SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
CROSS COUNTRY

Brendan Sage • Jessica Eibs • Drew Kraft • Courtney Neubert

MEDIA GUIDE

2014
South Dakota State
Men’s Cross Country

Connor Branick
Sioux Falls, S.D.
RS Sophomore

Kyle Burdick
Rapid City, S.D.
Freshman

Trevor Capra
Rosemount, Minn.
Sophomore

Wilson Hacker
Madison, Wis.
Sophomore

Austin Hamm
Hartington, Neb.
Junior

Eric Janssen
Saint Cloud, Minn.
Freshman

Duane Jongeling
Parker, S.D.
Sophomore

Ayub Kassim
Eden Prairie, Minn.
Freshman

Kipp Kinsley
Yankton, S.D.
Junior

Drew Kraft
Wessington Springs, S.D.
Senior

Cal Lawton
Eden Prairie, Minn.
Freshman

Trent Lusignan
Shakopee, Minn.
Senior

Daniel Pettit
Hanover, Minn.
Sophomore

Joel Reichow
White Bear Lake, Minn.
Junior

Brendan Sage
Saint Michael, Minn.
Sophomore

Dylan Slaba
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Junior

Andrew Thies
Arlington, Minn.
Junior

Grant VanKeulen
Marshall, Minn.
Junior
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Location ................................................................. Brookings, S.D.
Founded/Enrollment ............................................ 1881 (12,554)
Affiliation .............................................................. NCAA Division I
Nickname ............................................................. Jackrabbits
Colors ..................................................................... Yellow and Blue
Conference ........................................................... The Summit League
President .............................................................. Dr. David L. Chicoine
Director of Athletics .............................................. Justin Sell

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**TEAM INFORMATION**

**Men:**
- 2014 Summit League Preseason Poll ........................................ First
- 2013 Summit League Finish ....................................................... First

**Women:**
- 2014 Summit League Preseason Poll ........................................ First (co-favorite)
- 2013 Summit League Finish ....................................................... Second

**SCHEDULE**

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**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach ......................................................... Rod DeHaven
Alma mater ........................................................ South Dakota State University, '89
Season with SDSU .................................................. Eleventh
Graduate Assistant ............................................. Alex Muntefering
Alma mater ........................................................ Colorado State, ’14
Season with SDSU .................................................. First

**CROSS COUNTRY HISTORY**

**Men:**
- NAIA Champions ................................................... 1956
- NCAA Division II Championships ............................ 1959, ’73, ’86, ’89, ’96
- North Central Conference Championships .............. 29
- NCAA Division I Independent Championships .......... 2005
- All-Americans (Division II) .................................... 78
- All-Americans (Division I) .................................... Three
- Summit League Championships ............................... 2009, ’10, ’12, ’13

**Women:**
- AIAW National Championships ............................... 1980
- NCAA Division II Championships ............................ 1981
- North Central Championships ................................ Nine
- NCAA Division I Independent Championships .......... 2006
- All-Americans (Division II) .................................... 41
- Summit League Championships ............................... 2008

**TOP RETURNEES**

**Men:**
- Trent Lusignan*#^
- Joel Reichow#
- Brendan Sage&
- Drew Kraft&
- Andrew Thies

**Women:**
- Cheyanne Bowers#
- Jessica Elbs#
- Courtney Neubert&
- Laura Lawton&
- Jenna Grossenburg&
- Alex Suhr

* All-American; # All-Summit League first team; & All-Summit League second team; ^ Summit League Cross Country Athlete of the Year (All 2013 honors)
# Rosters

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Coaching Staff

Rod DeHaven

Head Coach
Huron, S.D.
South Dakota State, '89
Eleventh Season

Entering his 11th season at the helm of the cross country program, Rod DeHaven has led the Jackrabbits to success on the course and in the classroom.

During his tenure, the men’s and women’s teams have combined to capture seven conference championships.

The men won four of the last five Summit League Championships and will look to win their third in a row in 2014. Overall, the men’s program has claimed 34 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 coached five individual conference champions, the latest being Trent Lusignan, who won the Summit League title in 2013 and was named the league’s athlete of the year. Lusignan also became the program’s first All-American in the Division I era, running to a 12th place finish at the NCAA cross country championships. DeHaven has coached 39 All-Summit League cross country performers to date.

SDSU athletes have also succeeded academically 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 for her work as a nursing major. 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, DeHaven ran to four North Central Conference individual championships and four top-10 finishes at the NCAA Division II national meet. With DeHaven leading the pack, SDSU captured four conference team championships and the 1985 NCAA Division II National Championship. The most decorated runner in SDSU history, he won a combined 19 individual North Central Conference titles in cross country and track and field and earned All-America honors 15 times in distance running.

Following his collegiate career, DeHaven continued to compete on the national and international scene. He represented the United States in the marathon at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

DeHaven will be inducted into the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

Alex Muntefering

Graduate Assistant
Parkston, S.D.
Colorado State, '14
First Season

Alex Muntefering joined the SDSU staff in the summer of 2014 and will serve as the graduate assistant coach for the cross country and track and field teams.

Before becoming the newest addition to Rod DeHaven’s staff, Muntefering competed at Colorado State, where he was a member of the cross country team and ran distance races for the track team. In 2014, he helped the Rams qualify for the NCAA men’s cross country national championship for the first time in nine years, where they placed 26th.

A health and exercise science major, he was a fixture on All-Mountain West academic teams during his time in Fort Collins, earning the honor for cross country in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and for track and field in 2012, 2013 and 2014. He was also named a Mountain West Scholar Athlete five times. His freshman year, he attended the University of Oklahoma, where he captured All-Big 12 academic honors for cross country and track and field.

A native of Parkston, South Dakota, Muntefering won five South Dakota state championships as a Parkston High School Trojan. In 2009, he won the 800- and 1,600-meter races at the Class A state meet. He captured the 800 title in 2008 and the 1,600 in 2006. He also took home a Class A cross country individual championship in 2006. Three of his championships came after he lost part of his big toe on his left foot and sustained nerve damage in a 2007 farming accident.
In 2013, the men’s cross country team enjoyed a banner season. Not only did the Jackrabbits win their second-straight Summit League title, Trent Lusignan posted the second-best finish in SDSU history at the NCAA championships.

When talking about the 2014 squad, Rod DeHaven stressed that nothing is certain.

“The redshirting we might do certainly will have an impact on our quality,” DeHaven said. “But we do have some very solid guys returning and maybe some freshmen who could have an impact right away because we’ve seen that before.”

Beyond Lusignan and Joel Reichow, the team has a solid core group of returning runners. Brendan Sage capped off a strong freshman campaign by being named the Newcomer of the Championship. DeHaven will look for Andrew Thies and Trevor Capra, who ran consistently well last fall, to continue to improve their times.

As a senior, Drew Kraft (right) will be called on to take on a larger role after being the team’s fifth runner in 2013. At the Summit League championships, Kraft ran a season-best time of 25:36.4 to finish 14th overall, effectively sealing the title for SDSU.

“If you asked, ‘How’d you win the conference meet by one point?’ I’d tell you it was Drew out-kicking a couple of guys from North Dakota State,” DeHaven said. “That was the meet for us.”

It will take a team effort for the Jackrabbits to make it three conference titles in a row. DeHaven acknowledged that IUPUI and North Dakota State are the favorites and noted that South Dakota has some quality runners returning.

“It’s hard to say now where we are in the league,” DeHaven said. “We need to have a good summer, and we have to find a couple more guys to solidify our team.”

South Dakota State head coach Rod DeHaven began setting high expectations for the 2014 women’s cross country team as early as last year.

