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Assistant Coach: Joe Humphrey

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Megan (pronounced MEE-gan) McGee will guide the South Dakota State University equestrian team through its third year of competition during the 2007-08 school year.

McGee has led the Jackrabbit varsity equestrian program since its inception, bringing a wealth of horsemanship and collegiate coaching experience. After being named the first equestrian coach at South Dakota State University on Aug. 31, 2004, she has worked to assemble a roster of riders capable of qualifying individually or as a team for postseason competition.

During the 2006-07 season, the Jackrabbit Western team qualified for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships. In addition, seven Western riders qualified individually for IHSA regional competition, with Molly Seidel and Kelsey Likness advancing to Super Zone Championships.

On the English side, McGee-coached riders Allison Carie and Kaylee DeVries competed at the IHSA Zone Championships, with DeVries advancing to the IHSA National Finals.

Previously, McGee developed Fresno State (Calif.) into one of the most successful collegiate equestrian programs, guiding the Bulldogs for seven seasons as head coach. She resigned from Fresno State in August of 2003 and most recently served as a consultant for two different management firms: Ram Tap, Inc., and Montana Equestrian Events, where she organized and managed events around the country.

Certified by international and national equestrian federations, McGee has served as an official or member of the management team for several high-profile competitions, including the 1984 and 1996 Olympic Games.

At Fresno State, McGee led the equestrian team to seven straight Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) appearances and numerous regional and zone champions each year. In 2001, the Bulldogs finished fifth overall. The team also had two individual Reserve Champions.

From 1998–2000, McGee had riders compete individually in the national finals. In 1997, the team placed eighth in its first year as a varsity sport at Fresno State.

She guided both the Stock Seat and Hunt Seat teams to the 2001 IHSA National Finals in Conyers, Ga. The team produced two Reserve national champions and four other top-10 finishers. The Stock Seat and Hunt Seat teams won the IHSA Regional Finals. The Hunt Seat team won the Zone 8 Finals and Western Horsemanship team was Reserve champions at the Zone 8 show.

A year later, in 2002, she coached the winner of the Varsity Reining Championships held in Oklahoma City, at the National Reining Horse Association Derby.

At the 2000 Division I Equestrian Invitational in South Carolina, the team was the overall Reserve Champion. The Western team also placed first, with both English and Western riders winning overall champion rider.

In 2000, McGee had two riders compete in the Olympic Selection Trials in Atlanta, Ga.

McGee was instrumental in gaining a spot for the team in the 1998 and 2001 Tournament of Roses Parade. Also in 1998, McGee coached the winner of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Trophy at the IHSA Nationals, who was awarded the National Champion High Point title.

Prior to her hiring at Fresno State, McGee gained early coaching experience as a teaching assistant at both Morehead State (Ky.) and her alma mater, Cal Poly, as well as instructing the equestrian team at Portland State (Ore.). She has also taught at private facilities in California, Oregon and her home state of Kentucky.
Assistant Coach Joe Humphrey

Joe Humphrey brought national championship experience to the Jackrabbit equestrian program and is helping build South Dakota State into a national contender in the Western events.

During the 2006-07 season, the Jackrabbit Western team qualified for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships and seven Humphrey-coached riders qualified individually for IHSA Regional competition. Two riders, Kelsey Likness and Molly Seidel, advanced to Super Zone competition.

Prior to joining the Jackrabbits for their inaugural campaign during the 2005-06 season, Humphrey served as assistant coach in charge of the Western discipline at South Carolina for three seasons. The Gamecocks finished fifth in the Western standings at the 2005 Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Santa Fe, N.M., while riding a first-place effort in the English standings to the overall championship.

Prior to coaching at South Carolina, Humphrey served as assistant coach of the Western Kentucky University equestrian club team in Bowling Green, Ky. He earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science at WKU in 2000 and a master’s degree in agriculture in 2002.

As a member of the Western Kentucky equestrian team, Humphrey earned individual Reserve national championships in open reining in 1997 and open Western horsemanship in 1996 at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association level.

He also won the American Quarter Horse Association Trophy Open Reining class at the 1999 IHSA Nationals in Cazenovia, N.Y., and was a member of the winning judging team in the junior division of the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Judging contest in 1995, placing ninth individually.

A native of Kevil, Ky., Humphrey served as manager of the West Kentucky Exposition Center in Murray, Ky., for one year. He is member of numerous equine-related organizations and also judges and announces horse shows of all levels.

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As part of a bold vision to make women’s equestrian a nationally competitive program at South Dakota State University, construction began on the first phase of a new equestrian training center in the fall of 2006.

The $3.6 million 50,000-square foot center, which is a joint venture between the Jackrabbit Athletic Department and SDSU Foundation, is being constructed just north of the Highway 14 Bypass in Brookings. This phase of the project will include an indoor riding arena, temporary stalls, team locker room, storage building, washing areas and a farrier/veterinarian area. In addition, a 30,000-square-foot outdoor riding arena will be located on site.

Since the program’s inception in the spring of 2004, SDSU has trained at the 23-acre Pegasus Equine Center northeast of campus under a facility-use agreement with Christiansen Investments.

Construction of the first phase of the new equestrian center received approval by the South Dakota Legislature in February 2006. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in early 2008, while funding is being sought for the second phase, which will consist of additional stables and other amenities.

**Swiftel Center**

The municipally operated Swiftel Center continues to serve as the main home competition venue for the Jackrabbit equestrian team. A multi-purpose facility, Swiftel Center features a 30,000 square-foot arena floor, seating for about 2,000 spectators and other amenities for an equestrian event. Adjacent to the Swiftel Center is a holding barn which serves as an auxiliary competition and training facility.

Swiftel Center has been the site of a regional Arabian Horse Show each of the past three years.
After having a breakthrough second season the South Dakota State University equestrian team will look for even more success this year, with most of the team returning and a talented recruiting class.

The team has 30 returning riders with 29 being letterwinners. Ten newcomers will also join the team this season.

“Blending the talented group of rookies with our riders who now have experience at the national level will be both challenging and exciting,” said head coach Megan McGee. “My expectations are even higher now as far as how many riders we will be able to take to postseason events in the spring.”

Last season, nine riders qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Regional Championships, an event hosted by SDSU at the Swiftel Center in Brookings. Western riders Kelsey Likness and Molly Seidel moved on to the Western National Semifinals.

Kaylee DeVries and Allison Carie both advanced to the Regional and Zone Championships on the English side. Carie won the Regional Championship title and DeVries won the Zone Reserve Championship title. In May, DeVries became the first individual at SDSU to qualify for the IHSA National Championships.

McGee said, “Both junior Allison Carie and senior Kaylee DeVries will be very strong competitors in their jumping events this year.”

The Jackrabbit Western team competed at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, Texas. SDSU, along with 11 other Division I schools, competed at this event. Brianna Grohs, Katie Hendrickson, Abby Knobbe, Kaylee Mundwiler, Hillary Siebels, Molly Seidel and Anna Taylor comprised the SDSU team that lost to New Mexico State in the first round.

“Allison Carie has been a top performer in the English events for the Jackrabbits each of the past two seasons.”

BRIANNA GROHS is part of a strong returning group of Western riders that qualified for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships during the 2006-07 season.

“Western riders Abby Knobbe, Hillary Siebels and Kaylee Mundwiler all had strong performances at the Varsity National finals in the spring,” said McGee. “Trisha Smeenk, Katie Hendrickson and Jordanne Blair will be the dark horses who impress everyone with their performances.”

The Jackrabbit team had a strong recruiting class and some recruits should contribute immediately. With the depth of the Western team, recruiting focused on getting more English riders. The newcomers this season are Britta Barta, Angela Gebhart, Rachael Fithian, Meghan Gunn, Chantel Julian, Ashley Marrin, Lydia Placzek, Leslie Sauter, Christina Taylor and Melissa Zajac.

“Angela Gebhart and Lydia Placzek will be the ones to watch in the reining events this year and Melissa Zajac is a transfer student from Michigan who brings a tremendous amount of arena time to the team as a jumping rider,” said McGee.

“Molly Ryan and Leslie Sauter are experienced jumping riders who will fill out our English roster,” said McGee. “Riders like Meghan Gunn and Rachael Fithian, who have experience in multiple disciplines, bring additional versatility to the squad.”

Construction is expected to be completed on the SDSU Equestrian Center by the end of the season. The $3.6 million, 50,000-square foot center is being built north of the Highway 14 bypass in Brookings. Phase 1 of this project will include an indoor riding arena, temporary stalls, team locker room, storage building, washing areas and a farrier/veterinarian area. There will also be a 30,000-square-foot outdoor riding arena at the site. Construction on this phase will be completed in 2008. With the help of the SDSU Foundation efforts are underway to secure funding for the second phase, which would include additional stables and other amenities.

