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## Nepalese students reach out in time of crisis



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The earthquake created many rubble piles all over the country of Nepal. Nepalese Student Association plans on setting up a fund to help raise money for relief efforts.

By **MADDI ANDERSON**  
Editor-in-Chief

With almost 8,000 miles between the United States and Nepal, some South Dakota State University students may not feel the direct impact of the 7.8 Richter Scale earthquake that ripped through Nepal

on April 25. However, more than 75 international students call Nepal home and have family who felt the tremors of Saturday's earthquake. The earthquake destroyed much of the country and death tolls continue to rise as a result of aftershocks continuing to shake through Nepal. The earthquake killed more than 4,700 people and

left more than 8,000 injured according to the Associated Press. The Nepalese Student Association immediately started to put together a plan Monday, April 27 to help raise funds in order to support the people of Nepal, many of whom are relatives of the Nepalese international students at SDSU.

"Nepalese students are like the second largest international student group at SDSU," said Sushmita Shrestha, a Students' Association senator representing graduate students. Shrestha was in the middle of a skype call with her sister when the earthquake struck Nepal. "I was talking to my sister...I

was talking to them and the skype chat got disrupted, there was an earthquake...everyone was screaming...I didn't know how to react...I haven't slept since it happened," Shrestha said. Erica Manandhar, an SA senator also representing graduate students, said she heard of the earthquake from a family member.

"I woke up to a call from my cousin, I couldn't believe it...it's not just a normal earthquake, it completely wiped out Nepal ... it's like those cities don't even exist anymore," Manandhar said. Following the earthquake, disruptions to communication connections made it difficult

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## Legislature gives more money to Opportunity Scholarship

By **PAT BOWDEN**  
Reporter

An increase in Opportunity Scholarships, which now awaits South Dakota Senate approval since being passed by the House of Representatives on March 11, will help retain students going into college in the state and make college tuition more affordable for those in-state residents, according to Director of Admissions Tracey Welsh. Welsh said the decision to increase the number of Opportunity Scholarships offered by the state, which is tacked on to financial eligibility, will ultimately help to keep students in the state for their college education and life thereafter. "The SDOS (South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship) is a great opportunity for the state to invest in for their own potential work force," Welsh said. "It helps South Dakota students to stay in South

Dakota to get their education. It's a wonderful investment for the state." This increase in Opportunity Scholarships would only affect incoming students, however, as current students would not receive these new scholarship benefits. Welsh understands that some students may not look at this issue as fair, and she understands the need for scholarships, not just at South Dakota State University but around the nation as well. "There's a greater need for scholarship dollars than what's available out there. One thing that's typical of students coming here is that they're paying for a lot of their tuition by themselves, [so they rely on those scholarships]," Welsh said. "The type of student SDSU attracts lends to a greater need on our students' part on scholarships, [because] a number of our families are coming from first generation college families, so there's a

greater financial need." Some students think that because the new scholarships are not applicable to current students, the situation created is unfair and that all scholarships should be available to all students at all ages. "I can kind of see why they would do that, but I feel a little left out because I'm a current student. Every little bit [of money] helps," sophomore studio design major Miranda Schwanke said. "The whole point of going to school is to get a job and you can't get that without a degree, so it's kind of counterintuitive that they wouldn't offer more scholarships to current students." On the other hand, students who are currently going to school knew what kind of financial commitment they were getting into, so the argument is made that current students should be OK with

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## Music Festival rings in May Day, finals week

By **MAKENZIE HUBER**  
News Editor

Before the rush and stress of finals set in this weekend, KSDJ, in collaboration with University Program Council, is hosting a May Day Music Festival to allow students

said the event will be a great opportunity for students. "It's going to be fun," Boerger said. "I can't even stress how awesome it's going to be ... honestly, it's free entertainment and people complain about not having enough to do that if an event comes around, why

the Sylvan Outdoor Theatre by the campanile from 4 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 1. Food will be available for purchase. The event will feature a photo booth set up by the Theatre club, flowers sold by the horticulture club, displays of some students' artwork and inflatables provided by UPC for kids and the young-at-heart to enjoy. The night's line-up features 10 different artists from all different genres. Jamie Lynn, a folk-Americana artist based out of Rapid City and the Black Hills is one of the artists performing at the music festival. Lynn tours around the Midwest Region including South Dakota, Wyoming and Iowa. Once a year she will travel to another part of the country and tour there as well. "Mostly I've found that I have these places in Wyoming and Colorado that I really like to play and I'm starting to build

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"I can't even stress how awesome it's going to be."