“Even before the conference meet, we started talking about putting ourselves in a position to win the championship in the fall of 2014,” DeHaven said. “Throughout the summer, that’s been the goal that we have been reiterating. We want to win.”

The Jackrabbits have the talent to bring their second Summit League title back to Brookings after finishing 22 points behind champion North Dakota State in 2013. The team lost only one letterwinner, and all five Jackrabbits who earned all-Summit League honors — Cheyanne Bowers, Jessica Elbs, Courtney Neubert, Laura Lawton and Jenna Grossenburg — are back.

Leading the way is Bowers (left), who came in second place overall at the Summit League championships and ran a season-best time of 21:27.5 at the NCAA Midwest Regional to finish 40th overall.

“If you asked, ‘How’d you win the conference meet by one point?’ I’d tell you it was Cheyanne out-kicking a couple of guys from North Dakota State,” DeHaven said. “That was the meet for us.”

Beyond its Summit League honorees, SDSU features a deep pool of talent. Alex Suhr just missed earning an all-Summit League second team spot in 2013 and is looking to have a strong senior campaign. Samantha and Kirsten Anderson bring experience and consistency to the team while Lindsey Strait enjoyed a strong 2013-14 track season and will try to build upon that success. DeHaven highlighted Mackenzie Schell and Abby Phillips as two freshmen to watch.

“Mackenzie trains very hard, and Abby is a past Wyoming state champion,” DeHaven said. “So those two probably are more equipped to run well in cross country right away, but who knows what the freshman class may be able to do.”

DeHaven has put together a challenging schedule to groom his team for its twin challenges, the Summit League championships and the NCAA Midwest Regional. He knows from the experience of winning one Summit League title on the women’s side and four on the men’s side what it takes to win.

“No one will hand us a Summit League title,” DeHaven said. “We’ll have to work for it. If everyone is healthy and running well, we have a strong team.”
2013 Statistics

Men's Team

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#### Drew Kraft

**2013 (Junior)**
Clocked in at 16:06.77 to place eighth overall at Bison Open (8/30) ... ran 19:42.8 to finish eighth overall at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... finished 105th overall at Griak Invite with time of 25:48.2 (9/28) ... posted time of 25:50.8 to place eighth overall at the SDSU Classic (10/4) ... at the Pre-Nationals meet, ran a time of 25:40.8 to finish 274th overall (10/19) ... ran a season-best 8k time of 25:36.4 at the Summit League Cross Country Championships to place 14th (11/2) ... Second Team All-Summit League ... named to the Summit League Academic Honor Roll and the Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

**2012 (Sophomore)**
Finished third at OZ Memorial with time of 19:01.28 (9/7) ... won SDSU Classic with time of 24:59.13 (9/14) ... took 12th at Griak Invite with time of 25:05.2 (9/29) ... completed Chile Pepper Invite with time of 31:12.2 to take 21st (10/13) ... clocked in at 25:16.8 at the Summit League Championships, finishing third (10/27) ... finished 50th at NCAA Midwest Regional with time of 31:32.41 (11/9) ... named Summit League Athlete of the Week on Sept. 11 ... First Team All-Summit League.

**2011 (Freshman)**
Finished 67th at NCAA Midwest Regional (11/12) ... took ninth at Summit League Championships (10/29) ... finished second overall at Ronn Pynn Invite (9/3) behind teammate Greg Vollmer ... posted then best 8K time of 25:21 at Bradley Invite (10/14) ... Second Team All-Summit League.

#### Trent Lusignan

**2013 (Junior)**
Top Jackrabbit finisher in all six meets competed in ... opened 2013 season with 19th place (24:47.8) finish at the Griak Invite (9/28) ... won SDSU Classic with time of 24:54.2 (10/4) ... placed 19th overall at Pre-Nationals with season-best 8k time of 23:49.7 (10/19) ... ran a time of 24:49.7 to win The Summit League Cross Country Championships (11/2) ... finished second overall at the NCAA Midwest Regional with time of 30:30.3 (11/15) ... placed 12th at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships with time of 30:18.8 (11/23) ... Summit League Athlete of the Week (Oct. 1, 8 & 22) ... First Team All-Summit League ... Summit League Cross Country Championship MVP ... All-Region ... All-American ... Summit League Athlete of the Month (Nov.) ... Summit League Male Cross Country Athlete of the Year ... named to the Summit League Academic Honor Roll and the Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

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**Austin Hamm**

**JR**

Hartington, Neb.
Bloomfield H.S.
Major: Journalism

2013 (Sophomore)
Posted time of 21:04.8 at Oz Memorial to finish 38th overall (9/6) ... clocked in at 27:22.00 to finish 56th overall at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... posted season-best 8k time of 26:35.00 to place 145th overall at Bradley Classic (10/18) ... finished 35th overall at Mount Marty Invite with time of 26:59.9 (10/26).

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

**Kipp Kinsley**

**JR**

Yankton, S.D.
Yankton H.S.
Major: Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy

2013 (Sophomore)
Started season with 22nd place (16:35.53) finish at Bison Open (8/30) ... posted time of 20:29.2 at Oz Memorial to finish 27th overall (9/6) ... finished 194th overall at Griak Invitational with time of 26:44.9 (9/28) ... ran season-best time in the 8k (26:41.5) at SDSU Classic to finish 30th overall (10/4) ... at Pre-Nationals meet, posted a time of 27:07.3 to place 352nd (10/19) ... finished 33rd overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 26:42.9 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 47th at Oz Memorial with time of 20:45.04 (9/7) ... took 23rd at SDSU Classic with time of 26:46.78 (9/14) ... placed 134th at Griak Invitational with time of 29:24.3 (9/29) ... finished 266th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 35:52.1 (10/13) ... placed 18th at Fall Finale with time of 26:41.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

**Joel Reichow**

**JR**

White Bear Lake, Minn.
White Bear Lake H.S.
Major: Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy

2013 (Sophomore)
Won Bison Open with time of 15:46.38 (8/30) ... placed second Oz Memorial with time of 19:19.5 (9/6) ... posted time of 25:29.7 to place 70th overall at Griak Invitational (9/6) ... finished fifth overall at SDSU Classic with time of 25:23.7 (10/4) ... ran season-best 8k time of 25:02.3 to place 170th at Pre-Nationals meet (10/19) ... placed fifth overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 25:06.2 (11/2) ... placed 58th (31:56.6) at NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15) ... First Team All-Summit League ... Summit League Athlete of the Month (Aug./Sept.) ... Summit League Athlete of the Week (Sept. 3 & Sept. 10) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished eighth at Oz Memorial with time of 19:25.55 (9/7) ... took 78th at Griak Invitational with time of 26:31.2 (9/29) ... finished 118th at Chile Pepper Invitational with time of 33:11.1 (10/13) ... clocked in at 25:59.7 at Summit League Championships, good enough for a 10th place finish (10/27) ... finished 71st at NCAA Midwest Regional with time of 32:10.65 (11/09) ... Second Team All-Summit League.

