SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
CROSS COUNTRY
WOMEN’S ROSTER

Kirsten Anderson
Prior Lake, Minn.

Samantha Anderson
Prior Lake, Minn.

Cheyanne Bowers
St. James, Minn.

Mackenzie Burke
Waseca, Minn.

Tia Carlson
Kadoka, S.D.

Erin Nolz
Garretson, S.D.

Brooke Peterson
Hitchcock, S.D.

Tessa Stoltenburg
Watertown, S.D.

Jessica Derby
Estelline, S.D.

Jessica Elbs
Henderson, Minn.

Jenna Grossenburg
Yankton, S.D.

Melissa Knobloch
Brookings, S.D.

Karley Konkol
St. Cloud, Minn.

Laura Lawton
Eden Prairie, Minn.

Taylor Lohan
Canton, S.D.

Bobbie McLaury
Elk Point, S.D.

Erica Meyer
Rosholt, S.D.

Courtney Neubert
Aberdeen, S.D.

Erin Nolz
Garretson, S.D.

Brooke Peterson
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Brittney Schlaikjer
Dell Rapids, S.D.

Marisa Shady
Esko, Minn.

Holly Sheets
Perham, Minn.

Lindsey Strait
Castlewood, S.D.

Alex Suhr
Rapid City, S.D.

Megan West
Aurora, Minn.

Rochelle Wynia
Platte, S.D.
South Dakota State University

Location................................................................. Brookings, S.D.
Founded/Enrollment.............................................1881 (12,554)
Affiliation.......................................................... NCAA Division I
Nickname ............................................................Jackrabbits
Colors.................................................................Yellow and Blue
Conference............................................................The Summit League
Fort Wayne, IUPUI, Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota State,
South Dakota, South Dakota State and Western Illinois
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Team Information
2012 Summit League Finish
Women: Third place
Men: First place

Top Returners:
Women: Cheyanne Bowers, Laura Lawton, Courtney Neubert
Men: Anthony Bongard, Trent Lusignan, Joel Reichow

History
WOMEN:
AAW National Championships 1980
NCAA Division II Championships 1981, 12 Top-10 Finishes
North Central Championships - Nine
NCAA Division I Independent Championships 2006
All-Americans (Division II) - 41
Summit League Championships 2008

MEN:
NAIA Champions 1956
NCAA Division II Championships: 1959, 73, 86, 89, 96
NCAA College or Division II Top-10 Finishes - 40
North Central Conference Championships - 29
NCAA Division I Independent Championships 2005
All-Americans (Division II) - 67
All-Americans (Division I) - Two

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Rod DeHaven
Head Cross Country Coach
Tenth Year
South Dakota State, ‘89

Rod DeHaven enters his 10th season at the helm of the Jackrabbit cross country program.

During his tenure his teams have captured six conference championships combined between the men’s and women’s teams.

The men have won the last three of four Summit League Championships. Overall the men’s program have claimed 33 conference championships with the first dating back to 1924.

The women’s team won the Summit League crown in 2008, which was their 10th conference title in program history. DeHaven has also coached four individual conference champions, the latest being Michael Krsnak, who won the Summit League title a year ago and was named the league’s athlete of the year.

Krsnak was also a part of Jackrabbits’ eighth place Midwest Regional Finish in 2010, where he became the program’s first all-region nominee.

In the six seasons in The Summit League, DeHaven has coached 30 All-Summit League cross country athletes.

In the classroom, SDSU athletes have also set a high mark under DeHaven. In 2005, Brad Lowery was awarded the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for his achievements as a physics major. In 2007, Becka Mansheim was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship while majoring in nursing. Stacy Huss became the latest Jackrabbit to earn that same distinction in 2009. During the past five years, every men’s and women’s cross country and track and field team have earned recognition as an All-Academic Team from the United States Track and Field Coaches Association. The women’s cross country team has routinely ranked within the top-10 teams among all NCAA Division I institutions for their work academically, including a tie for fourth place in 2008.

During his four years of cross country competition, he ran to an unprecedented four North Central Conference individual championships and four top-10 finishes at the NCAA Division II national meet. With DeHaven leading the pack, SDSU also captured four conference team championships and the 1985 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Jarvis Jelen
Graduate Assistant Coach
First Year
Liberty University, ‘09

Jarvis Jelen joined the Jackrabbits in the summer of 2013 as the graduate assistant coach for the cross country/track & field program.

Jelen, a Sioux Falls native, competed for the Liberty University Flames on the cross country and track and field teams. He made the Big South All-Conference team six times, (three times each in cross country and track and field), and he was a part of three Big South Cross Country Conference championships. At the 2006 Big South Cross Country meet he finished second overall and he took third the following year. On the track he was a part of three indoor titles and two outdoor titles. He was all-conference in the mile (indoor), 3,000-meter run (indoor) and the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Jelen was also all-region at the NCAA D1 Southeast Regional (20th place) in the 2007 cross country season.

He most recently returned to Sioux Falls to help coach at Lincoln High School. During his time with the Patriots, his team won the GDC Conference Boys Cross Country Championship and they also won the South Dakota ‘AA’ Cross Country State meet. They placed five individuals in the top-15 and took home six all-state honors.

Jelen also coached at Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg, Va. from 2008 to 2009. In 2008, both the boys’ and girls’ teams won conference titles. In 2009, the boys team won the conference title and placed fifth at the state meet.
## Men's Roster

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# Jackrabbit Cross Country

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Jackrabbit Cross Country
Men’s Preview

The 2013 Jackrabbits will have their sights set on defending their 2012 Summit League Cross Country Championship. South Dakota State will be without Summit League MVP and Runner of the Year Michael Krsnak, but still return a talented team.

Trent Lusignan and Anthony Bongard are headlining the returners for SDSU. Lusignan finished third overall at the 2012 Summit League Cross Country Championships. Bongard is returning after redshirting last season. He finished fourth overall in the 2010 Summit League Cross Country Championships and was deployed to Kuwait in 2011.

“Trent and Anthony give us a lot of power up front. We also expect good things from Joel Reichow and Drew Kraft, who both finished in the top-17 at the conference meet. If you go off paper we should be fine in the conference. I do expect a few guys to get closer to that group. Kipp Kinsley and Andrew Thies are the mostly likely candidates to make a charge out of the returners,” noted head coach Rod DeHaven.

A few notable incoming freshmen are Trevor Capra, Wilson Hacker and Brendan Sage. Capra ran at Rosemount High School in Rosemount, Minn., Hacker competed at Madison West High School in Madison, Wis., and Sage went to high school at St. Michael-Albertville in St. Michael, Minn.

On the incoming freshman class, DeHaven noted, “Capra put in a lot of miles this summer; he might be the most prepared for the 8k in college. He finished in the top-20 in Minnesota last year. Sage finished in eighth in the AA meet in Minnesota last year. He is very talented, he just has not had a lot of mileage, and the transition might be a little steeper for him. Hacker has put in the work this summer; it will be interesting to see how he transitions into the 8k.”
The 2013 Jackrabbits are going to be one of the youngest teams in recent history. This year’s team is comprised of seven upperclassmen and 18 underclassmen.

