Students question four-year degree as loan debt rises

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The road to a four-year degree is becoming too costly for some South Dakota students.

South Dakota typically ranks as one of the worst states for college student loan debt, with a recent LendEDU study putting the state at number 44 in the nation.

More than half of all U.S. college students do not feel that the value of an education has kept up with the rising cost according to a recent poll from Ascent Student Loans.

Former South Dakota State student Sam Johnson said he feels this way too.

Johnson withdrew from classes at SDSU last fall, a few weeks into his sophomore year. He was a secondary special education major, studying to “give a higher quality of life for younger kids.

“I was at the point where the degree I wanted just didn’t outweigh the cost financially,” Johnson said. “It’s a great degree, and I’m not knocking anyone that’s going for it, but it’s hard to climb out of debt like that when you’re only making $29,000 to $32,000 a year right out of college.”

Since leaving SDSU, Johnson has been working full-time at Combined Pool and Spa in Sioux Falls. He said he is still paying off a student loan from his freshman year, but now plans on attending Southeast Technical Institute for a two-year degree in marketing.

The average South Dakota college student accumulates an average of $31,332 of debt after graduating college according to LendEDU. SDSU currently ranks under this statistic, with an average of about $25,985 according to the Office of Financial Aid last year. But this is an increase of about $2,800 from four years ago.

Carolyn Halgerson, the director of the Financial Aid office, attributes the problem with rising student debt to a decrease in financial aid and government funding for higher education.

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— Sam Johnson

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FIVE MINUTES with ELLEN KEENA

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Ellen Keena is a senior graphic design major from Sioux Falls. She has worked at Blueprint Design and Print Center as a designer for three years.

Q: What is your day-to-day like working for Blueprint as a designer?
A: You start out with a project and come in contact with the client when you first get the order. We have order forms and they can kind of explain what they want, if they have any design inspiration, anything they specifically want and just keep in contact with them. You pretty much have free rein and sometimes have some assets or previous projects that we have done and we’ll look at that. Some of us just start sketching right away, some go to digital and start building. Each designer is different, I prefer [Adobe] InDesign and Illustrator so I’ll start building graphics in Illustrator and layout my text in InDesign then bring my graphics over. Then I proof it out with the client, make changes and that can kind of go back and forth a couple times before you final proof it and print it.

Q: What led you to working for Blueprint as a designer?
A: I talked to a couple people and they gave me ideas of ways to get involved on campus and they talked about an opening at Blueprint so I emailed Jerad [Schlobohm] and asked if they were hiring or not and kind of went in from there.

Q: Why did you decide to major in graphic design?
A: I did a lot of art in high school and it’s different than here, I did mainly drawing and ceramics so my teacher said you can do studio arts but graphic design is very different and there is more opportunities job wise, so I looked into that and I loved it.

Q: What is your favorite project that you have done?
A: The ones that I’ve really liked were like the T-stand I made for the Multicultural Center for Martin Luther King week that turned out really cool I thought. I actually did one for the Black History Museum which got into a juried show. Those two have been interesting, and I did them kind of based on Picasso so. There were so many people included in the museum so I chose a drawing of Obama, who was one of the main people listed there, so I drew inspiration from Picasso and how he draws and the colors. It was a fun project which was last spring for Black History month.

Q: What would be your favorite thing about Blueprint?
A: The team. They make work a lot of fun and if we didn’t have them it wouldn’t be, I was here all summer with just Jerad so it wasn’t as fun and also slow business. We are all really close and have Christmas parties, help each other out. We also hang out outside of work and they just make it a lot of fun.

Q: Do you have anything specific that inspires you?
A: I love more modern art. I’m big into typography that is my main thing. I like clean layouts, sans-serif fonts. There is a lot of different things that inspire me and classic artists like Picasso that will mix into my art. I also do things for like design jam with like drawing over top of classic paintings and putting a modern twist on them so it’s kind of mix of more modern and classical.
Bike-share program rides into Brookings

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By mid-September, VeoRide’s bike-share program will make almost 80 bikes accessible to South Dakota State students and Brookings community members for the first time.

Students’ Association started discussing plans for a bike-share program last year and in cooperation with the city of Brookings chose VeoRide from the extensive list of other potential bike-share companies.

Brookings has a one year contract with VeoRide to bring bike share to SDSU’s campus and the Brookings community. VeoRide altered its contract so Brookings wouldn’t have to commit to anything longer than a trial year.

Dockless bikes will be placed at various places on campus and around Brookings, making them easy to take from one place to another without having to lock them into a bike rack.

People can either pay for the bike after every ride, or they can buy day, week or semester packages for a fixed rate.

Rides cost 50 cents for every 15 minutes of use. Once a rider has reached their destination, they can either end their running meter in the app, or they can continue paying to hold the bike for a specific amount of time, ensuring nobody else will take it while they are away.

“So, if people are worried about going to Wal-Mart, and then someone at Wal-Mart taking their bike, then they can hold it for a certain amount of time that way when they’re done shopping they know it’ll still be there,” said SA’s bike committee representative at-large senator Kaitlyn Frank.

Gears inside the bicycles lock up to prevent them from being ridden unless a barcode is scanned and a bike is activated by the VeoRide app.

The app will highlight where open bikes are on campus and around the community.