**Dylan Slaba**

**JR**

Sioux Falls, S.D.
Roosevelt H.S.
Major: Biology

2013 (Sophomore)
Began season with 14th place (16:20.92) finish at Bison Open (8/30) ... posted time of 27:07.5 to place 210th at Griak Invitational (9/28) ... clocked in at 27:20.6 to place 53rd at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... ran season-best 8k time of 26:10.00 at Bradley Classic to place 115th (10/18) ... ended year with time of 26:52.00 at Mount Marty to place 31st overall (10/26) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 49th at Oz Memorial with time of 20:46.11 (9/7) ... took 25th at SDSU Classic with time of 26:48.27 (9/14) ... finished 122nd at Griak Invitational with time of 28:00.6 (9/29) ... placed 144th at Chile Pepper Invitational with time of 33:30.6 (10/13) ... finished 16th at Fall Finale with time of 26:29.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.
Andrew Thies

**JR**

Arlington, Minn.
Sibley East H.S.
Major: Pharmacy

2013 (Sophomore)
Began season with 20th place (16:33.51) finish at Bison Open (8/30) ... clocked in at 20:02.00 to place 17th overall at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... posted time of 26:21.1 to place 167th at Griak Invite (9/28) ... finished 17th overall at SDSU Classic with time of 26:16.5 (10/4) ... ran fastest 8k of season (25:34.7) at Pre-National meet to finish 260th overall (10/19) ... finished 18th overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 25:53.4 (11/2) ... clocked in at 33:03.3 at NCAA Midwest Regional to place 141st overall (11/15) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 13th at NDSU Dual with time of 27:18.90 (8/31) ... took 19th at SDSU Classic with time of 26:35.90 (9/14) ... finished 104th at Griak Invite with time of 27:05.8 (9/29) ... placed 97th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 32:54.7 (10/13) ... finished 50th at Summit League Championships with time of 28:22.6 (10/27) ... placed sixth at Fall Finale with time of 25:38.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll, The Summit League Commissioner’s List of Academic Excellence and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

Grant VanKeulen

**JR**

Marshall, Minn.
Marshall H.S.
Major: Agricultural Business

2013 (Sophomore)
Clocking in at 20:50.8 to place 31st at Oz Memorial (8/30) ... ran time of 27:55.7 at Griak Invite to place 232nd (9/28) ... at SDSU Classic, posted time of 28:14.1 to place 82nd (9/28) ... finished 164th overall at Bradley Classic with time of 26:50.0 (10/18) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 48th at Oz Memorial with a time of 20:45.36 (9/7) ... placed 41st at SDSU Classic with time of 27:47.16 (9/14) ... finished 230th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 34:47.4 (10/13) ... placed 10th at Fall Finale with time of 26:03.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Connor Branick

**SO (RS)**

Sioux Falls, S.D.
O’Gorman H.S.
Major: Biology

2013 (Sophomore)
Redshirted.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 37th at Oz Memorial with time of 20:29.65 (9/7) ... took 26th at SDSU Classic with time of 26:51.15 (9/14) ... placed 134th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 33:23.7 (10/13) ... finished 34th at Summit League Championships with time of 27:10.5 (10/27) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

Trevor Capra

**SO**

Rosemount, Minn.
Rosemount H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies

2013 (Freshman)
Opened season with ninth place (16:09.32) finish at Bison Open (8/30) ... ran time of 20:10.1 to place 18th overall at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... finished 200th overall at Griak Invite with time of 26:51.7 (9/28) ... placed 35th overall at SDSU Classic with time of 26:53.8 (10/4) ... clocked in at 25:48.0 for season-best 8k time to finish 83rd overall at Bradley Classic (10/18) ... placed 29th overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 26:32.4 (11/2) ... clocked in at 32:46.1 to finish 127th overall at NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15).
Jackrabbit Men

Wilson Hacker

**SO**
Madison, Wis.
Madison West H.S.
Major: General Engineering

2013 (Freshman)
Clocked in at 16:43.14 to finish 26th at Bison Open (8/30) ... posted time of 20:25.4 at Oz Memorial to place 23rd overall (9/6) ... placed 224th overall at Griak Invite with time of 27:35.2 (9/28) ... ran time of 27:04.1 at SDSU Classic to place 42nd overall (10/4) ... at Bradley Classic, finished 109th overall with season-best 8k time of 26:05.0 (10/18) ... ended 2013 season with 25th place (26:40.4) finish at Mount Marty Invite (10/26).

Duane Jongeling

**SO**
Parker, S.D.
Parker H.S.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

2013 (Freshman)
Placed 23rd (16:36.07) at Bison Open (8/30) ... clocked in at 20:26.8 to finish 24th overall at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... posted 230th place finish at Griak Invite with time of 27:52.5 (9/28) ... ran time of 27:11.1 at SDSU Classic to finish 44th overall (10/4) ... at Bradley Classic, posted season-best 8k time of 26:13.00 to finish 118th overall (10/18) ... ended the season at Mount Marty invite with a 44th place (27:11.9) finish (10/26).

Daniel Pettit

**SO**
Hanover, S.D.
Buffalo H.S.
Major: Graphic Design

2013 (Freshman)
Ran time of 21:13.8 to place 39th overall at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... clocked in at 27:18.9 to finish 220th at Griak Invite (9/28) ... placed 52nd overall at SDSU Classic with time of 27:19.1 (10/4) ... ran season-best 8k time of 26:15.0 at Bradley Classic to place 122nd overall (10/18) ... ended year with a 20th place (26:32.6) finish at Mount Marty Invite (10/26) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Brendan Sage

**SO**
Saint Michael, Minn.
Saint Michael-Albertville H.S.
Major: Mathematics

2013 (Freshman)
Placed sixth overall at Bison Open with time of 16:02.57 (8/30) ... ran time of 19:49.7 at Oz Memorial to place 12th overall (9/6) ... clocked in at 25:54.2 to finish 118th at Griak Invite (9/28) ... finished 11th overall at SDSU Classic with time of 25:54.1 (10/4) ... ran season-best 8k time of 25:12.4 at Pre-Nationals to meet to finish 203rd overall (10/19) ... posted time of 25:23.2 to finish 10th overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships (11/2) ... ran time of 32:17.3 to place 90th overall at NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15) ... Second Team All-Summit League ... named Summit League Newcomer of the Championship ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.
### Kyle Burdick

**FR**
Rapid City, S.D.
Stevens H.S.
Major: Wildlife and Fisheries Science

**Before SDSU**
Placed at state meet 10 times ... served as cross country captain as a junior and track and field captain as a senior ... born in Sioux Falls, S.D. ... his mother, Julie, attended SDSU.

### Eric Janssen

**FR**
Saint Cloud, Minn.
Rocori H.S.
Major: Computer Science

**Before SDSU**
All Central Lakes Conference in the 5k ... All-Conference Honorable Mention in the 5k ... All-State Academic Team ... All-Conference Scholar/Athlete Honor Roll ... received President’s Award for Educational Excellence ... ran the 5k at Minnesota class AA state meet ... twice captured school’s most-valuable and most-dedicated awards ... earned most-improved and team leadership awards ... lettered all four years and served as captain as a junior and senior.

### Ayub Kassim

**FR**
Eden Prairie, Minn.
Eden Prairie H.S.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

**Before SDSU**
2013 4x800 champion and school record (7:47.61) ... 2013 All-Conference ... 2013 800 meter section third place ... 2012 4x800 third place.