Cheyanne Bowers, Laura Lawton and Courtney Neubert are the top returners for the Jackrabbits. Bowers, Lawton and Neubert all finished in the top-20 last year at the conference meet.

“Sam Anderson and Jenna Grossenburg got better as the season went on last year and Grossenburg made a big jump during the track season. I think she will be contributor who we thought she would be. There will be other people that were with us last year who have the ability to step forward, based on if they continue to put the work on this summer,” noted head coach Rod DeHaven.

The Jackrabbits graduated All-Summit runners Erin Hargens, Tera Potts and Laura Wolles.

Marisa Shady highlights the 2013 recruiting class for the Jackrabbit women. Shady was an all-around athlete at Esko High School, competing in cross country, track, basketball and soccer.

“She is a very talented person, ran cross and track. She played soccer while competing in cross country, she was also was the starting point guard on her basketball team. The biggest transition for her would go from all-around athlete to only a runner. It will be a slower process for getting her ready, she has great ability and it might be a bit of transition early on. If she’s able to make that jump hopefully by the end of September she will have the confidence and enough training to make an impact for our team,” remarked DeHaven.
### 2012 Statistics

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Jackrabbit Bios: Men
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Men

Anthony Bongard (Senior)

2012
Ran unattached at the SDSU Classic, finishing eighth with a time of 26:04.68 (9/14)

2011
Redshirted due to military deployment

2010
Finished fourth at the Summit League Championships (11/30) helping the Jacks to their second consecutive Summit League Championship ... twice named the Summit League Athlete of Week for his performances at the prestigious Griak Invite (11/25) where he led the Jacks with 61st place showing and winning the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a time of 24 minutes 46 seconds ... finished 48th at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/13) with a time of 31:15

2009
Won the Pynn Invite with a time of 25:46.30 (9/5) ... ran a season best time of 25:08 for a 15th place finish at the Drews Invite (10/17) ... finished 11th at the Summit League Championship in 26:01.40 (10/31)

2008
Redshirted due to military duty

Christian Karels (Senior)

2012
Finished 20th at the NDSU Dual with a time of 28:11.63 ... placed 44th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 27:55.63 (9/14) ... took 127th at the Griak Invite with a time of 28:19.0 (9/29) ... placed 200th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 34:23.3 (10/13) ... finished 12th at the Fall Final with a time of 26:10.00 (11/2)

2011
Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Best 8K time of 26 minutes and 53 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)
Drew Kraft (Junior)

**2012**
Took second at the NDSU Dual with a time of 26:31.63 (8/31) ... finished ninth at the SDSU Classic with a time of 26:05.95 (9/14) ... completed the Griak Invite with a time of 26:19.3, which he finished 67th (9/29) ... placed 73rd at Chile Pepper Invite, with a time of 32:33.3 (10/13) ... finished 17th at the Summit League Championships, with a time of 26:34.7 (10/27) ... placed 101st at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 32:54.01 (11/09)

**2011**
Took 144th at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/12) ... Finished 46th at the Summit League Championships (10/29) ... Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Best 8K time of 26 minutes and 55 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)

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Trent Lusignan (Junior)

**2012**
Finished third at the OZ Memorial with a time of 19:01.28 (9/7) ... won the SDSU Classic with a time of 24:59.13 (9/14) ... took 12th at the Griak Invite with a time of 25:05.2 (9/29) ... completed the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 31:12.2, which was good enough for a 21st finish (10/13) ... clocked in at 25:16.8 at the Summit League Championships, where he finished third (10/27) ... finished 50th at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 31:32.41 (11/09) ... named Summit League Athlete of the Week on September 11, 2012

**2011**
Finished 67th at the NCAA Midwest Regional (11/12) ... took ninth at the Summit League Championships (10/29) ... finished second overall at the Ronn Pynn Invite (9/3) behind teammate Greg Vollmer ... best 8K time of 25 minutes and 21 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/14)
Jackrabbit Cross Country
Jackrabbit Men

Austin Hamm (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 44th at the OZ Memorial with a time of 20:37.80 (9/7) ... placed 29th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 26:58.61 (9/14) ... finished 123rd at the Griak Invite with a time of 28:01.8 (9/29) ... placed 173rd at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 33:59.0 (10/13) ... finished 11th at the Fall Finale with a time of 26:03.00 (11/2)

Kipp Kinsley (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 47th at the OZ Memorial with a time of 20:45.04 (9/7) ... took 23rd at the SDSU Classic with a time of 26:46.78 (9/14) ... placed 134th at the Griak Invite with a time of 29:24.3 (9/29) ... finished 266th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 35:52.1 (10/13) ... placed 18th at the Fall Finale with a time of 26:41.00 (11/2)

Joel Reichow (Sophomore)

2012
Finished eighth at the OZ Memorial with a time of 19:25.55 (9/7) ... took 78th at the Griak Invite with a time of 26:31.2 (9/29) ... finished 118th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 33:11.1 (10/13) ... clocked in at 25:59.7 at the Summit League Championships, which was good enough for a 10th place finish (10/27) ... finished 71st at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time 32:10.65 (11/09)
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Dylan Slaba (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 49th at the OZ Memorial with a time of 20:46.11 (9/7) ... took 25th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 26:48.27 (9/14) ... finished 122nd at the Griak Invite with a time of 28:00.6 (9/29) ... placed 144th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 33:30.6 (10/13) ... finished 16th at the Fall Finale with a time of 26:29.00

Andrew Thies (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 13th at the NDSU Dual with a time of 27:18.90 (8/31) ... took 19th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 26:35.90 (9/14) ... finished 104th at the Griak Invite with a time of 27:05.8 (9/29) ... placed 97th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 32:54.7 (10/13) ... finished 50th at the Summit League Championships with a time of 28:22.6 (10/27) ... placed sixth at the Fall Finale with a time of 25:38.00 (11/2)

Grant VanKeulen (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 48th at the OZ Memorial with a time of 20:45.36 (9/7) ... placed 41st at the SDSU Classic with a time of 27:47.16 (9/14) ... finished 230th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 34:47.4 (10/13) ... placed 10th at the Fall Finale with a time of 26:03.00 (11/2)
Jackrabbit Men

Trevor Capra (Freshman)

BEFORE SDSU
Two-time all-conference in cross country ... all-state in cross country ... a member of the Nike Cross Country All-Region team ... conference champion in the 1600-meter run and the 3200-meter run ... 2011 state true team champions ... his team finished in the top-five in state three times

Daniel Pettit (Freshman)

BEFORE SDSU
During Pettit’s career at Buffalo High School he competed in the Minnesota State Track and Field meet four times and the Minnesota State Cross Country Meet twice ... Cross Country: 2010: (17:45.1) ... 2012: (16:18.5) ... Mississippi 8 conference achievements: 2010: conference champion in the 1600-meter run (4:30) ... 2011: third place in the 5000-meter run (16:20) ... 2012: second place in the 1600-meter run (4:24) 2012: second place in the 800-meter run (1:58.6) ... 2012: second place in the 5000-meter run (16:18) ... 2013: conference champion in the 1600-meter run (4:23) 2013: conference champion in the 800-meter run (2:00)

Wilson Hacker (Freshman)