McGee said, “Moving into the new Equestrian Center during the season means that we will have a facility to accommodate the needs of our growing team at a level that will be comparable with the most competitive teams in the country. I am very excited that SDSU will be able to provide the caliber of services at the new facility that allows our riders to excel in their sport and provide more opportunities for future team members to reach their full potential.”
JORDANNE BLAIR  
Jr., Western  
Lake City, Iowa  
Southern Cal High School  
Major: Apparel Merchandising

2006-07: Started season strong with first-place finish in section of open horsemanship at season-opening meet at Wisconsin-River Falls ... added second-place finish in section of open horsemanship at North Dakota State during the fall campaign

2005-06: Contributed several high finishes in Western competition during the team’s inaugural season ... won reining event and tied for high-point honors in horsemanship as team won meet at Stephen F. Austin (Texas) ... claimed horsemanship section at Nebraska ... earned Reserve High Point rider at Minnesota-Crookston after winning section of open reining and placing second in Open horsemanship and combined reining competition ... placed third in reining at team’s first-ever meet, at Kansas State

BEFORE SDSU: Highly decorated rider who rode to championship in senior division of English equitation and was reserve champion in English Pleasure at Ak-Sar-Ben in 2004 .... also was Iowa State Fair Grand Champion in English equitation in 2004, taking first in English Pleasure, horsemanship and showmanship .... earned multiple other first-place finishes at State Fair between 2001 and 2004 .... earned title of Miss Teen Rodeo Iowa in 2004 .... National Honor Society president at Southern Cal High School in Lake City, Iowa ... active in FFA and 4-H ... received American Agriculture Award ... team captain in basketball who also lettered in dance and track and field

ALLISON CARIE  
Jr., English  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Lathrop High School  
Major: Business Economics

2006-07: Allison emerged as one of the top Jackrabbit English riders ... placed fifth in intermediate equitation on the flat at Zone 9 Finals ... earned regional title in intermediate equitation at Minnesota-Crookston in March ... claimed equitation title in head-to-head competition against North Dakota State and Delaware State ... posted pair of runner-up finishes in equitation on the flat at season-opening meet hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls

2005-06: Was one of the top English riders during the team’s inaugural season ... placed first against the University of Georgia in equitation over fences at the Big Eight Tournament ... was the high-point English rider in meet against North Dakota State ... placed second individually in both equitation over fences and on the flat in home meet versus South Carolina ... posted four top-three finishes at two-day meet hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls, including first-place finish in section of intermediate equitation on the flat ... named to Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for academic excellence

BEFORE SDSU: Member of the United States Pony Club ... 2002-04 Interior Horseman’s Association English Performance champion ... National Honor Society officer

KRISTEN CARLSON  
Jr., English  
Westminster, Colo.  
Standley Lake High School  
Major: Clinical Lab Science

2006-07: Kristen put together an impressive collegiate debut by winning her sections of novice equitation on the flat both days during the team’s season-opening meet at Wisconsin-River Falls in October

BEFORE SDSU: Won USEF Regional Western Pleasure and USEF National Western Pleasure championships in 2005 ... extensive list of show experience also includes winning Rocky Mountain Horse Show Association High Point honors in 2004 and 2005 ... was the USEF Regional Western Pleasure Champion in 2005 ... placed third for the USEF National Western Pleasure in 2004 ... USEF regional champion for Western Pleasure and Reserve Champion for Zone 8 Western Pleasure in 2004 ... received several high-point awards in Western pleasure, hunt seat pleasure, hunt seat equitation and Western seat equitation from the Rocky Mountain Horse Show Association ... lettered in academics at Standley Lake High School and was a member of the National Honor Society

JESSICA CARR  
So., Western  
Renner, S.D.  
Baltic High School  
Major: Athletic Training

2006-07: Competed in Western events hosted by North Dakota State during the fall season and Nebraska during spring competition ... placed third in section of intermediate horsemanship at Nebraska

BEFORE SDSU: Earned South Dakota Pony of the Americas Junior Pony High Point honors twice ... placed third in the 13-18 trail competition and eighth in Showmanship at 2005 Midwest Regional POA show ... 2003 SDPOA Reserve equitation champion ... was named Reserve High Point Champion in both pony and equitation in 2005 ... received the sportsmanship award after collecting high point honors in equitation in 2004 ... was a member of the Trailbusters 4-H, earning 2006 Grand Champion honors in English Showmanship ... was a
Reserve Champion in both trail and reining in the senior division ... received second-place honors in horse judging at the South Dakota Horse Fair ... was a member of state 4-H horse judging team ... competed in volleyball, track and basketball at Baltic High School ... member of the National Honor Society

**SARA CURRAN**
Jr., English  
Sisseton, S.D.  
Sisseton High School  
Major: Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine

2006-07: Lone competition of season came at Wisconsin-River Falls during fall portion of the schedule  
2005-06: Top performance was a third-place finish in section of novice equitation on the flat at meet hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls ... also competed in equitation on the flat in dual against Nebraska in Sioux Falls  
**BEFORE SDSU:** Member of a student-run High School Rodeo team in Sisseton ... selected to the National Honor Society ... selected to Who's Who Among High School Students ... averaged 12 points per game in basketball and earned a Varsity Letter in basketball

**KAYLEE DEVRIES**
Sr., English  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Cedar Falls High School  
Major: Early Childhood Ed.

2006-07: Kaylee became the first Jackrabbit rider to qualify for postseason competition after winning intermediate equitation on the flat event at Wisconsin-River Falls in season-opening meet ... qualified for IHSA Nationals after turning in runner-up finish at Zone 9 Finals during the spring season ... advanced to zone finals with Reserve championship in intermediate equitation on the flat at regional competition  
2005-06: Concentrated on the English events for the Jackrabbits ... opened season with second-place finish in sportif at team’s inaugural meet, at Kansas State ... won equitation over fences competition with score of 85.5 at Stephen F. Austin (Texas) ... placed third in equitation on the flat against Oklahoma State at Big Eight English Tournament hosted by Georgia, as well as in head-to-head competition at Baylor (Texas)  
**BEFORE SDSU:** Transferred from Ellsworth Community College (Iowa), where she competed at the IHSA level during the 2004-05 school year ... was a high-point Western rider at the regional show hosted by Ellsworth ... member of the Timber Ridge Pony Club ... was the 2004 fall schooling show high-point pony clubber ... received first-place beginner novice award ... attended the 2004-05 United States Pony Club events

**BRIANNA GROHS**
Jr., Western  
Hurley, S.D.  
Lennox High School  
Major: Animal Science

2006-07: Brianna was a member of the Jackrabbit reining squad that competed at Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... placed first in section of open horsemanship at fall meet hosted by Nebraska  
2005-06: Brianna’s top performance was earning high-point honors in Western meet at Nebraska, taking first in open reigning and third in open horsemanship ... placed first in reining during meet at South Carolina ... won reining title at 10-team meet hosted by Minnesota-Crookston ... placed fifth in reining in meet against Nebraska in Sioux Falls  
**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned first place in equine proficiency at the state level ... was her FFA chapter President in 2004-05 ... was a member of the 2005 National FFA Convention marketing team ... received second place in horsemanship at the Sioux Empire Fair ... took home first place in English equitation at Yankton Southeast show ... received first place in horsemanship at the Brookings Southeast show

**KATE GUNDERSON**
Jr., Western  
Canton, S.D.  
Canton High School  
Major: Biology

2006-07: Saw action in four Western competitions during the fall season ... selected as alternate for squad that competed at Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... placed third in section of open horsemanship at Nebraska in October  
2005-06: Competed in the Western events for the Jackrabbits ... won her section of the trail competition against Kansas State to open the season ... competed in horsemanship against Baylor, Stephen F. Austin (Texas) and North Dakota State in other action  
**BEFORE SDSU:** Was a member of the Academic Decathlon team at Canton High School ... American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Youth Champion, APHA Youth Versatility Champion, APHA Scholarship Recipient ... participated in volleyball and one-act play competitions in high school ... great-uncle was former Vice President and U.S. Sen. Hubert Humphrey
2006-07: Was a regular in the English lineup, competing in five meets ... placed fifth in section of novice equitation on the flat during both days of multi-team competition at Wisconsin-River Falls in October ...

2005-06: Earned Best Team Spirit Award during team's inaugural season ... was a mainstay in the Jackrabbit English lineup, starting with competing in equitation on the flat during team's inaugural competition, at Kansas State ... also competed in equitation on the flat at Baylor ... placed fourth in equitation on the flat at meet hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls in March ... member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Zeta at SDSU

BEFORE SDSU: Individual 4-H horse judging state champion in 2004 ... was named a member of the academic all-state team in both basketball and volleyball at Redfield Public High School ... member of the National Honor Society

Kathryn qualified for the IHSA regional in horsemanship, placing third in the open horesmanship competition ... won section titles in open horsemanship at meets hosted by Nebraska and North Dakota during the fall season ... placed second in section of horsemanship at season-opening meet at Wisconsin-River Falls ... competed in horsemanship at Varsity Equestrian National Championships

2005-06: Kathryn was one of the team leaders in horsemanship during the team's inaugural season ... picked up first-place honors against Nebraska and North Dakota State ... posted second-place finishes against Auburn and in meet hosted by Minnesota-Crookston ... also placed third in section of trail at Kansas State ... named to Equestrian Coaches' Honor Roll for her work in the classroom

BEFORE SDSU: Joined the Jackrabbit squad after transferring from Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.) ... played one season of volleyball at Gustavus, while also competing for the school's equestrian club team ... was an IHSA regional qualifier in advanced horsemanship in 2005 ... at state 4-H level, was state champion in hunt seat equitation in 1996 and 1997 ... also was state champion in stock seat equitation in 1998 and Reserve champion in both hunt seat and stock seat in

1999 ... earned high-point honors in the junior category and novice all-around youth title from the South Dakota Quarter Horse Association in 1996 ... academic all-state honoree in both volleyball and basketball ... second-team all-region pick in volleyball ... member of the National Honor Society

Returning Riders

LINDSAY HARR
Jr., English
Zell, S.D.
(Redfield High School)
Majors: Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine

2006-07: In limited competition, placed second in novice section of equitation over fences at Wisconsin-River Falls in October ... won head-to-head matchup at Best of the West competition hosted by Fresno State in March

BEFORE SDSU: Gained valuable competition experience with the Sierra Equestrian Club ... played basketball at Lincoln High School

BRITTANY HENRY
So., English
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Lincoln High School
Major: Family and Consumer Sciences

LAURA HOFF
Jr., English
Monticello, Minn.
Monticello High School
Majors: Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine

2006-07: In limited competition, placed second in novice section of equitation over fences at Wisconsin-River Falls in October ... won head-to-head matchup at Best of the West competition hosted by Fresno State in March

BEFORE SDSU: Active in several high school activities, including cross country, track and marching band ... was North Suburban academic all-conference selection in track in 2005 ... placed third in her division at the Junior Young Rider Region Four Team Championships ... participated in the Central States Dressage and Eventing Association Championships ... was a working student with FEI dressage trainer and rider Marija Trieschman ... participated in several Arabian horse shows, including Sahara Sands, Great Arabian Get Together, Double the Fun, and Northern Lights Dressage show ... member of the National Honor Society
**DACOTA HUZZEN**  
So., English  
Newberry, Fla.  
Santa Fe High School  
Major: Business Economics

2006-07: Opened collegiate career by winning section of open equitation on the flat at multi-team meet at Wisconsin-River Falls during fall campaign ... also finished first in open equitation on the flat at meet hosted by Minnesota-Crookston in November.