Christina Boerger, KSDJ station manager

a break from studying and community members to welcome the summer season with a night of music and food. Christina Boerger, the station manager for KSDJ and senior consumer affairs major,

would you not go to it? ... It's a good way to unwind, and if the weather's fantastic it will be beautiful outside. Listen to music, eat food and hang out with friends." The festival will be hosted at

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**Sunday May 3**  
 • Trey Meyer's senior recital @ Peterson Recital Hall  
 • Finals Study Breaks 7 p.m. @ Lobby of H.M. Briggs Library  
 • Ice Dying Workshop 1:30 p.m. @ Agricultural Heritage Museum

**Monday May 4**  
 • Library Tour 2 p.m. @ Lobby of H.M. Briggs Library  
 • Finals Study Breaks 7 p.m. @ Lobby of H. M. Briggs Library

**Tuesday May 5**  
 • Kathryn Penrod Retirement Celebration 3 p.m. @ SDSU Foundation Room T3A  
 • Finals Study Breaks 7 p.m. Lobby of H. M. Briggs Library

## of Events <

## Feature Photo:



COLLEGIAN PHOTO BY PHU NGUYEN

Students perform in Dogfight, a State University Theatre production featuring a group of soldiers going out on their last night in the town before being shipped off to Vietnam on Tuesday, April 28.

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## News in Brief

### Promise Zones announced for progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Tuesday announced its second round of "Promise Zones," singling out eight economically struggling communities for special government attention as they work together to reduce poverty and crime, increase economic and educational opportunities and attract private investment.

The six cities, one rural area and one tribal community named by Housing Secretary Julian Castro and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack are:

- Camden, New Jersey
- Hartford, Connecticut
- Indianapolis
- Minneapolis
- Sacramento, California
- St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri
- Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, South Dakota
- South Carolina Low Country

"From my time as mayor to my tenure as secretary, I've seen firsthand how a Promise Zone designation can spark progress and possibilities in underserved neighborhoods," Castro said. "A ZIP code should never limit the hopes that folks

have for themselves or for their children."

San Antonio, the city Castro led as mayor before he joined Obama administration, was among the first five Promise Zones that Obama announced last year.

Seven zones are still to be named, for a total of 20 over a three-year period.

Besides San Antonio, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, southeastern Kentucky and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma were among the first five zones named.

Under the program, communities designated as zones receive preferential treatment when applying for federal grants, benefit from more coordinated government assistance and would be singled out for possible congressionally approved tax incentives.

The federal government and local leaders in these communities work together to increase economic activity and educational opportunities, attract private investment, reduce violent crime, improve public health and address any other priorities that the communities identify.

### Sens. ask for help for farms

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds are calling on federal agriculture officials to help South Dakota producers whose farms have been affected by a deadly strain of bird flu.

Thune and Rounds on Tuesday wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Tom Vilsack requesting assistance to contain the H5N2 bird flu virus affecting poultry farms.

The virus has cost Midwestern turkey and chicken producers over 13 million birds since early March. More than 300,000 turkeys have been destroyed in South Dakota because of the virus.

The senators also are asking the Agriculture Department to not interrupt turkey product exports. They say the state's agriculture depends heavily on exports and the loss or reduction of turkey product exports to markets outside the U.S. would be highly detrimental to that industry in South Dakota.

A few countries, including China, Russia and Thailand, have shut off all imports of poultry products from the U.S.



COLLEGIAN PHOTO BY PHU NGUYEN

Students perform the State University Theatre's Dogfight. The Spring Student Showcase is April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

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•12:00 a.m. @ Big East Lot. Motor vehicle burglary; forced entry.

**4.20.15**

•9:30 a.m. @ Big East Lot. Motor vehicle burglary; forced entry.  
 11:12 a.m. @ Hyde Lot. Marijuana drug arrest.  
 2:00 p.m. @ Motor Pool Complex. Intentional property damage; vandalism.

**4.23.15**

•7:00 a.m. @ Meadows North Lot. Valdalism; Clery reportable Hate/discrimination crime.

**4.24.15**

•12:18 a.m. @ 1300 Block 8th Street. Marijuana drug arrest.

**4.25.15**

•1:51 a.m. @ Meadows North. Student conduct policy violation.  
 •10:10 p.m. @ 1300 Block Medary Ave. Driving while intoxicated.

**4.26.15**

•2:37 a.m. @ 1000 Block 16th Ave. 2nd offense driving while intoxicated; Underage alcohol violation.  
 •10:30 a.m. @ Big East Lot. Hit and run MV accident.

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# Tattoos become common among the Millennial generation

By **MAKENZIE HUBER**  
News Editor

From Chinese characters to Bible verses to butterflies and peace signs, tattoos are inked into American society as a form of self-expression by the Millennial generation.

Millennials across the nation are increasingly using tattoos as a form of self-expression. Nearly every two in five Millennials has a tattoo according to the Pew Research Center.

Julie Yingling, an assistant professor in criminology at South Dakota State University, said, “younger generations see them as meaningful reflections of their identity and view them as art.”

Jacob Jantzer, a lecturer in sociology and rural studies, also notes Millennials’ changed perception in tattoos.

“As Millennials are less likely to be religious and less likely to participate in civic organizations, they need to create an identity or myth about how they fit into the world and create a narrative of their life,” Jantzer said. “They [Millennials] are marking their

bodies to show the story of their lives because of the need to make their own story.”