Senator at-large and bike committee member Amber Alvey said the app will function similarly to Tapingo, in that students have the option to either use their credit card or their Hobo Dough as automatic payment.

Other bike-share companies, like LimeBike, cost a substantial amount of money for universities to bring onto campus. But VeoRide is coming at no cost to the university, and after the trial year SDSU can opt out of the contract if it feels VeoRide is not the best fit for the community.

The company will benefit directly from the cost of individual rides, and will advertise with businesses in Brookings. 20 percent of VeoRide’s ad revenue will go back to the city and to campus.

Bike maintenance will also come at no cost to the university.

There is an option in the app for students and community members to annotate any deficiencies they find with a particular bike, and the maintenance will be handled by a local bike shop that VeoRide contracts with.

VeoRide will also hire students and community members to work for the company as bike ambassadors.

Frank said the bike ambassadors will be responsible for ensuring the bikes aren’t scattered around Brookings and to “reset” things in and around campus.

The VeoRide app has precautions put in place to ensure people are held accountable for what they do while they are in possession of a bike.

“They have the ability to track who’s not utilizing the program well and then be able to permanently shut that student’s account off or give them a 30-day window where they can’t use VeoRide until they are able to understand the rules and regulations, just so that campus isn’t trashed with bikes,” Alvey said.

During the winter months, VeoRide will take the bikes off campus and store them until spring.

Alvey said she thinks the bike share has potential to be successful if people follow basic safety precautions of riding a bike and being a good pedestrian.

Brittany Kleinsasser, a manager at Spoke-N-Sport in Brookings, said as a bike enthusiast her goal is to always expose new people to biking and make sure they have a safe place to ride.

“We teach ABC quick check,” Kleinsasser said. “Air, make sure there’s air in your tires. Brakes, make sure your brakes are functioning well. Chain, make sure that’s tight and strong.”

Though there’s more to making sure a bike is in good condition, Kleinsasser said performing the basic ABC quick check is an efficient way to make sure a bike is reliable enough to ride for a short period of time.

Every person who registers to use the VeoRide app has to agree to a liability statement, which says it falls on neither the university nor the company if something were to happen to a person while riding the bike.

Kleinsasser said part of bike culture is simply being educated on how to be both a good rider and pedestrian by staying aware of your surroundings.

After much deliberation, Alvey said VeoRide was the best fit for Brookings.

“Overall, VeoRide has great versatility, a good price, no cost to the university and the ability to tailor it to SDSU,” she said.

EASY STEPS to using VeoRide

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2. Scan the bike’s QR code
   - Scanning the code will unlock the internal locking system.

3. Park and relock when done using
   - Press the “stop ride” button in the app and park in a convenient place.
Students’ Association approves conspiracy theory club

LANDON DIERKS
News Reporter

It’s time to take an adventure down the rabbit hole.

Last week, South Dakota State University Students’ Association approved the constitution for Down the Rabbit Hole: Conspiracy Theory Club.

Amanda Husted, a sophomore human development and family studies major and president of the club, first conceived the idea for the unique club after her freshman year, when she bonded with other students over conversations about popular conspiracy theories; an experience she wanted to share with others at SDSU.

Karin Burdick, a TRIO Student Support Services retention adviser, helped turn Husted’s dream into reality when she offered to become the adviser that the club needed to begin the process of becoming an official club at SDSU.

Burdick hopes the formation of this club not only provides students with an arena to discuss interesting and fun topics, but enhances individuals’ ability to think deeper and not always take things for face value.

“I feel like this is a unique club in a way,” Burdick said. “This is an opportunity to get to know people, learn things, enhance skills such as critical thinking. I don’t think all clubs are a debate-friendly learning experience quite like this one will be, so expect this to be a very unique opportunity.”

Husted encourages anyone and everyone to consider joining the club.

“I think starting this club is a great way to provide a space where everyone — skeptics, believers and people who may not know what to think — can talk about conspiracy theories in a fun, judgement-free zone,” Husted said.

Another founding member Vanessa Salas said the club will be open to people of all ages and majors at SDSU, and will provide an opportunity to meet people with a wide array of experiences and points of view.

Down the Rabbit Hole received quite a bit of attention from the student body at the Student Engagement Expo on August 19. At their booth, the club recorded 175 names and email addresses of interested students.

 “[This experience] has been very overwhelming in the most positive way,” said Husted of the club’s early popularity. “I get at least five emails a day from people reaching out and wanting more information.”

The club plans to meet the third Sunday of every month for the fall semester while gauging the success of the meetings. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16 in a location still to be determined.

For more information about Down the Rabbit Hole: Conspiracy Theory Club, check out Jacks Club Hub on the SDSU website or contact Amanda Husted directly at amanda.husted@jacks.sdstate.edu.

Common read wrecks barriers, creates conversation

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Rape culture has proven itself to be a difficult topic, but this year students and professors will attempt to lead the conversation using this year’s common read, “Wrecked” by Maria Padian.

The novel sheds light on the multiple perspectives involved when dealing with sexual assault on a college campus.

Each year since 2009, South Dakota State has engaged in a campus and community experience known as the Common Read.

With the help of community groups, including the Brookings Human Rights Commission, signature events are planned with the goal of engaging SDSU students and Brookings community members and sparking conversations on central themes of the reading.

