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Inaugural Season

South Dakota State University Women's Soccer Inaugural Team


South Dakota State University Media Guide
2000 Soccer Schedule

August
26-27 at NSIC-NCC Crossover Classic, Aberdeen
26 vs. Minnesota State, Moorhead .................................1 p.m.
27 vs. Northern State ............................................Noon

September
2-3 at UMM Lotto Championships, Morris, Minn.
2 vs. Minnesota-Morris ..............................................2 p.m.
3 vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater or University of Sioux Falls ....TBD
10 Southwest State ................................................1 p.m.
13 at Morningside ....................................................4 p.m.
19 University of Sioux Falls ....................................7:30 p.m.
23 *Morningside ....................................................11 a.m.
24 *South Dakota ..................................................1 p.m.
30 *at Augustana ...................................................3 p.m.

October
7 *Northern Colorado ..............................................Noon
8 *Nebraska-Omaha ..............................................1 p.m.
14 *at North Dakota ..............................................1 p.m.
15 *at North Dakota State ....................................1 p.m.
21 *at St. Cloud State ...........................................1 p.m.
22 *at Minnesota State, Mankato .........................1 p.m.
28 at Briar Cliff ....................................................1 p.m.

November
4-5 North Central Conference Championships (if qualified), Omaha, Neb.

* Indicates North Central Conference Matches
Home matches played at Bob Shelden Field near Brookings High School
**2000 South Dakota State Soccer Roster**

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Head Coach: Lang Wedemeyer

Assistant Coach: Sarah Dwyer-Shick

**Team Information**

**School** — South Dakota State University

**Location** — Brookings, S.D.

**Enrollment** — 8,540 (fall 1999)

**President** — Peggy Gordon Elliott

**Athletic Director** — Fred M. Oien

**Assistant to the Athletic Director-Internal** — Rob Peterson

**Senior Women’s Administrator** — Nancy Neiber

**Colors** — Yellow and Blue

**Nickname** — Jackrabbits

**Affiliation** — NCAA Division II

**Conference** — North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, more commonly known as the North Central Conference or the NCC. SDSU is a charter member of the league, founded in 1921. The league has sponsored women’s soccer since 1996 and plays a round-robin schedule.

**Home Field** — Bob Shelden Field, off-campus facility located near Brookings High School at the intersection of Medary Avenue and Eighth Street South.

**Head Coach** — Lang Wedemeyer (Old Dominion, 1994); first season as collegiate head coach

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E-Mail: Lang_Wedemeyer@sdstate.edu

**Assistant Coach** — Sarah Dwyer-Shick (Smith College, 1996)

Office Phone: (605) 688-4070; Home Phone: (605) 697-5665

**Players with Collegiate Experience** — 6

- Jenny Briggs, So., midfielder, Osseo, Minn.; earned all-region and all-conference honors at Jamestown (N.D.) College in 1999; scored 28 goals and eight assists;
- Jessica Christensen, So., midfielder, Sioux City, Iowa; transfer from Briar Cliff College;
- Abby Duffy, So., midfielder, Sioux Falls, S.D.; transfer from Jamestown College;
- Jenny Husby, Jr., defender, Sioux Falls, S.D.; played two years at Northwestern College (Iowa); scored four goals in 1998;
- Molly Lennon, So., goalkeeper, Sioux City, Iowa; played one year at Northwest Missouri State;
- Stephanie Piorier, Sr., midfielder, Sioux Falls, S.D.; played two years at Minnesota State, Moorhead.

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A new era in Jackrabbit intercollegiate athletics begins this fall as SDSU fields a women's soccer team for the first time.

Organizing a team has been entirely a year 2000 project — university officials announced the decision to start soccer on Jan. 3. The flurry of planning and preparation for the inaugural season will culminate when the Jackrabbits open the season Aug. 26 against Moorhead State at a tournament in Aberdeen.

The addition of women's soccer gives the Jackrabbit athletic program 20 sports — 10 each for men and women.

The task of assembling a team in such quick order has been the responsibility of head coach Lang Wedemeyer, who was hired Feb. 15.

A Roanoke, Va., native, Wedemeyer most recently served as the director of coaching and women's coordinator for the Roanoke Valley Youth Soccer Club.

Wedemeyer's previous collegiate coaching experience came at his alma mater, Old Dominion University in Virginia, where he was an assistant coach from 1994-96. He also has served as a coach in the Olympic Development Program.