Jessica Addington, a biology pre-veterinary science major at SDSU, got her tattoo because it connected her to her brother.

“He was in karate and the Shaolin Tiger represented the kind of karate he did, and we got it together,” Addington said about the tiger on her right shoulder blade. “It meant something to me ... it means something different to each person, but for me I only want tattoos that mean something to me.”

Millennials represent half of all tattooed Americans, roughly 20 percent of the nation according to Jantzer, and the popularity of tattoos to the generation is a stark contrast to older generations.

Tattoos were typically associated with three groups in U.S. history: sailors, criminals and circus members according to Yingling.

“Tattoos were less a part of everyday culture and were viewed rather negatively as marginalized groups displayed them,” Yingling said.

Daniel Scholl, a Brookings

community member and an associate dean of agricultural biological sciences at SDSU, is a member of the Baby Boomer generation. Scholl testifies that tattoos were typically a part of Yingling’s groups. He does not have any tattoos himself.

“They [tattoos] are much more typical now than when I was a young adult,” Scholl said. “They were associated with a few different, narrowly defined sets in society and now they’re not.”

Scholl believes that younger people are getting tattoos more so now than when he was a young adult because it is more acceptable in today’s society.

Although Scholl accepts this change in perception Yingling said that Scholl differs from the normal perception of older generations.

“Older generations often do not understand this change in perception as they recall only deviant society members embracing tattoos,” Yingling said.

Only 15 percent of Baby Boomers wear body art and only six percent of Silents, those born between 1925 and 1945, have a tattoo. But older

generations’ perceptions do not stop younger generations from getting the body art.

Addington plans to add another tattoo of her dogs’ paw prints soon.

“They are addicting, which is strange,” Addington said. “It’s just an addiction that you just start to have.”

“I have 23 tattoos,” said Riley Galvin, a mechanical engineering major at SDSU. “I have enough stars [as tattoos] to cover up the night sky ... It started as one and I loved it, and then I was just going to add on but couldn’t decide what to get, so I got pieces. I’m waiting to combine all of them together.”

Although Galvin easily exceeds the average amount of tattoos for most Millennials, each of her tattoos can be easily hidden. According to the Pew Research Center, 72 percent of adults with tattoos said their tattoos are not usually visible.

“I’ve been working for the same company for three years, but my boss just noticed one [of my tattoos] behind the ear,” Galvin said. “Every single one of mine are cover-up-able ... because if you’re



COLLEGIAN PHOTO BY DAN WILLIAMS

Pew Research shows that nearly two in five Millennials have body art.

going to work any job other than at McDonalds you need to pull off a professional style when at work, and tattoos ... do not look professional in a workplace environment.”

Whether visible or not, Pew Research Center notes that tattoos have become a “trademark” of the Millennial generation.

# Suicide class aims to prevent self-harm

By **SARA BERTSCH**  
Managing Editor

Saving a life. That is the goal of one class next fall semester that deals specifically with an issue that can be easily preventable – suicide.

Service Learning – Assist, more specifically SOC 286, is a two-credit class that will focus on recognizing the warning signs of suicide and how to better deal with people who are thinking about suicide.

“Hopefully by the end of the two day training, they will leave better ready, willing and able to help a person at risk for suicide,” said Lori Montis, suicide and crisis support director of the Helpline Center in Sioux Falls.

The two-day training will

take approximately 16 hours of work. The class will teach students on what to do using the ASIST model. ASIST

coming up with a safe plan to help that person connect with whatever support or service they need,” Montis said.

service activity portion of the class while Montis will front the actual training. For the service activity, students must

According to Schulz, a group last year brought in pets to de-stress students as part of their service activity, while another

Mental Health First Aid, which occurred last week.

This first aid class teaches the basics of mental health crisis and how people can recognize individuals with mental health issues and how they can respond, Schulz said.

Along with the Step Forward to Prevent Suicide Walk that occurred on April 11, there has been a lot of light shed upon suicide in the past month at SDSU.

This is the goal of Schulz, Montis and everyone else involved – to make the community aware.

“We are all going to encounter suicide in our lives,” Schulz said. “If we can save a few lives, it will be worthwhile.”

“We are all going to encounter suicide in our lives. If we can save a few lives it will be worthwhile.”  
Marlene Schulz, SDSU Instructor

stands for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

“What happens a lot of times is they get stuck ... You feel obligated to help and this class helps teach the ‘now what?’ using the ASIST model and

The class must also complete a service activity. Marlene Schulz, an instructor in the sociology department, will coordinate the program along with ASIST instructors.

Schulz will focus on the

use their knowledge to help the community, such as a poster or presentation.

“The goal is to get more information out there for what’s available and what people can do,” Schulz said.

team was active with the first annual Step Up to Prevent Suicide 5K/walk last year at SDSU.

The service learning class is often paired with another one-credit course called

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“What events at SDSU are you excited about in the next couple of weeks?”



“I am excited about finals being over.”