BEFORE SDSU
Four-time letterwinner in both track and cross country ... three-time state qualifier in both track and cross country ... three-time all-city cross country team ... two-time all-conference (cross country) ... second-team all-state (cross country) ... Don Loker award winner ... a member of the 4x800-meter relay team that held the school record ... Spartan Invite Most Valuable Runner ... second-team all-state (track) ... second-team all-area (track)

Brendan Sage (Freshman)

BEFORE SDSU
2010 team Rookie of the Year ... placed eighth in the 2012 Class AA Cross Country State Meet ... two-time Class AA All-State ... three-time team captain ... four-time team MVP ... four-time Mississippi 8 Conference Champion ... five-time Class AA state participant ... five-time team hardest worker ... five-time Section 5AA Champion ... seven-time Mississippi 8 All-Conference ... seven-time varsity letter ... school record holder in the indoor 3200-meter run (10:02) ... school record holder in the 5,000-meter run (15:36.50) ... 2012 academic all-state

Duane Jongeling (Freshman)

BEFORE SDSU
Three-time Class B state cross country team and individual champions ... three-time Class B state medley relay champions ... three-time runner-up in Class B mile run ... two-time runner-up in Class B in the two mile run ... 2013 Class B state two mile champion ... 2013 Class B combined team title ... 2013 Class B third place team
Jackrabbit Bios:

Women
Jessica Derby (Senior)

2012
Finished 79th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 23:54.23 (9/14) ... placed 50th at the Gale Woods with a time of 29:15.813 (9/28) ... finished 49th at the FallFinale with a time of 21:40.00 (11/2)

2011
Did not compete

2010
Ran a season-best 24:04.5 in the Ron Pynn Classic (9/4) ... finished 29th at the Dakota State Invite (9/18) with a time of 24:10 ... finished the 5K at the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a time of 24:48.2

2009
Ran a time of 23:28.10 at the DSU/Blakely Invite (9/19) ... finished the SDSU Classic with a time of 23:15.20 (10/3) ... clocked-in at 28:55.10 at the Neubauer Invite (10/17)

Erica Meyer (Senior)

2012
Did not compete

2011
Finished 16th among Jackrabbit runners at the SDSU Classic (10/1, 5K) in 23 minutes and 18 seconds

Holly Sheets (Senior)

2012
Did not compete

2011
Did not compete

2010
Finished the SDSU Classic (10/2) in a season-best 5K time of 20 minutes 26.2 seconds ... finished the Bradley Classic (10/15) in a season-best time of 25:15 in the 6K ... took a season-high 25th place at the Fall Finale (11/5) with a 5K time of 20:45
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Jackrabbit Women

Bobbie McLaury (Junior)

2012
Finished 70th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 21:48.28 (9/14) ... placed 234th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 25:06.6 (10/13) ... finished 10th at the Fall Finale with a time of 19:38.00 (11/2)

2011
Did not compete

Courtney Neubert (Junior)

2012
Finished 11th at the NDSU Dual with a time of 19:24.47 (8/31) ... took 25th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 18:54.24 (9/14) ... placed 126th at the Griak Invite with a time of 24:02.8 (9/29) ... finished 88th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 22:56.5 (10/13) ... placed 18th at the Summit League Championships with a time of 23:09.2 (10/27) ... took 78th at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 22:27.54 (11/09)

2011
Five-time top-five team finisher ... finished seventh overall at the Ron Pynn Invite (9/3, 5K) in 19 minutes and 37 seconds ... best 6K time of 22 minutes and 18 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

Brooke Peterson (Junior)

2012
Completed the SDSU Classic in 19:58.64, which was good enough for 42nd place (9/14) ... placed sixth at the Gale Woods Invite with a time of 24:57.92 (9/28) ... finished sixth at the Fall Finale with a time of 19:18.00 (11/2)

2011
Competed in six meets for the Jacks ... Finished seventh overall at the Herb Blakely Invite (9/17, 5K) in 20 minutes and one second ... Best 6K time of 25 minutes and 47 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)
Jackrabbit Cross Country
Jackrabbit Women

Alex Suhr (Junior)

2012
Finished 50th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 20:15.03 (9/14) ... placed ninth at the Gale Woods Invite with a time of 25:13.79 (9/28) ... placed 214th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 24:46.4 (10/13) ... finished 14th at the Fall Finale with a time of 19:50.00 (11/2)

2011
Competed in seven meets for the Jacks ... finished sixth overall at the Herb Blakely Invite (9/17, 5K) in 19 minutes and 57 seconds ... best 6K time of 24 minutes and 26 seconds at the Bradley Invite (10/15)

Kirsten Anderson (Sophomore)

2012
Took 87th at the OZ Memorial with a time of 26:27.43 (9/7) ... finished 52nd at the SDSU Classic with a time of 20:17.38 (9/14) ... placed 170th at the Griak Invite with a time of 25:15.9 (9/29) ... finished 179th with at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 24:13.5 (10/13) ... placed fifth at the Fall Finale with a time of 19:09.00 (11/2)

Samantha Anderson (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 41st at the OZ Memorial with a time of 24:30.95 (9/7) ... took 34th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 19:28.28 (9/14) ... placed 181st at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 24:13.8 (10/13) ... finished second at the Fall Finale with a time of 18:26.00 (11/2) ... placed 147th at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 23:40.53 (11/9)
Cheyanne Bowers (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 29th at the OZ Memorial with a time of 23:48.39 (9/7) ... took 20th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 18:41.09 (9/14) ... finished 100th at the Griak Invite with a time of 23:33.1 (9/29) ... placed 92nd at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 23:00.5 (10/13) ... finished 17th at the Summit League Championships with a time of 23:06.3 (10/27) ... placed 103rd at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 22:48.23 (11/9)

Tia Carlson (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 16th in her first collegiate race at the NDSU Dual with a time of 19:59.66 (8/31) ... placed 38th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 19:33 (9/14)

Jessica Eibs (Sophomore)

2012
Finished 51st at the OZ Memorial with a time of 24:43.00 (9/7) ... took 33rd at the SDSU Classic with a time of 19:27.28 (9/14) ... placed 168th at the Griak Invite with a time of 25:08.9 (9/29) ... finished 155th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 23:52.0 (10/13) ... placed 57th at the Summit League Championships with a time of 24:46.9 (10/27) ... finished fourth at the Fall Finale with a time of 18:57.00 (11/2)
Jenna Grossenburg (Sophomore)

2012
Took 53rd at the OZ Memorial with a time of 24:45.71 (9/7) ... finished 155th at the Griak Invite with a time of 24:47.0 (9/29) ... placed 149th at Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 23:49.0 (10/13) ... finished 37th at the Summit League Championships with a time of 23:52.5 (10/27) ... placed 148th at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 23:40.90 (11/9)

Melissa Knobloch (Sophomore)

2012
Completed the SDSU Classic in 20:23.34, which was 54th place (9/14) ... finished 14th at the Gale Woods Invite with a time of 25:50.07 (9/28) ... placed 280th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 26:01.9 (10/13) ... finished 41st at the Fall Finale with a time of 21:17.00 (11/2)

Laura Lawton (Sophomore)