The success of the SDSU women's soccer program's first season won't necessarily be measured in wins and losses, said Wedemeyer, who is assisted by Sarah Dwyer-Stick.

“I think the main thing we want to do with this first team is to spread the word that we now have soccer at South Dakota State,” Wedemeyer said. “The biggest challenge is that, although (recruits) recognize the name, they don’t associate it with soccer because there has been no program here.”

Wedemeyer says the team plans to organize community outreach programs such as youth soccer clinics in the Brookings area.

Despite getting a late start in recruiting for the upcoming season, Jackrabbit coaches have made up for lost time by recruiting players for future years. Besides scouring South Dakota for talent, coaches have attended regional and national tournaments in Indiana, Colorado, Wyoming, Virginia, North Carolina and Minnesota.

“We feel there is talent in South Dakota, it may just be harder to find,” Wedemeyer said. “We’ll certainly look here first then look into Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado as focal points.”

The inaugural Jackrabbit women's soccer team will have a decidedly South Dakota flavor as 13 of the 19 players on the roster are home-grown talent. About half of those athletes played on SDSU's women's club soccer team last year.

Because Wedemeyer has had limited opportunity to work with his team and team members have varying levels of experience, he plans to keep the gameplan simple.

“Generally, we’ll use a very controlled style of play with a lot of short passing,” Wedemeyer said.

At the same time, Wedemeyer plans to employ a counterattacking style, which places more of an emphasis on defense and a quick transition to offense.

“That can create an exciting type of game,” he said.

One of the players who is expected to benefit from that style of play is midfielder Jennifer Briggs, who returns to SDSU. An all-state soccer player in Minnesota during her high school days, Briggs began her collegiate athletic career in the 1998-99 school year as a member of the Jackrabbit women's basketball team. She transferred to Jamestown (N.D.) College, where she earned all-region and all-conference honors in soccer last fall after scoring 28 goals and eight assists.

Another Jackrabbit player expected to make an impact in the inaugural season is freshman Melissa Speiser. The Casper, Wyo., native was a four-time all-state player in high school and will likely start the season in goal, although she also should see time in the field.

The Jackrabbits will play their home matches at Bob Shelden Field near Brookings High School.

### Women's Soccer Booming at Collegiate Level

Women's soccer has boomed at the collegiate level in the last 10 years. In 1990, only 51 Division II schools offered soccer. By 1996 that number had nearly tripled to 150, increasing to 162 last year.

SDSU is one of three North Central Conference schools implementing soccer this season. After playing with seven teams a year ago, the additions of SDSU, Morningside and Augustana will give the NCC a full slate of teams for the first time.

Following is a year-by-year look at the increase in NCAA Division II schools offering soccer in last 10 years:

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First-place votes in parentheses.
HEAD COACH LANG WEDEMEYER

As South Dakota State University’s first women’s soccer coach, Lang Wedemeyer brings a wealth of coaching and playing experience as he embarks on establishing the Jackrabbit program.

“The chance to start a new program is very exciting,” Wedemeyer said. “Once I had an interest in South Dakota State, in researching and talking with people, I realized it had a very strong athletic and academic tradition.”

A native of Roanoke, Va., Wedemeyer most recently was director of coaching and women’s coordinator for the Roanoke Valley Youth Soccer Club. His three-year tenure as the club’s assistant executive director included overseeing all 28 teams and their coaches, as well as coaching under-18 and under-14 girls soccer teams. Wedemeyer also served the last three years as the director of the Western District Olympic Development Program for girls and boys and coached the under-14 Virginia Olympic Development Team for two seasons.

One of the youngest coaches in the United States to obtain all levels of coaching certification, Wedemeyer holds six professional soccer coaching licenses, including the NSCAA Premier diploma and the United States Soccer Federation ‘A’ license.

Wedemeyer began his collegiate playing career at Virginia Tech University, where he was the voted the Hokies’ best defensive player two years in a row. He later transferred to Old Dominion University, where he was team captain and a second-team academic All-American in 1994.

Wedemeyer earned a bachelor’s degree in English in 1994 and added a master’s degree in sports management from Old Dominion in 1996.

While pursuing his master’s degree, Wedemeyer served three years as an assistant coach for the Old Dominion men’s soccer program. In addition, his coaching experience consists of appearances at several soccer camps and clinics, including serving as head counselor of the University of North Carolina Women’s Soccer Camp since 1995.