“Wrecked” was chosen to address the timely topic of sexual assault awareness and prevention on college campuses as college age students are statistically the most likely to be victims of sexual violence.

SDSU requires first-year students to participate in Common Read, but all students, faculty and community members are encouraged to engage in the common read experience.

Rebecca Bott-Knutson, dean of the Honors College and Common Read Committee co-chair, believes offering students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Common Read and discuss relevant issues within our society is important part of growing as a community.

“Our goal is to challenge people to have critical conversations, broaden their horizons and think more deeply,” Bott-Knutson said.

“If you’re going to have people rise to that challenge, the topics ought to be stimulating. No matter the subject we are trying, as a campus community, to stretch people so we can continue to grow together and be our best.”

Hanna Holmquist, honors adviser, is a co-instructor for four Honors orientation sections with Bott-Knutson.

She acknowledges that this year’s subject matter can be difficult to discuss, but challenges students to keep an open mind when reading and discussing the topic.

“It’s something that is prevalent in our society right now and it needs to be talked about because it’s difficult to talk about, it isn’t always talked about,” Holmquist said. “We also want to make sure we aren’t narrowing in on one thing when there are other important themes to the book such as personal relationships and emotional wellness.”

SDSU faculty are not the only ones who see the value added by the common read.

Hara Mubashir, a senior human biology and political science double major, has participated in Common Read for several years both as a member of the Brookings community and as an SDSU student. She believes everyone should participate in the common read and embrace the “plethora of perspectives” available on the topic.

Several signature events are scheduled each year to accompany the common read book. This year’s common read experience features ten events. According to Common Read Committee co-chair Kate Stock, these events are designed to get students talking, erase stigmas, share important resources and learn from one another.

The first common read event, the Common Read Kickoff, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5, in the Volstorff Ballroom.

The 2018 common read experience will conclude with the Griffith Honors Forum Lecture at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, where sexual assault prevention advocates Annie E. Clark and Andrea L. Pino will visit SDSU. Free tickets for the lecture will be available to claim at noon on Oct. 7.
Power of play: therapy for children

Shari Landmark and Tamara Lunday.

Power of play: therapy for children

Play therapy is a process that caters to children's specific mental and emotional needs. Play therapists utilize tools like art, puppets and role play to help the child cope and grow.

The therapy itself is geared toward children from ages 3 to 12 because “children that young don’t have the cognitive ability to be able to use words to express the difficulties that they are experiencing in their lives, so ‘play’ allows them to do that,” Born said.

She went on to say that play allows children to act out any problems they cannot verbally explain. Through this, they also learn how to cope with their situation and future issues.

She also explained more about the tools used by play therapists and why those tools are chosen.

“It is a variety of toys, and a lot of it can either be based on the type of clients that you typically see or the theory that you really are attracted to,” Born said. “A lot of therapists use sand trays, which I have here with a very small selection of miniatures, but you would allow a child to create a little world and you would give them access to hundreds of sand miniatures to make that world.”

These activities can help children develop their decision making skills and learn how to overcome problems.

She also said other therapists use techniques, such as creating scenarios together, as teachable moments for patience and how to follow directions. Some children’s books, games, puppets and doll houses are useful tools for play therapists.

The program at SDSU is comprised of four courses in which groups of 10 students progress through each course together.

Holly Kelly graduated in May and completed the program in early August. She is currently working toward becoming a registered play therapist.

While working at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls as an instructor for girls in science, technology, engineering and math, she said she saw the need to help kids and that play therapy really helps with that.

She now works at South-eastern Directions for Life and uses play therapy with children there.

Born and Kelly said play therapy is one of the best treatment options for children ages 3 to 12 because of age complexities. Research done by Play Therapy U.K. indicates a 71 percent success rate of patients referred to play therapy.

The program at SDSU started in the summer of 2017 and is accredited by the Association for Play Therapy.
Hidden gems of Brookings

Explore parts of town to experience, try different things

SYDNEY WOOD
Reporter

Dozens of businesses are scattered through the Brookings area, each with unique and exciting opportunities for students to get more involved off campus. The hidden gems of the community can be a great way to get off campus and explore.

Dakota Nature Park is five miles off campus, its scenic ponds, diverse wildlife and walking trails are the perfect way for nature-lovers to escape the stresses of school.

The park has activities for students such as rental mountain bikes, canoes, kayaks, paddles boards, fishing poles and even snowshoes for the winter.

“We’d love to see more students utilizing our facilities, come on the weekend to sit by the fireplace or on the dock, it is a great place to come study,” Stacy Claussen, recreation manager at Brookings Parks and Recreation, said.

Down the highway from Dakota Nature Park is the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center.

The BOAC has a firearm and archery range and gives students an opportunity to experience something new through informational classes or practice something they love by joining a shooting league.

There is a student membership option for all SDSU students which is $99 for firearm or archery range time or $120 for both ranges.

For students looking to try something not offered on their meal plan, Flavor Indian & Asian Fare may be the place to go.

Flavor is an Indian and Asian food restaurant located downtown. It is an opportunity for students to try one of the more unique dining options. Flavor also has an international grocery store within the restaurant that has ingredients needed for one to craft their own exotic dishes.

