it can be hard to keep up with the changes. Here are five transformations you may have noticed since returning to campus:

Campus construction update
Construction continued on the additions to Frost Arena, the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the Wellness Center over the summer months. The 30,000 square-foot addition to Frost Arena will house the practice facilities for basketball, volleyball and wrestling and has an expected completion date of November 2018. The 100,000 square-foot addition to the PAC as well as the Wellness Center expansion are expected to be completed in December 2018.

College realignment
Several changes altered the SDSU academic landscape. The departments of biology and microbiology, chemistry and biochemistry, physics and geography moved to the newly created College of Natural Sciences. Additionally, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences received name changes to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The Department of Economics was absorbed into the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. University College was eliminated and the exploratory studies program was moved to the Department of Counseling and Human Development located within the College of Education and Human Sciences. The changes are expected to be "minimally disruptive" to students and faculty in their day-to-day activities according to Dennis Hedge, South Dakota State provost and vice president of academic affairs.

New dean
Bruce Berdanier became the dean of the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering July 2. Former dean Lewis Brown retired in June after serving in the position since 2001. Berdanier held the position of department head for civil and environmental engineering at SDSU from 2008 until 2013 and returned to SDSU after serving as the dean of the School of Engineering at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Caribou Coffee
SDSU students have a new choice for where to find their coffee. Caribou Coffee is now being served at the Einstein Bros. Bagels location in the Student Union. The change comes as JAB Holding Company, owner of both Caribou Coffee Company Inc. and Einstein Bros. Bagels, continues to implement the Caribou Coffee brand into the popular bagel store chain nationwide. JAB Holding Company has owned both Caribou Coffee and Einstein Bros.Bagels since 2014 and has been introducing Caribou Coffee branded products to Einstein locations ever since.

D2L update
Desire2Learn (D2L), the learning management interface used by South Dakota Board of Regents schools, received an update in May. The website’s visual elements were updated, but the basic functions of the site remain unchanged outside of a new way to arrange current courses on the homepage. D2L was further updated to help educators through the addition of a class progress tool and ability to analyze class data in daily increments.
A new school year is upon us and the time for showing off our style is here. Although it is the fall semester, autumn and its cool weather will not arrive for a while. Do not fret though, there are many ways to make a summer wardrobe campus-ready.

Layering can be the solution

It is possible to wear the summer dresses, tanks with thin straps or low-necklines that we all love. One way to do this is by layering a soft T-shirt or graphic tee under these items. This not only provides additional coverage, but it is very trendy at the moment. Another way to make spaghetti strap pieces campus friendly would be throwing a classic denim jacket over the top.

Know bad hair days happen sometimes

Let’s be honest. There are days when hair has a mind of its own and does not want to cooperate, especially on the days when we wake up late or the humidity is out of control. Always having a stylish hat or hair scarf will help conceal messy hair and add lovely character to an outfit.

Acknowledge cool mornings and classrooms

We all know those days in the beginning of the school year when it is chilly in the morning and a sauna by noon. In that case, wearing a dress with a light sweater layered over the top is always a good choice. This makes for a fashionable outfit and permits the option to remove the sweater layer when it gets hot throughout the day. We are also all aware of how classrooms can be rather cool with the air conditioning turned up in the beginning weeks of school. In anticipation that classrooms are chilly, it is a good idea to keep a light-weight second layer in your backpack.

Keep it comfy and fashionable

Comfort is key when it comes to class. Leggings and a T-shirt is a hard outfit to resist most days, but there are still ways to be comfortable in a more put together fashion. A comfortable, yet stylish, outfit option would be pairing a high-waisted skirt with a cropped sweater-shirt or T-shirt and sneakers.

Shorts can still be a possibility

It is too soon to say goodbye to our favorite denim shorts, but are they too short to wear to class? The answer to that question is not necessarily. A simple fix for shorts that may seem a little on the short side is throwing on a long line, lightweight cardigan or kimono. This will help give more coverage to the backside and make the pair of shorts more appropriate.

