Hartze legacy lives through ROTC
Family Weekend and The Ag. Heritage Museum are hosting a scavenger hunt around campus this weekend. Use these hints to find what building they are talking about and complete the activity! Take any route you please.

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**HINT 6:** This building serves as the original Student Union and previously housed a ballroom, dining hall and book store. It now serves as a home for the Information Technologies center, the Communication Studies and Theatre Department and the early childhood and preschool facilities. For this activity, you must do your part in helping pay for the building by giving your penny to play the carnival game.

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**HINT 7:** This building was built in 1887 by SDSU’s second president, Dr. Lewis McLouth. During this time, the women staying in this dormitory went on to pursue degrees in medicine, science, school administration and more. Today, you will explore the medical discipline by measuring your lung capacity.

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One Day for STATE raises more than $1.3 million

GINA GOLBRISCH
Copy Editor

Expectations were exceeded Sept. 13, as the South Dakota State University Foundation hosted its third annual One Day for STATE fundraiser and raised more than $1.3 million.

In the previous two years, the one-day event brought in about $300,000, so the growth over the past year is evident, raising over a million dollars more, and donations are still coming in the mail.

Erin Glidden, Director of Loyalty Giving for the SDSU Foundation, describes One Day for STATE as a way to celebrate SDSU, the Alumni Association, athletics, students and faculty to get together to celebrate and share the message of why people should make a philanthropic gift to the university.

“Our original goal was to have 2,400 donors in 24 hours, and we finished with over 3,400,” Glidden said about the foundation surpassing expectations.

Throughout the year, the SDSU Foundation raises funds for the university’s main initiative at the given time, whether it be scholarships, student activities or endowments.

When donating during One Day for STATE, donors had the option to choose which department, college or group receives the money from their donation. The SDSU Scholarships fund received the most money ($301,581), with Jackrabbit Athletics ($130,559.96) and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences ($124,6117.58) in second and third, respectively.

The SDSU Foundation promoted One Day for STATE through social media pushes and events including Union Coffee hour, a student patio party, the Giving Makes Me Happy party and the Yellow and Blue Block Party.

Some students helped during the big day by contacting donors, promoting these challenges on social media and through the events on campus. One of these students was Muriel McLaughlin, a sophomore English major.

She explained that a lot of the money came from donors who pledged “X” amount of money for every set number of donations made to a specific department.

“For example, a person might give $3,000 once 20 donations are made to the athletic department.

“Everyone came together to promote One Day for STATE,” McLaughlin said. “It was an awesome experience.”

Since donations are still coming in, final statistics from the day will be released sometime later this week.

Senior Allison Bjornstad enjoys her ice cream at One Day for State on September 12th, 2019 at South Dakota State University.

These challenges are a huge part of why One Day for STATE was so successful. Even a donation as small as $1 could help “unlock” one of the larger donations made by a challenge donor.

Stop by our office in the lower level of the Union (Room 069) to pick up an application.
Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off with weekend events

WREN MURPHY
Diversity Reporter

The Hispanic Heritage Month, running from mid-September to mid-October, finished its kickoff with music, food and games aimed at bringing together Hispanic and non-Hispanic members of the community.

Bienvenidos a Brookings, an organization that welcomes Spanish-speaking people into the community, sponsored the final event of the kickoff weekend in Pioneer Park Sept. 15. The event brought together people from the university, Brookings and other local community members.

“It’s good just to have events between Hispanic and American culture and have that exchange of cultures,” said Marisol Galvan, a member of the organization and interpreter for the event. “It’s good just to be around the community and … feel like we belong in the community.”

Bienvenidos a Brookings offers English classes, cultural education and some basic immigration services to members of the Hispanic community. Currently, the organization offers English classes in Flandreau and Elkton, but not in Brookings.

Patty Bacon, a city councilwoman and deputy mayor, said she believes events like this are important for maintaining a welcoming atmosphere and helps “dispel negative stereotypes about different groups.”

The Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff began with a speech by Yvonne Denis Rosario at 6 p.m. on Sept. 13. Rosario is a black Puerto Rican author who aims to tell the story of black Puerto Ricans, which, she said, have been both historically and currently subject to discrimination.

“I wanted to demystify the history of Afro-Puerto Ricans and show them in a revealing, positive light,” Rosario said, according to the translation. She said it was important for black Puerto Ricans to be able to share their stories.

“The biggest thing we can do is open spaces to those voices,” Rosario said. “It makes a more complex, complete history available.”

The other kickoff event was a Latino dance Sept. 14 in Jack’s Place in the Union.