Flavor is available for students to order for carryout on the Tapingo app.

Another dining option is Cottonwood Coffee and Cottonwood Bistro.

Cottonwood Coffee is a modern coffee shop with a full coffee bar, sandwiches, soups and pastries. The quiet atmosphere provides students a place to study or simply relax with friends.

Kylee Kohls, a junior agricultural communications major, often enjoys going to Cottonwood with friends.

“My favorite game day brunch is to go to Cottonwood and get our favorite fall drinks and pancakes,” Kohls said.

Cottonwood Coffee also has a sister store in Brookings, Cottonwood Bistro. The bistro offers a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu.

For those who are looking to build healthy habits while in college is Life Force Nutrition.

Life Force Nutrition is a weight management center in a coffee club atmosphere. It has a variety of smoothies, energy green tea and herbal aloe concentrate and more products as well.

Nicole Hudson, sophomore agricultural communication major said, “It is very affordable, I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for a new fun experience in Brookings,” said Nicole Hudson, sophomore agricultural communication major.

With an array of options, there is a little something for everyone in the Brookings community.
Jacks find their place in clubs, organizations

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Lifestyles Editor

Sitting in the Lewis and Clark Room in the Student Union, the Paintball Club discusses their recent trip to a nearby paintball field, the adrenaline they felt and when their next trip will be.

According to Devin Cressy, the president of the club, not a lot of students know SDSU has a paintball club but thanks to the Student Engagement Expo, the word got out and around 40 people showed interest.

“I’m excited to take this club somewhere it hasn’t been before,” Cressy said of student interest. “The past few years we have been a little slower and it’s a boost in numbers I’m happy to see.”

The recreational club that has been around since 2009 is a group of people who enjoy paintballing and travel to paintball fields like Paint the Farm in Bridgewater.

During the semester, the club travels to different fields in the area every other week. Club fees are $20 and are due when a person joins.

The Paintball Club meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the Lewis and Clark Room in the Student Union.

“Paintball club is really unique because it’s one of the only sports clubs and it’s open to anyone to join,” Cressy said.

Unlike Paintball Club, there are clubs that are specific to a certain gender and clubs that are specific, but not limited to, certain majors.

The CubeSat Team is a club on campus that is made up almost entirely of engineering students.

One of the clubs advisors, Marco Ciarcia, wants students to know that you don’t have to major in engineering to join.

“We are aiming at a very diverse group ... any major is welcome and there is always work to do and we want to include as many students from as many majors,” Ciarcia said.

The club focuses on bringing out students’ passion for aerospace engineering projects and providing students with a way to learn about the different projects.

The students start with small satellites and eventually lead up to a high-altitude balloon, which is what they are going to be working on throughout the semester.

“We meet weekly and the students group up and work on specific subsystems of the mission,” Ciarcia said. “It could be the structural, complication or sensor part ... they all work together and brainstorm different ideas for us.”

Another club on campus that might not be as well known is I AM THAT GIRL SDSU. President Bryanna Laite said the club focuses on women’s empowerment, discussing specific topics and being a close group of friends to other women on campus.

Laite, a sophomore leadership and management of nonprofit organizations major, has been a part of the club for one year and recently became president.

The club spends its time speaking about issues related to women, but also discusses topics like gun violence and how to cope with stress.

Outside of meetings, the women involved actively see one another.

“We like to attend movies that have to do with what the club is about and a lot of us actually hangout as friends, look out for each other and help each other with homework,” Laite said.

 Clubs and organizations like I AM THAT GIRL take time every week to sit down and talk about important issues in the world, which is what another organization on campus, Jacks for Life, does.

Jacks for Life is an organization that advocates for pro-life and reaches out to students to inform them and help them find alternative options for abortion.

Senior human biology pre-med major, Sidney Snyder is the president of Jacks for Life and has been a part of the organization since she was a freshman.

Throughout the year they also take part in different activities like informational table events in The Union and the March for Life.

“We also made blankets with the people at the nursing home and donated them to a pregnancy center so it kind of gets the older and younger generations involved,” Snyder said.

Snyder said that joining or knowing about the organization opens up the discussion.

“Whether or not someone is pro-life it is still good to know both sides and to know truly for themselves what is the right answer,” Snyder said. “Jacks for Life is a really good opportunity to learn more.”

These are just some of the 200 clubs and organizations. To see what other clubs are offered at SDSU check out Jacks Club Hub.
Although we all enjoy a weekend binging our favorite Netflix show, sometimes it is nice to get outdoors to explore the world around us and unleash our inner adventurer.

Camping provides many different benefits, as long as you have the proper gear and are in the right location. People can often run into distractions and forget to enjoy some of the little things, like nature.

"With us always being plugged into our phones and any kind of electronics, camping really benefits you psychologically," said Neil Jones, inventory manager at the Great Outdoor Store in Sioux Falls.

Pitching a tent or hanging a hammock for a night allows you to clear your mind and can be a stress reducer. During times when stress is heightened, such as midterms or finals, it is especially beneficial to spend extra time outdoors to soak up some Vitamin D.

"Camping is wonderful for its ability to remind you that you don’t need a lot of stuff," Justin Parks, coordinator for Outdoor Programs, said. “It helps disconnect you from everything the world throws at you, even for just a couple of days.”