Wedemeyer also has six years of professional playing experience in the Eastern Division D3 Pro League of the United Soccer Leagues. He played the last three years for the Roanoke Wrath.

ASSISTANT COACH SARAH DWYER-SHICK

The hiring of the first soccer coaching staff at South Dakota State was completed in June with the addition of Sarah Dwyer-Shick as assistant coach.

Dwyer-Shick competed in soccer, lacrosse and track and field at Smith College (Mass). Dwyer-Shick also competed in lacrosse and soccer at the University of Denver before returning to Smith, where she completed a bachelor’s degree in American studies in 1996. She returned to the University of Denver in 1998, completing a master’s degree in sports management this spring.

Her previous coaching experience includes a stint as an assistant coach at the University of Northern Colorado from 1996-98. She also has extensive camp coaching experience and has worked with the Denver Soccer Club and Colorado Xtreme club team.

She holds a Level 1 Goalkeeping Certificate and advanced National Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

With the Jackrabbits, Dwyer-Shick’s primary responsibilities will include training goalkeepers and recruiting.
Brittney Beastrom

5-6, Defender
Freshman
Pierre, S.D.

Brittney joins the Jackrabbits after being named to the South Dakota all-state team at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre and earning the team’s Coaches Award ... also competed in basketball, volleyball and cross country ... enrolled in general registration ... 2000 graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre ... birthdate is December 1, 1981 ... parents are Jim and Barb Beastrom

Jennifer Briggs

5-8, Midfielder
Sophomore
Osseo, Minn.

Jennifer rejoins the Jackrabbit athletic program after earning all-region and all-conference honors in soccer last season at Jamestown (N.D.) College ... began her collegiate athletic career with the SDSU women’s basketball team, playing in 10 games during the 1998-99 season ... at Jamestown, she scored 28 goals and tallied eight assists ... played in 2000 Midwest Regional Tournament of Champions ... also played basketball for the Jimmies ... named to the all-conference team twice and also earned all-state honors from the Minneapolis Star Tribune at Osseo High School, from which she graduated in 1998 ... majoring in civil engineering ... member of the National Honor Society ... birthdate is March 11, 1980 ... parents are Jim Briggs and Carol Briggs-Gobel

Jessica Christensen

5-8, Midfielder
Sophomore
Sioux City, Iowa

Jessica transferred to SDSU from Briar Cliff College, where she played both soccer and basketball last season ... lettered four years in soccer and was team captain her senior season at Sioux City East High School ... plans to major in nursing ... 1999 graduate of East High School ... born May 4, 1981 ... parents are Dewey and Becky Christensen
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**Abby Duffy**

5-8, Midfielder  
Sophomore  
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Abby played last year at Jamestown College ... earned first-team all-state honors her senior year at O’Gorman High School in Sioux Falls ... also played for the Dakota Gold club soccer team ... majoring in nursing ... 1999 graduate of O’Gorman High School ... birthdate is October 17, 1980 ... parents are Kevin and Carey Duffy

**Kara Hoefert**

5-8, Midfielder  
Junior  
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Kara joins the Jackrabbit team after playing last year on the SDSU club soccer team ... participated in soccer and basketball at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls ... majoring in music education ... 1998 graduate of Lincoln High School ... birthdate is June 26, 1980 ... parents are Allen and Linda Hoefert

**Jenny Husby**

5-6, Defender  
Junior  
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Jenny transferred to SDSU after starting the past two seasons at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa ... scored four goals as a sweeper in 1998, when she earned team’s Rookie of the Year award ... member of the academic honor roll ... four-year starter at Washington High School in Sioux Falls ... also played for the Dakota Gold Blaze club team ... two-time club team MVP ... majoring in nursing ... member of the National Honor Society ... 1998 graduate of Washington High School ... born May 23, 1980 in Vermillion, S.D. ... parents are David and Sarah Husby
Josie Hutchinson

4-10, Defender
Sophomore
Newcastle, Wyo.

Josie played for the SDSU club soccer team a year ago and will start as a defender this season ... also competed in cross country, swimming and track in high school ... earned all-conference and honorable mention all-state honors in cross country ... member of the National Honor Society, Dean’s List and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society ... majoring in human development and sociology ... 1999 graduate of Newcastle High School ... born April 5, 1981 in Spearfish, S.D. ... parents are Mike and Janet Hutchinson

Jeni Jones

5-8, Defender
Freshman
Brandon, S.D.