There will be other on-campus events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in the next few weeks, including a screening of “Stolen Education” in the Lewis and Clark room Sept. 20 and several speakers. A list of events is on the Office of Multicultural Affairs’ webpage.
‘Never Dark Thursdays’ illuminate the School of Performing Arts

LYDIA HANSEN  
Reporter

This year marks the first of a new initiative put forth by the School of Performing Arts: ‘Never Dark Thursdays’ at South Dakota State University.

According to their website, “If it is a Thursday and school is in session, that means an event is happening at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center.”

Open to both students and the general public, the majority of these acts are completely free to attend. Performances range anywhere from voice recitals to plays, hosted throughout the Performing Arts Center.

These performances are aimed to shed light on the new building and encourage people to get involved in the School of Performing Arts.

“The school moved into the brand new facility this January and hopes to fully utilize the building by continuing to encourage attendance to their varied assortment of events, stressing that everyone is welcome to attend each and every performance.

“It’s a good way to show off the new facility and let people know there’s always something going on,” Dr. Tammy Yonce, Associate Professor of Music said. “The Never Dark Thursdays are a great way for people to experience the new building and what we have to offer.”

Dr. Yonce has played the flute for 25 years and performed at the first faculty recital of the year.

“We want more students to attend our performances. We want them to feel like they have ownership,” Dr. David Reynolds, the Director of the School of Performing Arts and the creator of ‘Never Dark Thursdays,’ said. “Now that we have this incredible facility, we want to make it easier to understand our calendar.”

In theatre, the concept of a ‘dark night’ means that there are no performances scheduled, and thus no audience to attend them. Dr. Reynolds explained that Thursday was chosen because the school wanted to include play performances, which usually open on Thursday night.

The full schedule of events and locations can be found on the Performing Art Center’s webpage, under the ‘Never Dark Thursdays’ tab.

Upcoming events include, but are not limited to, student and faculty recitals, a performance of the play “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,” 7:30 p.m., Oct. 17 and the ‘Pipe Organ Spooktacular’ this coming Halloween night at 6 p.m., where the organ pipes will be washed in orange and the performers will play spooky music throughout the evening.

“It shows that they’re really using their space. I kind of hope that the idea of Never Dark Thursdays becomes more of a community thing,” commented Darlyn Balo, a fifth year music education major who performed her student voice recital during the first week of classes. “I think it can be a challenge to have something going on every (Thursday) night, but it is super helpful for music majors.”

Balo explained that each music major must give a senior recital. She also expressed hopes that the weekly performances could help the dance program and eventually encourage the addition of a dance major.

Not only do Never Dark Thursdays provide endless entertainment for students and the community, they are also a great opportunity for music majors to showcase their talents and hard work that they put in each and every week.

The Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center will host a variety of Never Dark Thursday events. Additions to the building were completed in early 2019.
ANDREW RASMUSSEN  
News and Opinion Editor

Rachelle Hartze, a 1990 South Dakota State University graduate, was promoted to colonel in the United States Air Force on Aug. 30 in the same building she once trained as a cadet in the SDSU Army ROTC program.

Col. Hartze is part of a three-generation legacy with Army ROTC at SDSU. Both of her parents are graduates, with her father and two uncles being involved in Army ROTC before being commissioned in the U.S. Army. Two of her children are also currently involved in Army ROTC at SDSU.

“ROTC is significant in that it provides a foundation for leadership,” Hartze said. “I know that sounds very trite and sounds very cookie-cutter, but it really was significant in my development.”

Hartze has had a great career with the United States military, with over 19 years of active service in the Air Force and eight years in the Army Reserve.

She served in Operations Just Cause, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

She graduated from SDSU with a degree in communication studies, and later earned another degree in nursing and a master’s in community health nursing.

According to Hartze’s Award Narrative, during her time at Balad Air Force Theater Hospital as Assistant Nurse Manager, “Her team cared for 2,800 patients, assisted 20 Critical Care Aeromedical Transport Teams and supported 1,200 aerovac missions, earning the reputation as the “busiest ward in the AOR (area of responsibility).”

Hartze volunteered for the Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program where she netted almost 5,000 marrow donor registrations.

During her time at SDSU, she was active in the theater programs and played supporting roles in “The Unsinkable Molly Brown” and “Fiddler on the Roof.”

“I really enjoyed having two very different groups of peers and friends. Both my Army ROTC and the theater and speech departments,” Hartze said.

In her new role in Dayton, Ohio, she will be supporting the Medical-Surgical Unit by training and overseeing new medical professionals in the armed forces.

“Part of our job as clinical experts is to not only grow them as nurses but also to grow them as leaders,” Hartze said.