**Molly Wermers**  
Sophomore  
Psychology



“I know extreme bingo is going on, I am pretty excited about that.”

**Nathaniel Brodkorb**  
Sophomore  
Business Economics



“I will be participating in graduation, so I am excited about that.”

**Allyson Klock**  
Senior  
Graphic Design



“I am really excited about May Day, sounds like it will be a lot of fun. Also, I am excited about the Smash Bros tournament as well.”

**George Morgan**  
Freshman  
Graphic Design



“I am excited about finals week being over, and being able to go home.”

**Erika Rausch**  
Junior  
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## the Collegian

# Editorial

## Nepalese Student Association rises to help home country

**Issue:** Following an earthquake that rocked Nepal, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, SDSU's Nepalese students are stepping up to support their home country.

The earthquake that hit Nepal April 25 left more than 5,000 dead, more than 8,000 injured and thousands without their home, fresh water or food.

More than 75 students at South Dakota State University call Nepal home and have spent the last few days trying to contact their family and friends back home. Now, only days following the tragedy that tore apart the country, Nepalese international students have put together a plan to help raise money to support the country of Nepal.

The Nepalese Student Association set up a fund through the SDSU Foundation, called the SDSU Nepal Relief Fund. Anyone can donate with a check or cash at a donation station or complete a bank transfer via phone. Additionally, the group, along with SA, the International

Relations Council, the SDSU and Brookings communities have already coordinated The Nepal Earthquake Candlelight Vigil which will take place Thursday, April 30.

We at *The Collegian* hope that the SDSU community, along with the Brookings community, will come together to support our fellow students who are suffering and living with the impact that the earthquake left in its wake.

If something like this were to happen in Brookings, or South Dakota in general, we would hope that people would step up and support us, so why wouldn't we do the same for our fellow international students? If SDSU is going to push to become a more inclusive campus, then it means supporting all of our fellow students, whether their home is down the interstate or across the

world.

Even if you don't have the funds to donate, it's equally as important to show your support and be considerate of those who are affected by the tragedy. More than 75 students are impacted directly by this natural disaster that has torn apart their home, and this stress is added on top of the normal stress caused by the last two weeks of the semester.

Just because the earthquake's tremors didn't shake the prairies of South Dakota, doesn't mean that we can just ignore it. Our friends, classmates and fellow Jackrabbits are feeling the personal impact that the earthquake left. This means it's our responsibility to pull together and show our support. Keep your eyes out for upcoming events and opportunities to show support for the Nepalese students and community.

**Stance:** *The Collegian* thinks it is the responsibility of the SDSU community to come together and support our fellow students who are feeling the direct impact of the earthquake that destroyed Nepal.

*The Collegian* staff meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of *The Collegian*.

## Senior reflects on time as a Jack



**AMANDA SIEFKEN**  
Columnist

Okay, so I will be honest, of all the columns I have written in the past two years, this is by far the hardest for me. This is the last issue of *The Collegian* of this school year, and therefore the last column I will be writing as an SDSU student. Yep writing that was weird.

I guess the thing to do would be to give one

last piece of advice, or something right? Well, all I can think of is the well-known statement, time flies. Cheesy and not much like what I have written over my time here...okay, I will admit that I'm usually cheesy in some way.

Now, I graduate next week, and someone told me last Monday, “Whoa, this is your last week of college!” That didn't help. I do not want to say goodbye to SDSU. I do not want to move out of Brookings. Brookings has become a home to me, and while I am excited to move on and move to law school, parts

of my heart will always be in Brookings.

People have told me that doing my undergraduate in three years is bad, or that I can't be upset because I am choosing to leave early, but in all honesty, I am glad that I am graduating. I am ready to have completed my degree; I am just not quite ready to leave Brookings.

I think that as the summer grows nearer and the sun starts to come out again, people start to focus on the lack of things that there are to do in Brookings compared to where they are from, or they let their

exhaustion from classes overtake all that SDSU is.

I have heard many times “I'm just so tired of being here,” and don't get me wrong, I have thought that too, I just now see that what we are tired of, we are lucky to have.

Never again will we all live within walking distance of our friends, get to work out for free, have access to the abundance of information or even have the freedoms that we have now. College is a unique time that will be over in a flash, so appreciate it. I lived in Brown hall, and did not appreciate living on the

same floor as 50 other girls, but in that same year, I made memories that I will never forget.

I have spent three years in Brookings and will miss it dearly when I move south, but I also know that SDSU will still thrive while I am gone. The tailgate lots will still be full on Saturdays, the Market will still have lines a mile long every day for lunch and SDSU will continue to grow. We all make up what is the essence of this university, so we have to know to enjoy it while we are here.

Embrace the craziness, love the chaos and hold closely those midnight

runs to Walmart. Brookings is a great city, even during finals week when it doesn't seem like it. As my last column, I will say that college might not be the best years of my life, but they sure have been great years.

I am glad that when I look back on my time at SDSU, Brookings will forever be a part of it, and I will cherish my time here for the rest of my life.