Make it casual with a pair of trendy sneakers

Campus fashion has a lovely sense of casualness to it. One trick to dressing an outfit down is adding a pair of casual sneakers. For example, pairing a summer dress with a fresh pair of white sneakers will remove the formality of the dress and create a stylish and casual outfit for class. Plus, sneakers make walking around campus all day much more comfortable.

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Superheroes, spies, mothers: Top eight summer movies

IAN LACK
Senior News Reporter

Editor’s Note: This list was made subjectively and was done by the reporter who viewed these films in the time available to them. Not every film from the summer was seen, including those that received a more limited release in select cities.

8. Hereditary
It’s sometimes difficult to be original in the horror department nowadays, but “Hereditary” proves there’s still space for ingenuity in this genre. Centered around a grieving family in the shadow of a demonic cult, this horror flick broke through to mainstream success.

7. Sorry to Bother You
“Sorry to Bother You” is many things: a critique on white privilege, a hilarious and absurd comedy and the heroic tale of a black telemarketer in an alternate reality. It’s also the punk film 2018 deserves and easily cements Boots Riley as a rising writer and director.

6. Deadpool 2
The first “Deadpool” set the bar for the sequel after fans obsessed over Ryan Reynolds’ portrayal of the “merc with a mouth.” But this sequel acts as a step up from the original, offering even more action and honest, uncomfortable jokes.

5. Incredibles 2
The 14-year wait was well worth it for this Pixar sequel. “Incredibles 2” picks up right where the first installment left off with the Parr family – and we’re left wondering how we were ever able to wait so long. Gorgeous animation and more family antics make this the best family flick of the summer.

4. Eighth Grade
“Eighth Grade” follows Kayla Day as she traverses her final week of eighth grade while juggling social anxiety, puberty and an unhealthy relationship with her phone. Underneath the awkwardness of her social encounters, there’s a beautiful message about self-reliance here.

3. Avengers: Infinity War
How does a man become a god? We get the answer to this question in the latest entry to the Marvel Universe as we find our favorite superheroes up against the best and most formidable villain in the franchise yet: Thanos. “Infinity War” proves the Marvel formula is still alive and as potent as ever.

What more could be added to the sixth installment of an action franchise? Apparently quite a bit as “Fallout” boasts many unbelievable set pieces, a wonderful villain and another globe-trotting fight against annihilation.

1. Tully
Many films explore the trials of being a parent, but few with this one’s unapologetic honesty. “Tully” is a comedy dancing on the edge of being a tragedy. Charlize Theron is a heartbreaking and emotionally exhausted hero of a mother trying to do her best and watching her is fulfilling. The film should be shown in every high school sex education class to demonstrate what true parenting is like.

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Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
A burst of energy hops you toward meeting new rabbits and trying new things.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
Resist spending your Hobo Dough on Jackrabbit gear and start budgeting early.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 20
Good advice from fellow Jackrabbits will give better guidance this week.

Cancer
Jun 21 - Jul 22
New ideas at work have other bunnies giving you the admiration you deserve.

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
A change in your rabbit relationship will bring you good news this weekend.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sept 22
Having your carrots in a row this week gives you the push to succeed in your work.

Libra
Sept 23 - Oct 22
Remember to try and compromise with a fellow Jack about an issue this week.

Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21
Flexibility in your schedule helps you focus on your personal rabbit needs.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Communication is key with new bunny buddies in the coming week.

Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19
Take time to stay worry free while going through a rough patch, Jackrabbit.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
Spending more time with a certain rabbit could turn into an unexpected relationship.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
Take advantage of an opportunity with your fellow bunnies this week.

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Students entering the U.S. must have an acceptable GPA, proficient English skills and financial stability, which sometimes requires them to have tens of thousands of dollars before they will even be considered for a visa approval.

The Office of International Affairs aids international student enrollment at SDSU. Greg Wymer is the interim assistant vice president for International Affairs and director of International Students and Scholars at SDSU. He said the visa application process is often tough for international students.

“Not only is it an expensive process to apply for a visa, but it is a difficult process to navigate. You’re also dealing with the subjectivity of the vice councils in the embassy staff,” Wymer said.