Some of her favorite memories at SDSU include participating in joint Army and Air Force drilling ceremonies and competing and performing across the country. Her least favorite was the morning PT (personal training) endless flutter kicks.

Hartze's father, Dennis Collins, served two tours in Vietnam as a pilot. She described one of his experiences as he flew his Birddog plane as part of a response to a distress call. She said he was flying a pattern and realized he needed to fly a second pattern.

During the second pattern, he took fire through the belly of the plane. One of the bullets hit him in the leg. After flying back to the base, he told those on the ground he wanted the joystick before passing out from blood loss. Hartze’s mother gave her that joystick during one of her promotions.

Hartze had some advice for current SDSU ROTC cadets.

“Get involved in programs outside of ROTC,” Hartze said. “I know that’s very hard for cadets to do because not only are you fully engaged in your academics and you have a significant time commitment for the Army ROTC program and many cadets are also working to fund their education, but if they can carve out any time at all to get involved in other organizations it’s, I think, very important.”
Col. Rachelle Hartze from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, with the 5th Medical Operations Squadron poses with her family, sons cadets Kyle and Sean Hartze and mother Karen Collins, on Friday, Aug. 30, at the Depuy Military Hall. Hartze, who graduated from South Dakota State University in 1990, was promoted to the rank of Colonel and took the oath of office from Colonel (Retired) Orville B. Smidt.
Family fun to be had with the Brookings Great 8

CAROLINE COVERT
Copy Editor

When it comes to Brookings, there isn’t a shortage of fun activities and places to visit for the whole family to enjoy. Here is a list of fun places to visit, which are considered to be the ‘Brookings Great 8.’

Brookings Children’s Museum
With a giant T-Rex skeleton as its mascot, the Children’s Museum encourages children to learn through having fun and exploration. The museum offers both classes and interactive exhibits to teach about the wonders of science.

Agricultural Heritage Museum
The Agricultural Heritage Museum has a plethora of opportunities for families to learn about farming equipment and the traditional way of life from as far back as the 1880s. The museum also hosts classes and workshops.

SDSU Dairy Bar
Did you know that the famous cookies ‘n cream ice cream flavor was first made at SDSU? Try this flavor, among 60 others, as well as beef sticks and a variety of cheeses at the Dairy Bar on the SDSU campus.

McCrory Gardens
A warm weather favorite, McCrory Gardens features over 45 acres of botanical beauty. The natural landscape is perfect for events and provides a quiet time to enjoy nature.

South Dakota Art Museum
Appreciate and explore a variety of different art mediums at the art museum. The current exhibit shown at the museum features Afghan war rugs, Harvey Dunn paintings and much more.

Brookings Arts Council
Originally built in 1914 and a part of the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, this site displays artwork from various regional artists. The Arts Council has entertained and educated the public for over 40 years. Saturday, the council will be hosting a class “Beauties with a Bling,” for $60.

Outdoor Adventure Center
Even in the winter, there is no shortage of outdoor fun that can be had at the Outdoor Adventure Center. This 25,530 square-foot facility hosts classes for archery, BB guns and geocaching.

Nick’s Hamburger Shop
This local shop has served homemade pies, shakes and hamburgers since 1929. Nick’s serves as an old-fashioned diner that you shouldn’t miss.
Dear parents of SDSU students

Dear Parents,

We still love you.

Yes, we are growing. Yes, we are at a weird stage in our life where we are transitioning from living with you to on our own. We also realize that you are transitioning, just like us.

We see your phone calls. We see your texts. We don’t always reply in a timely fashion, or even at all sometimes. This isn’t anything against you. We are just busy with school, life and figuring out the right balance. And by the way, thanks for still paying for our phone bill. Us broke college kids appreciate it.

We are sorry about the weekends. You are probably worried about us, like any parents should be a little bit. Many of us drink, like most college students, but we do it around people we trust and in safe environments. We will be sure to be safe and smart, just like you taught us. But, we probably won’t be making curfew – not that we have one anyway.

We appreciate your support in all we do. You might think we are just students who will graduate with crippling debt and our dreams aren’t what you pictured they would be – and that’s okay (mostly because it’s true).

We are sorry about not visiting as much as we probably should. But you should know that we found good friends here – family in a sense. But, when we do visit, it’s mostly for the dog. We miss the dog a lot – maybe not as much as we miss you, but that’s okay, right?

Just because we don’t visit doesn’t mean we don’t want to see you. We would love to host you in Brookings and show you around the town that we call home. We would love for you to experience a game day, or even meet our friends that mean so much to us.