It also lets you to slow down and enjoy life “minute to minute,” Parks said. While making connections with not only friends and family, but also yourself.

"Getting that breath of fresh air and letting yourself be outside is incredibly vital to your long-term health," Parks said. There are currently studies being conducted on how spending more time outside could reduce chronic health concerns.

However, whether you are simply going for a day-hike or planning an overnight camping trip, you receive none of these benefits if you do not have the necessary gear with you, Jones said.

“You never know what might happen while you are out there, so it is a good idea to be prepared for anything,” Jones said.

Some sort of navigation tool, such as a phone, map or compass is critical to bring with for safety purposes in case you get lost, he said.

“If you would need to have a rescue situation, at least a phone, to a certain degree, would show you where you are in the world,” Jones said.

Other important items to bring include a headlamp, sun protection, first-aid-kit, a fire starter kit, extra food and layers and some sort of a shelter, Jones said.

“These are essentials for anyone who is just getting into hiking, backpacking or is staying out for a few days,” Jones said.

Most of these items, plus many more are available to rent from the Outdoor Program at the Wellness Center.

After the gear is all set, the question is down to where you should go. Thankfully, there’s a few options in and around Brookings that make great camping and hiking spots, Parks said.

In Brookings, Sexaur Park is the only park that permits camping, according to the City of Brookings website. There are paved pads and large grassy sites available ranging from $10-$25 per night.

About 25 miles north of Brookings there is also Oakwood Lakes State Park. There’s have spaces for campers and tents, along with disc golf, swimming, horse trails and paddleboarding.

So, whether you want to plan an entire weekend out in nature or just an afternoon, remember to pack the correct gear.

“Think of your favorite memory that you might have, and chances are that the memory includes family, is outside or is a combination of the two. And the fact of the matter is that being outside lends itself to the best memories,” Parks said.
“Federal and state financial aid just aren’t keeping up for students,” Halgerson said. “As students are needing more money to cover the cost, they’re looking for outside sources and that’s where a lot of this student loan debt is coming from.”

Students still end up primarily covering the costs of tuition through federal direct loans. One of these loan programs, the Federal Perkins Loan, just expired last year. With the decrease in programs like these, students are turning to private loans through local banks. A recent SDSU graduate, Cheyenne Spielmann, used two private loans to graduate with a psychology degree in May.

“Honestly, when I think about how much a student loan is, it might not seem like it’s worth it, but I know it’ll pay off in the end,” Spielmann said. “It’s different for everybody, but I know I’ll end up a lot better off having the degree.”

In today’s world, a college degree still guarantees a higher paying position for workers. College graduates, on average, earn 56 percent more than high school graduates according to the Economic Policy Institute.

Most students must begin payments on loans within six months of graduating. This is the case for Spielmann as well, who will have to begin paying back students loans in November.

“I’m a little nervous about paying [the loans] off,” Spielmann said. “It’s not a huge amount, but I’m just kind of waiting to see... the minimum payments I have to make and see if I have enough money to cover things.”

But Spielmann said she is grateful for skills she had acquired throughout her college experience, skills that fall outside of her major.

“In my classes, I learned a lot about teamwork and leadership skills and I’m able to speak out a lot more than I used to,” Spielmann said. “I’m definitely a more different person now than when I first came here.”
One Day for STATE encourages students to make impact

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The South Dakota State Foundation wants to celebrate being a Jackrabbit and the impact that private gifts can make on the university.

That’s one of the reasons why One Day for STATE, a 24-hour giving challenge, is happening Wednesday, Sept. 29.

By donating money, donors can unlock more than $200,000 in matching funds for colleges and student scholarships.

“This is the second time One Day for STATE is occurring. Last year the day-long celebration raised $298,558 dollars from 1,196 donors. Erin Glidden, director of loyalty giving at the SDSU Foundation said this year the goal is 1,300 donors.

Glidden said that would be one donor every 66 seconds for 24 hours.

“No matter the gift size, it can make a difference,” she said. “So my gift, say it’s maybe it’s only $10, I can help unlock a $10,000 gift by making a gift. So having that incentive that your small amount can make a difference.”

Last year, 106 students contributed to One Day for STATE. One of those donors was Nick Lorang, a communication studies and journalism graduate student.

He said online, “I made four gifts to support some of the best opportunities South Dakota State University has given me.”

If 100 current students are to make a donation during this year’s One Day for STATE, donors Greg and Pam Sands have agreed to unlock and donate $10,000 for access scholarships to students.

Glidden said One Day for STATE uses social ambassadors because donors “want to make a gift on behalf of you [the student].”

“When you have Jackrabbits and give them a goal, they rally together to meet that goal.”

ERIN GLIDDEN
SDSU Foundation
Director of Loyalty Giving

Breanna Vogel, senior agricultural education major, is a social ambassador this year because she wanted “to provide more opportunities for more students by encouraging them to donate.”

Vogel donated $20 last year and said it was “awesome” because she knew she was unlocking challenges.

“…[E]very little bit helps,” she said. “There are so many opportunities to help SDSU even if you can’t donate a lot.”

Donors can designate where their funds go, Glidden said. Meaning, specific organizations on campus, like the Hobo Day Committee or Jackrabbit Forensics get directly funded if the donor so chooses.