2012
Top Jackrabbit runner at the Oz Memorial with a 19th place finish in 23:29.33 (9/7) ... finished 23rd at the SDSU Classic with a time of 18:48.42 (9/14) ... placed 132nd at the Griak Invite with a time if 24:19.6 (9/29) ... finished 131st at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 23:32.2 (10/13)
Erin Nolz (Sophomore)

**2012**
Finished 14th in her first collegiate race at the NDSU Dual with a time of 19:38.12 (8/31) ... took 30th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 19:14.55 (9/14) ... placed 177th at the Griak Invite with a time of 25:23.5 (9/29)

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Tessa Stoltenburg (Sophomore)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Five-year letter in track ... four-year letter winner in cross country ... 4x800-meter relay ESD Champions (2008 & 2011) ... 4x800-meter relay school record holder ... member of Watertown’s medley squad that claimed the championship at the state meet and the ESD meet in 2011 ... five-time individual state qualifier ... recipient of the Spirit, Arrow and Legend Awards ... member of the National Honors Society and Gold Honor Roll ... senior class president ... graduation speaker ... transfer from the University of Sioux Falls

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Rochelle Wynia (Sophomore)

**2012**
Finished 64th at the SDSU Classic with a time of 20:54.77 (9/14) ... finished 10th at the Gale Woods Invite with a time of 25:16.23 (9/28) ... placed 206th at the Chile Pepper Invite with a time of 24:40.09 (10/13) ... finished 12th at the Fall Finale with a time of 19:43.00 (11/2)
Mackenzie Burke (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Cross country individual: all-conference 2012 ... all-section 2012 ... all-state academic 2011 & 2012 ... state individual qualifier 2012 ... team captain 2011 & 2012 ... team MVP 2012 ... cross country team: conference champions 2008-2012 ... Class A section champions 2009-2012 ... state champions in 2009

Marisa Shady (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
State cross country champion ... cross country team state champion ... 14-time state medalist (cross country/track) ... team state true team track champions 2011-13 ... cross country team section champions 2007-2012 ... track team section champions 2007-2012 ... 18 varsity letters ... all-conference (cross country, basketball, track) ... all-state (four-time cross country, four-time track) ... six-year state participant (cross country/track)

Karley Konkol (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Cross Country: 2006: fourth place individual finish and second place team finish ... 2007: tenth place individual finish and first place team finish ... 2008: third place individual finish and second place team finish and named to the All-State team ... 2010: seventh place individual finish and fifth place team finish ... 2011: 17th place individual finish and fourth place team finish

Lindsey Strait (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Her team finished fourth at the 2012 State B track meet ... placed third three times in the open 800-meter run at the State B track meet (2009, 2012 and 2013) ... won the medley relay at the 2012 and 2013 State B track meets ... she broke the state meet record in the medley relay in 2012 ... owns school records in the 400-meter run, 800-meter run, medley relay and the mile relay

Taylor Lohan (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Cross Country: member of the 2009 Big Sioux Conference championship team, region and state runner-ups ... member of the 2010 Big Sioux Conference championship team, region runner ups, third place team finish at state ... 2010 Sanford Athlete of the Week

Megan West (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Cross country: 2009 section champion ... finished 72nd in the state meet ... all-conference team ... 2010: all-conference ... state participant where she finished 28th ... 2011: all-conference ... state participant where she placed 70th ... 2012: all-conference

Brittney Schlaikjer (Freshman)

**BEFORE SDSU**
Schlaikjer was named MVP of her cross country team, Unsung Hero, Best Freshman and Most Valuable Relay Runner during her time at Dell Rapids Public High School
Jackrabbit Cross Country

History
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Men’s History

National Titles

NCAA Division I All-Americans
Garry Bentley 1974 (8th)

NCAA Division I Top 10 Finishes
1953 (7th), 1954 (9th)

NCAA Division I Top 50 Finishes
Arlin Patrick 1953, 1954 Russell Nash 1953

National Individual Champions
Don Broksieck 1959, Garry Bentley 1973, 1974

NCAA Division I Independents Individual Champions
Brad Lowery 2005

NCAA Division I Independent Title
2005

Summit League Cross Country Athlete of the Year
Michael Krsnak 2012

Summit League Individual Champions
Michael Krsnak 2012

Summit League Championship MVP
Michael Krsnak 2012

Summit League Newcomer of the Championship
Trent Lusignan 2011

Summit League Titles

Summit League Coach of the Year

Summit League All-Conference
Marshall Kambestad 2007 (1st team)
Michael Krsnak 2008 (2nd team), 2009, 2010, 2012 (1st team)
Anthony Bongard 2010 (2nd team), Greg Beesley 2009 (2nd team)
Jared Ailts 2010, 2011 (2nd team), Greg Vollmer 2010 (2nd team)
Trent Lusignan 2011 (2nd team), 2012 (1st team)
Joel Reichow 2012 (2nd team)

Summit League Athlete of the Week
Greg Vollmer (09/27/2009)
Anthony Bongard (09/28/2010, 10/05/2010)
Michael Krsnak (09/04/2012, 10/02/2012)
Trent Lusignan (9/11/2012)

NCC Individual Champions
Loren Chase 1924, Ruben Sorbel 1925, 1926, 1927
Boyd Bankert 1928 Gary Pierson 1958, Lindy Cosgrove 1966
Craig Cassen 1989, Mark McKeown 1996, Brad Lowery 2003

NCC Titles

All-Americans
Kenton Bishop 1956, 1957, Jim Schlender 1956
Don Broksieck 1956 1957, Gary Pierson 1957, 1958
Dewey Pistulka 1957, 1958, 1959
Patrick Murphy 1959, James Stoddard 1960
Jackrabbit Cross Country

Women’s History

National Titles
1980, 1981

NCAA Division I Independents Championships
2006

NCAA Division I Top 50 Finishes
Vicki Coyle 1981

Summit League Titles
2008

Summit League Coach of the Year
Rod DeHaven 2008

Summit League All-Conference
Caitlin Berry 2007 (1st team), Claire Steinke 2007 (2nd team)
Ashley Storm 2008, 2009 (1st team), Nicole Davis 2008 (2nd team)
Danielle Burke 2011 (2nd team), Erin Hargens 2012 (1st team)
Tera Potts 2012 (2nd team), Laura Wolles 2012 (2nd team)

NCC Titles

NCC Runner-Up Finishes

NCC Individual Champions
Charlene Hubbard 1986, Christy Young 1989

NCAA Division I Independents Champions
Becka Manshiem 2005, 2006

All-Americans
Laura Geason 1981, Jackie Hubbard 1985, Charlene Hubbard 1986
Pam Hanson 1990, 1993, Nicole Scherr 1990
Shawna DeSmet 1996, Heather Giesen 1996

Summit League Results

      Men's Finish: 1st 35pts
      All League Performers: Michael Krsnak (Sr.) 1st#, Trent Lusignan (So.) 3rd, Joel Reichow (Fr.) 10th
      Women's Finish 3rd 63pts, 1st North Dakota St. 36pts
      All League Performers: Erin Hargens (Sr.) 5th, Tera Potts (Sr.) 13th, Laura Wolles (Sr.) 10th