Jayamanna spent the summer working part-time on campus. He said he plans to return to Sri Lanka this December and hopes his visa will still be valid when he tries to return to the U.S.

After being gone for two years, junior Grace Kavunne from Ivory Coast, Africa, returned home to see her family this summer. While she said she missed her country’s food and weather, the things she missed the most were the people.

“Oh, my God, I was so happy to see my family,” Kavunne said. “I was crying like a baby when I met them again.”

Kavunne also worries about how public policy could affect her chances to stay in America and study in the future or obtain a job.

“I only have one year left,” Kavunne said. “Not coming back here when I know the education system here would be too hard.”

The International Affairs office works hard to ensure international students can return to SDSU’s campus with ease, but Wymer feels students have a right to be concerned when traveling out of the country, but if they don’t have an expired visa, they should be fine.

“But we always use the word ‘should’ because we can’t guarantee what will happen at the border, what will happen at the embassy when the students leave the country,” Wymer said.

The International Affairs office estimates at least 90 fewer international students are enrolled this year compared to 2017.

For some international students, the summer was spent preparing to take classes at SDSU.

Kathy Oh, a freshman pharmacy student from South Korea, arrived in Brookings in March for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. She said she felt solitary after completing her summer program.

“It can be very lonely over the summer because there is nothing to do in Brookings,” Oh said. “It is hard for me to express myself and opinions, so I had to focus on learning [English].”

But what helps alleviate boredom and loneliness, Oh said, was having other international students around her.

“I had fun when I went to Orlando, to Disney World with some of my international friends,” she said. “Having them with me is good because we have the same experience coming to Brookings and learning the language too.”

The International Affairs office sponsors a summer program, Summer of Fun, as a relatively low-cost collection of events around the South Dakota area for international students. The office arranges transportation for students for these events including an Independence Day event and a camping getaway.

For Oh, she senses the office’s and the university’s efforts to make her feel included on campus so far and looks forward to her classes this semester.

“(Brookings) has been a very good place for me. People are very nice and helpful,” Oh said. “They are understanding for the Korean students here, so I am happy I am here.”
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Do you know that SDSU practices sustainability, help campus environment

Welcome back, Jacks! Did you know that SDSU practices sustainability? On campus, we define sustainability as a combination of taking care of the natural environment and providing resources equitably to everyone.

Sustainability is key to a good life. It looks at how we use our resources and distribute them in a way that can benefit everyone. It helps our environment heal and stay clean, so it can provide us with ecological services such as clean air, shade, beauty, materials and food. It also helps us build a stronger economy and community, one where everyone is accepted and has access to basic human needs like good food, shelter, clean water and education.

SDSU has several major sustainability achievements this past spring and summer. In April, SDSU became the 42nd affiliate of Bee Campus USA, a certification that promotes and practices pollinator friendly grounds keeping. In May, over 1,700 pounds of reusable material was diverted from the landfill and donated to local charities as part of the Move-Out Donation Program. Over 1,600 recycling bins were added to individual dorm rooms and a 50 kilowatt solar panel array was placed on the Stanley J. Marshall addition. Last but not least, SDSU was approved to offer a sustainability minor, which is available to all majors.

You, too, can join SDSU on its journey to sustainability by integrating sustainable practices into your daily life. Here are a few suggestions to get you started: 1) Recycle 2) Use a reusable water bottle 3) Keep your windows shut while your air-conditioner is running 4) Buy used books.

Together we can achieve more sustainability goals and actions.

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What are you going to do with your degree?

It is a question you hear from your friends, classmates and one that I have been asked at family gatherings. Sometimes it is meant as a joke, other times they are voicing a very real concern.

For some, answering it is easy — a degree is simply a stepping stone to their ideal future, and each class they take is directly wired toward that future, each assignment honing a skill or trade that they will use for the rest of their lives.

The rest of us, sitting in class, or struggling through a paper on something we intend on forgetting about, are left wondering. I’m a good example, not because I write meaningless papers, but because of my studies. I’m a political science and English major. These kinds of degrees scare parents because they are just so vague and have no obvious high-earning career paths stemming from them.