With all the love in the world,

Your college student.
Homesickness: Discovering a home away from home

This homesickness, no matter how intense or lingering, can negatively impact multiple aspects of a student’s life. The anxiety from being in a new place all alone can lead to isolation. I know from my first year, as I spent most of my lunches in my dorm when my roommate wasn’t there. I didn’t want to be my roommate’s friend. She was a stranger.

Not knowing anyone in a new place, especially if that place is larger than your hometown, can lead to feeling like you don’t belong. And when you feel like you don’t belong, you stay away from events and other people. This makes college miserable. But homesickness, I believe, is necessary for growth. Without getting out of my hometown and coming to college, I wouldn’t have gotten the courage to expand my horizons, as cheesy as that sounds.

At college, outside of my comfort zone, I was able to find lifelong friends. I met people from around the world and I learned about interests other than my own. While it might hurt to know that you’re new and in a different place, it can and will get better. Change and growing up are difficult and scary, but it’s worth it.

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How to talk about finances with your roommate

1. Don’t assume

Platonic roommates tend to split things evenly down the middle, so it’s easy to assume that is what you are going to do. However, sometimes things like someone getting a bigger bedroom than the other, someone doing more chores than the other or someone constantly having their significant other stay over can complicate the issue.

2. Don’t surprise them

Surprises and money are almost always a bad idea. Try bringing up the topic the next time you are paying bills, so money is fresh in everyone’s mind and you don’t shock your roommate into defensiveness. Money is an easy topic for some and hard for others, so don’t bring it up over Starbucks on a girls day out if it’s something that could make the other uncomfortable.

3. Be specific

Ambiguity is another thing that doesn’t mix well with finance. If someone is going to pay more of the heating costs because they prefer it warmer, then how much more are they going to pay?

4. Be honest

Nothing makes a housing arrangement more tense than lying about money. If you say something, you need to stick to it. Holding yourself accountable gives you credibility for when you ask the same of your roommate.

5. Don’t pry

How they are paying for college, if their parents are helping them out with groceries and how much they are budgeting on spending vs. saving isn’t your problem. Unless it directly affects their ability to pay rent or shared utilities, it may be best to leave it out of the conversation. Asking a roommate to pay more simply because they seem to be better off is a taboo better left unbroken.

6. Go in with a to do list

How much you can afford, where you can save and any other questions are better thought out beforehand to make sure you don’t forget to mention something.

7. Write everything down

Writing down what you agreed on makes sure that everyone is accountable to what was agreed on without any misremembering causing friction.

For other helpful finance know-how geared especially towards college students, visit CashCourse.org. It’s free!
Seeing double: Janke twins bring family to football

LANDON DIERKS
Sports Editor

Family.

It’s been a core value of the South Dakota State football program under head coach John Stiegelmeier for 23 seasons, but it holds extra meaning for a pair of redshirt freshmen on the 2019 roster.

Jadon and Jaxon Janke, twin brothers from Madison, South Dakota, are three games into their first full season in uniform for the Jackrabbits, but they might not have made it this far without each other.

While it may seem unique to others, “it’s normal” being a twin according to Jaxon. Jadon agrees, taking the sentiment one step further.

“I think our relationship as love-hate, both expressing how nice it is to have had a best friend since day one, but they admit to annoying one another from time to time.

Jadon can think of one instance from the brothers’ eighth-grade football season that exemplifies their complex relationship. He received a handoff and ran to the side where his brother was blocking — at least that’s what was supposed to happen.

“[Jaxon] missed his block on the corner and, Jadon remembers. “As I’m going down, I see him behind me, pitch it to him and he runs for a touchdown. He didn’t do his job for me, but it was still cool.”

While there was a breakdown on that specific play, there weren’t many in the years that followed.

During the final three seasons of their prep careers, Jadon and Jaxon helped Madison High School win back-to-back state titles in class 11A — a feat that holds special significance for the twins.

“Winning any kind of championship is amazing, but having my twin brother with me the whole time made it a million times better,” Jadon said. “Growing up, our goal was to win a state championship. We were lucky enough to win three. It was an unbelievable experience, and I wouldn’t change anything.”

That desire to share good times with one another has carried over to their collegiate careers, and their relationship is easy for the SDSU coaching staff to see.

“They appear to be best friends, so there’s probably a bit of a rivalry there, but a really, really friendly rivalry — truly a brotherhood and a love for each other,” Stiegelmeier said.

Their brotherly bond is what made Jadon and Jaxon want to pursue collegiate athletics the same way they had approached many other things in life: together.

Both received attention from multiple schools for football and basketball, but made the decision to walk on at SDSU in February 2018.