The day will be full of events for students beginning at 9 a.m.

Students can get free coffee 9-10 a.m. at Union Coffee by simply sharing a video to their newsfeed.

Next, there is the Patio Party, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the southwest side of The Union. There will be a free picnic lunch at 11:30 a.m., free SDSU ice cream at 1 p.m., yard games, music and prizes all day.

At the Patio Party, students have the chance to win a $100 SDSU Bookstore gift card.

At night there’s the Yellow and Blue Block Party from 5-8 p.m. at Alumni Green. There will be food trucks, more free SDSU ice cream, signatures from SDSU athletes and the Bummobile. The Pride of the Dakotas will perform at 6:30 p.m.

The whole day there will be a Snapchat scavenger hunt and selfie photo contest.

Glidden is excited for the day and optimistic the Foundation will meet its goals, though it “won’t be easy by any means.”

“When you have Jackrabbits and give them a goal, they rally together to meet that goal,” she said.

Roundabout update: students’, police reactions after first week

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Just 15 days after a roundabout opened at the intersection of Jackrabbit Avenue and University Boulevard, traffic is flowing smoothly.

Students feel as though the roundabout was an improvement to campus.

“It was definitely a good addition,” said Brandon Krogman, a junior community public health major. “There’s always people there and it can be used all-day long.”

The roundabout is a part of the University Boulevard Improvements which redeveloped the area of campus due to the new Performing Arts Center, the new Frost Arena practice facility and the redeveloped parking area.

The intersection was already dangerous due to high traffic volume and poor design according to David Law, director of project management and engineering for Facilities and Services.

The Federal Highway Administration reports roundabouts decrease injury collisions by 75 percent, pedestrian collisions by 40 percent and overall collisions by 37 percent.

SDSU Police have not received any reports of accidents in regards to the roundabout yet.

Despite being thrown for a loop at first, Krogman said he sees the reasoning behind it.

“It’s different, but it’s more efficient,” he said. “It’s going to make it better for after events.”

University Police have noticed that some drivers are experiencing some trouble in becoming familiar to the roundabout.

“We have noticed a slight decline in traffic in this area,” said Deputy Police Chief Michael Kilber. “Which could mean some people are avoiding the roundabout.”

Although there have been violations, Kilber said UPD has not been giving citations, as they are allowing a reasonable period of time for drivers to become familiar with it.

“Observed violations we have encountered include: drivers turning left, pedestrians walking or standing in the interior ‘truck apron,’ drivers not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks and excessive speeds inside the roundabout,” Kilber said.

All in all, the roundabout has been accomplishing its purpose without causing drivers too much distress.

“The roundabout has been no more problematic than more traditional intersections and it does seem to keep traffic flowing at a faster pace,” Kilber said.
EDITORIAL

Issue: The politicization of tragedy is derailing the conversation we should be having.

The problem with over-publicized tragedy is that mourning and grief is given a small window of time before it is overrun by political stances.

We live in a highly reactionary world, where both political parties can find issues with mainstream events and occurrences.

Mollie Tibbetts was reported missing on July 18, and for over a month, there was an outpouring of support on social media for Mollie and everyone her age; safety tips seemed to be the most highly-shared posts.

When Tibbetts’ body was found — and her death confirmed — those who had been invested in the her story grieved.

Tibbetts’ death, and it takes away from the compassion that her story, and all of the stories like hers, deserve.

We, at The Collegian, want to help redirect the conversation.

In the first few weeks after her disappearance, social media turned into the hot spot for informative and encouraging messages, all in hopes to protect young men and women from the relevant sex trafficking problem in the Midwest.

When immigration policies came into play, the conversation was completely rerouted. If the people we voted into office invested as much energy into solving the sex trafficking issue as they invest in making radical statements about walls and documentation then tragedies like Tibbetts’ wouldn’t be so easily politicized.

For a short period of time, Tibbetts’ story wasn’t about the left or right, it was about protecting ourselves and our loved ones.

We encourage everyone, regardless of political affiliation, to step away from their keyboards and consider the real issues of the evil in the world, not the immigration policies.

The Collegian Editorial Board meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.

Agriculture connects people internationally through common passions

As an intern reporter for the Watertown Public Opinion this summer, I got to interview the diverse and interesting groups of people that I wrote about. One of my favorite stories of the summer was a group of Hungarian agriculturalists who were doing a farm tour of the Midwest.

This experience sticks out to me not only because it was a great opportunity as a journalist, but because I was able to visit with a group of people who shared my passion for agriculture.

Two of the men visiting were precision agriculture professionals who managed their ag research company, Agrofil. The third was a 23 year-old farmer and researcher.

A graduate student at the University of Debrecen in Hungary, János Forgács was planning to return to his family farm. The only one of the three men who did not need assistance from an interpreter, his interview gradually turned into a 20-minute conversation about life and farming.

Like many of my friends, János spoke about joining the family business with his father. He talked about the struggles with weather in our respective countries and our own family farms. Most importantly, we talked about the future of agriculture.

János told me about plans to expand his farm with bigger machinery and larger fields. A word he used frequently was “efficiency.” Productivity could be limited by the small eight-row planter most people used in Hungary.