That lack of specificity did not scare me at first. It should have. Not because I didn’t plan on pursuing a degree with high-earning potential — even now I don’t personally plan on making ridiculous amounts of money after college. I should have been scared because I felt that I was in college to establish my identity, and make memories. To be completely frank, that isn’t why you should be here.

Those things can happen along the road, but memories and self-actualization should not cost you tens of thousands of dollars. College means something different to everyone, but at its core, it is the enabling of opportunity.

If you had asked me what I had wanted to do when I came here as a freshman, I would have given you an approximation of success rather than an actual professional field.

Part of the problem was that I gave into the assumption that because I did well in school that just meant I would be an appealing candidate for good jobs — that is a dangerous thing to believe.

My letter grades would never magically be mailed to my future dream job, and the cumulative GPA of my classes would never directly affect my salary.

There is a major difference between being good at school, and setting yourself up for success after graduation. I can guarantee you that most people with four-year degrees working successful jobs were not all slackers that only turned in assignments when they felt like it. The tedium and the stress of our studies establishes a work ethic that employers generally want.

However, what matters as much as your grades are the things that happen in between the exams and the homework assignments. For instance, have you established visibility to possible future employers? Was there a demonstration of effort and commitment evident in your time spent in college? Did you ever do anything other than your required studies?

These questions matter, and I urge you to do your best to answer them by the time you’re seniors.

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17. Surgical knife
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37. Oracle
39. Work with mail
41. Deposed
44. Luminox
46. Type of enemy
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52. Take in slowly
54. Search for water
55. Like some pizza
56. Blind followers
58. NY team
69. Oloresin
71. “2001” mainframe
72. Game piece
73. Use a Singer
74. G.I. entertainers
75. Sweet Italian wine
76. Agreements
78. Conflicts
81. Delights
82. MSN competitor
86. Highlands’ knife
87. Vibrating effect, in music
88. Game dish
90. Place to relax
91. Greek letter
102. Totally
108. Seconds in command, briefly
110. Oklahoma city
111. Brit’s raincoat
113. Fitting
114. Ultimate ending
116. Staggers
117. Biblical king
119. “Pink Panther” films actor

Down
1. Dry, as wine
2. Early touring car
3. “Late” series star
4. Top of a hill
5. Greek letter
6. Spanish gem
7. Sheet of paper
8. Miami-Dade language
9. Kind of code
10. Swelled head
11. Skater Midori
12. Bag that holds tea
13. Kasey, Haiti
14. Command, briefly
15. Portuguese
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18. Kind of court
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22. On a horse
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Iowa brothers join forces on SDSU football squad

ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Reporter

Incoming freshmen and transfer students started their first school year at South Dakota State this week, but incoming freshmen and transfers on the SDSU football team have been in Brookings since the beginning of August.

Two of them are Brandon and Jaden Snyder. Brandon, a senior graduate transfer, who played safety the last four years at the University of Iowa. Jaden is a freshman linebacker who was planning to join his brother at Iowa as a walk-on, but when Brandon decided to transfer, Jaden followed him.

Brandon said, growing up, multiple guys from his hometown of Larchwood, Iowa, went to SDSU to play football. Including his cousin Andrew Hoogeveen, who played from 2004-2007.

“I was up here a lot. I went to more SDSU games than any other college. So I kind of knew what the program was about with social media,” Brandon said. “They pride themselves on having their faith first and having a family atmosphere. So I knew when I started looking at other places that this is where I wanted to go.”

Since the Snyder brothers are five years apart, they will finally have a chance to play on the same team.

Brandon began his career at Iowa in 2014 as a walk-on. He started all 13 games for Iowa in 2016 and had 85 tackles, three interceptions and three forced fumbles. He has undergone three knee surgeries in the last seven months and SDSU’s season opener against Iowa State Sept. 1 will be just his second game in the last year and a half.

“I’m very excited to play Iowa State. Obviously coming from Iowa, they were our rival. So to have another shot at them, in kind of a different light, I’m excited for the opportunity,” Brandon said.

Brandon said he’s also excited for the opportunity to bond with his little brother both on and off the field.