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# Five priorities students should have this summer



Brenna Ramsden  
Columnist

With graduation fast approaching, the only thing to think about is sweet summertime.

While most students are getting real-life jobs, internships or vacationing, I will be working my tail off in Brookings. Although B-Town seems like a pretty cool place

during the nine months most students spend here, I have heard horror stories about the ghost town we call Brookings in the summer. For most students, here is a list of the five things I think every college student should do this summer.

1. Head to the beach  
Wild Water West in Sioux Falls might be your cup of tea, but if not, there are plenty of lakes, ponds and creeks flowing through South Dakota. While you're at it you should also bait a hook. Even if the fishing is slow, you are spending the day sitting on a boat or a lawn chair soaking up the sun.

What's to lose? And if you're heading home to Minnesota or Iowa, there is always Okoboji and 10,000 lakes. The best thing about warm weather is getting to cool off.

2. Road Trip  
The classic summer vacation always includes a road trip. In one week you could see Custer National Park, The Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, The Black Hills and still stop in for some ice water at Wall Drug.

The best part: there are like a thousand more sights to mention in South Dakota. And if you don't want to stay in the

state, our neighbors have some pretty cool things to see as well.

3. Camp  
This might be personal preference, but there is nothing better than a clear night under the stars. When the stress of school wears off there is no better feeling than getting away from all the lights and gazing out at the stars.

4. Check out the history  
When I came to school in South Dakota I wanted to embrace the Wild West (I later realized that I should have gone further west). I wanted to live like Laura Ingalls Wilder, meet cowboys and Indians and

watch buffaloes. Turns out you can do all those things.

In DeSmet, S.D. there is a cute little place called the Ingalls Homestead. Every September, Custer State Park holds a Buffalo Roundup, open to those who can ride, and there are plenty of art and heritage centers showcasing traditional Native American heritages.

You really can live the Wild West Life in South Dakota.

5. Monuments  
Along with the history better come the monuments. Things like the Corn Palace, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse (or what I like to call Crazy Head);

these are all things that are historically monumental. When I tell people I go to school in South Dakota, these are things that come up in conversation.

This might very well be personal preference, and my personal list, but I feel like everyone could indulge. There is no reason to have a boring summer when there is a list like this.

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# Where is real flattery? Certainly not in catcalling



Hanna Peterson  
Columnist

Catcalling isn't anything new, and almost every woman at some point has had to face the uncomfortable and unwanted

attention or the degrading comments brought when walking down the street.

What some may think is innocent like, "hey sexy" (followed by that awful whistle associated with a desirable appearance), may be flattering, but in reality these remarks make people, like myself, feel uneasy and anything but complimented.

In reality, a simple holler could potentially turn into

something more dangerous, and for this reason, that aggressive assertion of dominance, often thought of as harmless, is actually quite threatening.

Real flattery is a humanizing behavior requiring a conversation between two people, not just sexual remarks spit at a person from a complete stranger. What is worse than face-to-face experiences revolving around sexual

comments from strangers are the sneaky statements coming out of buildings, car windows or anywhere the harasser can go unidentified.

Because they position themselves to be unrecognizable, this makes one think they know their behavior is unacceptable and they probably wouldn't have the nerve to say it in person.

If you want to genuinely flatter a person, first start by

initiating a conversation about the weather, current news or a book that person happens to be holding--anything but physical appearance.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and although street harassment has become somewhat normalized in our society, it shouldn't be looked upon as anything less than sexual harassment.

Whistling, honking or shouting sexual comments is

not innocent and shouldn't be something people have to just put up with when they leave their homes.

Bringing awareness to this issue will improve our dignity as humans and our society as a whole.

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# Patients now able to rate their hospital experience

By: Trudy Lieberman

The government has just announced its first-ever star ratings of the country's hospitals based on patients' assessments of the care they received (www.cms.gov).

Other organizations have dabbled in this ratings business, many of them to make a buck by selling their rankings. And it's not uncommon for some of these outfits to get licensing fees from hospitals that get glowing report cards they can then use to market themselves.

I've tended to view those ratings schemes with skepticism. The government's ratings, however, do not come with any of that baggage and do not appear to be sugarcoated for commercial purposes. Only 251 of the 3,500 or so hospitals that received a rating got the top score of five stars — about seven percent of the total. It turns out many of them are

small specialty hospitals like the Heart Hospital at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, Ind.

I checked the kaiserhealthnews.org rankings for the seven states participating in the Rural Health News Service. Nebraska, South Dakota and Indiana scored in the top group with hospitals averaging the most stars. Colorado, Wyoming and Illinois ranked in the second highest group, and California was in the bottom tier where hospitals averaged the fewest number of stars.

The government gathers its data by randomly selecting both Medicare and non-Medicare patients and asking them to fill out a questionnaire about their experiences in the hospitals. They are asked if doctors and nurses always communicated well with them; if the area around their rooms was quiet at night and bathrooms were clean; whether

the staff explained medications before administering them and patients' pain was controlled; whether they were given discharge instructions when they left the hospital and whether they understood them; whether they received help as soon as they wanted it and whether they definitely would recommend the hospital to others.