### Cal Lawton

**FR**
Eden Prairie, Minn.
Eden Prairie H.S.
Major: Biology

**Before SDSU**
Lettered four times in cross country and track ... served as captain of both teams senior year ... holds school records in 800-meter run (1:52.5) and 4x800 relay (7:47.61) ... went to states three times for cross country and track ... won the 4x800 relay and came in second in open 800-meter run and 4x400 relay senior year ... won 4x800 relay and finished seventh in open 800-meter run junior year ... placed third in 4x800 relay and fifth in 4x400 at states sophomore year ... won Rotary Club Golden Eagle award senior year and Excel Award junior year ... followed sister and fellow runner, Laura, to SDSU.
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Bobbie McLaury

2013 (Junior)
Posted a time of 17:29.82 to finish 44th overall at Bison Open (8/30) ... finished 54th at Oz Memorial with her time of 25:45.8 (9/6) ... clocked in at 23:55.05 at Griak Invite to place 228th (9/28) ... placed 36th overall at SDSU Classic with time of 19:16.3 (10/4) ... ran fastest 6k time (23:45.00) of season at Bradley Classic taking 185th (10/18) ... finished the season with 12th place finish at Mount Marty Invite with time of 19:14.6 (10/26) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

2012 (Sophomore)
Finished 70th at SDSU Classic with time of 21:48.28 (9/14) ... placed 234th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 25:06.6 (10/13) ... took 10th at Fall Finale with time of 19:38.00 (11/2) ... made The Summit League Academic Honor Roll, The Summit League Commissioner’s List of Academic Excellence and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2011 (Freshman)
Did not compete.

Courtney Neubert

2013 (Junior)
Top SDSU finisher at Bison Open and Oz Memorial ... posted time of 15:16.66 to place ninth at Bison Open (8/30) ... clocked in at 23:44.4 to place 17th overall at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... ran time of 23:00.55 to finish 145th overall at Griak Invite (9/28) ... finished 23rd overall at SDSU Classic with time of 18:40.4 (10/4) ... ran fastest 6k time (21:51.00) of season at Bradley Classic, finishing 36th overall (10/18) ... finished 12th overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 22:23.4 (11/2) ... posted time of 21:51.2 to place 74th overall at NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15) ... Second Team All-Summit League ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2012 (Sophomore)
Finished 7th at SDSU Classic with time of 21:48.28 (9/14) ... placed 234th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 25:06.6 (10/13) ... took 10th at Fall Finale with time of 19:38.00 (11/2) ... made The Summit League Academic Honor Roll, The Summit League Commissioner’s List of Academic Excellence and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2011 (Freshman)
Five-time top-five team finisher ... finished seventh overall at Ron Pynn Invite (9/3, 5K) in 19:37 ... posted best 6K time of 22:18 at Bradley Invite (10/15) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.
**Brooke Peterson**

**SR**

Hitchcock, S.D.
Hitchcock-Tulare H.S.
Major: Nursing

2013 (Junior)
Started year with 15th place finish at Bison Open with time of 15:39.36 (8/30) ... placed 53rd with time of 19:18.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2012 (Sophomore)
Completed SDSU Classic in 19:58.64, taking 42nd place (9/14) ... placed sixth at Gale Woods Invite with time of 24:57.92 (9/28) ... finished 14th at Fall Finale with time of 19:18.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll, The Summit League Commissioner’s List of Academic Excellence and to The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2011 (Freshman)
Competed in six meets ... Finished seventh overall at Herb Blakely Invite (9/17, 5K) in 20:01 ... ran best 6K time of 25:47 at Bradley Invite (10/15) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

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**Alex Suhr**

**SR**

Rapid City, S.D.
Douglas H.S.
Major: Sport, Recreation and Park Management

2013 (Junior)
Started season with 21st place finish (15:52.54) at Bison Open (8/30) ... clocked in at 25:20.4 at Oz Memorial to finish 43rd (9/6) ... finished SDSU Classic in 53rd with time of 19:56.8 (10/4) ... ended year with 18th place finish (19:32.9) at Mount Marty Invite (10/26) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2012 (Sophomore)
Completed SDSU Classic in 19:58.64, taking 42nd place (9/14) ... placed sixth at Gale Woods Invite with time of 24:57.92 (9/28) ... finished sixth at Fall Finale with time of 19:18.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll, The Summit League Commissioner’s List of Academic Excellence and to The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

2011 (Freshman)
Competed in seven meets ... finished sixth at Herb Blakely Invite (9/17, 5K) in 19:57 ... posted best 6K time of 24:26 at Bradley Invite (10/15).
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Kirsten Anderson

Prior Lake, Minn.
Prior Lake H.S.
Major: Nutrition and Food Science

2013 (Sophomore)
Opened season with 13th place finish at Bison Open with time of 15:32.43 (8/30) ... ran time of 24:52.4 at Oz Memorial to finish 41st overall (9/6) ... took 213th at Griak Invite with time of 23:40.40 (9/28) ... completed SDSU Classic with time of 19:38.00 to finish 51st (10/4) ... posted season-best 6k time (22:23.0) at Bradley Classic to finish 73rd overall (10/18) ... placed 31st overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 23:10.3 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

2012 (Freshman)
Took 87th at Oz Memorial with time of 26:27.43 (9/7) ... finished 52nd at SDSU Classic with time of 20:17.38 (9/14) ... placed 170th at Griak Invite with time of 25:15.9 (9/29) ... finished 179th with at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 24:13.5 (10/13) ... placed fifth at Fall Finale with time of 19:09.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Samantha Anderson

Prior Lake, Minn.
Prior Lake H.S.
Major: Health Education

2013 (Sophomore)
Finished 10th overall at Bison Open with time of 15:24.24 (8/30) ... clocked in at 24:26.00 at Oz Memorial to place 26th overall (9/6) ... finished 198th overall at Griak Invite with time of 23:26.45 (9/28) ... posted time of 19:29.00 to take 45th at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... posted fastest 6k time (22:36.00) of season to finish 92nd overall at Bradley Classic (10/18) ... finished 24th overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 22:56.00 (11/2) ... at NCAA Midwest Regional, ran time of 23:13.9 to place 168th overall (11/15).

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 41st at Oz Memorial with time of 24:30.95 (9/7) ... took 34th at SDSU Classic with time of 19:28.28 (9/14) ... placed 181st at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 23:00.5 (10/13) ... finished second at Fall Finale with time of 18:26.00 (11/2) ... placed 147th at NCAA Midwest Regional with time of 23:40.53 (11/9) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Cheyanne Bowers

St. James, Minn.
St. James H.S.
Major: Exercise Science

2013 (Sophomore)
Top Jackrabbit finisher in all five meets competed in ... posted time of 22:44.65 to finish 121st overall at Griak Invite (9/28) ... placed second overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 21:34.4 (11/2) ... at NCAA Midwest Regional, placed 40th with final time of 21:27.5 (11/15) ... First Team All-Summit League ... Academic All-League ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

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

Jessica Eibs

Henderson, Minn.
Sibley East H.S.
Major: Animal Science

2013 (Sophomore)
Opened season with 11th place finish at Bison Open with time of 15:72.27 (8/30) ... took 27th overall at Oz Memorial with time of 24:26.8 (9/6) ... at Griak Invite, ran time of 23:31.50 to place 203rd overall (9/28) ... clocked in at 18:42.2 to place 25th overall at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... ran season-best 6k time (21:43.0) at Bradley Classic, placing 23rd overall (10/18) ... took sixth overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 21:55.4 (11/2) ... ran to a 87th place finish at NCAA Midwest Regional with time of 21:57.8 (11/15) ... First Team All-Summit League.

2012 (Freshman)
Finished 51st at Oz Memorial with time of 24:43.00 (9/7) ... took 33rd at SDSU Classic with time of 19:27.28 (9/14) ... placed 168th at Griak Invite with time of 25:08.9 (9/29) ... finished 155th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 23:52.0 (10/13) ... placed 57th at Summit League Championships with time of 24:46.9 (10/27) ... finished fourth at Fall Finale with a time of 18:57.00 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.
Jackrabbit Women

**Jenna Grossenburg**

**JR**

Yankton, S.D.
Yankton H.S.
Major: Early Childhood Education

**2013 (Sophomore)**

Started season with 12th place finish at Bison Open with time of 15:28.26 (8/30) ... ran to 36th place finish with time of 24:34.9 at Bison Open (9/6) ... posted time of 23:51.00 at Griak Invite to finish 223rd (9/28) ... clocked in at 19:08.8 to place 32nd overall at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... ran season-best time of 22:21.00 in the 6k at Bradley Classic, placing 66th (10/18) ... took 14th overall at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 22:30.9 (11/2) ... ended year with a 133rd place finish at NCAA Midwest Regionals with time of 22:34.5 (11/15) ... Second Team All-Summit League ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League's Distinguished Scholars List.

