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

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

Dr. Hellickson has been South Dakota State University’s faculty representative to the North Central Conference and NCAA since 1977, and as such also is chairman of the Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Committee on campus. Hellickson returned to the classroom this past spring as a professor in agricultural engineering after serving several years as director of agriculture extension at SDSU. He has been on the SDSU staff since 1969, serving as a professor in agricultural engineering until he was appointed as head of that department during the summer of 1982. Dr. Hellickson’s specialty has been in the area of livestock structures and environment with recent emphasis on solar energy use in agriculture. A native of Belfield, N.D., he earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering from North Dakota State University in 1964, added a master’s degree in ag engineering from NDSU in 1966, then earned a Ph.D. in engineering at West Virginia University in 1969. He was included in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1970. Hellickson was presented the North Central Conference Meritorious Service Award at the November 1990 meeting.

Bernadette begins her seventh year as assistant athletic trainer at South Dakota State. Olson received her bachelor’s degree in physical education studies with an emphasis in athletic training and sports medicine at the University of Delaware in 1988 prior to working from August 1988 to June 1992 as the assistant athletic trainer in the Washington and Lee University athletic department in Lexington, Va. She received her master’s degree in August 1993 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, in physical education with a specialization in athletic training and worked as the primary athletic trainer for the Cavalier women’s basketball and volleyball programs. Apart from her duties as the assistant athletic trainer at SDSU, Olson also is a clinical instructor.
LOCATION — Brookings, SD
ENROLLMENT — 8,540
PRESIDENT — Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR — Dr. Fred M. Oien
COLORS — Yellow and Blue
NICKNAME — Jackrabbits
AFFILIATION — NCAA Division II
CONFERENCE — North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, more commonly known as the North Central Conference or the NCC. SDSU is a charter member of the league, founded in 1921. League members have played a double round-robin schedule in basketball since 1982.

ARENA — Frost Arena, named after former SDSU coach and educator R.B. "Jack" Frost, opened in February 1973. Frost Arena is located in the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center and has a seating capacity of 9,000.

1998-99 OVERALL RECORD — Won 20 Lost 8
1998-99 CONFERENCE RECORD — Won 12 Lost 6 (third place)

HEAD COACH — Nancy Neiber (Black Hills State, 1969); 16th season, won 286, lost 134
ASSISTANT COACH — Aaron Johnston (Gustavus Adolphus, 1996), first year

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS — Levi Pearson and Laurie Plahn

LETTERWINNERS LOST — 5
Jennifer Briggs, Erin Engel, Diana Grandgeorge, Lora Kluis (1,000-point scorer, two-time all-NCC selection) and Cara Weisbrod

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING — 10 (4 starters)
*** Lisa Olson, 5-11, Sr., Forward, St. James, Minn. — Averaged 5.0 points and 2.3 rebounds in 28 games, including 16 starts
*** Jennifer Sylvester, 5-6, Sr., Guard, St. Peter, Minn. — Averaged 9.0 points, 4.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game
** Sherri Brende, 5-7, Jr., Guard, Baltic, S.D. — All-NCC selection; averaged 14.0 points and 2.3 three-pointers per game
** Kris DeRuycx, 5-10, Jr., Forward, Tracy, Minn. — Averaged 5.6 points and 2.6 rebounds per game
** Gwen Greiner, 5-7, Jr., Guard, Hancock, Minn. — Averaged 10.5 points and 2.8 rebounds in 28 games, including seven starts
** Angie Loken, 6-2, Jr., Forward, St. Peter, Minn. — Averaged 5.5 points and 3.6 rebounds per game
** Sarah Rippke, 6-0, Jr., Forward, Mankato, Minn. — Averaged 9.6 points and 6.5 rebounds per game in 28 starts
* Shari Johnson, 5-7, So., Guard, Yankton, S.D. — Played in reserve role in 27 games, recording 19 assists and 15 steals
* Jamie Nelson, 6-1, So., Center, Howard, S.D. — Played in reserve role in 10 games, recording five points and eight rebounds

Newcomers — 5
• Karly Hegge, 6-1, Fr., Forward-Center, Baltic, S.D. — Two-time all-state and three-time all-conference pick
• Kassy Hegge, 6-0, Fr., Forward, Baltic, S.D. — All-state selection and three-time all-conference pick
• Mandy Koupal, 6-1, Fr., Forward-Center, Dante, S.D. — Two-time South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year, 1999 Miss Basketball, three-time all-state selection; scored more than 2,000 points at Wagner High School
• Melissa Pater, 5-11, Fr., Forward, Holland, Minn. — All-conference and honorable mention all-state selection at Southwest Christian High School
• Stacy Schooley, 5-9, Fr., Forward, Watertown, S.D. — All-state and all-conference selection

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR — Ron Lenz
ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR — Jason Hove
ATHLETIC TRAINER — Bernadette Olson

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Assistant SID Hove — Office: (605) 688-4822; Home: (605) 692-1900

1999-2000 Schedule

November
19 at Moorhead State
23 at Wayne State
26-27 at Regis Coors Roundball Tournament Denver, CO
26 vs. Northwest Missouri
27 vs. Regis or St. Martin’s (WA)

December
1 at Southwest State
4 Northern State
9 Mayville State
17 Winona State
18 Bemidji State

January
2 Morningside
3 South Dakota
7 at St. Cloud State
8 at Minnesota State, Mankato

February
4 Minnesota State, Mankato
5 St. Cloud State
12 Augustana
18 at Northern Colorado
19 at Nebraska-Omaha
25 North Dakota State
26 North Dakota

March
3 at South Dakota
4 at Morningside

Home games in bold
Nancy Neiber has made a tremendous impact on the South Dakota State University women’s basketball program.

After inheriting a program that had three losing seasons in four years, Neiber guided the Jackrabbits to a 13-12 record in her first season (1984-85). Since then, SDSU has had a winning record in all but one season and has placed in the upper half of the North Central Conference 13 consecutive years. Twice the Jackrabbits have finished in second place in the conference and six times Neiber-coached teams have won 20 games in a season, including two school-record 25-win seasons.

This past season, SDSU finished third in the North Central Conference with a 20-8 overall record (12-6 in NCC play) and qualified for the NCAA North Central Regional for the sixth time under Neiber.

Neiber, a Pierre, S.D., native, is the winningest basketball coach in SDSU history and enters the season 14 wins shy of 300 for her career. Her 286-134 record (.681 winning percentage) gives her the third most victories among active North Central Conference coaches.

In their six postseason appearances the Jackrabbits have advanced to the title game of the North Central Regional three times. In 1994 and 1995 the Jackrabbits hosted and won first-round playoff games.

Along the way, Neiber has recruited and coached 25 all-North Central Conference players, including one conference most valuable player; 21 academic all-conference selections; two GTE/CoSida Academic All-Americans and three NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipients.

Neiber came to SDSU after coaching at both the high school and collegiate levels in South Dakota. A 1969 graduate of Black Hills State, Neiber’s previous collegiate coaching experience was as a graduate assistant at SDSU and as an assistant coach at Dakota State during the 1983-84 season.

Prior to becoming head coach at SDSU she spent seven seasons as head coach at Mitchell High School, where she compiled a 71-73 record and guided the Kernels to three state tournament appearances. Her 1975 team was 17-3 and finished third in the state tournament, while her 1977 team advanced to the state title game.