While there are many other components that measure differences between a really good hospital and one that's so-so such as infection control, patient safety and clinical outcomes, patient experiences are nothing to be sniffed at (www.cjr.org).

Why would any patient want to have an operation in a hospital where the bathrooms weren't clean and they'd always be yelling for pain relief? The problem is many patients have no choice when they need a hospital procedure. They

go where their doctors go. Certainly they have no choice when an emergency arises. But in parts of the country where hospitals are competing for your business — and, yes, hospitals are now very big businesses — you might be able to use ratings (such as kaiserhealthnews.org) when you choose your next health insurance policy.

Increasingly, insurers are asking patients to pick policies that come with very narrow provider networks. Carriers are giving the lowest premiums to policyholders who pick networks where doctors and hospitals have agreed to the prices insurers want to pay.

Often those low-cost networks exclude well-known, marquee hospitals that often come with high price tags like Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, Memorial Sloan Kettering in Manhattan and Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

If you will be facing such a choice of networks and the premium trade-offs that come with them — wider networks usually mean higher premiums — the government's patient satisfaction ratings might tip the balance in favor of one network rather than another.

If your doctors want you to go to a facility that has gotten middling ratings or low scores with one or two stars that should spark a conversation about what the doctors actually know about the care their patients are getting and why they want you to use a particular hospital.

Now that there is a more objective way to measure hospital experience, beware of all that hospital advertising aimed to make you think well of the facility and build the brand. The government's ratings show that sometimes there is no correlation between patient satisfaction and a hospital's advertising to promote its

lucrative services. In New York City, where I live, three hospitals, which received mediocre ratings, advertise widely on television, sometimes featuring over-the-top success stories of patients who have been miraculously cured. They also use subway advertising and banners hanging from street posts to help build their customer base. Clearly the message for patients and doctors is: Come to us.

As I've written many times, shopping for healthcare is not as easy or as much fun as buying a new computer or car, but this latest crop of government ratings offers good, straightforward data to help with that task.

*We'd like to hear your experiences with hospital care. Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.*

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# KSDJ: Variety of music showcased

## Line Up:



Tony Frees: 4-4:20pm (country)	Jami Lynn: 7-7:45pm (indie folk, indie blues)
Brandon Dunham: 4:30-4:50pm (pop rock)	Zeke: 8-8:30pm (rap)
Jammie Storovich: 5-5:20pm (soulful, jazz/rock)	Bryce Vine: 8:45-9:30pm (rap)
Svveet Road: 5:30-5:50pm (electric alternative)	The Tinder Box: 9:45-10:30 (indie alternative)
Mr.Clean Right Behind You: 6-6:45pm (indie alternative, folky punk)	Communist Daughter: 10:45-11:30pm (indie folk, indie alternative)

COLLEGIAN GRAPHIC BY CHANTELL NELSON

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up an audience, so when I leave the state that's usually where I go," Lynn said about her tour schedule in an interview with Bobbi Egbert, a KSDJ DJ, Friday.

Although Lynn attended the University of South Dakota for a degree in classical voice, she decided teaching or singing opera was not for her.

"Luckily, by the time I finished college, I figured out what I wanted to do with my life and a year later I was able to quit my day job and play full time," Lynn said. "It [transitioning into a full-time musician] was very gradual and I hardly realized it was happening to me."

Along with professional musicians and bands, the festival will also feature SDSU students.

Students Tony Frees, Brandon Dunham and Jammie Storovich will perform along with Svveet Road.

"It'll be really cool," Boerger said. "There will be SDSU students, and bands from Vermillion, Minneapolis and even California. It'll be an interesting hodgepodge of artists and music."

Natalie Bollin, a freshman pre-pharmacy major and avid music lover and concertgoer, plans to attend the May Day Music Festival.

"I'm going to the festival because I know Communist's Daughter and I really like them ... and also I just love music, especially when it's free," Bollin said.

Bollin said that the festival will be more of a "celebration of the end of classes" for her rather than a break as Boerger said because she has "yet to start studying."

Boerger said the festival is a good opportunity to spread word about KSDJ and to bring the community together. She hopes to make the festival an annual event.

# Nepal: Vigil planned for Thursday

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to contact loved ones to find out what was going on, Manandhar said.

"We are away from our family and they are suffering... we really appreciate if the SDSU and the Brookings communities will join hands and help us through this," Shrestha said.

It will cost billions of dollars to put Nepal back together following the destruction of the earthquake, Manandhar said. According to Shrestha, the fact that Nepal is not set up on a grid pattern makes the destruction more devastating.

"Especially with how the city is set up...it's densely populated...a lot of buildings... narrow roads...it's devastating because people can't escape," Manandhar said. Many Nepalese people were left homeless and are currently living outside in whatever open space they can find, Manandhar said.