**2012 (Freshman)**

Took 53rd at Oz Memorial with time of 24:45.71 (9/7) ... finished 155th at Griak Invite with time of 24:47.0 (9/29) ... placed 149th at Chile Pepper Invite with time of 23:49.0 (10/13) ... finished 72nd at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... ran fastest 6k time (23:40.90) of season at Bradley Open to place 148th at NCAA Midwest Regional with time of 23:40.90 (11/9) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League's Distinguished Scholars List.

**Melissa Knobloch**

**JR**

Brookings, S.D.
Brookings H.S.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

**2013 (Sophomore)**

Opened season with 49th place finish at Bison Open with time of 18:47.66 (8/30) ... finished 81st overall at Oz Memorial with time of 30:46.4 (9/6) ... ran time of 22:22.3 at SDSU Classic to place 117th (10/4) ... ran fastest 6k time (27:05.00) of season at Bradley Open to place 81st (10/18) ... season finished with a 90th place finish (22:04.6) at Mount Marty Invite (10/26).

**2012 (Freshman)**

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

**Laura Lawton**

**JR**

Eden Prairie, Minn.
Eden Prairie H.S.
Major: Dietetics

**2013 (Sophomore)**

Ran time of 16:04.70 to finish 25th at Bison Open (8/30) ... placed 34th at Oz Memorial with time of 24:33.00 (9/6) ... posted time of 23:42.80 to finish 216th at Griak Invite (9/28) ... finished 33rd with time of 19:10.8 at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... ran best 6k time (22:15.00) at Bradley Classic, placing 58th (10/18) ... took 13th (22:26.3) at Summit League Cross Country Championships (11/2) ... ran time of 22:36.8 to place 138th at NCAA Midwest Regionals (11/15) ... Second Team All-Summit League ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League’s Distinguished Scholars List.

**2012 (Freshman)**

Was not member of cross country team.

**2011 (Freshman)**

Competed unattached in two meets ... finished fourth at Fall Finale (11/4, 5K) with time of 19:33.
Jackrabbit Women

Marisa Shady

2013 (Freshman)
Began season with 242nd place finish at Griak Invite with time of 24:07.65 (9/28) ... finished 52nd at SDSU Classic with time of 19:38.2 (10/4) ... ran fastest 6k time (22:24.0) of season at Bradley Classic to place 74th (10/18) ... ended season placing 29th at Summit League Cross Country Championships with time of 23:01.7 (11/2) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Esko, Minn.
Esko H.S.
Major: Pre-Nursing

Lindsey Strait

2013 (Freshman)
Posted time of 19:30.0 to finish 46th overall at SDSU Classic (10/4) ... placed 87th overall at Bradley Classic time of 22:33.00 (10/18) ... clocked in at 19:19.2 to take 13th at Mount Marty Invite (10/26) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll and The Summit League's Distinguished Scholars List.

Castlewood, S.D.
Castlewood H.S.
Major: Pre-Nursing

Megan West

2013 (Freshman)
Began season with 30th place finish at Bison Open with time of 16:19.67 (9/30) ... posted time of 27:21.3 to finish 74th at Oz Memorial (9/6) ... clocked in at 24:01.60 at Griak Invite to place 236th (9/28) ... finished 43rd overall at SDSU Classic with time of 19:23.0 (10/4) ... ran fastest 6k time (22:38.0) of season at Bradley Classic to finish 96th overall (10/18) ... ended year with eighth place finish at Mount Marty Invite with time of 19:01.2 (10/26) ... named to The Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Aurora, Minn.
Mesabi East H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies

Renae Dykstra

Before SDSU
Lettered three years in cross country and four years in track ... captained track team senior year ... was 2014 state champion in 4x800 relay and 2013 state champion in medley relay ... appears in school's top 10 lists in sprint medley (1), 4x800 relay (2), 800 meter (4) and 1600 meter (9) ... graduated Magna Cum Laude and was on the National Honor Society Honor Roll ... in cross country earned the following awards: 2013 All-State Academic Team, 2012 All-State Team, 2012 All G.D.C, 2013 Outstanding Female Athlete for school, team's 2012 Most Valuable, team's 2011 Most Improved.

Rapid City, S.D.
Stevens H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies
**Sandra Gramer**

**FR**

Cottage Grove, Minn.
East Ridge H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies

**Before SDSU**

Garnered All-Conference accolades as junior and senior … earned All-Conference honorable mention as sophomore … won conference championship all four years of high school … won section championship as a freshman, sophomore and senior and was runner-up as a junior … lettered five years … came in eighth as a freshman, sixth as a sophomore, fifth as a junior and second as a senior at state meet … placed fifth as a junior and second as a senior at regionals … ran at Nike Nationals as a senior and placed 19th.

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**Whitlee Larson**

**FR**

Yankton, S.D.
Yankton H.S.
Major: Graphic Design

**Before SDSU**

Ran varsity from seventh grade to senior year … helped team go undefeated in 2010 … helped team get on podium every year.

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**Jessica Leat**

**FR**

Gregory, S.D.
Roosevelt H.S.
Major: Nutrition and Food Science/Biology

**Before SDSU**

Named to all-state academic team and was honored as team MVP during high school career … earned Rough Rider “Scholarship” … was on honor roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

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**Halie Mechels**

**FR**

Lennox, S.D.
Lennox H.S.
Major: Biochemistry/Pre-Medicine

**Before SDSU**

Served as co-captain of cross country and track and field teams as a senior … four-time recipient of Hurdler of the Year Award … qualified for state cross country meet in 2013 … runner-up in the 2014 region meet in the 800 meter … competed at 2011 state meet in the high jump, placing fourth … ran the 100-meter hurdles at 2012 state meet … competed in the 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and the high jump at 2013 state meet … placed fourth in the high jump, fifth in the 800 meters and sixth in the 100-meter hurdles at 2014 state meet … also competed in the 300-meter hurdles at 2014 state meet.
Jackrabbit Women

Abby Phillips

FR
Gillette, Wyo.
Campbell County H.S.
Major: Dietetics

Before SDSU
2010 Cross Country All-State (10th place) ... 2011 Cross Country All-State (second place) ... 2012 Cross Country All-State (first place, 4A individual state champion) ... 2012 Goldenwest Invitational 3200 meter (second place) ... 2013 Cross Country All-State (eighth place) ... 2012 Wyoming Indoor Track State individual champion (3200 meter) ... 2012 Wyoming Indoor Track All-State (3200 meter) ... 2012 Wyoming Indoor Track State runner-up (1600 meter) ... 2012 Wyoming Indoor Track All-State (1600 meter) ... finished first in 2012 and 2014 Wyoming Indoor Track 4x800 meter relay ... finished first place in 2014 Wyoming Outdoor Track 4x800 meter relay ... took home third place in 2014 Wyoming Outdoor Track 1600 meter and 3200 meter.

Mackenzie Schell

FR
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Dell Rapids Public H.S.
Major: Entrepreneurial Studies

Before SDSU
Ran at state tournament four times and helped team to second place finish in 2009 ... was three-time all-conference honoree and six-time letter winner ... was tabbed as captain as a senior ... earned all-academic all-state accolades six times.