Compared to the 40-row planter we saw at the Watertown farm, it’s a big difference.

He also mentioned his unlikely hope to increase farm efficiency with genetically modified crops. Hungary, like much of Europe, does not allow GMOs.

Although his goals were specific to his own farm, János and I shared our hopes for agriculture and its “golden goal” to feed the world. We soon found out many of our thoughts were the same.

In a world of international tension, especially when it comes to agriculture and trade, it might be hard to believe that two people from opposite sides of the world could agree on something that is often so controversial.

As students, and even as older members of the ag community, it is easy to feel trapped in a bubble. We feel like we are working alone to accomplish what we feel should be a common goal – to produce faster, better and more efficiently to feed a growing world.

Our passion for the agriculture industry, like the industry itself, transcends international borders and language barriers. The dreams of young people for the future of the world’s food system are universal.

So rest assured, young agriculturalist, you are not alone. The future of agriculture is in good hands.

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Keep your finances on track: budget solutions

LORNA SABOE-WOUNDED HEAD
Guest Columnist

The beginning of the semester brings a fresh perspective with new classes, different housing and exciting activities to experience. It is also a time to get a new perspective on your finances. If you are just starting college, managing your finances may be something new for you. If you are returning, you may have developed some habits which need to be adapted.

Managing your finances, no matter how much money you have, does not have to be complicated.

You need to know how much you have to spend, what you need to spend the money on and how much you should be saving.

Working with a budget, or spending plan, is essential for managing personal finances. When your income is irregular, such as when you are a college student, it may be difficult to develop a plan that will get you through the semester.

To develop a budget, you first need to know how much money you have to spend for a period of time. If you know you will not get any more funds for the rest of the semester, divide the amount you have by four. That amount is the money you have to spend each month of the semester. If you know you will have monthly income, that is the number you will work with.

Next, figure out your expenses. Some expenses are fixed (amount paid each month is the same) such as rent, cell phone bill and loan payments. Some expenses are flexible (amount paid each month varies) such as food, transportation, entertainment and clothes.

The last step is to calculate your savings. Yes, even college students should save money, because of the unexpected expenses that occur that you did not plan for, like a flat tire or an extra textbook your favorite professor is insisting you should buy.

How do you put all this information together? Create an Excel file, find a budgeting app or use the Budget Wizard at www.cashcourse.org. Cash Course is a personal finance program designed specifically for college students.

When you go to this site, set up your login, select South Dakota and SDSU for the college and develop your budget using the Budget Wizard tool. This tool allows you to make changes, track your spending and keep that good feeling about your finances.

Still needs more information about how to develop a budget? For more articles about personal finance and managing your money go to www.igrow.org.

No matter what amount of money you have to spend, budgeting will guide you in making decisions and having control over your finances. Work with your budget regularly to develop a plan that works for you.

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SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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1. Cereal follower
2. Roasting rod
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13. Sound rebound
14. African howler
15. Advantage
16. Craft
17. Raspberry
19. Collector’s goal
20. Verb predecessor
21. Fleeced
22. Patch up
24. Hockey score
26. Drag net actor
27. Dismantle
31. Italy’s ___ di Como
32. Guff
33. Phi follower
34. Parking place
35. Thin plain-weave cotton or linen fabric
38. Subway alternative
39. Cain raiser
40. 1962 Bond flick
41. Baby buggy
43. Charles Lindbergh, e.g.
46. Familia members
47. Dermal development
48. Scamp
50. Jargon
51. Son of Leah
53. Heavy load
54. “Alley ___!”
56. Type of lens
59. Carbon compound
60. In the past
61. Chatter
62. Space suit insignia
63. Bakers’ wares
64. Au fait
65. Hidden valley
67. Brewer’s kiln
68. Roadhouse
69. Duty
90. Lo’s partner
91. Poetic tributes
92. 14 Nuclear weapon
93. Scorch
94. Fat cat
95. ___ out
96. Bas-relief medium
97. 25 Brewer’s kiln
98. 27 Tarnish
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101. Pen point
102. Zero, on a court
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107. 42 Fan noise
108. 44 Proprietors
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110. Xanthippe
111. 46 Cease-fire
112. 48 Join forces
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Down
1. Porgy’s woman
2. Reddish yellow
3. Italian’s ___ di Como
4. Thin plain-weave cotton or linen fabric
5. Subway alternative
6. Space suit insignia
7. Bakers’ wares
8. Au fait
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Jacks open season against FBS opponent, Iowa State

Preseason ranked No. 3, the South Dakota State Jackrabbits, will kick off their season in Ames, Iowa where they will face off against Iowa State, in hopes to reverse fortunes against Football Bowl Championship (FBS) opponents.

The Jackrabbits have historically struggled against FBS opponents and own a 1-8 record against the higher division. The lone win for the Jacks came in 2015, when they topped the Kansas Jayhawks 41-38.

That victory has stuck in the mind of head coach John Stiegelmeier, even if the majority of players that contributed in that win are not on the roster anymore.

“I felt good through our guys. I try to step back and live through them, it was exciting,” Stiegelmeier said.

“The hug from my wife felt better after that game than some of the other ones.”

Seniors Brady Hale and Isaac Wallace are the only players who contributed in the box score and are still on the squad.