Jeni will be sidelined for the start of the season with a knee injury, but will add depth at the defender position when she returns ... 2000 graduate of Brandon Valley High School ... team MVP three times ... plans to major in education ... birthdate is June 16, 1981 ... parents are Chet and Linda Jones

Steph Koerner

5-5, Midfielder
Junior
Yankton, S.D.

Steph will miss the season after suffering a knee injury during a preseason scrimmage ... last name is pronounced Kerner ... played two years for the SDSU club soccer team and was a member of four state championship soccer teams ... played club soccer for the Sioux Falls Dazzlers ... was a member of the National Honor Society and earned academic all-state honors at Yankton High School, from which she graduated in 1998 ... member of state championship basketball team in 1997 and also competed in volleyball ... majoring in psychology ... birthdate is July 3, 1980 ... parents are Ray and Laurie Koerner ... twin sister, Tiffany, is a forward on the North Dakota State soccer team
Molly Lennon

5-7, Goalkeeper
Sophomore
Sioux City, Iowa

Molly transferred to SDSU after playing one season at Northwest Missouri and will initially see action as a back-up goalkeeper ... competed in soccer, volleyball, basketball and golf at Heelan High School in Sioux City, Iowa ... member of the National Honor Society and President's Honor Roll ... majoring in nursing ... birthdate is February 24, 1981 ... parents are Michael Lennon and Jan Lennon

Natalie Nelson

5-2, Midfielder
Freshman
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Natalie joined the Jackrabbits when classes began this fall and will add depth at the midfield position ... played soccer at O’Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, from where she graduated this spring ... plans to major in nursing ... birthdate is April 27, 1982 ... parents are J. Tom and Diane Nelson

Cristina Newton

5-4, Forward
Freshman
Spearfish, S.D.

Cristina is perhaps the fastest player on the Jackrabbit squad this season ... earned two letters at Spearfish High School and was selected as the team’s outstanding midfielder twice ... scored five goals and recorded 23 assists in high school career ... was an honorable mention selection for the South Dakota all-state team ... enrolled in general registration ... 2000 graduate of Spearfish High School ... born December 25, 1981, in Olongapo City, Philippines ... parents are Jeff and Mila Newton
Stephanie Piorier
5-8, Midfielder  
Senior  
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Stephanie is the lone senior on the Jackrabbit squad this season ... played two seasons at Moorhead State University before transferring to South Dakota State ... scored 12 goals and 11 assists as co-captain for the Dragons ... competed in soccer, track and cross country at Washington High School in Sioux Falls, from where she graduated in 1997 ... majoring in health, physical education and recreation ... birthdate is September 27, 1978 ... mother is Jane Piorier

Amanda Roberdeau
5-4, Forward  
Freshman  
Bismarck, N.D.
Amanda is expected to see playing time all over the field this season, including some action in goal ... was a two-year team captain in soccer in high school ... also competed in girls' hockey and basketball ... 2000 graduate of Bismarck High School ... undecided about college major ... birthdate is August 12, 1981 ... parents are Mike and Cassie Roberdeau

Erika Rounds
5-7, Defender  
Sophomore  
Pierre, S.D.
Erika is expected to start at a defender position, but will also see action in the midfield this season ... earned second-team all-state honors at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre ... team captain and most valuable forward ... also competed in cross country and volleyball ... earned academic all-state honors in cross country and was selected to the National Honor Society ... 1999 graduate of Riggs High School ... majoring in business economics ... birthdate is October 5, 1980 ... parents are Tom and Shelly Rounds

Stephanie Schafer
5-2, Forward  
Junior  
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Stephanie will give the Jacks another offensive option after previously playing on the SDSU club soccer team ... nickname is “Littlefoot” ... played soccer, basketball and softball at Washington High School in Sioux Falls ... member of the National Honor Society ... majoring in pharmacy ... birthdate is March 2, 1980 ... parents are Ken and Janet Schafer
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Becky Schwab

5-9, Defender
Freshman
Aberdeen, S.D.

Becky will give the Jackrabbits added size and strength at the defender position ... graduated from Roncalli High School in Aberdeen, but played soccer for the Aberdeen Central High School team ... was a captain and team MVP ... earned scholar-athlete recognition ... majoring in engineering ... birthdate is March 25, 1982 ... the daughter of Ginny Schwab and the late Larry Schwab

Melissa Speiser

5-3, Goalkeeper/
Midfielder
Freshman
Casper, Wyo.