Alexandera Snyder

FR
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Dell Rapids Public H.S.
Major: Nutrition and Food Science

Before SDSU
Qualified for and ran at state cross country meet senior year and in seventh grade ... named to All-State Academic team senior year for both cross country and track ... honored as team’s “Unsung Hero” for track in 2012 and for cross country in 2011 ... awarded Coach’s Award in 2012 for cross country ... named “Scholar Athlete” in 2014 and was a Regent Scholar ... helped squad capture a region championship during the 2008-2009 cross country season ... ranked eighth in graduating class and was on the Gold Honor Roll ... member of National Honor Society ... took home grand champion honors in rabbit showmanship at South Dakota State Fair in 2013 and earned gold at the National FCCLA in 2012 on Chapter Showcase display.

Taylor Walters

FR
Olathe, Kan.
Roosevelt H.S.
Major: Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Science

Before SDSU
Was member of cross country team that was ranked fifth in Kansas (6A) ... was two-time captain of XC team ... four-time state qualifier (6A) in track ... member of 4x800 relay team that set a school record ... graduated in top 10% of high school class and was on National Honor Presidential Honor roll all four years.
Men’s History

National Titles

NCAA Division I All-Americans
Jack Pearson 1952 (14th)
Garry Bentley 1973 (8th)
Trent Lusignan 2013 (12th)

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

Top-10 Finishes at the D-I Meet
1. Garry Bentley 8th (1973)
2. Trent Lusignan 12th (2013)
3. Jack Pearson 14th (1952)
4. Russell Nash 16th (1952)
6. Arlin Patrick 20th (1953)
7. Arlin Patrick 25th (1954)
8. Jack Pearson 28th (1953)
10. Garry Bentley 34th (1972)

NCAA Division I Top 50 Finishes
Russell Nash 16th (1952), 35th (1953)
Jack Pearson 14th (1952), 28th (1953), 19th (1954)
Arlin Patrick 20th (1953), 25th (1954)
Garry Bentley 34th (1972), 8th (1973), 32nd (1974)
Trent Lusignan 12th (2013)

National Individual Champions
Don Broksieck 1959
Garry Bentley 1973, 1974

NCAA Division I Independent Individual Champions
Brad Lowery 2005

NCAA Division I Independent Title
2005

Summit League Cross Country Athlete of the Year
Michael Krsnak 2012
Trent Lusignan 2013

Summit League Individual Champions
Michael Krsnak 2012
Trent Lusignan 2013

Summit League Championship MVP
Michael Krsnak 2012
Trent Lusignan 2013

Summit League Newcomer of the Championship
Trent Lusignan 2011
Brendan Sage 2013

Summit League Titles

Summit League Coach of the Year

Summit League All-Conference
Jared Alfitt 2010 (2nd), 2011 (2nd), 2012 (1st)
Greg Beseley 2009 (2nd)
Anthony Bongard 2009 (2nd), 2013 (2nd), 2010 (1st)
Marshall Rambostad 2007 (1st)
Drew Krall 2013 (2nd)
Michael Krsnak 2008 (2nd), 2009 (1st), 2010 (1st), 2012 (1st)
Trent Lusignan 2011 (2nd), 2012, 2013 (1st)
Joel Reichow 2012 (2nd), 2013 (1st)
Brendan Sage 2013 (2nd)
Andrew Van Norden 2007 (1st)
Greg Vollmer 2009, 2010 (2nd), 2011 (1st)

Summit League Athlete of the Month
Michael Krsnak October 2012
Joel Reichow September 2013
Trent Lusignan November 2013

Summit League Athlete of the Week
Greg Vollmer (9/27/09)
Anthony Bongard (9/28/10, 10/5/10)
Michael Krsnak (9/04/12, 10/2/12)
Trent Lusignan (9/11/12, 10/1/13, 10/8/13, 10/22/13)
Joel Reichow (9/03/13, 9/10/13)

NCC Individual Champions
Loren Chase 1924
Ruben Sorbel 1925, 1926, 1927
Boyd Bankert 1928
Gary Pierson 1958
Lindy Cosgrove 1966
Garry Bentley 1972, 1973, 1974
Doug Austen 1979
Joel Brandt 1980
Todd Stevens 1984, 1985, 1986
Bob Wilson 1985
Rob Beyer 1985
Randy Reichel 1986, 1988
Jeff Massmann 1985, 1986
Nate Trebitz 1988, 1989
Craig Cassen 1988, 1989, 1990
Derrick Powers 1990
Harley Hanson 1991
Travis Wettlaufer 1992, 1993
Paul Danger 1994
Mark McKeown 1996, 1998
Alan Gross 1996
James DeMarco 1996
Kevin Doe 1999, 2002
Andy Blau 2001
Brad Lowery 2002, 2003
Trent Lusignan 2013

NCC Titles

Top-10 Finishers at the NCAA Midwest Regional
1. Trent Lusignan 2nd (2013)
5. Anthony Bongard 48th (2010)
6. Trent Lusignan 50th (2012)
7. Anthony Bongard 57th (2013)

All-Americans
Jack Pearson 1952
Kenton Bishop 1956, 1957
Jim Schrender 1956
Don Broksieck 1956, 1957
Gary Pierson 1957, 1958
Dewey Pitzlka 1957, 1958, 1959
Patrick Murphy 1959
James Stoddard 1960
Dwight Struckman 1960 1961
Albert Morton 1964
Robert Busby 1970
Gregory Halling 1970
Garry Bentley 1972, 1973, 1974
Don Solsvig 1972
Scott Underwood 1972
Cyle Wood 1973, 1974
Jeff Hermann 1974
Mike Bills 1976, 1977, 1978
Mark Bills 1976, 1978
Joel Brandt 1980
Dan Carlson 1982, 1983
Joe Chamberlain 1982
Todd Stevens 1984, 1985, 1986
Bob Wilson 1985
Rob Beyer 1985
Randy Reichel 1986, 1988
Jeff Massmann 1985, 1986
Nate Trebitz 1988, 1989
Craig Cassen 1988, 1989, 1990
Derrick Powers 1990
Harley Hanson 1991
Travis Wettlaufer 1992, 1993
Paul Danger 1994
Mark McKeown 1996, 1998
Alan Gross 1996
James DeMarco 1996
Kevin Doe 1999, 2002
Andy Blau 2001
Brad Lowery 2002, 2003
Trent Lusignan 2013
Women’s History

National Titles
1980, 1981

NCAA Division I Independent Championships
2006

NCAA Division I Top 50 Finishes
Vicki Coyle 44th (1981)

Top-10 Finishers at the Midwest Regional
1. Ashley Storm 40th (2009)
   Cheyanne Bowers 40th (2013)
2. Danielle Burke 45th (2011)
5. Erin Hargens 60th (2012)
7. Tera Potts 67th (2012)
8. Erin Hargens 69th (2011)

Summit League Titles
2008

Summit League Coach of the Year
Rod DeHaven 2008

Summit League All-Conference
Caitlin Berry 2007 (1st), 2008 (2nd)
Cheyanne Bowers 2013 (1st)
Danielle Burke 2011 (2nd)
Claire Steinke 2007, 2008 (2nd)
Nicole Davis 2008 (2nd)
Jessica Elbs 2013 (1st)
Jenna Grossenburg 2013 (2nd)
Erin Hargens 2010, 2012 (1st)
Laura Lawton 2013 (2nd)
Courtney Neubert 2013 (2nd)
Tera Potts 2012 (2nd)
Emily Smith 2007 (2nd)
Ashley Storm 2008, 2009 (1st)
Laura Wolles 2012 (2nd)