### ASSISTANT COACH AARON JOHNSTON

Aaron Johnston begins his first season as the Jackrabbit women’s basketball assistant coach.

A native of Pine Island, Minn., Johnston is no stranger to South Dakota State having served the last two seasons as a graduate assistant for the Jackrabbit men’s basketball team. Johnston previously served as an assistant coach for two seasons at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

“A.J.” also was a student assistant at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., for two seasons. Johnston earned his bachelor’s degree in health and physical education at Gustavus in 1996.
South Dakota State University plays its home games in Frost Arena, named after former Jackrabbit coach and athletic director R.B. “Jack” Frost.

Frost served as athletic director, and professor and head of the physical education department from 1947 until 1960. He also compiled an 86-79 mark in seven seasons as Jackrabbit men’s basketball coach.

Frost Arena, which is part of the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center, now seats 9,000 fans for basketball. The addition of chair-back courtside seating prior to the 1992-93 season eliminated about 500 seats from the original seating capacity.

The first game played at Frost Arena was on Feb. 2, 1973. In 1994, the one-millionth basketball fan passed through the Frost Arena turnstiles.

The Frost Arena attendance record was set on Feb. 11, 1989, when 9,456 fans attended the SDSU-Augustana basketball game.

Bids totaling $3,374,115 were let for the facility following legislative approval of the project with the bill signed by Gov. Frank Farrar Feb. 14, 1970. Ground was broken Sept. 22, 1970, with the cornerstone placed by Gov. Richard Kneip Oct. 2, 1971. Final cost of the building was $3,685,000, with the difference made up by gifts and donated items.

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The South Dakota State University women’s basketball team will rely on a mix of experience and youth in hopes of making a return trip to the NCAA North Central Regional during the 1999-2000 season.

“Our coaching staff is looking forward to this season with a very good group of experienced players returning, along with a group of exceptional freshmen,” head coach Nancy Neiber said. “Our Jackrabbit team plans to be extremely competitive.”

With 10 letterwinners, including four players who started at least 15 games, returning from last year’s 20-8 team, the Jackrabbits look to be in the thick of the North Central Conference and regional races.

“These student-athletes have prepared themselves physically and mentally for the challenges of our pre-conference season and a very strong North Central Conference,” said Neiber, who is in her 16th year as head coach at South Dakota State.

Last year, SDSU finished third in the NCC with a 12-6 mark and made its first NCAA playoff appearance since the 1995-96 season.

Leading the way for the 1999-2000 Jackrabbits are seniors Jennifer Sylvester and Lisa Olson. Sylvester, an honorable mention all-NCC selection a year ago, averaged 9 points and finished among the league leaders with 4.6 assists per game from her point guard position.

Olson, who started 16 games last season, averaged 5 points and 2.3 rebounds per game. She is again expected to contribute off the bench this season, giving the Jackrabbits another outside scoring threat.

Other returning starters include junior guards Sherri Brende and Gwen Greiner. Brende was the league’s top three-point shooter during the 1999-2000 season and earned all-NCC honors by averaging 14 points per game.

Greiner moved into the starting lineup for the final seven games of the season and finished third on the team in scoring with 10.5 points per game. She also was recognized as the conference’s Co-Defensive Player of the Year and earned honorable mention all-NCC honors.

Angie Loken, a junior who has played off the bench in 54 games the last two seasons, is expected to fill one frontcourt starting position. She was one of the team’s top rebounders a year ago and finished second on the team in blocked shots.

Loken will be joined on the front line by Mandy Koupal. The highly recruited freshman and two-time South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year led the nation in field goal percentage as a high school senior and brings a polished all-around game.

The Jackrabbits also will have the luxury of bringing Sarah Rippke, who started all 28 games last season, off the bench to give SDSU one of the deepest benches in the conference. Rippke was the team’s second-leading rebounder a year ago with 6.5 boards per game and was fourth in scoring with 9.6 points per game.

“We believe we have the depth and experience to make this season one to remember,” Neiber said.

Joining Rippke in the second five are junior Kris DeRuyck and sophomores Shari Johnson, Jamie Nelson and Tara Wadsworth. DeRuyck, who has been slowed by a preseason knee injury, started the first five games of last season, then came off the bench to average 5.6 points and 2.6 rebounds per game.

Johnson played in all but one game last season and provides tenacious defense and quality depth at the point guard position. Nelson and Wadsworth saw limited action as freshmen and are ready to play an expanded role on this year’s team, Neiber said.

A talented group of freshmen also is expected to play a part in the Jackrabbits’ success. Besides Koupal, the Jackrabbits also signed Stacy Schooley, a perimeter player from Watertown; Melissa Pater, a power forward from Holland, Minn.; and twin sisters Karly and Kassy Hegge, from Baltic, S.D.

1999-2000 Roster

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1999-2000 JACKRABBIT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — 5
Lisa has started 31 games the last two seasons, including 16 games during the 1998-99 season ... scored in double figures three times, including 13-point outings in wins vs. Moorhead State and at Augustana ... made 3-of-5 three-point attempts against both Moorhead State and Augustana ... set career highs with six assists in win over Wayne State and four steals against Mayville State ... twice grabbed six rebounds in a game — at Texas A&M-Kingsville and versus North Dakota State ... recorded 20 steals on the season, the most in her career ... ranks ninth on the SDSU career chart with 35 three-point field goals

1997-98: Lisa played in 25 games, starting 15 ... scored in double figures seven times ... came off the bench to score career-high 19 points at North Dakota ... team’s fifth leading rebounder with 77 rebounds ... grabbed career-high eight rebounds and scored 16 points in win at Southwest State ... showed improved shooting range, making 11-of-38 three-point attempts

1996-97: Played in 26 games — all off the bench — and averaged 4.7 points and 2.3 rebounds per contest ... scored in double figures four times, including both games against North Dakota

High School: Scored 1,451 career points at St. James High School, averaging 16 points, four rebounds and four assists per game ... was a two-time all-state selection and also earned all-state tournament honors ... three-time all-South Central Conference selection

Coach Neiber’s Comments: “Lisa, as a senior, has assumed an important leadership role on this team. She understands what needs to be done in practice and in games, and she has the desire and the commitment to help our team reach its goals.” ... “Lisa is a wonderful athlete who is ready to step up as a senior. Her ability to get up and down the floor, as well as her ability to score both off the dribble and the pass makes it hard to defend her.”

Personal: Majoring in graphic design ... birthdate is May 11, 1978
Jennifer enjoyed her best season as a Jackrabbit last year, earning honorable mention all-North Central Conference honors, as well as being selected to the conference all-academic team ... led the team in assists for the second consecutive year ... recorded a double-double (16 points, 10 assists) in win at Nebraska-Omaha ... tied career high with 24 points, including 11-of-14 free throws in win over Cameron ... also finished second on the team in free throws made (77) and was third in rebounds (4.2 per game) ... was third in the league with a 2:1 assist-to-turnover ratio ... improved her outside shooting accuracy to make a career-high 42.1 percent of her long-range tries, including a career-best 24 three-pointers ... made 4-of-5 three-point attempts as SDSU set school record with 13 against Northern Colorado ... enters season ninth on SDSU career assists chart with 320.