Manandhar and Shrestha both work with the Nepalese Student Association and have started to take action to help their fellow Nepalese people, right here from SDSU.

"We're so helpless, we don't know what to do...we cried and we comforted each other...we can't just cry about it...we had to do something about it and reach out," Manandhar said.

According to Manandhar, booths and tables will be set up in various locations around campus and the city of Brookings to collect donations for a relief fund set up through the university.

The Nepal Earthquake Candlelight Vigil will take

place Thursday, April 30 on the Sylan Green at 7 p.m. to show support for the Nepalese, Indian and Bangladeshi community at SDSU impacted by the earthquake.

SDSU President David Chicoine and Provost Laurie Nichols issued a statement to faculty and staff April 28 requesting they consider how the tragedy will affect Nepalese students in their coursework in the last two weeks of the semester. The statement also requested faculty and staff "watch for ways [they] can contribute to relief efforts being organized on campus and within the city of Brookings."

"If everyone cut down on one coffee you could create two to three meals," Manandhar said. Amounts as small as a dollar will make a difference and can provide basic needs to the people of Nepal, Shrestha said.

Both Shrestha and Manandhar have received support from fellow classmates and professors wanting to know how they could help the cause.

"I've always believed...some of the nicest people I've ever met have been from Brookings and to have this kind of support will help me know it's true...it's so amazing to have that kind of support here," Manandhar said.

Nichols further encouraged students to reach out for help should they need it.

"Our thoughts are certainly with our Nepalese students and those directly impacted by the horrific situation in Nepal. We have encouraged our faculty to work with these students in the final two weeks of the semester, realizing that



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Saturday's quake destroyed many buildings in Nepal. Donations can be made through the SDSU Foundation.

they may be distraught and worried about loved ones in their home country. If there is anything more that we can do, we encourage students to reach out for help via their advisor, instructor or to offices on campus such as International Affairs, Student Affairs or my office," Nichols said.

For those interested in making a donation, the SDSU Foundation set up a fund to help

support the people of Nepal. Checks can be made payable to the SDSU Foundation with a memo of SDSU Nepal Relief Fund. Cash payments will be accepted at any donation booth and during the Nepal Earthquake Candlelight Vigil. Bank transfers are accepted via phone, those interested can contact Tim Dwire at 605-697-7475.

# Scholarship: Changes keep students in S.D.

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tuition rates essentially staying stagnant.

"I would assume it [the increase in scholarships] is based on what funding is available, but the current students are going with the understanding that they weren't promised additional money, they made a decision to come here knowing the tuition and the scholarship packages that were available then," Welsh said. "The dollars [for current students] are probably just not

there."

While some current students disagree with the decision to exclude them, the school can possibly look forward to an increase in students due to more affordable tuition for in-state students.

"I was here before the program ever went into effect, and we definitely benefited when they instituted the program, and we saw an increase in South Dakota students staying here. It will help this round of students with their award amounts," Welsh said.

"I would absolutely support it because it helps students going on to college, and it becomes a matter of what dollars are available. It only helps the university as a whole."

Welsh said she believes the state should do whatever it can in its power to retain students in the state, as it helps the economy in the end and returns more to the state than what they invested.

"In my opinion, it's a high priority for the state, because it goes back to investing in the betterment of the students

staying in South Dakota, which is a gift that keeps on giving to the state," Welsh said.

Conflicting with Welsh's view, Schwanke believes that students are going to go where they want to - whether that is staying close to home or traveling far away. Schwanke said, "This would have definitely swayed me to stay in-state more because in my opinion tuition is already affordable as is, but it depends on if you plan on staying in-state or getting the heck out of South Dakota."



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# Day promotes a love of history for middle and high school students

By KATHERINE CLAYTON  
Lifestyles Editor

Historians in the making traveled across the state to the South Dakota State University campus in order to compete in the annual History Day competition.

History Day took place on Wednesday, April 22. Throughout the day middle and high school students presented their work to judges. Winners of the different categories including exhibits, documentaries, papers, performances and websites were announced at 3 p.m.

According to Carrie Van Buren, the curator of collection at the Agricultural Heritage Museum, the students chose what category they wanted to compete in and then matched their projects to the 2015 History Day theme, "Leadership and Legacy."

The competition was split into divisions: regional, local, state and national. The competition at SDSU was at the state level.

"We have a wide range of topics, everything from local history to global history, that the kids have been working on," Van Buren said.

The Agricultural Heritage Museum and the departments of history, political science, philosophy and religion sponsored History Day at SDSU.

"I hope [the participants] take away a real passion for learning and for history," Van Buren said. "That they understand that history isn't this dry, dull stuff you read in books; history is happening all around us."

Chris Hummel is an instructor of history and the affiliate coordinator of South Dakota for History Day. His responsibilities as affiliate coordinator include working with the Agricultural Heritage Museum, finding the judges of the event and contacting students and teachers to participate in History Day.

Students bring their projects to the competition and are judged based on the national standards, Van Buren said. There, an experienced judge is paired with student and community member volunteers to judge the projects.