BEFORE SDSU: Achieved “B” rating from the United States Pony Club ... placed second in high-point standings for Charles Owen Medal ... also earned Sawgrass Horse Show Association Rider of the Year and sportsmanship award ... graduated from Santa Fe High School in Alachua, Fla.

**NIKKI JENSEN**  
Jr., Western  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Roosevelt High School  
Majors: Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education

2006-07: Nikki competed at the IHSA regional in beginner horsemanship after meeting qualifications during strong fall season ... won section of beginner horsemanship at meets hosted by Nebraska and North Dakota State ... took second in section of horsemanship at season opener hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls.

2005-06: Added depth to the Jackrabbit Western lineup ... won section of reining and placed second in open horsemanship during meet at Minnesota–Crookston in February ... at multi-team meet hosted by Nebraska, she earned high-point honors in Western, placing first in open horsemanship and second in open reining ... in dual at Auburn, she tied for third in horsemanship and was team’s top performer in reining, placing fifth overall ... honored on Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for academic excellence.

BEFORE SDSU: Served as president of her FFA Chapter at West Point High School ... earned various public speaking awards in FFA and 4-H ... horsemanship finalist at state 4-H Horse Show ... also qualified several times for Ak-sar-ben Livestock Exposition horse shows ... was part of the 2005 Nebraska State Champion 4-H Horse Judging team ... active in the National High School Rodeo Association and Midwest Barrel Racing Association ... also competed in track ... member of the National Honor Society.

**CHANTEL JULIAN**  
Jr., English  
Marshall, Minn.  
Marshall High School  
Major: English

Chantel was a member of the squad during its inaugural season in 2005-06, but did not compete last year.

BEFORE SDSU: Lettered in track at Marshall Senior High in Minnesota ... on “A” honor roll in high school ... made Dean’s List at SDSU.

**ABBY KNOBBE**  
Jr., Western  
Dodge, Neb.  
West Point High School  
Major: Agriculture Education

2006-07: Abby was a consistent performer for the Jackrabbits during her sophomore season ... recorded lone victory for Jackrabbits in Varsity Equestrian National Championships competition against New Mexico State ... posted two wins in horsemanship and two in reining at Best of the West competition hosted by Fresno State ... claimed section titles in open horsemanship and reining, respectively, at meets hosted by North Dakota State and Nebraska ... placed second in section of horsemanship at season-opening meet hosted by Wisconsin–River Falls.

2005-06: Enjoyed strong first season in Jackrabbit Western lineup ... won section of reining and placed second in open horsemanship during meet at Minnesota–Crookston in February ... at multi-team meet hosted by Nebraska, she earned high-point honors in Western, placing first in open horsemanship and second in open reining ... in dual at Auburn, she tied for third in horsemanship and was team’s top performer in reining, placing fifth overall ... honored on Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for academic excellence.

BEFORE SDSU: Served as president of her FFA Chapter at West Point High School ... earned various public speaking awards in FFA and 4-H ... horsemanship finalist at state 4-H Horse Show ... also qualified several times for Ak-sar-ben Livestock Exposition horse shows ... was part of the 2005 Nebraska State Champion 4-H Horse Judging team ... active in the National High School Rodeo Association and Midwest Barrel Racing Association ... also competed in track ... member of the National Honor Society.

**KATELYN KNUDSEN**  
So., English  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Lincoln Southwest H.S.  
Major: Sociology

2006-07: Competed in three English meets during freshman season ... placed second in walk-trot division at Minnesota–Crookston in November ... contributed fourth- and fifth-place finishes in walk-trot at season opener hosted by Wisconsin–River Falls.

BEFORE SDSU: Competed in United States Pony Club shows for 11 years ... competed at the 4-H level with the Hunters Pride club ... qualified for the USPC Nations Games in 2004 and 2005 ... member of Cornhusker Pony Club ... participated in speech and debate at Lincoln Southwest High School ... member of the National Honor Society.
Returning Riders

Kelsey Likness
Sr., Western
Watertown, S.D.
Watertown High School
Majors: Dietetics and Nutrition

2006-07: Kelsey qualified for the IHSA Western Semifinals after placing second in open horsemanship competition at regional meet ... opened season by earning reserve high-point honors in Western competition at Wisconsin-River Falls on the strength of first-place finish in open horsemanship, second-place effort in horsemanship on the final day of competition and a fourth-place effort in reining ... posted score of 71.5 in head-to-head competition against North Dakota State and Delaware State
2005-06: Placed fourth in reining at the Big Eight Tournament hosted by Georgia ... was Reserve High Point Rider at the University of Nebraska, and placed second in reining and fourth in horsemanship ... during the same competition she won the ride-off for Reserve High Point ... tied for first in horsemanship in dual at Stephen F. Austin ... placed first in reining in dual against North Dakota State ... during the team’s inaugural competition, against Kansas State, she placed second in horsemanship and fourth in reining ... at SDSU, she is a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and was honored at the Festival of Champions by being named to the Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll ... also is a member of the Family and Consumer Science National Honor Society — Phi Upsilon Omicron
Before SDSU: Was high point champion at Sioux Empire Fair Hunter/Jumper Show ... Novice and Open Division Junior Champion ... Junior Team Champion at Regions in Huron S.D. ... was a member of the National Honor Society ... a member of the National Scholars Honors Society in 2006

Kaylee Mundwiler
So., Western
Milbank, S.D.
Milbank High School
Majors: Biology/Pre-Mortuary Science and Spanish

2006-07: Kaylee was a key contributor during her freshman season ... placed fifth in open horsemanship competition at IHSA regional meet ... competed in horsemanship at Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... qualified for IHSA regionals after winning section of open horsemanship at Nebraska in February ... also won open horsemanship section at fall meet hosted by Nebraska ... turned in runner-up finishes in section of horsemanship on both days of competition hosted by North Dakota State
Before SDSU: Earned a number of American Quarter Horse Youth Association awards ... qualified for the AQHYA Youth Championships while earning SDQHYA Youth All-Around and High-Point honors ... captain for 2005 AQHYA Reserve World Champion team ... recognized as AQHA Open Performance and AQHYA Performance and Halter Register of Merit ... competed in gymnastics and was a member of the National Honor Society at Milbank High School

Katie Morris
So., English
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Washington High School
Major: Pre-Veterinary Medicine

2006-07: Katie earned hersecond varsity letter while competing in the English events ... helped lead the Jackrabbits to victories over Tennessee-Martin and Delaware State in February ... selected to serve as warmup rider at IHSA Nationals
2005-06: Katie was one of the Jackrabbits’ top riders in equitation over fences during the 2005-06 season ... placed third individually in equitation over fences in head-to-head competitions against Kansas State and in team victory at Stephen F. Austin (Texas) ... posted three runner-up finishes in novice class at meet hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls in March ... also competed in Big Eight English Tournament hosted by Georgia and competitions against South Carolina and Baylor
Before SDSU: Was high point champion at Sioux Empire Fair Hunter/Jumper Show ... Novice and Open Division Junior Champion ... Junior Team Champion at Regions in Huron S.D. ... was a member of the National Honor Society ... a member of the National Scholars Honors Society in 2006

Tory Ruppert
So., Western
Currie, Minn.
Tracy Area High School
Majors: Pre-Pharmacy

2006-07: Tory competed in four meets during freshman season ... placed third in section of walk-trot-canter at October competition hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls ... claimed section title in intermediate horsemanship on final day of competition and third-place finish on opening day at multi-team meet hosted by Nebraska in February
Before SDSU: Recorded top-10 finishes in Showmanship and English Pleasure at 2005 Minnesota State Fair ... earned several titles, including English Pleasure, English champion and Reserve English champion
at Murray County Fair between 2004 and 2006 ... 4-H officer and member of Minnesota state first-place FFA horse judging team ... earned individual gold awards in horse judging at state and national levels in 2005 and 2006 ... also active in cheerleading, she was named an All-American cheerleader in 2005-06 and performed at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla. ... member of the National Honor Society.

**MOLLY SEIDEL**
Jr., Western
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Lincoln High School
Major: Nursing

2006-07: Molly was a regular contributor for the Jackrabbits as she advanced to the IHSA Western Semifinals and represented the Jackrabbits in reining at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... won advanced horsemanship at IHSA regional competition ... earned section titles in advanced horsemanship at meets hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls and North Dakota State ... earned reserve high-point honors in horsemanship with score of 69 during head-to-head competition versus North Dakota State and Delaware State.

2005-06: Molly was a key contributor in the Western lineup during the 2005-06 season ... claimed horsemanship individual honors with score of 81 in meet at South Carolina ... won advanced horsemanship title at tournament hosted by Minnesota-Crookston ... placed third in section of horsemanship in dual against Nebraska in Sioux Falls ... finished second in section of trail, and also competed in English equitation during team’s inaugural meet, at Kansas State ... named to Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for academic excellence.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Five-time state Grand and Reserve Champion in horsemanship events at the 4-H level in South Dakota ... also earned Lincoln County 4-H Grand Champion honors ... attained extensive competition experience in both the English and Western disciplines, including a top-10 finish in the Morgan World Finals ... named to Who’s Who in Academics list at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls ... also competed in soccer where she was a second-team all-state selection in 2004.

**HILLARY SIEBELS**
Jr., Western
Britton, S.D.
Britton-Hecla High School
Major: Pre-Pharmacy

2006-07: Hillary represented the Jackrabbits in horsemanship at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... top performance came when she won section of open horsemanship at fall meet hosted by North Dakota State.

2005-06: Competed in Western events ... placed fourth in section of trail during team’s inaugural meet, at Kansas State ... named to Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for academic excellence.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned the 2004 South Dakota Point Horse Club All-Around championship ... competed at World Wide Point Horse Congress in 2004 ... also competed in volleyball at prep level ... class valedictorian at Britton-Hecla High School.

**TRISHA SMEENK**
Jr., Western
Newell, S.D.
Newell High School
Major: Journalism

2006-07: Member of Western squad but did not compete in any meets.

**BEFORE SDSU:** South Dakota High School Rodeo Queen ... Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota ... South Dakota National Horse Judging Team ... 4-H state reining, showing and jumping ... attended Newell High School ... member of National Honors Society.