1997-98: Jennifer led the team in assists and finished fourth on the team in scoring (7.8 points per game) and rebounds (3.1 per game) ... played in all 27 games and started 22, including the last 16 conference games ... scored in double figures nine times, including a career-high 24 points in season finale at St. Cloud State ... also dished out 10 assists in that victory ... made 10-of-11 free throw attempts in win over Mankato State.

1996-97: Played in 25 games and started in home contest against Nebraska-Omaha ... scored season-high 22 points, grabbed career-high eight rebounds and recorded eight steals in victory over Minnesota-Morris ... scored in double figures in four non-conference games ... finished second on the team with 104 assists and 55 steals.

High School: Scored 1,511 points at St. Peter High School ... was honorable mention all-state selection and academic all-state pick.

Coach Neiber's Comments: “Jenny has set lofty goals for our team and herself. Her experience and determination will allow her to be a solid leader for our team. Jenny cares about her teammates and will do everything she can to make this, her senior season, a great one.”

“Jenny is a powerful player; she can score, she can rebound, she can lead and defend. Jenny's got the total package.”

Personal: Majoring in physical education/teacher education ... is president of SDSU’s Student Athlete Advisory Council ... birthdate is July 31, 1978 ... parents are John and Shirleen Sylvester, of St. Peter, Minn.
Sherri was the team's second-leading scorer last season with an average of 14 points per game ... was named to the all-North Central Conference team after leading the league in three-point field goals made ... hit at least one three-pointer in all but one conference game, and all but three games for the season ... enters this season fifth on the SDSU career charts for three-pointers made with 106 ... made six threes in game at North Dakota State ... scored in double figures in 25 of the Jackrabbits' 28 games last season, including a career-high 29 points in conference opener at Morningside ... third on team in assists with 65 ... dished out nine assists in win over Moorhead State ... also was an academic all-conference selection

1997-98: Sherri enjoyed a fine freshman season, earning honorable mention all-North Central Conference honors ... started the final 23 games of the season ... scored in double figures in 16 games, including four games with 20 or more points ... recorded a double-double (15 points, 11 assists) in conference opener against St. Cloud State ... led the team in minutes played (30.5 minutes per game), three-point field goals attempted (105) and made (41), tied for the team lead in free throws made (80) and was second in assists (76) and free-throw percentage (82.5 percent) ... scored 20 points and made all 10 free-throw attempts in win at Nebraska-Omaha ... scored season-high 22 points in win at Mankato State, a game in which she sank five three-pointers

High School: Averaged 19.4 points per game in leading Baltic High School to state Class B titles her junior and senior years ... was named Ms. Basketball for South Dakota in 1997 ... five-time letterwinner, four-time all-conference performer and three-time all-state selection ... set school records for points (1,826), assists (375), steals (181) and three-point shots made (113) ... team also won state championship in 1995 ... won state titles in shot put her junior and senior years and discus her senior year

Coach Neiber's Comments: “I think each year of experience that Sherri has had playing at this level has allowed her to grow as a player. Sherri totally understands what it will take for our program to be successful and how important her leadership will be this year.” ... “Sherri has the ability to handle the ball, score and make her teammates around her look good with her ability to get them the ball. She just has a great court sense.”

Personal: Mechanical engineering major ... birthdate is September 13, 1978 ... parents are Don and Pat Brende, of Baltic
KRIS DERUYCK
5-10, JUNIOR, FORWARD
MILROY, MINNESOTA

Kris started the first five games of the season, scoring in double figures three times, then played off the bench in the rest of the team’s games in 1998-99 ... had one of the team’s best all-around performances of the season when she scored 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting, grabbed six rebounds and recorded five assists and two steals in 21 minutes against Southwest State ... scored in double figures six times, including a 13-point performance at Minnesota State, Mankato, to spark the Jackrabbits to victory ... also scored 13 points and hauled down career-high seven rebounds in victory over Moorhead State

1997-98: Kris moved into the starting lineup during the conference season and started 11 North Central Conference contests ... also started the game against Ferris State ... missed part of the season with an ankle injury ... twice scored in double figures, including 12 points in a victory at Augustana ... grabbed season-high six rebounds twice ... averaged 17.5 minutes of playing time during NCC play

High School: Averaged 19.2 points and 8.3 rebounds per game as a senior at Tracy Area High School, where she was named Marshall-area player of the year ... scored more than 1,000 career points ... once scored 38 points in a game ... member of state championship teams in three sports ... also was a member of the National Honor Society

Coach Neiber’s Comments: “Kris has the ability to explode on any given night. She’s a very good athlete who has a good understanding of the game and plays hard all the time.”

Personal: Majoring in business/economics ... born June 25, 1979, in Independence, Mo. ... parents are Dennis and Mary DeRuyck, of Milroy, Minn.

CAREER HIGHS:
Scoring: 14 points, vs. Southwest State, 12-9-98
Rebounding: 7, vs. Moorhead State, 12-12-98
Assists: 5, vs. Southwest State, 12-9-98
Steals: 2, five times

CAREER STATS

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Gwen started the last seven games of the season and responded with a scoring average of 14.6 points per game over that stretch ... earned honorable mention all-NCC honors and was selected by league coaches as co-Defensive Player of the Year in the conference ... shared NCC Player of the Week honors the week of Feb. 15 after averaging 20 points per game in wins over Northern Colorado (15 points on 5-of-7 three-pointers) and Nebraska-Omaha (career-high 25 points on 9-of-11 shooting) ... also scored 24 points in start at North Dakota ... came off the bench to score 24 points, hitting on 6-of-8 three-point tries, and dish out career-high six assists in conference opener at Morningside ... finished the season second in the conference in three-point shooting at 46.3 percent (31-of-67)

1997-98: Gwen proved to be a valuable reserve at the shooting guard position ... played in 26 games and scored double figures three times, including back-to-back games against Augustana and the University of South Dakota ... scored 18 points in win versus Cal State-Stanislaus ... started collegiate career by making school-record 28 straight free throws ... ended season as team leader in free-throw percentage (84.8 percent) and set school record ... led team in three-point percentage (43.3 percent) and was 2-for-2 on three-pointers on two occasions — against Southwest State and St. Cloud State

High School: Ended her career at Hancock High School as Minnesota’s all-time leader in three-point field goals ... Sank 74 three-pointers as a senior ... Averaged 19.2 points per game as a senior, including single-game high of 37 points ... All-state selection

Coach Neiber’s Comments: “A year ago Gwen gained the confidence to be a force in our league. Her desire and determination to play defense allowed her to become one to the best defensive players in the best league in the nation.” ... “Gwen’s competitive spirit and enthusiasm for the game is contagious. She can shoot, handle the ball and pass with the best.”