Melissa is slated to be the starting goalkeeper this season, but also is expected to see playing time in the field ... had an impressive prep career in which she earned all-state and all-conference honors four times, as well as being named the Wyoming High School Player of the Year ... played on three state championship teams at Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyo., from which she graduated this past spring ... played for the Casper Blades club team ... also competed in basketball and volleyball ... President's Scholar ... undecided about major ... birthdate is October 21, 1981 ... parents are Glenn and Cathie Speiser

Nellie Stebbins

5-10, Forward
Junior
Rapid City, S.D.

Nellie is expected to see playing time at a variety of positions this season, including forward and goalkeeper ... second-leading scorer for Rushmore Soccer Club ... also competed in volleyball, basketball and track at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City ... all-conference selection in volleyball ... member of the National Honor Society ... studied at the University of Hawaii under an exchange program ... majoring in health, physical education and recreation ... born April 25, 1980, in Yakima, Wash. ... parents are David and Cathy Stebbins
With more than 8,500 students enrolled in the fall of 1999, South Dakota State University is the state’s largest institution of higher education.

EARLY HISTORY

Located in Brookings, SDSU was authorized in 1881 by the Territorial Legislative Assembly and serves as the state’s land-grant institution. Territorial council member John O’Brien Scobey, failing to obtain the penitentiary for Brookings, managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city.

Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school was able to open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, was willing to advance $500 — one-third of his salary — to finish three rooms in the new Central Building. “Old Central” was soon joined by South (1885) and North (1887), forming the nucleus of campus for a decade and a half.

During the first year of operation, only preparatory classes were held. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshman and 61 preparatory students. Growth was slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the 20th century there were 242 students. By 1990 SDSU had an enrollment of more than 9,000 students. Nearly 50,000 degrees have been granted since the college was chartered in 1881.

COLLEGES ESTABLISHED

The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction established in 1884 included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political and domestic economy, and music.

By 1907, the year the name of the institution was changed to South Dakota College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus. Reorganization into the five divisions which formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923.

In 1964, when "State College" was renamed South Dakota State University, there were six colleges; today degrees are offered through these eight colleges:

- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Science
- Education and Counseling
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Registration
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

SDSU also offers degree programs through the Sioux Falls Center for Public Higher Education. Evening, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses are coordinated through the Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach.

SDSU BY THE NUMBERS

In its 119-year history, South Dakota State has grown from a campus of 80 acres in 1881 to a 271-acre campus with facilities worth more than $220 million. The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres for research throughout the state.

More than 200 majors, minors and options are available with more than 2,500 different course offerings.

Master’s degrees are offered in more than 30 areas and doctorates are available in eight fields.

SDSU is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and numerous departments on campus have earned accreditation from various agencies.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The university reaches all corners of the state through the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, offering service seeking to improve the quality of rural life. Also at SDSU are the Center for Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship; Engineering Experiment Station, Office of Remote Sensing; Water Resources Institute; Engineering and Environmental Research Center; Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory; and Northern Grain Insect Research Laboratory.

These units help strengthen the university’s growing commitment to research in the areas of energy and water resources, and support of state and local economic development efforts through research and information transfer.

The Northern Great Plains Biostress Laboratory, dedicated in 1993, houses scientists who focus on research aimed at...
developing new technologies to protect crops and livestock.

Supplementing classroom instruction are the Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth and Griffiths endowments. Guest lecturers this past year included longtime White House correspondent Helen Thomas and noted historian and author David Halberstam.

Students may join more than 100 clubs and organizations active on campus.

MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

The educational opportunities don’t end in the classroom or laboratory as South Dakota State University is home to several facilities, including museums and gardens, which highlight South Dakota history and heritage.

The South Dakota Art Museum, which is undergoing an expansion, was first envisioned by the South Dakota Federation of Women’s clubs in 1949, and dedicated in 1970. The museum’s collections include early Sioux Indian Tribal art, the famed Harvey Dunn paintings of pioneer life and the exclusive Vera Way Marghab linens.

The State Agricultural Heritage Museum transformed the former Stock Judging Pavilion into a home for exhibits that record and preserve the agrarian heritage of South Dakota. Visitors come from all 50 states and 45 foreign countries.

The 70-acre McCrory Gardens and South Dakota Arboretum, located south and east of campus, provide a beautiful setting for area residents and tourists to enjoy a stroll through the radiant colors and fragrances of one of the top 10 small ornamental gardens in the nation. It is also recognized as an All-American Display Garden, one of only 13 in the nation.