Last year was the first year since 2008 that the Jackrabbit football program didn’t travel to an FBS school to take on their football team.

“We just couldn’t get it scheduled, some teams won’t play you, some teams their schedule doesn’t fit with ours,” Stiegelmeier said. “One of the hardest things at South Dakota State is to schedule a football game.”

But this season, SDSU found an opponent in ISU.

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Women’s soccer bounces back with two wins

BRADY NICOLAUS
Reporter

Women’s soccer team comes off this past week with a pair of wins against Wayne State and Drake. The final scores were 8-0 against Wayne State and 1-0 against Drake.

“[I] thought we had a good weekend, but I’m especially proud really of the growth in the week of training leading up to the weekend,” said head coach Brock Thompson on the past week of games.

These wins come following a tough first week of losses against Minnesota, Iowa State and Kansas, with the scores of those being 1-2, 0-2, and 0-3, respectively.

“That week in practice, that we used to prepare in between Kansas and Wayne State, was so important, like Brock talked about. Even when we got out on the field on Tuesday, it was just, like, a different mindset,” said senior defender Annie Williams.

Now, the Jacks will try to keep the momentum going this weekend.

“The challenge for us now is to make sure we have the same amount of growth this week as we head into another challenging weekend,” Thompson said.

Junior Leah Manuleleua was named the Summit League Offensive Player of the Week on Monday.

Manuleleua performed the ninth hat trick in the history of the program and is the first to score three or more goals in a game since Diana Poterveld in 2012.

This is Manuleleua’s third weekly honoring, with the other two coming in 2017.

The Jackrabbits will continue with their next home game 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 against Green Bay, and the following game will start 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2 against Creighton, both at the Fishback Soccer Park.

(Left) Forward Bianca Madonia (24) crosses the ball in during the second half of the SDSU vs Wayne State soccer match Friday, Aug. 24. The Jacks beat Wayne State 8-0 and will play Drake at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26.

(Top right) Midfielder Karlee Marding (20) dribbles up the field during the SDSU vs Wayne State soccer match Friday, Aug. 24.

(Bottom right) The Jacks celebrate after midfielder Stephanie Dashiell (18) scored in the second half of the SDSU vs Wayne State soccer match Friday, Aug. 24.
Looking at ISU, with key wins over Oklahoma and TCU, the Cyclones will return most of last year's standouts.

One of those standouts is junior running back, David Montgomery, who ran for 1,146 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Montgomery has proven he's elusive and hard to bring down. Last season, he led the nation with 109 missed tackles.

“You want to have more than one guy on him, don’t forget the basics, where you focus your eyes,” Stiegelmeier said. “You’re not going to get a hit on him, so grab cloth.”

Senior quarterback Kyle Kempt will return for the Cyclones and has been on multiple preseason watch lists like the Manning, Unitas and CFPA National Performer of the Year.

Kempt threw for 1,787 yards and 15 touchdowns last season.

“We have to disguise our coverages really well and do our job,” Stiegelmeier said.

Defensively, ISU plays an unconventional style.

“They play a unique defense, the first time we will see it and probably the first time we will coach against it and the last time we’ll coach against it,” Stiegelmeier said.

ISU plays a defense where they will rush three men while leaving zones open for the short passing game.

The unique defensive scheme worked for the Cyclones last year, when they averaged an allowance of 21 points per game.

“We just have to be willing to take the five-yard throws,” Stiegelmeier said.

For the Jacks, that might be exactly what they want as they will be without their top deep-receiving threats from last season, Dallas Goedert and Jake Wieneke.
John Begeman

South Dakota State's volleyball team will host the Comfort Suites University Jackrabbit Invitational this weekend in Frost Arena.

This will be the second year in a row the Jacks will play host to a tournament. The participating teams will include the Seattle Redhawks, Weber State Wildcats and the Green Bay Phoenix.

The Jacks are fresh off the UMKC Invitational in Kansas City, Missouri this past weekend where they lost three games to UMKC, Austin Peay and Western Michigan. Losing in three sets to UMKC and four sets to Austin Peay and Western Michigan.

“I feel extremely optimistic,” said head coach Nicole Cirillo. “We had three freshmen on the court and it will be exciting to see what can happen as they get more comfortable playing together.”

Freshmen Ellie Thein, Crystal Burk and Sydney Andrews look to be contributors to this year’s success and will see the court often.

The Jacks lost a lot of leadership when libero Ellie Benson graduated last year.

Captains this season are junior outside hitter Ashlynn Smith and senior setter Matison Munger.

Along with them, senior outside hitter Sierra Peterson looks to play a critical role in leading a young team.

“I try to lead by example,” Peterson said. “Especially to the younger girls on the team. Our team motto this year is ‘locked in’ whether that’s in the gym, community or academics.”

Cirillo said that she expects tough competition this weekend. Green Bay looks to be the tournament favorite.

The Phoenix are coming off a season in which they went 17-16.

“We got better every match last weekend and only time will tell if that will ultimately turn into wins,” Cirillo said.

Both Cirillo and Peterson talked about the team’s overall goal of reaching the conference tournament.

South Dakota State returns to action at 7 p.m. Aug. 30 when it opens the Comfort Suites University Jackrabbits Invitational vs. Seattle University in Frost Arena.