Personal: Majoring in health, physical education and recreation ... birthdate is October 21, 1978 ... parents are Gary and Marcia Greiner, of Hancock, Minn.
A
ngie came off the bench in every game last season, filling the power forward and post positions ... scored in double figures twice (career-high 14 points vs. Mayville State and 12 points at South Dakota) ... finished the season as the team leader in field goal percentage (50.5), was second in blocked shots (9) and was fourth in rebounds (102) ... tied career high with nine rebounds in home game against North Dakota ... had four offensive and seven total rebounds in conference-opening win at Morningside, a game in which she played a career-high 26 minutes ... made 76.3 percent (29 of 38) of her free throws during conference play

1997-98: Angie provided valuable depth off the bench, playing in all but one game ... finished third on the team in rebounds (96) despite averaging just more 12 minutes of playing time per game ... also was third on the team with 12 blocked shots ... scored season-high 10 points in conference opener against St. Cloud State ... pulled down nine rebounds in win over Moorhead State

High School: Averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds per game at St. Peter High School ... three-time all-South Central Conference selection ... also lettered in volleyball, golf and track ... member of the National Honor Society

Coach Neiber's Comments: "Angie gained great experience a year ago. She has worked very hard over the summer to elevate her game to another level." ... "Angie's ability to run the floor, along with the strength she has gained, will allow her to impact our team even more this season.

Personal: Majoring in economics ... birthdate is January 18, 1979 ... parents are James and Donna Loken, of St. Peter, Minn.
Sarah had a breakthrough season for the Jackrabbits as she broke into the starting lineup and started all 28 games ... scored in double figures in 15 games, including career-high 19 points in victory over Northern Colorado ... also set career highs in assists (four) and steals (five) against Northern Colorado ... has a streak of eight straight games with 10 or more points heading into this season ... reached double figures in rebounds four times, highlighted by career-high 16 rebounds at St. Cloud State ... posted two double-doubles — a 12-point, 12-rebound performance in conference home opener against St. Cloud State; and a 12-point, 13-rebound outing at North Dakota State ... finished last season as the team's second-leading rebounder and fourth-leading scorer ... averaged 10.6 points per game during the conference season 1997-98: Sarah saw action in 14 games, including seven conference contests, and provided added depth in the post ... scored season-high eight points and grabbed six rebounds in win over Bemidji State

High School: Averaged 12.4 points and seven rebounds per game at Mankato West High School ... earned all-Big Nine Conference and all-city honors ... was a member of the all-star team at the Minnesota Elite Basketball Camp in 1996

Coach Neiber's Comments: “Sarah, a year ago, proved she could play in this league. She moved from a reserve role to a starter and was a big reason that we had our NCAA playoff berth.” “Sarah has a solid outside jumper and great post moves and rebounds hard. Night in and night out she gives us consistent play.”

Personal: Engineering major ... birthdate is April 28, 1979 ... parents are Jon and Cheryl Rippke, of Mankato, Minn.

Career Highs:

Scoring: 19 points, vs. Northern Colorado, 2-12-99
Rebounding: 16, vs. St. Cloud State, 1-30-99
Assists: 4, vs. Northern Colorado, 2-12-99
Steals: 5, vs. Northern Colorado, 2-12-99

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SHARI JOHNSON  
5-7, SOPHOMORE, GUARD  
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Shari played off the bench in all but one game last season after joining the Jackrabbits as a walk-on ... an aggressive defender, Shari had four games with two steals ... did not score a field goal until the final week of the conference season, when she scored career-high four points against both South Dakota and Morningside ... made only field goal attempt in regional game against Augustana.

High School: Shari was a three-year letterwinner in basketball at Yankton High School, earning all-conference and all-state honors ... averaged 10 points and five assists per game ... also earned Miss Volleyball honors.

Coach Neiber’s Comments: “Shari was a pleasant surprise last season in coming off the bench to give us a solid defensive effort and consistent play.” ... “Her teammates love her because she plays and practices hard.”

Personal: Biology major ... birthdate is February 19, 1980 ... parents are Kevin and Pam Johnson, who now live in Savage, Minn.

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TARA WADSWORTH  
5-10, SOPHOMORE, FORWARD  
HAYTI, SOUTH DAKOTA

Tara saw limited action last year, playing in 13 games, including six conference contests ... made every shot she attempted in career-high six-point outing against Mayville State ... grabbed three offensive rebounds in win over Northern Colorado.

High School: Tara was a three-year starter at Hamlin High School, where she averaged 18.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per game ... earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior ... three-time all-conference selection ... helped Hamlin to the state Class A championship in 1996 ...

Member of National Honor Society

Coach Neiber’s Comments: “Tara has improved because she is more confident as a player this year.” ... “Tara is adjusting from playing a power forward position in high school to a perimeter player here at State. Her ability to face the basket, handle the ball and defend are results of her hard work.”

Personal: Nursing major ... birthdate is November 7, 1979 ... parents are Bruce and Deb Wadsworth, of Hayti
MEET THE JACKS

JAMIE NELSON
6-1, SOPHOMORE, CENTER
HOWARD, SOUTH DAKOTA

Jamie saw limited action last season after joining the team as a walk-on ... played in 10 games, including five conference contests ... scored lone basket of the season in home game against North Dakota ... pulled down two offensive rebounds in win over Northern Colorado

HIGH SCHOOL: Jamie averaged 16.8 points and 9.4 rebounds per game at Howard High School ... two-time all-conference pick ... also selected to South Dakota Elite 15 team ... set single-season school record for field goal percentage ... class valedictorian and National Honor Society member

COACH NEIBER’S COMMENTS: “Jamie worked hard in the this offseason to make herself stronger. She has a strong desire to contribute to our team and she has improved in every aspect of her game.”

PERSONAL: Math education major ... birthdate is June 5, 1980 ... parents are Bruce and Rita Nelson, of Carthage, S.D.

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MELISSA PATER
5-11, FRESHMAN, FORWARD
HOLLAND, MINNESOTA

Melissa joins the Jackrabbits following a successful career at Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton, Minn., the same high school that produced former SDSU standouts Deb Van Klei and Gina Mouw ... averaged 15 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists per game her senior year ... finished her career as the second-leading scorer in school history ... earned honorable mention all-state, Worthington Daily Globe all-area and all-conference honors her senior year ... also lettered four times in track and three times in volleyball

COACH NEIBER’S COMMENTS: “Melissa joins us coming off a great high school athletic career. She is a powerful athlete with a strong competitive spirit and outstanding work ethic. Melissa adds depth to our post position.”

PERSONAL: Plans to major in health promotion ... birthdate is November 29, 1980 ... parents are Myron and Muriel Pater, of Holland, Minn.
KARLY HEGGE
6-1, FRESHMAN, FORWARD-CENTER
BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

Karly averaged 18 points and 8 rebounds per game her senior season at Baltic High School ... was a two-time all-state performer and a three-time all-Tri-Valley Conference selection ... earned the Spirit of Su Award at the Class B state tournament her senior year ... finalist for the South Dakota Miss Basketball award ... earned Sioux Falls Argus Leader “Second Five” status as a senior ... member of the all-tournament team at the Class B state tournament three years as Baltic High School won three state titles ... was a team captain and team MVP two years ... twin sister Kassy also is on the Jackrabbit squad

COACH NEIBER’S COMMENTS: “Karly brings depth to our post position. She is a smart player who possesses strong fundamentals.” ... “Karly also possesses a strong competitive spirit.”

PERSONAL: Plans to major in pre-pharmacy ... National Merit Scholar and class co-valedictorian ... birthdate is October 2, 1980 ... parents are Kent and Kathy Hegge

KASSY HEGGE
6-0, FRESHMAN, FORWARD
BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

Kassy was named to the first-team all-state squad her senior year after averaging 15 points and 6.4 rebounds per game ... was a member of the all-tournament team at the Class B state tournament two times as Baltic High School won three state titles .... lettered in basketball five times ... also lettered in volleyball (three times) and track ... twin sister Karly also is on the Jackrabbit squad

COACH NEIBER’S COMMENTS: “Kassy, along with her sister, Karly, played on a Baltic team that won three state championships so she knows how to win.” ... “She is a smart player who is fundamentally strong with a competitive attitude. She will add depth to our team.”