“When you’re at college and isolated and not at home, there’s a lot of opportunity for bonding and growth. It’s going to make our relationship a lot stronger, that’s for sure,” Brandon said.

The Snyder brothers have been in Brookings for a few weeks and Jaden said they’ve already strengthened their relationship.

“Not having him around for four years, we didn’t really communicate as much as we’d like to. So now it’s been awesome having him here,” he said.

Brandon has gone through his fair share of struggles with the knee injuries, but he was also charged with an Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) on Dec. 10, 2017 in Iowa City, which led to his departure from Iowa.

“I’m going to try to help this team any way I can. Whatever my role may look like,” Brandon said. “I really want to get back to who I am and thankfully I can intertwine football with that.”

Head coach John Stiegelmeier said Brandon will likely play a lot since the Jacks lost both of their starting safeties to graduation.

“[Brandon] Snyder has looked really good and is ready to play,” he said.

Both Brandon and Jaden said the team has welcomed them with open arms and it’s been an easy transition.

“I feel like I’ve been here the whole time. Coach [Brian] Bergstrom has been awesome, coach Stiegelmeier, the whole defense really. They took me in with open arms and they’ve helped me learn really quickly and I’ve had a great experience so far,” Brandon said.
Head volleyball coach Nicole Cirillo is focusing on changing the culture and furthering the program’s progression in her fourth season as the head coach of the South Dakota State volleyball team.

In the past three seasons, the volleyball team has a combined record of 12-75. They are hoping to turn that around this year as the team culture has undergone a makeover the past four years.

“We have worked extremely hard in changing the culture in every facet – except the academics, we have always had good students,” Cirillo said.

Over the summer the volleyball team was able to experience a program first. The Jacks traveled to Italy on May 6, the day after graduation, where they played three different teams.

In Italy, the volleyball team was faced with a unique challenge: adapt to the different competition.

“We played a team with a 32-year-old and a 15-year-old on the same team,” Cirillo said. “It was an interesting dynamic.”

Another change in culture came after the Italy trip. The team started hanging around each other before the season started, according to Cirillo.

“My first year we were pretty cliquey, it’s getting that idea you’re always going to have a group you’re closer with but, is that your only group? Or are you able to branch out?” Cirillo said. “I think that’s a piece we are doing a great job with. Everybody enjoys everybody else.”

Throughout the summer, most of the players stayed in Brookings, Cirillo said.

Cirillo said the addition of time they spent together helped ease the stress.

“A lot of them had already been taught this is what we do, and this is how we do it.”

The team routinely has movie nights, game nights or dinner dates.

Cirillo said confidence this team has the right mixture of youth and experience, despite losing standout Ellie Benson.

“Ellie really showed people that she worked hard and cared,” Cirillo said. “We have more of those players now than we ever had.”

Upcoming Home Games

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Cirillo said the addition of time they spent together helped ease the stress.

“Mattison Munger, Sierra Peterson and Ashlynn Smith are kind of the leaders,” Cirillo said. “But, there’s not just one leader, we have multiple even besides the three I stated.”

The Jacks will have a team with varying experiences with seven of their players returning.

Six of the new players are incoming freshmen, while one is a transfer junior.

The new transfer student for the Jacks is Andrea Edwards, a middle blocker, from Long Beach City College.

According to Cirillo, three of the freshmen will be ready to make an instant impact.

“Crystal Burk, Sydney Andrews and Ellie Thein,” Cirillo said. “Those are the three that I can foresee jumping in right away and making a difference in some fashion and add that quality depth.”

In past years, depth is something that has been lacking throughout the season due to injuries.

“We are going to have solid players sitting on the bench, waiting for their opportunity, and that’s exciting,” Cirillo said.

The Jacks open their season on Friday, August 24 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Invitational, where they will play UMKC, Austin Peay and Western Michigan. The first game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

“Because we have a lot of newcomers it’s going to be really key to get them some experience so I can put them in some of the situations I foresee them playing in our conference games,” Cirillo said.
Large recruiting classes bump 11 from last year’s football roster

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Managing Editor

Two weeks after last year’s spring football game, a unique round of cuts left nearly 11 players, four of whom were on scholarship, scrambling to make decisions about their future at SDSU.