In 1993 McCrory Gardens was designated an All-American Judging Garden to conduct research on annual flowers.

Since 1985, private contributions have made many new gardens possible including the Rose, Rock, Centennial Prairie, Iris, True Lily, Mum, Native Prairie Collection, OakTree Memorial Garden, All-Red Specialty Garden, Peony Garden, Shrub Rose Collection, and Children’s Maze. In August 1994, dedication ceremonies were held for the Mickelson Grove Memorial.

In 1982, the area north of the formal garden was dedicated to the planting and testing of ornamental trees and shrubs. The 45 acre site was designated the South Dakota State Arboretum in 1988.

The arboretum’s purpose is to test woody plants needed to protect agricultural fields and livestock from the region’s harsh environment, to provide hardy trees to shade our towns and cities, and to test ornamental shrubs for both durability and beauty.

The arboretum and gardens are managed by the SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department. More gardens and tree and shrub collections are being developed.

Perhaps South Dakota State’s most recognizable landmark is the 165-foot Coughlin Campanile, the state’s largest chimes tower. A climb of 179 steps leads to a panoramic view of the city.

The statuesque structure on the west end of campus was a $65,000 gift from 1909 engineering graduate Charles Coughlin, who later went on to become head of the Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

Coughlin laid the campanile’s cornerstone on June 10, 1929. Since then, its chimes have called students to classes with the famous Westminster peals.

The adjacent Coolidge-Sylvan Theatre has provided a restful, green haven for students since its dedication by President Calvin Coolidge in September 1927.

Over the years the outdoor amphitheater has been the site of concerts, graduations and inaugurations for university presidents.

Woodbine Cottage, the home of the university president, is a charming example of Queen Anne architecture. Built in 1887 by South Dakota Agricultural College’s second president, Dr. Lewis McLouth, the home is crowned by multiple roof lines.

The house also has served as a women’s dormitory, music hall and infirmary.

STATE’S LARGEST LIBRARY

The Hilton M. Briggs Library, the state’s largest, was opened in 1977 and joined South Dakota’s statewide automated library network in 1988. Through the library users have access to holdings from all 10 of the state’s libraries, including official documents and more than 1 million other holdings at Briggs.

THE BROOKINGS COMMUNITY

Today, Brookings is a growing community of about 16,000 people. Located 20 miles west of the Minnesota border and 50 miles north of Sioux Falls in east-central South Dakota, Brookings is situated at the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Interstate 29.

The community also is home to several recognizable companies including Rainbow Play Systems, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M), Larson Manufacturing, and Daktronics, a leading manufacturer of scoreboards and display systems.
1999 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE SEASON REVIEW

1999 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE LEADERS

GOALS

1. Katie Hobbs, UNO 10
2. Mandy Nilsen, UNC 5
3. Amber Dusosky, MSUM 4
4. Carrie Fontana, NDSU 4
5. Akeisha Varnado, UNO 4
6. JoDee Iwen, SDSU 3
7. Kari Thomas, UNC 3
8. Nicole Politis, UNC 3

ASSISTS

1. Jackie Pang, UNC 5
2. Dani Plumb, UNO 4
3. Amber Dusosky, MSUM 4
4. Mandy Nilsen, UNC 3
5. Akeisha Varnado, UNO 3
6. Lisa Leach, NDSU 3
7. Kiha Thomas, UNC 3

POUNTS

1. Katie Hobbs, UNO 22
2. Mandy Nilsen, UNC 13
3. Amber Dusosky, MSUM 12
4. Akeisha Varnado, UNO 11
5. Kiha Thomas, UNC 9
6. Dani Plumb, UNO 9
7. Jackie Pang, UNC 9

SHOTS ON GOAL

1. Katie Hobbs, UNO 22
2. Mandy Nilsen, UNC 13
3. Amber Dusosky, MSUM 12
4. Akeisha Varnado, UNO 11
5. Kiha Thomas, UNC 9
6. Dani Plumb, UNO 9
7. Jackie Pang, UNC 9

SHUTOUTS

1. Emily Kipling, UNC 3.0
2. Nicki Imhoff, MSU 2.5
3. Becca Malcsa, UNO 1.8
4. Laura Kenady, SCSU 1.0
5. Gina Mingile, USD 1.0
6. Tara Sweeney, SDSU 1.0