**COURTNEY SMITH**
Sr., Western
Rapid City, S.D.
Stevens High School
Major: Mass Communication

2006-07: In first season with the Jackrabbits, Courtney turned in section-winning performance in advanced horsemanship at spring meet hosted by Nebraska.

**BEFORE SDSU:** 2005 State 4-H Rodeo Queen ... 2005 Black Hills Stock Show Rodeo Queen ... two-time reserve champion in Western Riding at State 4-H Horse Show ... 2003 Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota ... contestant at South Dakota State High School Rodeo Finals in 2000-04 ... attended Rapid City Stevens High School ... lettered in rodeo and cheerleading ... Regent Scholar ... SDSU Dean’s List.
**Returning Riders**

**DIANA SNEVE**  
So., English  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Lincoln High School  
Major: Biology

2006-07: In limited action, posted runner-up finish in beginner walk-trot-canter competition at Wisconsin-River Falls during fall season  
_Before SDSU:_ Attended Sioux Falls Lincoln High School ... member of National Honor Society

**SARA STIRTON**  
Jr., English  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
A.E. Peacock Collegiate  
Major: Pre-Pharmacy

2006-07: Sara contributed in both halves of the season, including winning matchup in equitation on the flat versus Southern Methodist at Best of the West Tournament during spring season ... won section of intermediate equitation on the flat at Wisconsin-River Falls during the fall portion of competition  
_Before SDSU:_ University of Saskatchewan transfer ... will have three years of eligibility remaining ... a 2004 graduate of A.E. Peacock Collegiate high school, she competed in volleyball, soccer, basketball and women’s soccer ... garnered many province awards on the Saskatchewan Heritage Circuit ... placed third in five-bar competition at Mid-Summer Masters jumping competition ... won Junior Heritage Horse and Rider combination title in 2000 and 2001 ... honor roll student

**ANNA TAYLOR**  
Sr., Western  
Mandan, N.D.  
Mandan High School  
Major: Animal Science

2006-07: Anna represented the Jackrabbits in IHSA regional competition, as well as the Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... placed fourth in open horsemanship at IHSA regional ... posted team’s lone victory in head-to-head competition with Texas Christian at Best of the West tournament hosted by Fresno State during the spring season ... strong spring season included earning high-point honors in reining at Nebraska, a meet in which she won sections of reining in both sessions and placed second in open horsemanship during morning competition ... posted high score of 73.5 in head-to-head competition with Tennessee-Martin and Delaware State ... opened season with victory in second of open horsemanship at Wisconsin-River Falls  
2005-06: Anna turned in a solid season in the Western events for the Jackrabbits during the 2005-06 campaign ... recorded high-point differential, with score of 83 in section of horsemanship, in competition versus Nebraska at Sioux Falls ... turned in strong reining performances in both meets against South Carolina, as well as team’s inaugural event at Kansas State ... also notched runner-up finish in reining section at multi-team event hosted by Minnesota-Crookston ... named to Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for academic excellence ... previously competed in track and field for the Jackrabbits  
_Before SDSU:_ Participated in track and basketball in high school ... was a member of the 2003 state basketball championship team and 2002 state track championship team at Mandan High School ... was the 2003 state champion in the 300 hurdles, 800 relay and 1600 relay ... in equestrian, was the 2000 Mandan Horse and Saddle Club all-around champion ... earned the 1998 year-end Reserve All-Around title ... member of the National Honor Society

**Equestrian Judging**

**General Rules**

1. In equitation/horsemanship classes, only the rider is being judged therefore no penalty should be assessed because of the horse’s conformation, color or movement.  
2. Falling off a horse results in elimination.  
3. Three refusals over jumps by a horse result in elimination.  
4. Any rider not having her mount under sufficient control shall be removed from the ring by the show stewards and shall be disqualified or remounted at their discretion.  
5. Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of an equitation or horsemanship class until the judge requests a change.  
6. Riders are allowed minimal preparation time with their assigned horse.

**English Rules**

General — The rider should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control.

**Western Rules**

General — The rider will be judged on seat, hands, and the ability to control and show the horse. Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them.
2006-07: Lacey provided some solid performances for the Jackrabbits during the fall season ... won section of open reining in collegiate debut at Nebraska in October ... garnered high-point honors in reining with score of 72.5 in home head-to-head competition with North Dakota State and Delaware State ... closed out fall season with individual high-point award after posting runner-up finishes in sections of open reining and open horsemanship at North Dakota State

BEFORE SDSU: winner of the 2005 Youth National Reining Horse Association national title ... finished season ranked in the top 10 of the NRHA non-pro world standings ... honors also include winning 2005 Youth NRHA Affiliate championship ... excelled academically at Kiowa High School by being named to the honor’s list as the highest achieving artist

2006-07: Carolyn became the first SDSU Western rider to qualify for the IHSA Regional after turning in a second-place finish in section of intermediate horsemanship during fall competition at Nebraska ... placed fifth in intermediate horsemanship at regional competition

BEFORE SDSU: Competed at the 4-H level for five years ... 2005 graduate of Sioux Falls Christian High Schools, where she competed in soccer for three seasons and earned a varsity letter ... member of the National Honor Society and academic letter winner

**Equestrian Terms**

**Crop** — A short whip used in horseback riding used only as an aid to re-engage the rider’s leg.

**Diagonals** — The correct posting, up/down motion, of the rider in sequence with diagonal movement of the horse’s legs at the trot.

**Equitation** — In riding competitions, this indicates that riders are being judged on their ability to control the horse while maintaining the correct riding position. Riders have the added challenge of riding an unfamiliar horse that they draw in a lottery system just prior to their class.

**Equitation/Horsemanship** — In competitions, this indicates that the riders are being judged on their ability to control and show the horse while maintaining the correct riding position.

**Equitation Over Fences** — An individual performance where each rider shows a horse over 8-10 jumps of varying heights. Riders are judged on their ability to position the horse correctly at the jumps and avoid interfering with the horse’s balance, while maintaining the correct riding position and producing a smooth polished performance.

**Figure Eight** — Two circles connected by a change of direction, most often seen in reining patterns.

**Gait** — Three ways, canter/lope, trot/jog, or walk, by which a horse can move by lifting the feet in different order or rhythm.

**Halt** — The command for stop.

**Horsemanship** — Refers to a class of Western riding in which the rider is judged on maintaining correct position and controlling the horse in a pattern.

**Hunt Seat** — The category in which English riders compete in either over a series of jumps or in a general equitation class.

**Iron** — The English stirrups used in riding.

**Leads** — They are determined at the canter/lope by which front foot is leading. Correct leads have the inside foreleg reaching furthest.

**Lead Change** — Done at the canter/lope to change which front foot is leading.

**Natural Aids** — Subtle or imperceptible body signals from the seat, legs, hands, and voice are allowed to communicate commands to the horse and in addition exaggerated shifting of the rider’s weight is not desirable. The resulting performance shown by the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining them.

**On the Rail** — Both riding disciplines compete in this manner, in which the riders enter the show arena and show collectively at all required gaits on command form the judge.

**Reining** — In these classes, the most advanced Western riders perform an individual, pre-assigned pattern from memory, demonstrating a variety of stops, turns and figures at various speeds. The emphasis is on precision and technical application of the rider’s ability to handle unfamiliar horses.

**Roll Back** — A turn performed in equitation over fence class to show control of the horse and rider’s ability to maintain a position throughout a turn. A tight turn performed between two fences. In Western reining, a rollback is a 180-degree pivot with speed after a halt.

**Schooling** — Practice time before the classes, is not allowed for intercollegiate competitors.

**Sliding Stop** — A smooth stop from the lope, in which the horse is supposed to balance on its back feet while the front feet continue to move.

**Stock Seat** — The common Western division, where the goal of the rider is to maneuver the horse through a herd of livestock to rope, move or control.

**Striding** — A single coordinated movement of the four legs of a horse or other animal completed when the legs return to their initial relative position. In the hunt seat fence classes, proper striding between two jumps in a line is required. Ex: If you need to have six strides down the diagonal line and five strides on the outside line.

**Tack** — The equipment worn by the horse (saddle, bridle, etc.).

**Two-Point Position** — Performed in practice to learn the proper leg position, balance and strength. The position is done on the flat and requires the body to be positioned forward just out of the saddle. This is the forward position used over fences.

**Walk, Jog, Lope** — In Western, these are the gaits that the horse travels in.

**Walk, Trot, Canter** — In English, these are the gaits that the horse travels in.
Britta won multiple Clay County 4-H Horse Show individual and all-around Grand and Reserve Champion titles ... at the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show, was Showmanship and Horsemanship Champion ... North Dakota Novice All-Around Champion and Reserve Champion ... member of the North Dakota Quarter Horse Youth Association ... lettered in basketball three times at Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo, N.D.

Jenelle will add depth in the Western events for the Jackrabbits this season ... 2007 graduate of Hamlin High School, where she also competed in volleyball.

Angela’s impressive résumé includes being named the National Reining Horse Association Central Affiliate Finals Non-Pro Freestyle Champion in 2006 and Reserve Champion in 2005 ... NRHA Central Affiliate Finals Youth 14-18 Division Champion in 2005 ... North Central Reining Horse Association Youth Saddle Circuit Champion 2002-05 ... National Merit Scholar at Maple Grove High School ... graduated with high honors (4.0 GPA).

Attended Greeley West High School in Colorado as a freshman, before finishing up at Brookings High School ... member of National Honor Society.