The season that followed proved to be challenging. Neither Jadon nor Jaxon played much during their first season in Brookings, appearing in just three and four games, respectively.

“It’s almost like being injured,” Jaxon said. “With anything that’s holding you back, you just want to be back as soon as you can and continue to play. But sitting out a year helps you get stronger, faster and you learn the playbook better. Honestly, coming up out of high school, it’s such a hard change and it’s very rare to see true freshmen picking everything up right away and making a big impact.”

But this season has been different.

Jadon is a starter on special teams, and Jaxon sees regular reps as a wide receiver and starts at punt returner.

One of the team’s highlights at this point in the season belongs to Jaxon. Against Long Island on Sept. 7, he watched the ball bounce three times before fielding it and racing 77 yards for a touchdown — and Jadon was right there with him.

“I was just holding my block and all of a sudden I see Jaxon run right past me,” Jadon recalls. “I was like, ‘Oh s---, there he goes.’ So I just tried sprinting in front and helping him. Seeing him get into the endzone — it was a crazy play and he’s been doing it his whole career, so it was nothing new to me.”

Perhaps Jacks fans should get used to seeing more highlight-reel plays from Nos. 9 and 10 in yellow and blue.

Playing behind All-American and All-Missouri Valley Football Conference talents Cade Johnson and Adam Anderson has prevented the young pair from seeing a lot of time on the field together early in their careers. However, as older receivers graduate and the twins continue to improve, Jadon and Jaxon should see their roles increase.

“We really felt that when they honed in on football we thought they would explode in terms of ability,” Stiegelmeier said. “They’re just on the cusp of that whole thing … I think the future is really, really bright.”

Assistant sports editor Colton Prince contributed to this story.
Three generations strong
Langer family leaves lasting legacy at SDSU

CARSON HERBERT
Sports Reporter

It’s a fall Saturday morning, hours before the kickoff of a South Dakota State football game. Many fans, mostly Jackrabbit alumni and diehards, choose to spend time tailgating with family and friends during this time. But one group in particular has a long history and deep roots in playing the game.

If it was possible to bleed yellow and blue, the Langer family might be the best representation, as three generations of Langers have walked the SDSU campus and made an impact athletically in the last 40 years.

With the 2019 Family Weekend approaching on campus, it is nearly impossible to look through the SDSU athletics record books and find a family more mentioned than the Langers.

Jim Langer, who launched the family name as both a football and baseball student-athlete, was followed by his sons Tracy, Craig, Russ and grandson Cole.

Jim played linebacker and offensive line for the football team and excelled as a pitcher and outfielder in baseball. After college, Langer earned a roster spot with the Miami Dolphins. He went on to start at center and win the Super Bowl with the 1972 Dolphins — the only team in NFL history to finish a season undefeated.

Jim’s sons, Tracy, Craig and Russ, represented the Jackrabbit baseball teams from 1989-2001. There was a Langer on all five of the program’s trips to the postseason regionals in the 1990s.

Cole was a standout defensive lineman for the Jacks from 2013-15, where he was a two-time member of the All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team.

But Cole Langer said the SDSU connection goes beyond his dad, uncles and grandfather.

"Pretty much my entire family, mom and dad’s side, even my wife’s family, have all gone to SDSU," he said. "I grew up going to Jacks games, whether that was baseball, football or basketball and always knew that was where I wanted to go to school and was lucky enough to get a chance to play football there. It is a special place for our family."

For the past 15 years, the Langer family has spent several game days tailgating Jackrabbit football games before kickoff.

“We started when there were still pine trees standing along the north end zone and you paid $5 for a spot,” Tracy Langer said on the family’s Saturday commitment.

“Tailgating is very much a family event. We get there around opening time, set up shelters, grills, tables and fellowship with other SDSU fans.”

But the family is without a key player, as Jim passed away before the 2019 season opener.

Cole said that his grandfather’s presence has been missed, especially during football season.

“It has been a lot different already not having him,” he said. “He was obviously very knowledgeable about the game and he wasn’t afraid to voice his opinion. He was a huge Jacks fan, and even when he didn’t make it to the games, he would either give me a call or send me a text talking about the game.”

Though the Langers have been present during many changes on campus, including the jump to Division I and Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium being built, the tradition lives on and they remain loyal to the yellow and blue.

Tracy continues to be impressed by how the athletic department and campus has developed over the years.

“It really has been amazing to witness the growth of the college since the jump to Division I," he said. “The previous and current administrations have done a great job of growing and improving SDSU. As an SDSU alumnus, I am proud of how far SDSU has come as a Division I university.”