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

(Min. 20 minutes as goalkeeper)

1. Jenny Koehler, MSU 0.00
2. Emily Kipling, UNC 0.52
3. Tara Sweeney, SDSU 0.69
4. Nicki Imhoff, MSU 0.78

SAVES

1. Laura Kenady, SCSU 57
2. Becky Gunderson, UND 50
3. Tara Sweeney, SDSU 40
4. Nicky Tierney, NDSU 27

SAVE PER GAME

1. Tara Sweeney, SDSU 10.00
2. Laura Kenady, SCSU 9.50
3. Becky Gunderson, UND 8.33
4. Kelly Tierney, NDSU 8.00

PAST NCC TEAM CHAMPIONS

1996 — Northern Colorado
1997 — Northern Colorado
1998 — Minn. State, Mankato
1999 — Northern Colorado

1999 ALL-NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE TEAM

Player | Pos. | Yr. | School
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Katie Hobbs | F | Fr. | Nebraska-Omaha
Kiha Thomas | F | Fr. | Northern Colorado
Nicole Vanden Bos** | F | Sr. | North Dakota State
Angie Kenney | M | Jr. | Minn. State, Mankato
Lisa Leach*** | M | Sr. | North Dakota State
Nicole Politis | M | Jr. | Northern Colorado
Shannon Dusosky** | D | Sr. | Minn. State, Mankato
Susie Hanson | D | Sr. | North Dakota State
Mindy Rahmeyer | D | Jr. | Northern Colorado
Nicki Imhoff | GK | Jr. | Minn. State, Mankato
Emily Kipling | GK | Fr. | Northern Colorado
Tara Sweeney | GK | So. | North Dakota State


Most Valuable Player — Katie Hobbs, Nebraska-Omaha
Freshman of the Year — Katie Hobbs, Nebraska-Omaha
Coaches of the Year — Matt Townsend, North Dakota State, and Tim Barrera, Northern Colorado

Honorable Mention — Minnesota State, Mankato: Amanda Burrows, Amber Dusosky, Rianna Undajon, Tracy Ebert, Melanie Wolters, Sara Tierei; Nebraska-Omaha: Dani Plumb, Julie Moeller; North Dakota: Jennifer Cilz; North Dakota State: TiF Koemer, Renee Hawkins, Mandi Miller, Jessica Bowar; Northern Colorado: Mandy Nilsen, Jackie Pang, Megan Inouye; St. Cloud State: Kim Corbin; South Dakota: Fabiana Arboja.

2000 COMPOSITE NCC SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23
Morningside at SDSU
No. Colorado at Minn. State, Mankato
Nebraska-Omaha at St. Cloud State
North Dakota at North Dakota State
South Dakota at Augustana

Sunday, September 24
South Dakota at SDSU
Northern Colorado at St. Cloud State
Neb.-Omaha at Minn. State, Mankato
Morningside at Augustana

Friday, September 29
Morningside at Northern Colorado
South Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha

Saturday, September 30
SDSU at Augustana
Minn. State, Mankato at N. Dakota St.
St. Cloud State at North Dakota

Sunday, October 1
Minn. State, Mankato at North Dakota
St. Cloud State at North Dakota State
Morningside at Nebraska-Omaha
South Dakota at Northern Colorado

Saturday, October 7
Northern Colorado at SDSU
Nebraska-Omaha at Augustana
North Dakota State at Morningside
South Dakota at South Dakota
St. Cloud State at Minn. State, Mankato

Sunday, October 8
Nebraska-Omaha at SDSU
Northern Colorado at Augustana
North Dakota State at South Dakota
North Dakota at Morningside

Saturday, October 14
SDSU at North Dakota
Augustana at North Dakota State
Minn. State, Mankato at Morningside
St. Cloud State at South Dakota
Nebraska-Omaha at Northern Colorado

Sunday, October 15
SDSU at North Dakota State
Augustana at North Dakota State
Minn. State, Mankato at South Dakota
St. Cloud State at Morningside

Friday, October 20
North Dakota State at No. Colorado
North Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha

Saturday, October 21
SDSU at St. Cloud State
Augustana at Minn. State, Mankato
South Dakota at Morningside

Sunday, October 22
SDSU at Minnesota State, Mankato
Augustana at North Dakota
Minn. State, Mankato at South Dakota
St. Cloud State at Morningside