      Men's Finish: 3rd 100pts, 1st Southern Utah 48pts
      All League Performers: Greg Vollmer (Sr.) 6th, Trent Lusignan (Fr.) 9th*, Jared Ailts (Jr.) 12th
      Women's Finish: 4th 116pts, 1st North Dakota St. 64pts
      All League Performers: Danielle Burke (Sr.) 14th

2010  Host School: IUPUI, Carmel, Ind.
      Men's Finish: 1st 43pts
      All League Performers: Michael Krsnak (Jr.) 3rd, Anthony Bongard (Jr.) 4th, Jared Ailts (So.) 9th,
      Greg Vollmer (So.) 12th
      Women's Finish: 6th 159pts, 1st Oakland 45 points
      All League Performers: Erin Hargens (So.) 3rd

2009  Host School: Southern Utah, Cedar City, Utah
      Men's Finish: 1st 59pts
      All League Performers: Michael Krsnak (So.) 6th, Greg Vollmer (So.) 10th, Anthony Bongard (So.) 11th,
      Greg Beesley (So.) 12th
      Women's Finish: 5th 124 pts, 1st Southern Utah 32pts
      All League Performers: Ashley Storm (Sr.) 4th

2008  Host: Centenary College, Shreveport, La.
      Men's Finish: 5th 125pts, 1st Southern Utah 50pts
      All League Performers: Michael Krsnak (Fr.) 10th
      Women's Finish: 1st 60pts
      All League Performers: Ashley Storm (Jr.) 7th, Nicole Davis (Jr.) 9th, Claire Steinke (Sr.) 10th, Caitlin Berry (Sr.) 11th

2007  Host School: Western Illinois, Macomb, Ill.
      Men's Finish: 4th 100pts, 1st Southern Utah 40pts
      All League Performers: Marshall Kambestad (Fr.) 5th, Andrew Van Nurden (Sr.) 6th
      Women's Finish: 3rd 68pts, 1st Southern Utah/IPFW 67pts
      All League Performers: Caitlin Berry (Jr.) 5th, Claire Steinke (Jr.) 9th, Emily Smith (Fr.) 14th

*Freshman newcomer of the year
#Championship MVP
2012  Host School: Missouri St.
Men’s Team Place: 11th of 29-340pts, Top Finisher: Michael Krsnak (Sr.) 47th-31:29.04
Women’s Team Place: 15th of 31-385pts, Top Finisher: Erin Hargens (Sr.) 59th-22:05.82

2011  Host School: Northern Illinois
Men’s Team Place: 17th of 25-440pts, Top Finisher: Greg Vollmer (Sr.) 61st-32:53.3
Women’s Team Place: 16th of 28-475pts, Top Finisher: Danielle Burke (Sr.) 45th-22:19.7

2010  Host School: Bradley
Men’s Team Place: 8th of 24-256pts, Top Finisher: Michael Krsnak (Jr.) 16th-30:22.70*
Women’s Team Place: 23rd of 27-647pts, Top Finisher: Erin Hargens (So.) 55th-21:29.65

2009  Host School: Missouri St.
Men’s Team Place: 13th of 25-375pts, Top Finisher: Greg Beesley (So.) 67th-33:05.1
Women’s Team Place: 18th of 22-439pts, Top Finisher: Ashley Storm (Sr.) 40th-21:55.1

2008  Host School: Oklahoma St.
Men’s Team Place: 18th of 23-510pts, Top Finisher: Michael Krsnak (Fr.) 46th-32:36.0
Women’s Team Place: 16th of 27-427pts, Top Finisher: Caitlin Berry (Sr.) 59th-22:29.1

*Named to All-Midwest Region Team
In its fourth decade of Division I athletics, The Summit League offers 19 championship sports and has a combined enrollment of over 120,000 at eight institutions, including three located in top 60 U.S. metro populations and two land-grant universities. Member institutions include: Denver (University of Denver), Fort Wayne (Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne), IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis), North Dakota State University, Omaha (University of Nebraska Omaha), the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University and Western Illinois University. Previously known as the Mid-Continent Conference, The Summit League rebranded in 2007 and has since produced eight NCAA Champions, 62 All-Americans and 50 Academic All-America selections.

Approximately 3,000 student-athletes each year continue to raise the bar and help The Summit League enjoy unprecedented success and development. Within the past three years alone, The Summit League has produced six NCAA Champions, accounting for more than half of its all-time total. That level of success also carries into the classroom.

**Within the past decade, The Summit League has ...**
- Achieved a final national ranking in six different sports.
- Won NCAA Regional Championships in two sports and advanced in four additional NCAA team championship tournaments.
- Had 39 teams receive NCAA Public Recognition Awards (among top 10 percent of Academic Progress Rate (APR) in their sport) since 2010.
- Toted 29 teams with maximum/perfect APR scores in the past two years.
- Had eight of the league’s 10 NCAA National Champions crowned in the past six years.
- Produced 62 All-America selections and 50 Academic All-Americans since 2007.
DID YOU KNOW...

- In 2012-13, The Summit League achieved an all-time league best RPI in any sport with its volleyball ranking (12th), highest-ever softball RPI ranking (18th), and men’s basketball attained consecutive top-20 RPI finishes for the first time. The league also finished 10th in the USTFCCCA national conference rankings for women’s track and field.
- Summit Leaguers have won five NCAA national championships and six NCAA statistical titles in the past two years.
- Summit League student-athletes were selected for the NCAA’s most prestigious honor, the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship, and the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year award in 2013.
- The Summit League Basketball Championships rank among the nation’s best mid-major tournament environments and continue to shatter records in several areas, including attendance, revenue and sponsorship. In 2015, The Summit League Basketball Championships will move into the city’s brand-new 12,000-seat Denny Sanford PREMIER Center.
- The Summit League has raised almost 200,000 pounds of food since its Food Fight initiative started in 2009.

HISTORY

Since its inception in 1982, The Summit League recorded several transcendent moments that resonate on the national stage. While known as the Mid-Continent Conference, the league’s first two decades produced a pair of appearances in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament’s “Sweet 16” and the Women’s College World Series as well as two individual NCAA Track and Field Champions.

The Summit League garnered its initial baseball Regional crown and Super Regional appearance in 2006 and three years later, North Dakota State became the league’s first softball team to achieve the same feat. The 2008-09 season also saw South Dakota State’s women’s basketball team carry a national ranking throughout a majority of the year and cap its season with an NCAA Tournament first round victory.

Throughout its history, The Summit League has produced 10 NCAA Championships, three Olympic medalists and numerous All-Americans in the sports of track and field, swimming and diving and cross country. Several professional athletes and draft choices have come directly from The Summit League, including three Major League Baseball first round picks, a pair of NBA first round choices, and one WNBA selection. In addition, Summit Leaguers compete in the MLS and on the PGA Tour. Former Summit Leaguer Kevin Duckworth (NBA) was a two-time all-star during his professional career.