PERSONAL: Plans to major in pre-pharmacy ... class co-valedictorian ... born October 2, 1980, in Dell Rapids ... parents are Kent and Kathy Hegge
MANDY KOUPAL
6-1, FRESHMAN, FORWARD-CENTER
DANTE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mandy won just about every award imaginable during a stellar career at Wagner High School, capping it off with a state championship and Miss Basketball honors ... a two-time South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year, she totaled more than 2,000 points, 1,100 rebounds, 200 blocked shots, averaging 19 points and 11 rebounds per game ... was a member of the varsity since the eighth grade and earned all-state honors three times and all-conference recognition four times, as well as honorable mention all-USA honors ... her high school jersey will hang in the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn., for one year after leading the nation in field goal percentage (75 percent) as a senior ... earned Sioux Falls Argus Leader “Elite FirstTeam” honors three times, was the Mitchell Daily Republic Player of the Year three times and WNAX player of the Year twice ... was a two-time state champion in track and earned second-team all-state recognition in volleyball.

COACH NEIBER’S COMMENTS: “Mandy is a very talented player with a great work ethic and a strong competitive spirit. She will help this team move to another level in Division II basketball.”

PERSONAL: Plans to major in biology ... class salutatorian and member of the National Honor Society ... birthdate is June 12, 1980 ... parents are Dwayne and Rosie Koupal, of Dante.

STACY SCHOOLEY
5-9, FRESHMAN, FORWARD
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Stacy earned second-team all-state honors twice and was an all-Eastern South Dakota selection two times in basketball at Watertown High School ... averaged 12.4 points and 7.6 rebounds per game her senior year ... four-year letterwinner in basketball, who was team captain and MVP twice ... selected team’s best defender ... earned six letters in track and was team captain ... lettered three times in volleyball, earning all-ESD recognition ... volleyball team was state champion in 1997.

COACH NEIBER’S COMMENTS: “Stacy is a very talented athlete who has the ability to be a powerful player in our league.” ... “She has a great work ethic and a strong competitive spirit.”

PERSONAL: Plans to major in economics ... member of the National Honor Society ... born January 23, 1981, in Yankton ... parents are Doug and Debbie Schooley, of Watertown.

RABBITS ON THE RADIO

Jackrabbit fans can follow the women’s basketball team all season long on Depot Radio KJJQ 910 AM, Brookings. For the third season, KJJQ’s Scotty Kwas will handle the play-by-play for all Jackrabbit women’s basketball games. Coverage begins with the pre-game show 20 minutes prior to tipoff.
1998-99 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE REVIEW

NO. P LAYER AVG.
2. Jayne Even, Jr. North Dakota State 19.4
3. Christine Williamson, SCSU 18.3
4. Katie Richards, Jr. North Dakota 18.1
5. Kelly Gese, Jr. South Dakota State 18.1
6. Brenda Stachowski, M'side 16.2
7. Petra Olson, UNC 15.8
8. Brittani Janssen, Augustana 15.7
9. Sarah Larson, UNO 15.4

NO. P LAYER AVG.
1. Britanni Janssen, Jr. Augustana 2.61
2. Katie Stachowski, Jr. Minn. State, Mankato 2.47
3. Jaime Pudenz, Jr. South Dakota 2.22
4. Diane Dittbarn, UNC 2.22
5. Melissa Johnson, M'side 2.11
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THREE-POINT FIELD GOAL LEADERS
NO. P LAYER AVG.
1. Brittanni Janssen, Jr. Augustana 2.61
2. Katie Stachowski, Jr. Minn. State, Mankato 2.47
3. Jaime Pudenz, Jr. South Dakota 2.22
4. Diane Dittbarn, UNC 2.22
5. Melissa Johnson, M'side 2.11
6. Gwen Greiner, SDSU 1.72

1998-99 NCC LEADERS

SCHOOL NCC OVERALL
1. South Dakota 3-15 7-20
2. Morningside 3-15 7-20
4. Northern Colorado 11-7 17-11
5. South Dakota State 12-6 20-8
6. UND 17-1 31-1

1999-2000 JACKRABBIT WOMEN’S BASKETBALL — 17
Winning and athletics go hand in hand at South Dakota State where Jackrabbit teams have established a long and proud history. On the basketball court, the SDSU women’s basketball team earned three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament (1994-95-96), after making its first appearance in 1988. Three times the Jackrabbit women’s basketball teams have advanced to the regional final.

The 1998-99 season also was full of highlights as the Jackrabbits returned to postseason play and became only the 15th NCAA Division II women’s basketball program to record 500 victories.

But that’s only a part of the tradition-rich history of women’s basketball at SDSU.

In the pre-NCAA days (before 1981), SDSU dominated state AIAW (Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women). In basketball, SDSU won 11 state championships in 13 years (and SDSU did not compete one of the two years it did not win). SDSU also had two AIAW regional championships, participating in the AIAW national tournament in 1972 when there were no divisions.

SDSU is a charter member of the North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a league formed in 1921.

SDSU’s success has not been confined to one or two sports. SDSU won the first-ever NCC all-sports title for women in 1983, and claimed at least a share of the all-sports race three of the last six years.

Following is a year-by-year look at SDSU women’s basketball:

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SDSU Honor Roll

- **Jennifer Johnson**: Career scoring and rebounding leader
- **Deb Van Klei**: 2nd in career scoring
- **Karla Stevenson**: 3rd in career scoring
- **Pat Dobratz**: 4-time single-season scoring leader
- **Laurie (Bruns) Kruse**: Most points in one season
- **Holly Salden**: Career assist leader
- **Lisa Kurtz**: 3-point field goal leader
- **Erin Reiten**: Career steals leader
POINTS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 39 Karla Stevenson vs. Augustana, 1987
Season: 649 Karla Stevenson, 1987 (27 games)
Career: 1,676 Jennifer Johnson, 1982-85 (103 games)
Season Avg.: 22.8 Laurie (Bruns) Kruse, 1991 (593 pts, 26 gms)
Career Avg.: 18.8 Pat Dobratz, 1982-85 (1,334 points, 71 gms)

FIELD GOALS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 17 Pat Dobratz vs. Mount Marty, 1974
17 Karla Stevenson vs. Augustana, 1987
17 Karla Stevenson vs. North Dakota, 1987
Season: 270 Karla Stevenson, 1987
Att. Game: 30 Karla Stevenson vs. North Dakota State, 1987
Att. Season: 587 Karla Stevenson, 1987
Att. Career: 1,407 Karla Stevenson, 1984-87
Pct. Game: 1.000 Laurie Bruns vs. NDSU, 1990 (10-10)

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 9 Lisa Kurtenbach vs. St. Cloud, 1988
9 Lisa Kurtenbach vs. North Dakota State, 1988
9 Lisa Kurtenbach vs. Southwest State, 1989
Season: 107 Lisa Kurtenbach, 1989
Att. Game: 20 Lisa Kurtenbach vs. St. Cloud State, 1989