NCC Titles

NCC Runner-Up Finishes

NCC Individual Champions
Nancy Gieske 1980
Charlene Hubbard 1986
Christy Young 1989

NCAA Division I Independent Champions
Becka Manshiem 2005, 2006

All-Americans
Vicki Coyle 1981
Cindy Sargent 1981, 1982
Laura Geason 1981
Jackie Hubbard 1985
Charlene Hubbard 1986
Michelle Gerlach 1988
Angela Aukes 1989
Christy Young 1989, 1990
Susie Oster 1989
Pam Hanson 1990, 1993
Nicole Scherr 1990
Mary Magnell 1993
Shawna DeSmet 1996
Heather Giesen 1996
Allison Lind 2000
Jessie Kindschi 2000
Sheena Dauer 2002

Becka Manshiem (above) won two NCAA Division I Independent individual championships during her time as a Jackrabbit. SDSU captured four consecutive North Central Conference Cross Country titles from 1988 to 1991 (below).
**NCAA Midwest Regional Results**

**2013**
Host School (Location) ......................................................... Iowa State (Ames, Iowa)
Men’s Team Place: ................................................................. 10th of 29 (328pts)
Top Finisher ................................................................. *Trent Lusignan (Jr.) 2nd (30:30.3)
Women’s Team Place .......................................................... 15th of 30 (433pts)
Top Finisher ................................................................. Cheyanne Bowers (So.) 40th (21:27.43)

**2012**
Host School (Location) ......................................................... Missouri State (Springfield, Mo.)
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 (Location) ......................................................... Northern Illinois (DeKalb, Ill.)
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 (Location) ......................................................... Bradley (Peoria, Ill.)
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 (Location) ......................................................... Missouri State (Springfield, Mo.)
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 (Location) ......................................................... Oklahoma State (Stillwater, Okla.)
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 2013, Trent Lusignan became the first Jackrabbit to qualify for the NCAA cross country championships in the Division I era. He went on to capture second-team All-American honors with a 12th place finish, timing in at 30:18.8.
## Summit League Championship Results

### 2013

**Host School (Location):** Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

**Men's Finish:**
- 1st, 41pts

**All-League Performers:**
- *Trent Lusignan (Fr.) 1st, Joel Reichow (So.) 5th, *Brendan Sage (Fr.) 10th, Anthony Bongard (Sr.) 11th, Drew Kraft (Jr.) 14th

**Women's Finish:**
- 2nd, 47pts (1st North Dakota State, 25pts)

**All-League Performers:**
- Cheyanne Bowers (Sr.) 6th, Jessica Eibs (So.) 10th, Laura Lawton (Sr.) 13th, Jenna Grossenburg (So.) 14th

### 2012

**Host School (Location):** Oakland (Rochester, Mich.)

**Men's Finish:**
- 1st, 35pts

**All-League Performers:**
- #Michael Krsnak (Sr.) 1st, Trent Lusignan (Sr.) 3rd, Joel Reichow (Fr.) 10th

**Women's Finish:**
- 3rd, 63pts (1st North Dakota State, 36pts)

**All-League Performers:**
- Erin Hargens (Sr.) 5th, Tera Potts (Sr.) 13th, Laura Wolles (Sr.) 10th

### 2011

**Host School (Location):** Oral Roberts (Tulsa, Okla.)

**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 State, 64pts)

**All-League Performers:**
- Danielle Burke (Sr.) 14th

### 2010

**Host School (Location):** IUPUI (Carmel, Ind.)

**Men's Finish:**
- 1st, 43pts

**All-League Performers:**
- Michael Krsnak (Jr.) 3rd, Anthony Bongard (Jr.) 4th, Jared Ailts (Sr.) 9th, Greg Vollmer (Sr.) 12th

**Women's Finish:**
- 6th, 159pts (1st Oakland, 45pts)

**All-League Performers:**
- Erin Hargens (So.) 3rd

### 2009

**Host School (Location):** 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 School (Location):** 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 (Sr.) 7th, Nicole Davis (Fr.) 9th, Claire Steinke (Sr.) 10th, Caitlin Berry (Sr.) 11th

### 2007

**Host School (Location):** Western Illinois (Macomb, Ill.)

**Men's Finish:**
- 4th, 100pts (1st Southern Utah, 40pts)

**All-League Performers:**
- Marshall Kambestad (Fr.) 5th, Andrew Van Norden (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

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# Championship MVP

*Newcomer of Championship*
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 nine institutions, including four 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), Oral Roberts University, 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, and over 85 All-Americans and 63 Academic All-America selections.

Each year, approximately 3,000 student-athletes continue to raise the bar and help The Summit League reach exceptional success and development. Within the past four 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 with record high team recognition for NCAA Academic Progress Rates (APR) in 2013-14 and recent prestigious individual academic honors such as the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship, Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Capital One Academic All-American of the Year.

Within the past decade, The Summit League has ...
- Achieved a final national ranking in eight different sports.
- Won NCAA Regional Championships in two sports and advanced in five additional NCAA team championship tournaments.
- Had 61 teams receive NCAA Public Recognition Awards (among top 10 percent of Academic Progress Rate (APR) in their sport) since 2010.
- Toted 50 teams with maximum/perfect APR scores in the past three years.
- Crowned eight of the league’s 10 NCAA Champions since 2007 and won five NCAA national championships and six NCAA statistical titles in the past three years.
Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame Members

Rube Sorbel (1981)
- 17th member of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame
- Lettered four times in track and two times in basketball
- Two-time North Central Conference cross country individual champion
- Two-time NCC champion in the mile and half mile (1926-27)

Joel Brandt (2012)
- 1980 XC All-American
- 1980 NCC XC individual champion
- Captured 1981 NCC 5,000 meter individual championship
- Member of cross country team that won four-straight NCC titles from 1977 to 1980

Garry Bentley (1998)
- Three-time All-American (1972-74)
- 1974 NCAA Division I All-American
- Two-time national individual champion (1973-74)
- Three-time NCC individual champion (1972-74)
- Member of the 1973 national-title winning team
- Inducted into the Hall of Fame as part of the Festival of Champions ceremony

Audrey (Stavrum) Riggs (2012)
- Three-time All-American (1981-83)
- Became the first Jackrabbit female student-athlete to capture an individual national title, winning the 10,000-meter run at the 1982 DII outdoor championships
- Runner-up at the 1985 DII indoor championships in the 1,500 meters

Lori Bocklund (2007)
- Four-time All-American (1979-82)
- Member of the 1980 squad that captured SDSU’s last AIAW national championship before joining the NCAA
- Member of the 1981 team that claimed the inaugural NCAA Division II title with a 26-point score, a record that still stands today

Craig Cassen (2014)
- Three-time XC All-American (1988-90)
- Four-time track and field All-American
- Captured national title in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 1989 and 1991
- 1989 NCC XC individual champion
- Placed third at the 1989 NCAA DII cross country meet to lead Jackrabbits to the team title

Kristin (Asp) Schoffman (2010)
- Four-time XC All-American (1981-84)
- Six-time track and field All-American
- Earned All-American honors in the 5,000 outdoors in 1982 (third), 1983 (fourth) and 1984 (second)
- Won the 3,000 meters at the NCAA DII outdoor championships

Rod DeHaven (2014)
- Won a combined 19 NCC individual titles between cross country and track
- Captured All-American honors 15 times in distance running
- Won an individual national title in the 1,500 meter at the 1985 NCAA DII indoor Championships
- Led the Jackrabbits to the 1985 NCAA DII cross country national title with his ninth-place finish
Legend of the Jackrabbit

There are two theories as to how and why the Jackrabbit nickname evolved. The most common belief is 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, as the university was then known. A reporter for the newspaper, knowing of the preponderance of jackrabbits in the Brookings area, was believed to have written 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 is given in The Jackrabbit, SDSU’s yearbook. There is a poem in the 1907 yearbook that 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, school athletic teams were known as the Barn Yard Cadets as SDSU was known as South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907.