Meghan earned AHA Canadian National Top Ten in Western Horsemanship ... AHA Region 17 Reserve Champion in 2005-06 ... AHA Region 17 Western Pleasure JTR Champion in 2005-06 ... Overall Youth B.C. Half Arabian Horse Association Champion from 2003-05 ... named to academic honor roll.
**Newcomers**

**Ashley Marrin**
Fr., English  
Palos Heights, Ill.  
Marist High School  
Major: Landscape Architecture

Ashley qualified for the A Show Mini Medal finals in competition before entering the collegiate ranks ... Southside Summer Series champion ... all-star rider at Jim Arrigon’s Equestrian Talent Search in spring of 2006 and reserve champion high-point rider in fall of 2006 ... attended Marist High School in Illinois ... also earned medalist honors in golf

**Marian Michalson**
Fr., English  
Columbia, Mo.  
David H. Hickman H.S.  
Major: Biology

Marian was a late addition to the Jackrabbit roster, but is expected to bolster the lineup in the English events ... won numerous championships and Zone 7 awards in the jumper division on the ‘A’ circuit prior to enrolling at SDSU

**Molly Ryan**
Fr., English  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
Carmel High School  
Major: Undeclared

Molly’s list of honors include winning Amateur Adult Hunter championship at Lake St. Louis Horse Show ... attended Carmel High School in Indianapolis

**Lydia Placzek**
Fr., Western  
Kearney, Neb.  
Kearney High School  
Major: Pre-Economics

Lydia competed in multiple state and world championships in the Western events prior to enrolling at SDSU ... coached by Jim and Sandy Jirkovsky ... member of National Honor Society

**Leslie Sauter**
Fr., English  
Columbus, Ohio  
Upper Arlington H.S.  
Major: Pre-Nursing

Leslie qualified for the Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association (OHJA) Finals four times ... won Reserve Champion honors in the OHJA Children’s Hunters division in 2004 and 15-17 equitation age division in 2005 ... competed in United States Equestrian Federation shows since 1997

**Brianna Sandager**
Fr., Western  
Hills, Minn.  
Luverne High School  
Major: Animal Science

Brianna will add depth in the Western events after joining the Jackrabbits during the fall season ... attended Luverne High School in Minnesota ... majoring in animal science
Newcomers

**CHELSEA STEEN**  
So., Western  
Cherokee, Iowa  
Washington High School  
Majors: Pre-Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science

Chelsea will contribute in the Western events after joining the Jackrabbit squad during the fall season.

**MELISSA ZAJAC**  
So., English  
Rochester, Mich.  
Stoney Creek High School  
Major: Dietetics

Melissa joins the Jackrabbits after an extensive English competition career with the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association ... placed first in the limit and novice adult equitation on the flat and adult equitation over fences in 2006 ... during the 2005 competition season, placed first in primary and intermediate junior hunter and primary junior equitation over fences classes ... competed on varsity equestrian team at prep level at Adams High School for one season and two seasons at Stoney Creek High School, from which she graduated in 2005 ... also competed in soccer one season at Stoney Creek and two seasons with the Rochester Select club team.

2007 Varsity Equestrian National Championships

**PRELIMINARY ROUND — WESTERN**
- Baylor (Texas) 5, Fresno State (Calif.) 3
- New Mexico State 7, South Dakota State 1
- Oklahoma State 7, Stephen F. Austin (Texas) 1
- South Carolina 5, Texas Christian 3

**FIRST ROUND — WESTERN**
- Texas A&M 5, Baylor 3
- New Mexico State 5, Auburn (Ala.) 3
- Oklahoma State 4, Kansas State 4
  (OSU wins tiebreaker on total points: 1,127.5-1,097)
- Georgia 4, South Carolina 4
  (UGA wins tiebreaker on total points: 1,111-1,108)

**SECOND ROUND — WESTERN**
- Baylor 6, Auburn 2
- Kansas State 4, Georgia 4
  (KSU wins tiebreaker on total points: 1,115.5-985.5)
- New Mexico State 4, Texas A&M 4
  (NMSU wins tiebreaker on total points: 1,107-980)
- South Carolina 4, Oklahoma State 4
  (USC wins tiebreaker on total points: 1,133.5-1,120)

**SEVENTH PLACE — WESTERN**
- Georgia 5, Auburn 3

**FIFTH PLACE — WESTERN**
- Baylor 6, Kansas State 2

**THIRD PLACE — WESTERN**
- New Mexico State 6, Oklahoma State 1

**CHAMPIONSHIP — WESTERN**
- Texas A&M 6, South Carolina 2

**PRELIMINARY ROUND — ENGLISH**
- Fresno State (Calif.) 6, Tennessee-Martin 2
- Texas A&M 6, Southern Methodist (Texas) 2
- Baylor (Texas) 8, Stephen F. Austin (Texas) 0
- Kansas State 6, New Mexico State 2

**FIRST ROUND — ENGLISH**
- South Carolina 7, Fresno State 1
- Auburn (Ala.) 5, Texas A&M 3
- Georgia 8, Baylor 0
- Kansas State 6, Oklahoma State 2

**SECOND ROUND — ENGLISH**
- Texas A&M 4, Fresno State 3
- Oklahoma State 6, Baylor 2
- South Carolina 7, Auburn 0
- Georgia 7, Kansas State 1

**SEVENTH PLACE — ENGLISH**
- Baylor 4, Fresno State 4
  (Baylor wins tiebreaker on total points: 1,190-1,184)

**FIFTH PLACE — ENGLISH**
- Oklahoma State 5, Texas A&M 3

**THIRD PLACE — ENGLISH**
- Kansas State 5, Auburn 3

**CHAMPIONSHIP — ENGLISH**
- South Carolina 6, Georgia 2

Note: Competition hosted by Baylor University and held April 18-20 at the Heart O’ Texas Fairgrounds in Waco, Texas.
Team Photos

Jackrabbit English Team

Jackrabbit Western Team
EQUESTRIAN RIDERS OPEN SEASON IN RIVER FALLS

RIVER FALLS, Wis. — The South Dakota State University women’s equestrian team received reserve high-point honors both days, trailing only the University of Nebraska at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Western competition on Sept. 23-24.

On Saturday, Kelsey Likness, a Watertown native, was the reserve high-point rider as she tallied a first-place finish in open horsemanship and fourth in the reining competition. Molly Seidel was next for the Jacks, placing first in advanced horsemanship Section B.

Abby Knobbe finished second in horsemanship Section A, while both Katie Hendrickson and Nikki Jensen recorded second-place finishes in their sections of horsemanship.

In the intermediate horsemanship competition, freshman Meghan Lentsch posted a second-place finish in Section A.

On Sunday, Anna Taylor and Jordanne Blair recorded first-place finishes in open horsemanship sections A and B. With those two victories, SDSU claimed both sections in open horsemanship Sunday afternoon.

In the intermediate horsemanship competition, Lentsch placed first in Section B, while Likness rounded out the highlights Sunday by placing second in the open horsemanship Section B.

Nebraska won the two-day event, defeating SDSU, 25-20 on Saturday and 26-20 Sunday.

ENGLISH RIDERS OPEN SEASON STRONG IN WISCONSIN

RIVER FALLS, Wis. — South Dakota State University riders combined to win seven event titles as the Jackrabbit women’s equestrian team opened the English portion of its competition season with a pair of runner-up finishes in the team standings Oct. 14-15 at a meet hosted by the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Newcomers Coty Huzzen and Kristen Carlson led the Jackrabbits as each posted a pair of first-place finishes. Huzzen, a freshman from Newberry, Fla., won the open division of equitation over fences on Saturday and Section B of open equitation on the flat on Sunday.

Carlson, a freshman from Westminster, Colo., added victories in the novice equitation on the flat competition both days.

Kaylee DeVries reached a milestone Sunday with her victory in Section A of intermediate equitation on the flat. The junior from Cedar Falls, Iowa, became the first Jackrabbit rider to qualify for the IHSA Regional Championship in the spring by accumulating the required 35 points. She will compete in the open division the remainder of the regular season before returning to competition in the Intermediate division in March.

Other event winners for the Jackrabbits were sophomores Erin Broussard in Section B of open equitation on the flat and Sara Storton in Section B of intermediate equitation on the flat.

Sophomore Allison Carie posted runner-up finishes in the intermediate equitation on the flat division both days, with Laura Hoff (novice equitation over fences A), Broussard (intermediate equitation over fences), Britany Henry (novice equitation over fences B) and Diana Sneve (beginner walk-trot-canter) also adding second-place efforts.

Wisconsin claimed the team title in the nine-team field each day, edging the Jackrabbits, 37-32 on Saturday, and 38-30 on Sunday.

JACKRABBIT WESTERN TEAM SECOND AT NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb. — South Dakota State University Western riders won eight events in a pair of women’s equestrian meets hosted by Nebraska on Oct. 28.

The Jackrabbits also finished as runners-up in each competition, trailing IHSA regional leader Nebraska.

In morning competition, Kaylee Mundweiler and Brianna Grohs each scored victories. Mundweiler placed first in Section A of open horsemanship, with Grohs winning the Section B competition.

SDSU completed a successful afternoon session with six individual titles, including victories by Katie Hendrickson and Ashlie Centa following second-place efforts in the morning. Hendrickson won Section B of open horsemanship, while Centa claimed the Section C title.

Other winners in horsemanship were Karley Stoltenburg in Section B of novice horsemanship, Nikki Jensen in Section A of beginner horsemanship and Cierra Anderson in Section D of intermediate horsemanship.

Lacey Vernon led the Jackrabbits in the open reining competition with a victory in Section A.

In addition, Carolyn Wehde became the first Western rider to qualify for this spring’s regional on the strength of a second-place finish in Section D of intermediate horsemanship and a third-place finish in Section B in afternoon competition. Wehde will move up a class for the remainder of the regular season, returning to intermediate competition in March.

EQUESTRIAN HOSTS DELAWARE STATE, NORTH DAKOTA STATE

The South Dakota State University women’s equestrian team had three riders record wins, but it wasn’t enough as the Jackrabbits finished second overall at the Swifitel Center in Brookings.

The tandem of Delaware State and South Dakota State combined to finish first overall in the team standings with a score of 963. SDSU was second overall with a score of 953, while North Dakota State finished third with 942 points. As a team, South Dakota State finished first overall in the equitation and reining competitions.

Individually, Lacey Vernon captured high-point honors in reining with a score of 72.5, while Kelsey Likness, a Watertown native, recorded a second place finish with 71.5 points.

Allison Carie was next for the Jacks as she
placed first overall in equitation. Carie, a sophomore from Fairbanks, Alaska, defeated Kamerra Brown of Delaware State by four points. Sophomore Lindsay Harr and Katie Morris followed with scores of 79 and 78.5 respectively.

In the horsemanship head-to-head competition, both Ashlie Centa and Molly Seidel scored 69 points in the competition to tie for second place.