FREE THROWS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 17 Lisa Kannegieter vs. Mankato, 1992 (17-of-22)
Season: 146 Dawn Hull, 1995
Career: 361 Deb Van Klei, 1986-89
Att. Season: 204 Dawn Hull, 1995
Pct. Game: 100.0 vs. Morningside (11-11) Min. 10 attempts
Pct. Season: 72.0 in 1996 (438-608)
Pct. Career: 76.5 Ann Just, 1993-96

REBOUNDS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 27 Nancy Joyce vs. Southwest State, 1977
Season: 321 Jennifer Johnson, 1985 (25 games)
Career: 1,083 Jennifer Johnson, 1982-85 (103 games)

ASSISTS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 13 Deb Van Klei vs. Mount Marty, 1989
13 Beth Ommen vs. Morningside, 1997
Season: 170 Erin Reiten, 1996
Career: 521 Holly Sallden, 1990-93

STEALS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 10 Karla Stevenson vs. Sioux Falls College, 1986

BLOCKED SHOTS, INDIVIDUAL

Game: 8 Angela Swenson vs. North Dakota State, 1996
Season: 66 Gina Mouw, 1995
Career: 189 Gina Mouw, 1992-96

SCORING, TEAM

Game: 112 vs. Sioux Falls, 11-19-96
Season: 2,428 in 1995
Avg. Season: 80.9 in 1995 (2,428 points in 30 games)
Margin: 76 pts. (SDSU 94, Southwest 18), 1969

FIELD GOALS, TEAM

Game: 43 vs. Mount Marty, 1978
43 vs. Briar Cliff, 1989
Season: 897 in 1987 (29 games)
Pct. Game: 64.4 vs. Concordia, 1990 (38 of 59)
Pct. Season: 46.3 in 1980 (780 of 1,663)

FREE THROWS, TEAM

Made Game: 34 vs. North Dakota, 1982 (34 of 50)
Season: 523 in 1988
Att. Season: 755 in 1988
Pct. Game: 100.0 vs. Morningside (11-11) Min. 10 attempts
Pct. Season: 72.0 in 1996 (438-608)

REBOUNDS, TEAM

Game: 73 vs. Augustana, 1979
Season: 1293 in 1988 (30 games)
Avg. Season: 50.2 in 1985 (1,257 in 25 games)

ASSISTS, TEAM

Game: 35 vs. Morningside, 1997
Season: 557 in 1996 (28 games)
Per Game: 19.9 in 1996 (557 in 28 games)

STEALS, TEAM

Game: 28 vs. Minnesota-Morris, 11-25-95
Season: 370 in 1995-96 (28 games)

BLOCKED SHOTS, TEAM

Game: 15 vs. Minnesota-Morris, 1993
Season: 171 in 1996 (28 games)

WHAT THE OPPONENTS HAVE DONE

SCORING

Game: 108 by North Dakota, 1999
Season: 2,109 in 1987 (29 games)
Average: 73.8 in 1986 (1995 points, 27 games)

FIELD GOALS

Game: 44 by North Dakota, 1999
Season: 856 in 1987
Pct. Game: 61.1 by North Dakota, 1999

MISCELLANEOUS

Rebound Average Season: 45.4 in 1987
Assists, Season: 584 in 1987 (29 games)
Steals, Game: 21 by Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1998
Steals, Season: 255 in 1991 (28 games)
Blocked Shots Game: 11 by USD, 1987
Blocked Shots Season: 101 in 1987 (29 games)
**Jackrabbit Award Winners**

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### Jackrabbit Letterwinners

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  - Aderhold, Linda 1977-78
  - Anderson, Tricia 1989-90
- **B**
  - Beard, Lori 1976
  - Braley, Sara 1988
  - Briggs, Jennifer 1999
  - Brouwer, Carla 1981-82
  - Byre, JoEllie 1983-84-85
- **C**
  - Carney, Julie 1991-92
  - Carus, Laura 1977
  - Chamberlain, Ellen 1985-86-87
  - Cordes, Tina 1995-96-97-98
  - Corlette, Cindy 1977-78-79
  - Crevier, Beth 1977
  - Crevier, Tanya 1976-77
- **D**
  - DeRuyck, Kris 1998-99
  - Dimmel, Cindy 1980-81
- **E**
  - Engel, Erin 1999
  - Faust, Nancy 1980
  - Fish, Lori 1987-88-89-90
  - Fornia, Laura 1976-77-78
- **G**
  - Grandgeorge, Diane 1997, 1999
  - Greene, Michelle 1983-84-85
  - Greiner, Gwen 1998-99
  - Gullickson, Sarah 1995

- **H**
  - Hainline, Tammy 1978
  - Hamrick, Penny 1983-84
  - Hansen, Karen M. 1984
  - Hansen, Karen R. 1983-84
  - Heiden, Sonia 1995
  - Heirigs, Rochelle 1989-90-91-92
  - Herzog, Shelly 1985-86
  - Hiemstra, Kris 1983-84-85
  - Hull, Dawn 1993-94-95-96
  - Johnson, Jenni 1982-83-84-85
  - Johnson, Shari 1999
  - Joyce, Nancy 1977-78-79-80
  - Just, Ann 1993-94-95-96
- **K**
  - Karim, Soraya 1985-86
  - Kraassen, Leah 1995-96-97-98
  - Kluss, Lora 1996-97-98-99
  - Knudsen, Tasha 1992
  - Korf, Mary 1980-81-82-83
  - Krupe (Brans), Laurie 1988-89-90-91
  - Kurkenbach, Lisa 1983-84-85-86
- **L**
  - Larsen, Virginia 1977-78-79-80
  - LeGrand, Mary Jo 1980-81
  - Lignos, Kathy 1994-95-96
  - Linde, Louise 1985
  - List, Kriste 1992-93-94
  - Livingston, Jance 1976

- **M**
  - McDonald, Judy 1985-86-87-88
  - McDonald, Sue 1981-82-83-84
  - Mcgee, Fran 1983-84
  - Mettler (Rolla), Lisa 1987-88-89-90
  - Mills, Jackie 1987-88-89-90
  - Moorehead, Keeley 1995
  - Mueller, Lisa 1982

- **O**
  - Olson, Kari 1992-93
  - Olson, Lisa 1997-98-99
  - Ommen, Beth 1994-95-96-97

- **P**
  - Pretti, Lisa 1996-97

- **R**
  - Remund, Lynn 1981-82
  - Reiten, Erin 1993-94-95-96
  - Rettig, Jeannie 1980-81
  - Rick, Karla 1979
  - Ripke, Sarah 1998-99
  - Robbins, Sarah 1997
  - Rose, Carleen 1990-91-92-93

- **S**
  - Saldeen, Holly 1990-91-92-93
  - Schlimmer, Carol 1976

**SDSU** began awarding varsity letters in women’s athletics in the 1976-77 school year.
### Jackrabbit Single-Season Leaders