To coincide with The Summit League’s 30th Anniversary Season in 2011-12, the league released a list of its Top 30 Distinguished Contributors from the Division I era as selected by a panel of voters from member schools and select media. Four individual NCAA champions and three Olympic medalists along with four NBA players and two World Series Champions headlined The Summit League’s list of top student-athletes, coaches and administrators that was the jewel of the anniversary celebration.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Eastern Illinois University competes as an associate member in swimming and diving and men’s soccer. Oral Roberts University competes as an associate member in men’s soccer.
Jackrabbit Cross Country
Members of the SDSU HOF

Kristin (Asp) Schoffman (2010)

Schoffman earned All-America honors a combined 10 times between cross country and track and field, including winning an NCAA Division individual national title in the 3,000-meter run at the 1984 outdoor nationals. A native of Lamberton, Minn., Schoffman also earned All-America honors three times in the 5,000 meters outdoors, placing third in 1982, fourth in 1983 and second in 1984, while adding a fifth-place finish in the 3,000-meter run at the 1985 Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Garry Bentley (1998)

When South Dakota State decided to honor its national champions in the fall of 1998, it simplified the selection of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Simply, when you talk about national champions at SDSU, Garry Bentley’s name goes to the top of the list. He won five individual titles in cross country and track during his career from 1972-75 and also ran on a national championship cross country team.

Lori Bocklund (2007)

A native of Burnsville, Minn., Bocklund excelled both athletically and academically at South Dakota State while competing at a time when women’s sports transitioned from AIAW to NCAA affiliation. Bocklund was a key member of both the 1980 women’s cross country squad that won the final AIAW national championship and the 1981 team which claimed the inaugural NCAA Division II title with a score of 26 points — a record that stands today.

Joel Brandt (2012)

Distance running standout Joel Brandt was inducted into Joel Brandt was inducted into the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame during on-campus ceremonies in the fall of 2012. He claimed the NCC individual cross country title in the fall of 1980, followed by the 5,000-meter title indoors in 1981. Brandt continued the Jackrabbits’ excellence in distance running, winning five individual North Central Conference titles and earning All-America honors on two occasions. Brandt was a member of the Jackrabbit cross country team that won four team titles (1977-80).

Rube Sorbel (1981)

Rube Sorbel, one of the early stars of track and cross country at South Dakota State, was inducted as the 17th member of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame on October 3, 1981. Sorbel lettered four times in track and twice in basketball, and was a two-time individual champion at the North Central Conference cross country meet. Sorbel was also North Central Conference champion in the mile and half-mile in 1926, and repeated those same two titles in 1927.

Audrey (Stavrum) Riggs (2012)

A native of Eden Prairie, Minn., Riggs was runner-up in the 1,500 meters at the 1985 Division II Indoor Championships and added a fifth-place finish in the 5,000 meters at the 1983 outdoor nationals. Twice she finished fifth individually at the Division II Cross Country Championships (1981, 1982) and earned her third All-America honor with a 17th-place effort in 1983. Riggs also won three North Central Conference individual titles in the 10K (1982, 1983, 1985).
With an enrollment of 12,554 students in the fall of 2013, South Dakota State remains the state’s largest institution of higher learning.

**SDSU Early History**

Located in Brookings, the Territorial Legislative Assembly authorized SDSU in 1881 to serve as the state’s land grant institution. Territorial Council member John O’Brien Scobey managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city.

Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school did open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, advanced $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, the college only held preparatory classes. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshman and 61 preparatory students.

Growth stayed slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the 20th century, 242 students enrolled and by 1990, SDSU enrollment grew to more than 9,000 students.

**Colleges Established**

SDSU has granted nearly 70,000 degrees since its charter in 1881.

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 & domestic economy and music.

By 1907, the year the name of the institution changed to South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus.

Reorganization into the five divisions that formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923.

In 1964, when “State College” became South Dakota State University, the school included six colleges. Now, students can earn degrees offered through eight colleges.

Students can choose from more than 200 majors, minors and options at SDSU with more than 2,500 different course offerings.

Master’s degrees can be earned in more than 30 areas, with doctorates available in eight fields.

SDSU also offers degree programs through the South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center in Sioux Falls. The Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach coordinates evening, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredits SDSU, while numerous departments on campus hold accreditation from various other agencies.

SDSU celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2006, a yearlong event that culminated with the 2006 Hobo Day football game.

Over those 125 years, SDSU grew 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.

The Printing and Journalism Building — now named Anson and Ada MayYeager Hall — underwent a $2.1 million expansion and renovation project.

Other recent campus construction projects include a $7 million expansion to Crothers Engineering Hall, the renovation of Solberg Hall and the building of a $9 million performing arts center, which opened in the fall of 2002.

A new residence hall (Caldwell Hall) and the University Student Union expansion and renovation opened in the fall of 2005, and the Enterprise Institute, located on the southwest corner of campus opened in 2004.

In 2005, SDSU spent more than $3 million to install new state of the art scoreboards in Frost Arena and at Coughlin Alumni Stadium.

**Agricultural Research**

The university reaches all corners of the state through the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, offering service to improve the quality of rural life.

SDSU also sponsors 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
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Grain Insect Research Laboratory. These units help strengthen the university's growing commitment to research and support of state and local economic development efforts. 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.

SDSU is also one of just five universities to serve as a regional center for the Sun Grant Initiative, which is a concept to solve America’s energy needs and revitalize rural communities with Land-Grant university research, education and Extension programs on renewable energy and bio-based non-food industries.

The Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures, the Lusk Lecture and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth and Griffis endowments all supplement classroom instruction.

Students can also choose from more than 100 clubs and organizations on campus.

Museums & Attractions

The educational opportunities do not end in the classroom or laboratory, as South Dakota State University houses several facilities, including museums and gardens.

Dedicated in 1970, and expanded in 2000, the South Dakota Federation of Women’s Club first envisioned the South Dakota Art Museum in 1949.

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.

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 made many new gardens possible including the Rose, Rock, Centennial Prairie, Iris, True Lily, Mum, Native Prairie Collection, Oak Tree Memorial Garden, All-Red Specialty Garden, Peony Garden, Shrub Rose Collection, and Children’s Maze.

In August 1994, McCrory Gardens dedicated the McKelvie Grove Memorial in honor of former governor and Brookings resident George S. McKelvin.

In 1982, they dedicated the area north of the formal garden 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.

SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department manage the arboretum and gardens.

McCrory Gardens continues to develop more gardens, tree and shrub collections.

The Coughlin Campanile

South Dakota State’s most recognizable landmark may be the 156-foot Coughlin Campanile, the state’s largest chimes tower. A climb of 179 steps leads to a panoramic view of the city.

Charles Coughlin, a 1909 engineering graduate who later went on to become head of the Briggs & Stratton Corporation, donated the structure $65,000.

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

An alumni-sponsored project to restore the campanile was completed in the summer of 2001.

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

Adjacent to the campanile, Coolidge-Sylvan Theatre provides a restful, green haven for students since its dedication by President Calvin Coolidge in September 1927.

Over the years the outdoor amphitheater hosted concerts, graduations and inaugurations for university presidents.

The 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 McLaughlin, the home is crowned by multiple rooflines. The house also served as a women’s dormitory, music hall and infirmary.

The Jackrabbits

Two theories exist as to how and why SDSU’s athletic teams became known as the “Jackrabbits.”

Most believe that the name “Jackrabbits” came from a story and cartoon sketch that appeared in a Minneapolis newspaper following a 1905 football game between the University of Minnesota and South Dakota State College.