Sophomore Sara Stirton scored 82 points in the equitation over fences competition to capture high-point honors.

South Dakota State finished third overall in the English competition with 476 points and second overall in Western with 477 points.

**SDSU RIDERS WIN FIVE EVENTS**

FARGO, N.D. — The South Dakota State University Western riders won five events Nov. 18 to capture high-point team honors at the NDSU Equine Center in Fargo, N.D.

SDSU finished first overall in the team standings by scoring 33 points. Nebraska-Lincoln and Wisconsin-River Falls tied for second with a score of 20, while North Dakota State finished fourth. As a team, South Dakota State had riders finish first and second overall in all three sections of Western horsemanship.

Individually, Lacey Vernon captured the individual high-point rider award in reining and horsemanship by scoring 10 points. Vernon, a freshman from Kiowa, Colo., finished second overall in both open reining and open horsemanship Section A.

Overall, SDSU completed a successful first day with five individual titles in six classes, including victories by Katie Hendrickson and Ashlie Centa. Hendrickson won Section B of open horsemanship, while Centa claimed the Section C title. Sophomore Jordanne Blair finished second overall in Section B, while Kaylee Mundweiler, a Milbank native, collected a second-place finish in section C.

SDSU had the top three riders in Section B with Watertown native Kelsey Likness finishing third. Anna Taylor closed out the Jackrabbit scoring in Section C with a fifth-place finish.

Other winners in horsemanship were Karley Stoltenburg in Section B of novice horsemanship, Molly Seidel in Section B of advanced horsemanship, Hillary Siebels in Section A of open horsemanship and Cierra Anderson in Section C of intermediate horsemanship.

**THREE RIDERS QUALIFY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FARGO**

FARGO, N.D. — The South Dakota State University Western riders won four events Nov. 19 to cap off an impressive two-day run at the NDSU Equine Center.

SDSU finished first overall in the team standings for the second consecutive day by scoring 30 points. Nebraska was second with 20 points, while Wisconsin-River Falls fell to third with a score of 17. Host school North Dakota State finished fourth. SDSU now trails IHSA regional leader Nebraska by five points heading into its spring season.

Overall, SDSU completed a successful second day with four individual titles in six classes, including victories by Karley Stoltenburg and Cierra Anderson. Stoltenburg won Section B of novice horsemanship for the second consecutive day, while Anderson claimed her second intermediate horsemanship Section A title in Fargo. Both Hillary Beldin and Megan Lentsch wrapped up second place in their respective sections of intermediate horsemanship.

Overall, SDSU completed a successful second day with four individual titles in six classes, including victories by Karley Stoltenburg and Cierra Anderson. Stoltenburg won Section B of novice horsemanship for the second consecutive day, while Anderson claimed her second intermediate horsemanship Section A title in Fargo. Both Hillary Beldin and Megan Lentsch wrapped up second place in their respective sections of intermediate horsemanship.

Three riders for the Jackrabbits qualified for the IHSA regional championships. Katie Hendrickson, a junior from Lennox, qualified on the strength of a fifth-place finish in Section B of open horsemanship, while both Stoltenburg and Jensen qualified after placing first in their respective classes. The trio joins Carolyn Whedde and Kaylee DeVries as individuals who will compete in the spring regional.

**JACKRABBIT RIDERS RECORD SWEEP**

MARTIN, Tenn. — The South Dakota State University women’s equestrian team opened the spring portion of its schedule by sweeping head-to-head competitions from Tennessee-Martin and Delaware State Feb. 17-18. The Jackrabbits won three of four events to defeat Delaware State, 1,137.5-1,050.5, and Tennessee-Martin by a 1,137.5 to 1,120 count.

SDSU swept the Western events. Ashlie Centa earned high-point honors in horsemanship...
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with a score of 76. Anna Taylor tied for highpoint honors in reining with 73.5 points.

In English competition, Erin Broussard
turned in a high-point score of 81 in equi-
tation on the flat to lead a Jackrabbit victory in the event.

The Jackrabbits came up short in the equi-
tation over fences competition, despite a
team-best score of 73 by freshman Dacota
Huzzen.

In other competition, Allison Carie qualified for the IHSA Regionals with a first-place finish in intermediate equitation on Saturday at an IHSA Hunt Seat competition in River Falls, Wis. She placed fourth in her class on Sunday, while Kristen Carlson placed fourth in novice equitation on Saturday.

Carie and Kaylee DeVries will represent SDSU at the upcoming IHSA Regionals March 3-4 in Crookston, Minn.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 1,137.5, DELAWARE STATE 1,050.5
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 1,137.5, TENNESSEE-WESTERN 1,200.5

English - Equitation Over Fences

Western - Horsemanship

Christina Smith, DSU-ex., 66.5.

English - Equitation on the Flat

Western-Reining

SDSU WESTERN TEAM FARES WELL AT NEBRASKA
LINCOLN, Neb. — South Dakota State University Western riders combined to win eight section titles during competition Feb. 24 at the University of Nebraska.

As a team, the Jackrabbits won the afternoon show with 35 points. SDSU placed third out of eight teams in the morning show with 20 points to finish behind host Nebraska and Minnesota-Crookston.

Individually, Anna Taylor earned high-point rider honors during the morning session, winning section B of the Reining competition and placing second in Open Horsemanship. She followed that with a first-place finish in section A of Reining in the afternoon.

Hillary Beldin added a pair of victories, winning section C of Intermediate Horsemanship II in the morning and section A in the afternoon.

In Open Horsemanship, Kaylee Mundweiler was one of five Jackrabbits to qualify for the upcoming regional meet, after turning in a first-place performance in section A during the morning session.

Abby Knobbe contributed a first-place finish in the afternoon Section A of Reining.

Rounding out the list of Jackrabbit victories were Karley Stoltenburg, who won section B of advanced horsemanship in the afternoon and Courtney Smith, a winner in section A of advanced horsemanship during the morning competition.

Heather Richter added a pair of second-place finishes in beginner horsemanship.

EQUESTRIAN HAS TWO ADVANCE TO IHSA ZONE 9 FINALS

Kaylee Devries and Allison Carie became the first South Dakota State University equestrian riders to advance to the IHSA Zone Championships after being named reserve and regional champion, respectively, at the IHSA Regional Finals in Crookston, Minn., on March 4.

Devries, a junior from Cedar Falls, Iowa, brought home reserve champion honors in Intermediate Equitation on the Flat, while Carie, a Fairbanks, Alaska, resident, was named the regional champion. Both riders advanced into the IHSA Zone 9 Finals in April in Chicago.

In California over the weekend, South Dakota State finished fourth overall in both Western and Hunt Seat disciplines to place third overall as a team at the “Best in the West” tournament held at Fresno State in Fresno, Calif.

Individually on Friday, Anna Taylor, Abby Knobbe and Jordinne Blair all were victorious in horsemanship. Knobbe posted wins over Fresno State’s Erin Bowen and Delaware State’s Christina Smith. In the reining competition, Knobbe was again victorious as she upended Mary Beth Brown of Fresno State and Christina Smith of Delaware State.

As a team on Friday, South Dakota State fell to Texas Christian University, 5-1, at the Student Horse Center. Anna Taylor scored the lone Jackrabbit victory against the Hornfrogs. The junior defeated Chloe Baker, 67.5-63.

On Saturday at the Best of the West, the Jackrabbits dropped a 5-1 match to SMU. Sophomore Sarah Stinton put the Jackrabbits
on the board in equitation on the flat by upending Megan Davenport. Individually, Erin Broussard, Brittany Henry and Stirton all claimed victories in equitation on the flat. Broussard went 3-0 in the equitation on the flat by downing Whitney Russell of Tennessee-Martin and Kate Rhode of TCU.

BEST OF THE WEST FINAL TEAM RESULTS
Fresno State: Western (36): English: (28); Total: (64)
Tennessee-Martin: Western (10): English: (36); Total: (46)
South Dakota State: Western (15): English: (15); Total: (30)
TCU: Western (21): English: (6); Total: (27)
SMU: Western (0): English: (21); Total: (21)
Delaware State: Western (6): English: (10); Total: (16)

SEIDEL AND LIKNESS QUALIFY FOR IHSA WESTERN SEMIFINALS
South Dakota State University equestrian riders Molly Seidel and Kelsey Likness advanced to the IHSA Western Semifinals after placing first and second overall, respectively, at the IHSA Zone 9, Region 3 Championships in Brookings on March 11.

Seidel, a sophomore from Sioux Falls, collected first-place honors in advanced horsemanship, while Likness, a Watertown native, finished second overall in open horsemanship. Both riders will advance to the IHSA Super Zone Championships on March 24-25 in Pomona, Calif.

Also at the regional meet, Katie Hendrickson, a Lennox resident, placed third overall in open horsemanship, while Anna Taylor followed with a fourth-place finish. In novice horsemanship, senior Karley Stoltenburg placed fourth overall. Nicole Jensen, a junior from Sioux Falls, also placed fourth overall in beginner horsemanship, while Carolyn Wehde posted a fifth-place finish in Intermediate Horsemanship.

Class 15, Open Rail
1. Lindsey Salestrom, UNL
2. Kelsey Likness, SDSU
3. Katie Hendrickson, SDSU
4. Anna Taylor, SDSU
5. Kaylee Mundwiler, SDSU
6. Ashlie Centa, SDSU

Class 14 Advanced
1. Molly Seidel, SDSU
2. Katie Wise, UNL
3. Jaqueline Freisen, UMC
4. Corey Ramsden, UMC
5. Michelle Bagley, UWRF
6. Christi Hansen, UNL

Class 13 Novice
1. Janie Teten, UNL
2. Mindy Leach, UNL
3. Lindsey Horner, UNL
4. Karley Stoltenberg, SDSU
5. Megan Boone, UNL

Class 12 Intermediate
1. DaniKA Kent, UMC
2. Lindy Hausauer, UMC
3. Amber Miller, UMC
4. Matthew Abraham, UMC
5. Carolyn Wehde, SDSU
6. Lynn Brockway, NDSU

Class 11 Beginner
1. Katie Beaudine, NDSU
2. Krystal Knabe, UNL
3. Jackie Feil, NDSU
4. Nicole Jensen, SDSU

DeVRIES QUALIFIES FOR IHSA NATIONAL FINALS
LAKE IN THE HILLS, Ill. — South Dakota State University equestrian rider Kaylee DeVries qualified for the IHSA National Finals after placing second overall at the IHSA Zone 9 Finals on April 1.