**Year** | **Player** | **Goals** | **Points** | **Avg.**
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1966-67 | Carolyn Fiscus | 109 | 266 | 24.2
1967-68 | Sandy Sundstrom | 77 | 250 | 32.4
1968-69 | Pam Kessler | 86 | 344 | 40.1
1969-70 | Carolyn Fiscus | 222 | 711 | 32.4
1970-71 | Pat Dobratz | 218 | 711 | 32.4
1971-72 | Pat Dobratz | 419 | 711 | 32.4
1972-73 | Pat Dobratz | 348 | 711 | 32.4
1973-74 | Pat Dobratz | 349 | 711 | 32.4
1974-75 | Tanya Crevier | 292 | 711 | 32.4
1975-76 | Kris Nelson | 269 | 711 | 32.4
1976-77 | Nancy Joyce | 319 | 711 | 32.4
1977-78 | Nancy Joyce | 413 | 711 | 32.4
1978-79 | Lorna VandenBerg | 259 | 711 | 32.4
1979-80 | Nancy Joyce | 477 | 711 | 32.4
1980-81 | Cindy Dimmel | 337 | 711 | 32.4
1981-82 | Jennifer Johnson | 411 | 711 | 32.4
1982-83 | Jennifer Johnson | 411 | 711 | 32.4
1983-84 | Jennifer Johnson | 378 | 711 | 32.4
1984-85 | Jennifer Johnson | 476 | 711 | 32.4
1985-86 | Karla Stevenson | 479 | 711 | 32.4
1986-87 | Karla Stevenson | 649 | 711 | 32.4
1987-88 | Deb Van Klei | 492 | 711 | 32.4
1988-89 | Deb Van Klei | 471 | 711 | 32.4
1989-90 | Laurie (Brud) Kruse | 593 | 711 | 32.4
1990-91 | Jodi Bergemann | 440 | 711 | 32.4
1991-92 | Jodi Bergemann | 322 | 711 | 32.4
1992-93 | Rachel Halsrud | 479 | 711 | 32.4
1993-94 | Dawn Hull | 520 | 711 | 32.4
1994-95 | Ann Just | 408 | 711 | 32.4
1995-96 | Leah Klaassen | 496 | 711 | 32.4
1997-98 | Leah Klaassen | 422 | 711 | 32.4

**Jackrabbit 400-Point Club — Single Season**

**No.** | **Player** | **Year** | **Games** | **Points** | **Avg.**
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1. | Laurie (Brud) Kruse | 1987 | 29 | 649 | 22.5
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3. | Pat Dobratz | 1972 | 19 | 419 | 22.5
4. | Pat Dobratz | 1974 | 17 | 349 | 20.5
5. | Pat Dobratz | 1973 | 18 | 348 | 19.3
7. | Leah Klaassen | 1997 | 27 | 496 | 18.4
8. | Carolyn Fiscus | 1967 | 6 | 109 | 18.1
9. | Nancy Joyce | 1978 | 23 | 413 | 17.9
10. | Karla Stevenson | 1986 | 27 | 479 | 17.7

**Year** | **Player** | **Year** | **Games** | **Points** | **Avg.**
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1976 | Kris Nelson | 21 | 218 | 10.4
1977 | Nancy Joyce | 23 | 303 | 13.2
1978 | Nancy Joyce | 23 | 257 | 11.1
1979 | Lorna VandenBerg | 22 | 189 | 8.6
1980 | Nancy Joyce | 27 | 264 | 9.8
1981 | Cindy Dimmel | 26 | 226 | 8.7
1982 | Jennifer Johnson | 28 | 247 | 8.8
1983 | Jennifer Johnson | 25 | 284 | 11.3
1984 | Jennifer Johnson | 25 | 241 | 9.6
1985 | Jennifer Johnson | 25 | 321 | 12.8
1986 | JoElle Byre | 27 | 303 | 11.2
1987 | Deb (Veldkamp) Van Klei | 29 | 235 | 8.1
1988 | Lori Fish | 30 | 211 | 7.0
1989 | Lori Fish | 28 | 216 | 7.7
1990 | Laurie Bruns | 25 | 178 | 7.1
1991 | Laurie (Brud) Kruse | 26 | 235 | 9.0
1992 | Carleen Rose | 29 | 199 | 6.9
1993 | Carleen Rose | 27 | 168 | 6.2
1994 | Jodi Bergemann | 30 | 160 | 5.3
1995 | Dawn Hull | 30 | 215 | 7.2
1996 | Angela Swenson | 28 | 190 | 6.8
1997 | Lora Kluhs | 27 | 194 | 7.2
1998 | Leah Klaassen | 27 | 207 | 7.7
1999 | Lora Kluhs | 28 | 200 | 7.1

*Missed all games after Christmas because of illness*

**Jackrabbit 1,000-Point Club**

**Player** | **Year** | **Points** | **Avg.**
--- | --- | --- | ---
2. | Deb Van Klei (1986-89) | 114 | 14.2
7. | Laurie (Brud) Kruse (1988-91) | 110 | 14.2
9. | Pat Dobratz (1971-74) | 71 | 14.2
10. | Carleen Rose (1990-93) | 110 | 14.2
11. | Erin Reiten (1993-96) | 113 | 14.2
15. | Lisa Kunertbach (1986-89) | 114 | 14.2
17. | Lori Fish (1987-90) | 112 | 14.2

*Statistics for all seasons prior to 1976 are incomplete*

**Jackrabbit Women's Basketball — 21**
## Year-By-Year Scores

### 1966-67: Win 6, Lost 0
- **Head Coach**: Norma Boetel

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### 1967-68: Win 7, Lost 0
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### 1968-69: Win 8, Lost 0
- **Head Coach**: Norma Boetel

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### 1969-70: Win 14, Lost 1
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### 1970-71: Win 15, Lost 2
- **Head Coach**: Ruth Marske

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### 1971-72: Win 17, Lost 2
- **Head Coach**: Ruth Marske

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### 1972-73: Win 12, Lost 6
- **Head Coach**: Norma Boetel

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- **Head Coach**: Jenny Johnson

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### 1974-75: Win 17, Lost 6
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- **Head Coach**: Cindy Davis

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- **Head Coach**: Cindy Davis

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### 1977-78: Win 12, Lost 11
- **Head Coach**: Cindy Davis

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### 1978-79: Win 16, Lost 11
- **Head Coach**: Mary Ingram

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### 1979-80: Win 16, Lost 11
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### 1980-81: Win 16, Lost 11
- **Head Coach**: Mary Ingram

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1982-83: Won 8, Lost 17
Head Coach: Mary Ingram

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
65 at Moorhead State....69
69 at Concordia-Moorhead....70
90 Dakota State .....61
67 #St. Cloud State .....69
68 #St. Ambrose .....73
76 #Mankato State .....80
37 North Dakota State .....82
57 @Wisconsin-Superior .....32
59 #Northwest State .....36
65 Mankato State .....67
60 at South Dakota State .....49
68 Sioux Falls College .....72
56 at Eastern Montana .....73
61 at Mankato State .....74
55 at South Dakota State .....75
61 at North Dakota State .....93
1983-84: Won 8, Lost 17
Head Coach: Mary Ingram

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
57 #Wisconsin-Eau Claire .....49
84 #Marycrest .....60
69 Northern State .....58
82 #Winona State .....59
77 #Moorhead State .....69
54 at Northwest State .....58
73 at Air Force .....(2 OT) 65
77 at Denver .....(2 OT) 65
70 at Northern Colorado .....79
56 at Morningside .....73
47 at South Dakota State .....55
63 Morningside College .....78
46 at South Dakota State .....74
61 at North Dakota State .....49
68 at Arizona State .....72
62 Nebraska-Omaha .....68
37 Mankato State .....97
68 at Nebraska-Omaha .....76
46 at Creighton .....80
51 at North Dakota State .....81
79 North Dakota State .....77
50 at St. Cloud State .....63
64 at Mankato State .....91
84 Augustana College .....98
# at Augustana Tip-Off Tournament