Saturday and Sunday, November 4-5
NCC Post-Season Tournament, Omaha
PEGGY GORDON ELLIOTT..................................................PRESIDENT

Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott became South Dakota State University’s 18th president on January 1, 1998, following the retirement of Robert T. Wagner. Before becoming president of SDSU, Elliott was a senior fellow and acting vice president for Academic and International Programs at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. She has extensive higher education leadership experience at The University of Akron, where she served as president from 1992 to 1996, and Indiana University Northwest, where she was chancellor from 1983 to 1992. Elliott earned her doctorate in secondary education from Indiana University, her master’s degree in English and secondary education from Northwestern University, and her bachelor’s degree from Transylvania University. She taught high school in Gary, Indiana, and moved into various teaching and administrative positions in the Indiana University system. She amassed a broad range of national experience and made extensive contacts in the Washington community. Elliott currently serves on the corporate boards of Lubrizol Corporation and A. Shulman Incorporated.

FRED OIEN ............................................DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS/HEAD OF HPER

Dr. Fred Oien became the 11th director of athletics at South Dakota State University on July 1, 1990. Oien earned his bachelor’s degree at SDSU in 1972 and has been on the SDSU staff since 1979, serving as athletic business/ticket manager from 1981 until his appointment as director of athletics. Oien is a 1968 graduate of Baltic (S.D.) High School. He added a master’s degree at SDSU in 1975, then completed his doctorate (Ed.D) at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1979. Oien taught physical education and health at the Brookings Middle School from 1973-76, during which time he was varsity golf coach for both boys and girls, and middle school basketball and football coach. His golf teams won state championships for both boys and girls. Oien also was women’s golf coach at SDSU, guiding the Jacks to one North Central Conference championship. The SDSU women’s golf team of 1982 was voted South Dakota Women’s College Team of the Year. Oien and his wife, Mary, have two children.

NANCY NEIBER ................................................SENIOR WOMEN’S ADMINISTRATOR

A familiar face in Jackrabbit athletics, Nancy Neiber became South Dakota State University’s first senior women’s administrator when she stepped down as head women’s basketball coach June 1. Her duties include sport supervision, fund-raising, public relations, overseeing student-athlete programs and instruction in HPER academic programs. The winningest basketball coach in SDSU history with a 301-140 record, Neiber coached the Jackrabbits for 16 seasons (1984-2000) and led SDSU to 14 consecutive winning seasons, two second-place finishes in the North Central Conference and six NCAA postseason appearances. Six times Neiber-coached teams won 20 games in a season, including two school-record 25-win seasons. A native of Pierre, Neiber came to SDSU after coaching at both the high school and collegiate levels in South Dakota. A 1969 graduate of Black Hills State, Neiber’s previous collegiate coaching experience was as a graduate assistant at SDSU and as an assistant coach at Dakota State. She also spent seven seasons as head girls basketball coach at Mitchell High School, leading the Kernels to three state tournament appearances.

MYLO HELLICKSON ................FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Hellickson has been South Dakota State University’s faculty representative to the North Central Conference and NCAA since 1977, and as such also is chairman of the Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Committee on campus. Hellickson recently returned to the classroom as a professor in agricultural engineering after serving several years as director of agriculture extension at SDSU. He has been on the SDSU staff since 1969, serving as a professor in agricultural engineering until he was appointed as head of that department during the summer of 1982. Dr. Hellickson’s specialty has been in the area of livestock structures and environment with recent emphasis on solar energy use in agriculture. A native of Belfield, N.D., he earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering from North Dakota State University in 1964, added a master’s degree in ag engineering from NDSU in 1966, then earned a Ph.D. in engineering at West Virginia University in 1969. Hellickson was presented the North Central Conference Meritorious Service Award at the November 1990 meeting.
South Dakota State University Women's Soccer Inaugural Team

Front Row: Kara Hoefert, Becky Schwab, Jessica Christensen, Stephanie Piorier, Jeni Jones, Nellie Stebbins, Jenny Briggs, Erika Rounds.

Back Row: Assistant coach Sarah Dwyer-Shick, Melissa Speiser, Cristina Newton, Amanda Roberdeau, Jasmine Otterbacher, Abby Duffy, Brittney Beastrom, Stephanie Koerner, Stephanie Schafer, Josie Hutchinson, student trainer Nicole Christensen, student trainer Jen Nielsen, head coach Lang Wedemeyer.

Not pictured: Molly Lennon and Natalie Nelson.