DeVries, a junior from Cedar Falls, Iowa, collected runner-up honors in the Individual Intermediate section, while sophomore Allison Carie placed fifth overall.

By collecting runner-up honors, DeVries will now compete at the IHSA National Finals on May 3-6 in Springfield, Mass.

KNOBBE LEADS JACKS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
WACO, Tex. — The South Dakota State University equestrian team was upended by fifth-seeded New Mexico State, 7-1, in opening-round action at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships on April 17.

The Aggies won three of the four reining matchups and swept the horsemanship portion of the contest to defeat the Jacks at the Dodge Show Pavilion.

In reining competition, Abby Knobbe scored the Jackrabbits lone victory by defeating Ashley Dietz, 133.5-132. Knobbe, a sophomore from Dodge, Neb., looked to put the Jackrabbits on the board in horsemanship, but fell to Bryn Wells, 140.5-138.5.

South Dakota State ended its season with a 3-3 record in head-to-head competition, while New Mexico State advanced to take on fourth-seeded Auburn. The Aggies placed sixth overall in last year’s championships.

NMSU 7, SDSU 1
Reining
1. Bryn Wells (NMSU) def. Brianna Grohs, 142.5-122.5
2. Abby Knobbe (SDSU) def. Ashley Dietz, 133.5-132
3. Kate Chesley (NMSU) def. Molly Seidel, 139-133.5
4. Kelli Younker (NMSU) def. Anna Taylor, 147.5-122

Horsemanship
1. Kelli Younker (NMSU) def. Katie Hendrickson, 137-132.5
2. Abby Knobbe (SDSU) def. Ashley Dietz, 133.5-132
3. Kate Chesley (NMSU) def. Kaylee Mundwiler, 144-138.5
4. Rachael Krause (NMSU) def. Hillary Siebels, 141-136
DAVID CHICOINE

President

Dr. David Chicoine became the 19th president of South Dakota State University on Jan. 1, 2007. A 1969 graduate of SDSU and an Elk Point native, Chicoine returns to his alma mater after most recently serving as vice president for technology and economic development at the University of Illinois. In that role, Chicoine oversaw the university’s technology licensing offices, its start-up business and early-stage venture-investing limited liability corporation, as well as its research park and incubator operations.

He also previously served as the interim vice president for academic affairs, working with the president, trustees and the leaders of the three Illinois campuses, which have an enrollment of more than 70,000 students and a $3.8 billion budget.

Chicoine served on the agricultural economics faculty at Illinois since 1979, holding a joint appointment in the university’s Institute for Government and Public Affairs since 1984. For 11 years, he was the faculty athletic representative to the Big Ten Conference and the NCAA.

In addition to his agribusiness degree from SDSU, Chicoine holds master’s degrees from Western Illinois University and the University of Delaware, and his doctorate from Illinois.

FRED OIEN

Athletic Director

Dr. Fred Oien became the 11th director of athletics at South Dakota State University on July 1, 1990.

Oien earned his bachelor’s degree at SDSU in 1972 and has been on the SDSU staff since 1979, serving as athletic business/ticket manager from 1981 until his appointment as director of athletics. Oien is a 1968 graduate of Baltic (S.D.) High School. He added a master’s degree at SDSU in 1975, then completed his doctorate (Ed.D) at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1979.

Oien taught physical education and health at the Brookings Middle School from 1973-76, during which time he was varsity golf coach for both boys and girls, and middle school basketball and football coach. His golf teams won state championships for both boys and girls. Oien also was women’s golf coach at SDSU, guiding the Jackrabbits to one North Central Conference championship. The SDSU women’s golf team of 1982 was voted South Dakota Women’s College Team of the Year.

Mylo Hellickson has been South Dakota State University’s faculty athletic representative NCAA since 1977, and as such also is chairman of the Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Committee on campus.

Hellickson returned to the classroom as a professor in agricultural engineering after serving several years as director of agriculture Extension at SDSU. He has been on the SDSU staff since 1969, serving as a professor in agricultural engineering until he was appointed as head of that department during the summer of 1982.

Dr. Hellickson’s specialty has been in the area of livestock structures and environment with recent emphasis on solar energy use in agriculture.

A native of Belfield, N.D., he earned a bachelor’s degree in biology at Nebraska Wesleyan in 1965.

He received physical therapy-training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., then earned a master’s degree in HPER at SDSU in 1969. He completed his doctorate at the University of Utah in 1976.

Booher has been on the SDSU staff since 1967, although he split time between the university and the Brookings Hospital until 1975, when he became a full-time staff member at SDSU.

Co-author of a textbook entitled “Athletic Injury Assessment,” Booher also is a member of the North Central Conference and the South Dakota Athletic Trainers Association halls of fame.
With a record enrollment of 11,706 students in the fall of 2007, South Dakota State University is the state's largest institution of higher education.

EARLY HISTORY
Located in Brookings, SDSU was authorized in 1881 by the Territorial Legislative Assembly and serves as the state's land-grant institution. Territorial Council member John O'Brien Scobey, failing to obtain the penitentiary for Brookings, managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city.

Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school was able to open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, was willing to advance $500 — one-third of his salary — to finish three rooms in the new Central Building.

In 1887, the Agricultural Experiment Station was established under the federal Hatch Act and linked to the University to conduct research that concerned agriculture and the home. The Cooperative Extension Service was added in 1914 through the Smith-Lever Act.

During the first year of operation, only preparatory classes were held. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshman and 61 preparatory students. Growth was slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the 20th century there were 242 students.

By 1990, SDSU had an enrollment of more than 9,000 students. Today, students from all 50 states and more than 40 countries attend SDSU.

More than 67,000 degrees have been granted since the college was chartered in 1881.

COLLEGES ESTABLISHED
The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction established in 1884 included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political and domestic economy, and music.

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

In 1964, when “State College” was renamed South Dakota State University, there were six colleges; today degrees are offered through these eight colleges:
- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Science
- Education and Counseling

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- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Registration
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

SDSU also offers degree programs through the University Center in Sioux Falls. Evening, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses are coordinated through the Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach.

SDSU BY THE NUMBERS

In its 125-year history, South Dakota State has grown from a campus of 80 acres in 1881 to a 422-acre campus with facilities worth more than $380 million.

The University owns or leases another 15,000 acres for research throughout the state.

A University Student Union expansion and renovation project was completed in the summer of 2005, as was Caldwell Hall, a suite-style residence hall.

Other recent building projects have included:
- Anson and Ada May Yeager Hall (formerly the Printing and Journalism Building), which underwent a $2.1 million expansion and renovation project;
- Crothers Engineering Hall — $7 million expansion;
- Solberg Hall — multi-million dollar renovation;
- Performing Arts Center — $9 million project completed in fall of 2002.

In addition, the Enterprise Institute building, which also houses the SDSU Foundation, was completed in the fall of 2004. The Enterprise Institute is designed to facilitate SDSU and industry resources to encourage and assist the establishment of entrepreneurial growth enterprises in the region.

Several other building projects are under way or in the planning stages, including:
- A $48 million, 144,000-square-foot Integrated Sciences Complex;
- Harding Hall South, a 30,000-square-foot building that will house an expansion within the College of Engineering;
- A $3.6 million equestrian center; and
- A $7.8 million campus wellness center.

More than 200 majors, minors and options (see listing on pages 107-108) are available at SDSU with more than 2,500 different course offerings.

Master’s degrees are offered in more than 30 areas and doctorates are available in eight fields.

SDSU is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and numerous departments on campus have earned accreditation from various agencies.

More than 2,000 people are employees of SDSU, and the University’s total operating budget was more than $195 million in Fiscal Year 2007.

Supplementing classroom instruction are the Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures, the Lusk Lecture and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth and Griffiths endowments.

Students also have the opportunity to choose from more than 200 clubs and organizations active on campus.

RESEARCH

SDSU has the highest percentage of undergraduates involved in research of any South Dakota public university. SDSU is large enough to offer competitive research opportunities, yet

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small enough to foster student-faculty learning opportunities.

In 2006, SDSU was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the state’s only RU/H (research university/high research activity) institution. This prestigious ranking recognizes the growth of doctoral programs, degrees granted and competitive funds obtained.

Major areas of research at SDSU include:

- Engineering and technology research into photovoltaic devices, nanotechnology, materials science, wind power, surface transportation systems, signal and image processing, water treatment, computer sciences, software engineering and computational science and statistics.
- Agricultural sciences research on crops, livestock and the spectrum of related issues, such as agricultural biotechnology, infectious diseases (animal and zoonotic), food manufacturing, bio-based energy and products, economics and horticulture.
- Management and conservation of natural resources, with research on soil and water quality, soil fertility, conservation farming practices, wildlife and fisheries, climate change, landscape ecology and livestock waste.
- Health sciences, nutritional sciences and wellness research programs in pharmaceutical sciences, nutrition and exercise physiology, muscle-bone relationships, cancer prevention, nursing and infectious diseases.
- Renewable energy research is developing bio-based energy technologies, while promoting diversification and environmental sustainability of America’s agriculture.

SDSU has been selected as one of five universities to serve as a regional center for the Sun Grant Initiative. The Sun Grant Initiative is a concept to solve America’s energy needs and revitalize rural communities with Land-Grant university research, education and Extension programs on renewable energy and bio-based non-food industries. The Sun Grant Initiative will involve several SDSU departments, including mechanical engineering, biology and microbiology, the Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence, nutrition and food sciences, chemistry and plant science.

- The Economics Department is studying the economic impact of ethanol development on the state’s economy and the logistics of using biomass for producing renewable fuels.
- Over the next five years, $69 million in federal funds is to be awarded to SDSU and six other universities to serve as Vanguard centers for the National Children’s Study. The NCS will study more than 100,000 children across the country from conception to age 21.