1984-85: Won 13, Lost 14
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
90 Westmar College .....34
85 at Northwestern State .....53
81 Minnesota-Morris .....64
79 Mount Marty .....(OT) 75
93 Southwest State .....51
64 at Minnesota State .....57
67 at North Dakota State .....83
77 #Westmar College .....29
79 #Wisconsin-Superior .....58
68 Nebraska-Omaha .....49
51 at North Dakota State .....73
85 at Augustana College .....64
50 at Mankato State .....58
50 at St. Cloud State .....70
81 Mankato College .....59
75 at South Dakota State .....83
56 at Nebraska-Omaha .....67
84 Augustana College .....75
68 at North Dakota State .....103
64 Mankato State .....87
87 St. Cloud State .....(OT) 72
65 at Morningside .....(OT) 80
65 at South Dakota State .....81
80 North Dakota State .....81
61 U of North Dakota .....68
1985-86: Won 11, Lost 16
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
73 *Sioux Falls College .....58
67 Minnesota-Morris .....57
60 at South Dakota State .....58
72 at Northwestern (Iowa) .....74
59 @Grandview College .....59
70 Huren College .....54
94 @Mount Marty .....82
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91 %Northern State .....(OT) 94
79 %Mary College .....81
77 at Nebraska-Omaha .....90
85 at Clarendon College .....104
92 Augustana College .....91
44 at Minnesota-Morris .....74
67 at Morningside .....86
58 at South Dakota State .....61
76 Nebraska-Omaha .....66
76 at Augustana College .....67
72 North Dakota State .....83
65 at Mankato State .....67
64 at St. Cloud State .....65
93 Morningside College .....72
65 at South Dakota State .....69
75 at North Dakota State .....80
53 at U of North Dakota .....91
* at Jackrabbit Classic

1986-87: Won 16, Lost 13
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
91 #Minnesota-Morris .....57
84 #Briar Cliff .....66
66 at Jamestown College .....65
89 at St. Benedict .....68
67 at Merguspirit .....58
95 at Minnesota-Morris .....68
78 at Nebraska-Omaha .....68
37 Mount Marty .....61
68 at Southwest State .....53
89 Sioux Falls College .....63
96 Northwestern (Iowa) .....69
50 Nebraska-Omaha .....53
44 at North Dakota State .....76
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79 Morningside College .....77
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78 at Nebraska-Omaha .....85
62 Northern State .....77
85 Augustana College .....77
79 at U of North Dakota .....86
86 St. Cloud State .....81
75 at Minnesota-Morris .....81
63 at South Dakota State .....55
73 at Morningside .....94
84 U of North Dakota .....57
1987-88: Won 25, Lost 5
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
79 #Minnesota-Morris .....53
81 #Briar Cliff College .....58
68 Mount Marty .....60
68 at Sioux Falls College .....57
77 at Gustavus Adolphus .....52
84 Moorhead State .....43
76 at Dakota Wesleyan .....62
81 Southwest State .....63
65 at South Dakota State .....57
78 at U of South Dakota .....57
51 at Nebraska-Omaha .....90
56 at Northern State .....68
88 Augustana College .....86
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81 at U of South Dakota .....69
76 Nebraska-Omaha .....61
79 Morningside College .....70
88 at Augustana College .....65
70 U of North Dakota .....77
86 St. Cloud State .....77
68 Mankato State .....65
77 at Regis College .....52
85 at Nebraska-Omaha .....76
75 at U of North Dakota .....65
77 at Dakota Wesleyan .....77
NCAAD II North Central Regional at Fargo, N.D.
76 at U of North Dakota .....60
77 North Dakota State .....91
* at Jackrabbit Classic

1988-89: Won 22, Lost 6
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

SDSU  Opp.  Year-By-Year Scores
102 #Briar Cliff .....70
77 #Minnesota-Morris .....54
91 Mount Marty .....59
76 Dakota Wesleyan .....43
83 Regis College .....37
63 Metropolitan State .....50
100 at Northwest State .....79
90 %Angelo State .....79
51 #Central Missouri .....77
85 at Minnesota-Morris .....69
84 Northwestern (Iowa) .....46
49 at Dakota State .....70
64 Nebraska-Omaha .....74
75 U of South Dakota .....64
65 at U of North Dakota .....59
79 at Minnesota-Morris .....76
61 at Jackrabbit Classic

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES
1990-91: Won 18, Lost 10
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1993-94: Won 22, Lost 8
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

1995-96: Won 25, Lost 3
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

1997-98: Won 19, Lost 10
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber

1999-2000: Won 18, Lost 9
Head Coach: Nancy Neiber
South Dakota State University, the state’s land grant institution, was authorized in 1881 by the Territorial Legislative Assembly. Territorial council member John O’Brien Scobey, failing to obtain the penitentiary for Brookings, managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city.

Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school was able to open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, was willing to advance $500 (a 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 life for a decade and a half.

**Development**

During the first year of operation only preparatory classes were held. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshmen and 61 preparatory students. Growth was slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the century there were 242 students. By 1990, SDSU had an enrollment of more than 9,000 students with nearly 8,100 at the Brookings campus. It has granted more than 46,500 degrees since the college was chartered in 1881.

**Colleges Established**

The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction, established in 1884, included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political and domestic economy and music. By 1907, the year the name of the institution was changed to South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus.

Reorganization into the five divisions which formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923. In 1964, when “State College” was renamed South Dakota State University, there were six colleges: Arts and Science, Agricultural and Biological Sciences, Home Economics, Engineering, Nursing and Pharmacy, as well as a Graduate Division. A seventh, General Registration, was added later. In 1975, the Division of Education was created, which became the College of Education and Counseling in 1991.

Today, degrees are offered through these colleges:
- Agriculture and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Science
- Education and Counseling
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Registration
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

South Dakota State University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

**State’s Largest**

Since 1881, South Dakota State University has grown from a campus of 80 acres 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.

Peggy Gordon Elliott became SDSU’s 18th president on January 1, 1998, following the retirement of Robert T. Wagner.

With more than 8,000 students registered in the fall of 1998, enrollment at SDSU continues to be the largest of the state’s institutions of higher education.

More than 200 majors, minors and options are available with more than 2,500 different course offerings. Master’s degrees are offered in more than 30 areas, and doctorates are available in eight fields. The university also offers degree programs through the Sioux Falls Center for Public Higher Education, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses are available through the Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach.

Seventy-five percent of entering freshmen are in the upper half of their high school graduating class and 40 percent are in the top 25 percent. Seventy percent are residents of South Dakota, 20 percent come from 46 other states and 41 international countries.

Supplementing classroom instruction are the Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures, and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth and Griffiths endowments. Students may join more than 100 clubs and organizations that are active on campus.

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

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

The Northern Great Plains Biostress Laboratory, dedicated in 1993, houses scientists who focus on research aimed at developing new technologies to protect crops and livestock. Research conducted in this facility benefits the entire region.
1999-2000 South Dakota State University Women's Basketball Team

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