Juniors Alec Cromer and Patrick Burmeister were two of the 11 cut, and both left South Dakota State in search of a new football team.

Large recruiting classes spurred roster overflow and prompted head coach John Stiegelmeier to make cuts in compliance with limitations handed down by the NCAA.

Cromer said he felt the team wasn’t given a very good explanation as to why players were being asked to leave.

“We were all in the huddle at the end of practice,” Cromer said. “I just remember that nobody knew what he [Stiegelmeier] was talking about … he never directly told us that people were going to get cut,” he said.

Stiegelmeier said he and the other coaches had to look at depth charts and decide how many players they could have at each position to meet their number, and the rest had to be asked to leave the team.

Cromer didn’t think the cuts, in terms of the coaches’ communication with the players, were handled in the best way.

“I didn’t really get the best explanation, I just kind of parted ways … I got my stuff out of my locker and I left.”

ALEC CROMER
Former SDSU football player

“They’ve always had their roster numbers, so none of this was ever a surprise,” said Kathy Heylens, senior associate athletic director and compliance senior woman administrator. “A couple years ago we got off a little bit on our numbers – some of our men’s sports got a little higher than they should’ve.”

Heylens said the administration “really made it clear” that teams had to be in compliance with their respective numbers within a year and a half in order to meet proportionality – that year and a half was up last spring.

“The hard part for the coach is you don’t know who’s going to be injured or how many are going to be injured, so you’re always kind of dealing with that,” Sell said.

Cuts aren’t anything new in Division I athletics, and according to Stiegelmeier, some programs regularly cut players if they’re not performing at a high enough level after a couple of years with the team.

In an interview with azcentral, Arizona State’s newly appointed head football coach, Herm Edwards, was blunt about his NFL-style approach to maintaining his roster.

“When you don’t meet that standard, there’s consequences,” Edwards said in the interview. “Consequences are sometimes tough. If I don’t apply those consequences, then I’m not doing my job as head coach.”

The situation at Arizona State is different than at SDSU, in that the Jacks aren’t in the Football Bowl Subdivision, rather they play in the Football Championship Subdivision, which host two very different levels of competition.

Stiegelmeier said the intention of the SDSU football program has always been to encourage players to come to SDSU and pursue their academic and athletic dreams.

But when roster limitations were made clear, he said it was a “tough” day in his office.

“This, again, has never happened in our football program. And it’s not been part of our athletic department’s philosophy,” he said.

Cromer, who now plays for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the SDSU football team was “a good family atmosphere,” and at the end of the day he understood the team was just doing what it needed to do, but it was still a difficult situation.

“I guess the biggest thing is the friendships and all that, having to move again. Because it takes a toll on your mind,” he said.
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Football aims for this year’s championship

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Sports Editor

Coming off of a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) semifinal loss and the graduation of two players to the NFL, hopes for South Dakota State’s success are high, according to head coach John Stiegelmeier.

In the NCAA FCS preseason poll, the Jacks are ranked third behind last year’s FCS finalists North Dakota State and James Madison University.

For the Jacks, this season will be an opportunity to build on last year’s results. “We stopped at the semifinals and there are two steps to go,” Stiegelmeier said.

“Do everything we can to get to Frisco and be successful there.”

The loss of Jake Wienke and Dallas Goedert could impact the entire offense this season.

“We [offense] will be more diversified without a doubt,” Stiegelmeier said. “For a defensive coordinator, it might be a little easier because he won’t necessarily have to worry about two guys with NFL ability on the field at the same time. Ideally, we will make it hard on the defensive coordinators, somehow, someway.”

With the loss of Wienke and Goedert, the receiving corps has changed. Instead of focusing on two targets, it will be a wide receiver by committee.

Senior Alex Wilde, juniors Jacob Brown, Marquise Lewis, Adam Anderson and sophomore Cade Johnson are set to share reps.

“They will all get reps and they will do a really good job,” Stiegelmeier said.

Junior Kallan Hart will take over the tight end duties. Last year, Hart played in all 14 games.

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