Many believe that the reporter for the newspaper, knowing of the preponderance of jackrabbits in the Brookings area, wrote that the SDSC team was as quick as jackrabbits. Many people believe that the school adopted the Jackrabbits as its official nickname from that beginning.

The other theory about the origin of the nickname came in The Jackrabbit, SDSU’s yearbook. A poem in the 1907 yearbook puts forth the idea that the yearbook is called The Jackrabbit because a group of juniors wished to immortalize themselves by changing the name of the yearbook. Athletic teams followed suit, adopting the nickname.

Prior to the adoption of the Jackrabbit nickname, fans knew the school athletic teams as the Barn Yard Cadets as SDSU was known as South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907.

The Jackrabbit can run at speeds of 30-to-35 miles per hour, with bursts up to 45, making it the second-fastest animal in North America, second only to the pronghorn antelope, which can run at speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

Jackrabbits are, properly speaking, not rabbits but hares, with longer feet and longer ears than rabbits. Most hares live in open country, whereas rabbits – like cottontails – live in brushy habitats.

Jackrabbits can grow up to two feet long, weigh from six to nine pounds, with ears up to eight inches long. Hares are vegetarians, eating tender herbs in summer, and woody twigs and bark in the winter.

Brookings, South Dakota

Named after W.W. Brookings, who came to the area in 1857. That winter, his legs froze badly enough to force doctors to amputate them. Undaunted, Brookings stayed and eventually became president of the territorial council and a judge in the state supreme court. In honor of his support of railroad construction, and possibly because of his stalwart nature, South Dakota’s first locomotive was named the “Judge Brookings.”

Situated at the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Interstate 29, about 20 miles west of the Minnesota border and 50 miles north of Sioux Falls, the Brookings community of about 18,500 people continues to grow. The community also houses several recognizable companies including Rainbow Play Systems, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M medical products), Larson Manufacturing (doors and windows), and Daktronics, a leading manufacturer of scoreboards and display systems.

McCRORY GARDENS—The 70-acre McCrory Gardens and South Dakota Arboretum are located south and east of SDSU’s campus. The gardens 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.
Justin Sell
Athletic Director, South Dakota State University
Bowling Green University, '91

Justin Sell joined the Jackrabbit staff on May 7, 2009 as the 12th director of athletics at South Dakota State University.

“I love working as part of a team, and that’s exactly how we work at SDSU,” Sell said. “From President Chicoine, to the faculty and staff, administration, donors and fans, we all work together for the benefit of South Dakota State University and Jackrabbit Athletics.”

Sell oversees the Jackrabbits’ 21-sport Division I varsity athletics program. Eighteen SDSU teams compete in the Summit League, while football competes in the Missouri Valley Football Conference of the Football Championship Subdivision and wrestling competes as a member of the Western Wrestling Conference. Women’s equestrian competes under the umbrella of the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.

Under Sell’s leadership, SDSU athletics continues to make strides in athletic competition, in the classroom, in fundraising and in reconnecting with alumni.

Athletically, the Jackrabbits claimed a total of 10 regular and postseason league championships in five different sports since 2009-10. That success earned SDSU the Summit League Commissioner’s Cup all-sports trophy following the 2010-11 season, after a runner-up finish the year before. Also in 2010-11, SDSU earned the league’s Sportsmanship Award, an award voted upon by their peers.

In the classroom, Jackrabbit student-athletes continually post a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher in more than 70 different majors, which led SDSU to winning The Summit League’s Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the 2009-10 academic year and the Missouri Valley Football Conference Academic Award in all four years in the league (2008-11).

In January of 2011, Sell announced a partnership with Learfield Sports, signing a 10-year deal worth $13 million for SDSU athletics. Learfield Sports quickly established a Brooksings-based entity known as “Jackrabbit Sports Properties” that directs all aspects of the partnership, including managing and selling multimedia and sponsorship rights for South Dakota State Athletics.

In addition to the deal with Learfield Sports, Sell directed the implementation of the Letterwinners Club, which provides opportunities for Jackrabbit Athletics to reconnect and stay connected with former student-athletes, while supporting current student-athletes at South Dakota State.

In the years to come, Sell wants to continue reconnecting with former Jackrabbit student-athletes and enhancing the athletic facilities while still maintaining success, both in competition, but more importantly, in the classroom.

On the facilities front, Sell oversaw the completion of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center in 2010, and developed the 2025 SDSU Athletic Facilities Master Plan. Additionally, Sell spearheaded efforts to add permanent seating and a press box at Ehr Huetter Field, chairback seating in both Frost Arena and Coughlin-Alumni Stadium and continues working towards the building of an indoor practice facility and football stadium.

Born in Salem, Ore., and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Sell came to South Dakota State from the University of Northern Iowa, where he worked in various roles, both at the university and in the community for 10 years. He also worked at Villanova University, Syracuse University, Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University. Sell gained further experience working in the private sector for various sports teams and events.

In the Brooking community, where Sell lives with his wife, Jennie, and their four children: Abbie, Zach, Josh and Eric, he serves as Vice President of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce, Vice President for the Brookings Friends of Basketball and on the Brookings Health System Board of Trustees.

Sell earned his bachelor’s degree in sport management from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) in 1991 and completed a master’s degree in physical education/sport administration at The Ohio State University in 1992.

David Chicoine
President, South Dakota State University
South Dakota State University '69

Dr. David L. Chicoine became the 19th president of South Dakota State University on January 1, 2007. He is the third alumnus to serve as president of the institution.

Dr. Chicoine has over 30 years of experience in higher education with the University of Illinois. He is a nationally recognized economist, specializing in public finance, taxation, and rural economics. His higher education administrative experience includes service as Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Serving most recently as Vice President for Technology and Economic Development for the University of Illinois system and interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chicoine started his career as an Extension economist and specialist with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

As vice president at the University of Illinois, he restructured the university’s technology licensing offices, reaching new milestones each year; launched the university’s early stage capital and business development services company, IllinoisVENTURES, LLC, that supported start-up projects, securing special state and university funding for operations and pre-seed investing and facilitated the creation of the $26.5 million early stage Illinois Emerging Technologies Fund; and he oversaw the expansion of research parks and incubators at the university’s Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses.

As dean, he transitioned the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) from 14 administrative units to seven academic departments and the Information Technology unit; completed a capital campaign for ACES surpassing the final goal of $115 million by raising $134 million in private gifts; grew the ACES endowment to $60 million; established $15 million in annual private gift support, funding endowed positions, scholarships and fellowships, and program support for teaching, research, and Extension; and he oversaw the completion of the $22 million ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center where $11 million was from gifts from ACES alumni and friends.

He has co-authored four books, 12 book chapters and more than 100 invited and/or peer reviewed academic journal articles. Dr. Chicoine served as an advisor to the Illinois General Assembly on tax issues, farmland property tax assessments, public finance and rural economic issues. He served as a member of the Illinois Governor’s Council of Economic Advisors, and was a member of the board of the Illinois State Treasurer’s Technology Development Fund. He currently is a tenured faculty member in the SDSU Department of Economics, where he has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus.