SDSU Collegiate Sports

South Dakota State University currently offers 21 varsity sports with Jackrabbit teams competing at the NCAA Division I level. Football competes in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Missouri Valley Football Conference, with 18 sports competing in The Summit League. Wrestling competes in the Western Wrestling Conference, while equestrian currently does not have conference affiliation.

Following is a listing of sports currently offered at SDSU:

**Women’s Sports**
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Indoor Track & Field
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

**Men’s Sports**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track & Field
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Wrestling
WELCOME TO SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

South Dakota State University is the state’s Morrill Act land-grant university and its largest, most comprehensive institution of higher education. It has an enrollment of 12,554 students from all 50 states and 70 countries who can choose from more than 175 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 29 master’s degree programs, 13 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

SDSU has grown from 80 acres at its founding in 1881 to a 422-acre campus with facilities valued at more than $381 million. The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres of land for research throughout the state.

The university provides a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation and engagement that improve the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation and the world.

SDSU confers degrees through six colleges: Agriculture and Biological Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Sciences, the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering, Nursing and Pharmacy, as well as the Graduate School. Qualified students may enroll in the Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College.

The Office of Continuing and Distance Education facilitates distance delivery of credit and noncredit programming, and University Centers in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City offer degree programs and student support services comparable to those offered on the Brookings campus.

SDSU Extension and the Agricultural Experiment Station reach all parts of the state. The federally funded North Central Regional Sun Grant Center (focused on developing biobased energy alternatives) and the North Central Agricultural Research Laboratory (the only USDA Agricultural Research Service facility in the state), along with the Northern Plains Biostress Laboratory, the Water and Environmental Engineering Research Center, the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory and the Northeast Research Center near South Shore demonstrate the university’s commitment to purpose-driven research and that supports economic development.

Other Facilities

The South Dakota Art Museum’s collections showcase the state’s rich art history, including early masterpieces of Native American art, the famed Harvey Dunn paintings of pioneer life and the exclusive Vera Way Marghab linens.

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

McCrory Gardens provides a beautiful setting to learn about ornamental plants adapted to the Northern Great Plains. Enjoy a stroll through the radiant colors and fragrances of the 25+ acres of trial and display gardens, wander through the 40-acre arboretum or attend a special event in the Education and Visitor Center.

The Hilton M. Briggs Library serves students, faculty, staff and the broader South Dakota community through its holdings of more than one million items, 32,000 online journals, 18,000 electronic books, and 80,000 maps. The library has served as a depository for federal documents since 1889. The archives and special collections encompass 7,500 linear feet of materials and 1,675 digitized items.

The Senator Thomas A. Daschle Congressional Research Study allows for public access to the career papers of Senator Daschle, a 1969 SDSU graduate. Located within the Special Collections area on the upper level of the Hilton M. Briggs Library, the papers consist of more than 2,000 linear feet of materials that document the senator’s 26-year career in the U.S. House and Senate from 1979 to 2004.

The American Indian Education and Cultural Center at SDSU is the nexus of cultural programming, services and advocacy to support American Indian students, encourage appreciation of cultural and human differences and advocate for the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge.

Research and Economic Development

Research has been an essential part of the university’s mission since passage of the 1887 Hatch Act, which established state agricultural experiment stations. SDSU has the most active research program in the state with nearly $70 million in research expenditures, and in 2006 the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching designated SDSU as South Dakota’s first High Research Activity institution.

In addition to 42 graduate programs offered in six colleges, undergraduates also have research opportunities led by innovative faculty in renewable energy, food, health sciences, engineering and nursing, as well as with programs like the Sun Grant Initiative and the Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence.

SDSU currently is home to three state-funded Governor’s Research Centers: the Center for Biological Control and Analysis by Applied Photonics, and the Drought Tolerance and Translational Cancer Research centers. SDSU researchers also participate in two other Governor’s Research Centers focused on materials and manufacturing at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. In addition, SDSU is the lead for the multi-institution South Dakota Research Innovation Center: the Biochemical Spatiotemporal Network Resource Center.

The Technology Transfer Office, which assists SDSU researchers in commercializing intellectual properties and fosters collaborations between the university and industry partners, has generated some $1.8 million in royalties annually since 2010 via an average of 178 total agreements each year, including invention disclosures, patents filed and agreements with start-ups.

Industry partnerships through the Research Park at South Dakota State enable technology transfer and stimulate economic development for the state.
Justin Sell
Director of Athletics, South Dakota State University
Bowling Green University, ’91

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

Sell oversees the Jackrabbits’ 21-sport Division I 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. Equestrian competes under the umbrella of the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.

Athletically, the Jackrabbits claimed 18 regular and postseason league championships in six different sports since 2009–10. That broad-based success has led SDSU to claim The Summit League Commissioner’s Cup all-sports trophy three times (2010–11, 2012–13, 2013–14), along with winning both The Summit League’s Dr. William Steinbrecher Men’s All-Sports Award and Dr. Helen Smiley Women’s All-Sports Award during the 2013–14 season. SDSU also claimed the Steinbrecher award during the 2012–13 season and earned the league’s Sportsmanship Award, an award voted upon by its peers, during the 2010–11 campaign.

In the classroom, Jackrabbit student-athletes continually post a GPA 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 and 2012–13 academic years and the Missouri Valley Football Conference Academic Award in all six years in the league (2008–13).

In January 2011, Sell announced a partnership with Learfield Sports, signing a 10-year deal worth $13 million for SDSU athletics. Learfield Sports quickly established a Brookings-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, he oversaw the completion of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center in 2010 and developed the 2025 SDSU Athletic Facilities Master Plan. He also spearheaded efforts to add permanent seating and a press box at Env Huetter Field, chairback seating in both Frost Arena and Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Construction of the indoor facility—the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex—began in August 2013, and finished in the fall of 2014. Lead gifts totaling $12.5 million toward the construction of the new Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, with seating up to 20,000, were received in October 2013. The project began in the fall of 2014, with completion set for the summer of 2016. In total, Sell spearheaded the fundraising efforts to raise more than $57 million in private donations since Aug. 1, 2012, for the Sanford-Jackrabbit Complex and Dana J. Dykhouse 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, The 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 community, Sell serves as a board member of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce, Brookings Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Brookings Friends of Baseball and on the Brookings Health System.

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.

Sell and his wife, Jennie, have four children: Abbie, Zach, Josh and Eric.

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 and established $15 million in annual private gift support, funding endowed positions, scholarships and fellowships, and program support for teaching, research, and Extension; he also 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 S. 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.
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Credentials: All requests for media credentials for home cross country meets should be directed to the 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 Stanly J. Marshell HIPER 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 official statistics to teams and members of the media within 15 minutes after the conclusion of a meet.

On the Web: The latest Jackrabbit news and updates can be viewed on the Internet at www.golacks.com, the official site of South Dakota State University Athletics. Box scores, statistics and a meet recap will be posted within an hour following the conclusion of a contest.

Interview Policy: Outside of athletics events, interviews with South Dakota State University 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. 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 sites of spectators. Photographers must remain outside the team areas and in a position as to not interfere with the action.

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