As part of the Governor’s 2010 Initiative, a goal is for South Dakota to become a recognized leader in research and technology development. To realize this goal, SDSU faculty are involved in five research centers:

- Center for Infectious Disease Research and Vaccinology
- Center for Bioprocessing Research and Development
- Center for Drought Tolerance Biotechnology
- Center for Accelerated Applications at the Nanoscale
- Center for the Research and Development of Light-Activated Materials

An agreement between SDSU and Argonne National Laboratory will develop opportunities for SDSU faculty and students working in partnership to pursue fields of science that advance science and technology-driven economic development in South Dakota.

MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

The educational opportunities don’t end in the classroom or laboratory as South Dakota State University is home to several facilities, including museums and gardens, which highlight South Dakota history and heritage.

The South Dakota Art Museum houses several collections, including early Sioux Indian...
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tribal art, the famed Harvey Dunn paintings of pioneer life and the exclusive Vera Way Marghab linens.

The State Agricultural Heritage Museum transformed the former Stock Judging Pavilion into a home for exhibits that record and preserve the agrarian heritage of South Dakota.

The 70-acre McCrory Gardens and South Dakota Arboretum, located south and east of campus, provide a beautiful setting for area residents and tourists to enjoy a stroll through the radiant colors and fragrances of one of the top 10 small ornamental gardens in the nation. It is also recognized as an All-American Display Garden, one of only 13 in the nation.

In 1993, McCrory Gardens was designated an All-American Judging Garden to conduct research on annual flowers.

In 1982, the area north of the formal garden was dedicated to the planting and testing of ornamental trees and shrubs. The 45-acre site was designated the South Dakota State Arboretum in 1988.

Perhaps South Dakota State’s most recognizable landmark is the 165-foot Coughlin Campanile, the state’s largest chimes tower. A climb of 179 steps leads to a panoramic view of the city.

The statuesque structure on the west end of campus was a $65,000 gift from 1909 engineering graduate Charles Coughlin, who later went on to become head of the Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

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

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

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

Over the years the outdoor amphitheater has been the site of concerts, graduations and inaugurations for university presidents.

Woodbine Cottage, the home of the university president, is a charming example of Queen Anne architecture. Built in 1887 by South Dakota Agricultural College’s second president, Dr. Lewis McLouth, the home is crowned by multiple roof lines.

The house also has served as a women’s dormitory, music hall and infirmary.

STATE’S LARGEST LIBRARY

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

THE BROOKINGS COMMUNITY

Today, Brookings is a growing community of about 18,700 people. Located 20 miles west of the Minnesota border and 50 miles north of Sioux Falls in east-central South Dakota, Brookings is situated at the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Interstate 29.

The community also is home to several recognizable companies including Rainbow Play Systems, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M), Larson Manufacturing, and Daktronics, a leading manufacturer of scoreboards and display systems.

Academics at South Dakota State University

Academic Overview

Following is a listing of the more than 200 majors, minors and options available in the classroom at South Dakota State University:

College of General Studies and Outreach Programs

General Registration — the most popular freshman option
Liberal Studies (B.S.)
General Studies (A.A.)
Applied Technical Science (B.A.T.S.)
Applied Agriculture
General Supervision
General Technology

College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences

Ag Business (B.S., Minor)
Ag & Resources Economics (B.S.)

• Environmental Economics
  Ag Education (B.S.)
  Ag Journalism (B.S.)
  Ag Marketing (Minor)
  Ag Systems Technology (B.S., Minor)
  • Business
  • Environmental Systems
  • Processing
  • Production
  Agronomy (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)
  • Business
  • Production
  • Science
  Animal Sciences (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)
  • Business and Production
  • Science
  Atmospheric, Environmental and Water Resources (Ph.D.)

Biology (B.S., Minor)
  • Ecology
  • Molecular/Cellular
  • Organismal
  • Pre-Professional
  Biological Sciences (M.S., Ph.D.)
  Botany (Minor)
  Business Area Studies
  Dairy Manufacturing (B.S.)
  Dairy Production (B.S.)
  • Business
  • Science
  Dairy Science (M.S.)
  Entomology
  Environmental Management (B.S.)
  General Agriculture (A.S., B.S.)

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Horticulture (B.S.)
• Business
• Production
• Science
International Agricultural Specialization
Landscape Architecture (B.S.)
Microbiology (B.S., M.S., Minor)
• Applied/Environmental
• Infectious Disease
• Molecular Biology
Park Management (B.S.)
Pest Management (Minor)
Plant Pathology (M.S.)
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Range Science (B.S., Minor)
• Range Livestock Production
• Rangeland Ecology & Habitat Management
• Rangeland Resource Conservation
Rural Sociology (M.S., Minor)
Zoology (Minor)

College of Arts and Science
Accounting (Minor)
Aerospace Studies (Minor)
American Indian Studies (Minor)
Art (B.A., B.S., Minor)
• Art Education
• Fine Arts
• Painting/Printmaking
• Ceramics/Sculpture
Athletic Training (B.S.)
Biology (B.S., M.S., Minor)
• Ecology
• Molecular/Cellular
• Organismal
• Pre-Professional
Business (Minor)
Chemistry (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)
Clinical Lab Technology
Communication Studies and Theatre (B.A., B.S., Minor)
• Radio, TV and Film
• Speech Communications
• Theatre
Communication Studies and Journalism (M.S.)
Criminal Justice (Minor)
Economics (B.A., B.S., M.S., Minor)
• Business Economics
English (B.A., M.A., Minor)
European Studies Program
French (B.A., Minor)
Geographic Information Systems (B.S., Minor)
Geography (B.S., M.S., Minor)
• Environmental Planning & Management
• Technical Geography - Science
German (B.A., Minor)
Global Studies
Graphic Design (B.A., B.S.)
Health Education (Minor)
Health, Physical Education and Recreation (B.S., M.S., Minor)
Health Promotion (B.S.)
History (B.A., B.S., Minor)
Journalism (B.A., B.S., Minor)
• Advertising
• Broadcast Journalism
• News-Editorial
Latin America Area Studies
Mathematics (B.S., M.S., Minor)
Microbiology (B.S., M.S., Minor)
Military Science (Minor)
Modern Language Business-Economics Specialization
Music (B.A., Minor)
• Choral Music
• Instrumental Music
Music Education (B.M.E.)
Music Merchandising (B.S.)
Philosophy (Minor)
Political Science (B.A., B.S., Minor)
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Psychology (B.A., Minor)
• Applied Option
• Pre-Professional
• Psychological Services
• Teaching
Public Recreation (B.S., Minor)
Religion (Minor)
Sociology (B.A., B.S., Ph.D., Minor)
• Human Services
• Human Resources
• Social Work
Spanish (B.A., Minor)
Women's Studies (Minor)

College of Education and Counseling
Career and Technical Education (B.S.)
• Aviation
Counseling and Human Resource Development (M.S.)
Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)
Education and Administration (M.Ed.)
Career and Technical Education (B.S.)
Secondary Education Certification
Agriculture
Art (K-12)
Biology
Career and Technical Education
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English
Family and Consumer Sciences
French
Geography
German (K-12)
History
Journalism
Mathematics
Music (K-12)
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish (K-12)
Speech (Speech/Debate, Drama/Theatre)

College of Engineering
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (B.S.)
• Food and Bio-Materials
• Power and Machinery
• Structures and Environment
• Water and Natural Resources
Civil and Environmental Engineering (B.S.)
Computer Science (B.S., Minor)
Construction Management (B.S.)
Electrical Engineering (B.S.)
• Biomedical Engineering
• Communications and Advanced Electronics
• Computers-Digital Hardware
• Image Processing
• Power Systems
Electronics Engineering Technology (B.S.)
Engineering (M.S.)
Engineering Physics (B.S.)
• Electrical Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering
Industrial Management (M.S.)
Manufacturing Engineering Technology (B.S.)
Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)
Physics (B.S., Minor)
• Professional Physics
• Science Education
Safety Management (B.S.)
Software Engineering (B.S.)

College of Family and Consumer Sciences
Apparel Merchandising (B.S., Minor)
Consumer Affairs (B.S., Minor)
Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
• Birth to age 8
• Cooperative programs in elementary education
Family and Consumer Sciences (M.S.)
Gerontology (Minor)
Hotel and Food Service Management (B.S.)
• Food Service Management
• Hotel and Hospitality Management
Human Development and Family Studies (B.S.)
Human Development, Child and Family Studies (Minor)
Interior Design (B.S., Minor)
Nutrition, Food Science (B.S., Minor)
• Dietetics
• Food Science
• Nutrition

College of Nursing
Nursing (B.S., M.S.)
• Accelerated Program
• RN Upward Mobility
Health Science (Minor)
Gerontology (Minor)

College of Pharmacy
Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
• indicates options within the major

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Athletics Web Site: www.GoJacks.com
Vision, Mission and Values of the SDSU Athletic Department

Every undertaking of South Dakota State University is driven by a common force — a relentless commitment to excellence. Within the Athletic Department, excellence is measured by much more than wins and losses. We are committed to providing each and every student-athlete with a comprehensive collegiate experience that is second to none. Every decision that guides our program is made with the student-athlete in mind. Is Athletic Achievement important? Yes, because it is the fundamental purpose of the student-athlete experience. Is Social Responsibility a vital component? Yes, we expect to contribute to the well-being of our campus, community, and state. How about Positive Student-Athlete Experiences and Competitive Success? Those also define our program because they are integral to the student-athlete’s growth. That is what it means to be student-centered, and why our vision is:

VISION: To be a premier student-centered collegiate athletic program.
How will SDSU Athletics achieve that vision? By working tirelessly to create a special place where student-athletes who share our drive and determination can develop life skills that lead not only to athletic success, but pave the way for victories long into their lives. The important work of creating that setting is the heart of our mission:

MISSION: To passionately and relentlessly create an environment, rooted in sportsmanship and ethical conduct, where motivated student-athletes can develop into lifelong champions.
To be a lifelong champion, one must maintain a discipline of taking the highest road. Similarly, SDSU is guided by a stringent value set that will not be compromised:

VALUES: Honesty, equity, academic integrity, fiscal integrity and social responsibility with the expectation of competing at the highest level.
2007-08 Jackrabbit Equestrian Schedule

FALL COMPETITIONS

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All competitions combined English and Western unless noted
* If qualified; postseason event
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