Chicoine served as the faculty representative to the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He served as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the Big Ten Conference for nine of his eleven year term.

Dr. Chicoine is a graduate of SDSU with a B.A. in agribusiness in 1969, and the University of Delaware where he received an M.S. in agricultural economics in 1971. In 1978 he received an M.A. in economics from Western Illinois University, and in 1979 he completed his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Leon Costello  
Senior Associate Athletic Director-External, SDSU  
Loras College, '98

Leon Costello brought his comprehensive background in athletic marketing and administration from the University of Northern Iowa to the South Dakota State athletic staff in March 2010 as the senior associate athletic director for external affairs.

In his role as a senior associate AD, Costello manages the external operations of the SDSU Athletic Department, which includes athletic marketing, broadcast services, development, sports information and ticket operations. He also serves as the department liaison for Jackrabbit Sports Properties and works as the sport supervisor for the Jackrabbit women’s soccer, volleyball, men’s basketball, wrestling and golf teams.

Before joining the Jackrabbits, Costello worked in a variety of roles for the Northern Iowa Athletic Department in his eight years on staff. From July 2008 until the end of his tenure at UNI, he served as the associate athletic director for external relations. In that position, he oversaw the marketing efforts for the Panther athletic program, directed the Panther Scholarship Club and supervised the men’s and women’s golf programs.

From 2005-08 Costello served as the assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions, where he assisted with the fundraising efforts of the McLeod Center capital project and coordinated all aspects of the athletic sales and marketing plan, including managing the Northern Iowa Sports Radio Network.

Under his direction, sponsorship revenue increased by more than 200 percent and ticket revenue increased by more than 150 percent. In addition to increasing external exposure by securing two separate cable television agreements for the Northern Iowa Panthers and adding radio affiliates, Costello also assisted in negotiating a 10-year agreement with Learfield Sports to provide additional marketing resources, and he developed programs like the Varsity Club, to re-engage former Panther student-athletes.

A native of Fairbank, Iowa, Costello graduated from Loras College with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and sport science in 1998. While at Loras, he also played for the Duhawk men’s basketball team.

Costello completed his master’s degree from Western Illinois University in sport management in 2002 and served an internship in marketing and game operations with the Boston Celtics. In the fall of 2002, Northern Iowa hired him as its athletic marketing and promotions assistant, where he worked for a year before earning a promotion to director of athletic marketing and promotions in January 2003.

Leon and his wife Heather live in Brookings with their daughter Cailin and two sons, Griffin and Michael.

Rob Peterson  
Senior Associate Athletic Director-Internal, SDSU  
Northern Michigan, ’92

Rob Peterson joined the South Dakota State University staff in April 2000, as an assistant athletic director for internal operations. Now the senior associate athletic director for internal affairs, Peterson supervises the Jackrabbit athletic department internal operations, with a primary focus on the day-to-day operations of the department and new facility development.

Peterson also serves on a variety of university committees and task forces including campus planning and design, the university compliance team and the intercollegiate athletic board. He also plays an active role in the community, serving on the Swiftel Center Advisory Board and previously the visitors promotions committee.

Nationally, Peterson serves as a member of the National Collegiate Equestrian Association Championships Committee and Selections Committee. He is also active within FCS Football attending the FCS summit meetings held annually at the national championships.

Peterson also serves as sports supervisor for football, equestrian, baseball, swimming and diving and track and cross country.

Before joining the SDSU staff, Peterson served as the coordinator of athletic facilities, events and projects for Fresno State University from 1997-2000. In this position, he supervised seven athletic venues and the game operations for 10 sports.

Prior to his time at Fresno State, Peterson served as assistant director of recreation - facilities and events at Northern Michigan University from 1995-97. This position provided him the opportunity to supervise events and operations for the Superior Dome on the campus of NMU. Peterson started his career at Northern Michigan as the director of sport clubs from 1994-95.

Peterson’s collegiate education includes, a Bachelor of Science in physical education and health at NMU in 1992 and a Masters of Arts in sports administration from Central Michigan University in 1995. He also completed a collegiate marketing internship with NMU athletics and a professional sports operations internship with the Green Bay Packers, both in 1993.


Kathy Heylens  
Associate Athletic Director-Compliance/SWA, SDSU

Kathy Heylens came to South Dakota State in July 1984 as a member of the staff in the admissions office before moving to athletics two years later as a senior secretary.

Heylens became the institution’s first full-time Compliance Coordinator in 1990 and continues those duties as the associate athletic director for compliance and senior woman administrator. Heylens manages all aspects of the athletics compliance program to ensure strict adherence with NCAA, affiliated conferences and university rules and regulations for amateurism, eligibility, recruiting, financial aid, awards and benefits, playing and practice seasons and enforcement. As the SWA, she helps to create an environment where staff and student-athletes can achieve their goals.

Heylens recently accepted an appointment of a four-year term on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council, which serves as the primary legislative body in the Division I governance structure. She also accepted an appointment to the four-member Legislative Council Administrative Committee, which acts on behalf of the full Legislative Council between meetings to transact routine items of business. She also serves on the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee.

In addition to her day-to-day duties, Heylens serves on the Undergraduate Experience Committee, Diversity Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Board and Compliance Team. She also volunteers in the community as co-chair of the Brookings Food Pantry and serves as a member of the Brookings Committee for People With Disabilities.

A Watertown, S.D., native, she enjoys reading, spending time at the lake and cheering on the Jacks.
Credentials - All requests for media credentials for SDSU home cross country meets should be directed to the South Dakota State sports information department at least 24 hours prior to the event. 

Credentials will be mailed if requests are received a week or more in advance. Otherwise, credentials may be picked up at the Jackrabbit Ticket Office inside the Stanely J. Marshall HPER Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to limited seating, only working media will be allowed access on a first-come, first-served basis.

The following guidelines apply specifically to Internet sites:

- No more than two people working for the official Web site of the opponent and/or its official conference site will be issued credentials.
- Web sites whose content centers around message boards and chat rooms where users can post anonymous information and/or rumors are ineligible for any consideration for credentials or access.
- Credentials will not be granted to any agency operating sites that are in any way affiliated with gambling, or to freelance or fan-based sites that are not affiliated with a legitimate news-gathering organization.

The final decision for credentials remains at the sole discretion of the South Dakota State sports information department.

Statistics - The South Dakota State sports information office will keep official statistics and will distribute final statistics to teams and members of the media within 15 minutes after the conclusion of a contest.

Interview Policy - Outside of athletic events, interviews with South Dakota State student-athletes must be arranged 24 hours in advance Monday through Thursday by contacting the SDSU sports information office or the head coach of the sport involved. Please do not contact the student-athlete directly without prior approval — phone numbers of SDSU student-athletes will not be released.

Media members should understand that all return calls will be made collect or via a toll-free number, unless the student-athlete does the interview from the sports information office. Jackrabbit student-athletes will not be available for interviews prior to a contest the day of a game, but will be available for post-game interviews 10 minutes after the conclusion of contests by contacting a member of the sports information staff or coaching staff.

Photographers
Photographers (live and still) are asked to not interfere with the sight lines of spectators. Photographers must remain outside the team areas and in a position as to not interfere with the action.

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