"We can't say enough good things about the judges. The judges are just fantastic; a lot of just college students that sacrificed a day of class just because ... nobody likes to do that," Hummel said with a laugh.

"We also had some faculty ... and teachers, retired teachers, just a whole range of people, professionals, professional historians, museum professionals and people from the community."

One of the judges for History Day was Chuck Vollan, an associate professor of history. Vollan has been judging since 1996 only a few years after History Day started. He judges the documentary category.

"[History Day] is a contest for people who are enthusiastic about history; they just happen to be very young," Vollan said. "Their excitement is very contagious--they are thrilled to show you what they've found in their research and they want it to be fun."

Vollan said that when he judges a student in the documentary category historical quality is worth 60 percent, meeting the yearly theme is 20 percent and how the item is put together is 20 percent. The students are split into two categories: junior and senior division. Junior division is where students in sixth to eighth grade compete. Senior division is ninth to twelfth grade.

In addition to showing the documentary, students have a five-minute interview with the judge. During the interview, the judge tells the student what could be improved.

"[The judge is] trying to help them realize any weak points they need to work on," Vollan said. "[The contest] is about encouraging people to do something that they love so you really work to be constructive."

Another participant of History Day was Abigail Biastock, a junior consumer affairs major with minors in business, events and facilities administration and health communication. She is interning with the History Department for a class.

"Throughout the day I helped with all of the behind-the-scenes work to help the event run smoothly," Biastock said. "I think that it's great that these young students have such an avid interest in history and I hope they continue to learn and share their knowledge of history."

The judges picked the top two contestants in each category and those individuals will then go on to the National competition in June at University of Maryland at College Park.

"History in and of itself is important and it's an opportunity for students to develop their skills," Hummel said. "A lot of students don't go into it thinking about how interesting history is ... so the idea [for History Day] is to encourage an enthusiasm for history and historical work and to get the students to think about that."



COLLEGIAN PHOTO BY PHU NGUYEN

Volunteer judges discuss the entries on National History Day on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

# The end is near

Katherine Clayton  
Lifestyles Editor



I'm here to tell you that the end is near. Not the end of the world but the end of this semester (which is almost more terrifying than the end of the world).

With less than two weeks of school left papers are piling up, group projects are being thrown together and finals are being stressed about. It may feel like stress is going to overwhelm you, and during the summertime you vow to take a much needed break from learning, but, my friends, I encourage all of you to continue to learn during the summer.

For me, this year has been crazy. I got a job in the Brookings community, I had at least 15 credits each semester, I was News Editor and then Lifestyles Editor for *The Collegian*, I was on Cru leadership and I had the inability to say no when asked to help with other organizations.

There were times during this year when I thought to myself that once summer comes I'm to do absolutely nothing; I will sit by a pool, drink gallons of lemonade and read at least thirty books.

But somewhere along the line I heard about an opportunity to study abroad in Spain. I have always wanted to travel and this felt like the perfect opportunity to do that.

The only drawback was that I would be attending class Monday through Friday for four hours each day.

My picture perfect summer of pool-sitting and lemonade-drinking slowly disappeared as images of the Mediterranean Sea and paella took over my mind. I hoped that I would take a break from learning, but instead I'm going to be learning more than just from books. I will be immersed in Spanish culture; I will be leaving my home and learning how to adapt to new situations in a foreign country; I will be learning how to socialize and interact in a language that, even though I've studied it for years, still confuses and overwhelms me.

I hoped to have a summer where my brain could rest, but I think this will be even better because I will continue to learn even though I'm not on campus.

Learning shouldn't stop just because the semester is over. Everyone will be doing different things this summer whether that might be working full-time at a job, completing a school-required or just-for-fun internship, volunteering, traveling--and these are just the start.

I encourage all of you to continue to have the desire to learn. I don't mean picking up a textbook and reading it mindlessly, but instead taking every opportunity to learn something new. It could be as simple as learning a new fact about a coworker or volunteering and learning that you love to serve. Learning doesn't need to be this thing you have to do; you should want to learn, that's why we're students, at least, that's why I'm a student.

So study hard and try to enjoy it, complete all of your required group assignments with a smile and take your finals knowing that your hard work during the semester will finally pay off. Whatever you do this summer, try to continue learning. After all that's how we will grow as people, but don't forget to have fun too.

See you in three months SDSU; don't miss me too much!

# Entrepreneur: Speakers encourage action

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Development Corporation introduced audience members to the resources available in Brookings.

"We provide entrepreneurs with the resources, education and connections you need to start and grow a business, no matter what stage you are in," Knutson said.

Knutson made sure that a list of upcoming entrepreneurial events was given to each of the seminar attendees. These events are free and allow people to develop a support system in the Brookings community.

Tim Weelborg, the executive director of Enterprise Institute, talked about the South Dakota Small Business Development Centers in places like Vermillion, Sioux Falls, Pierre

and Rapid City.

"SBDC consultants guide and train clients to the areas of assistance required, rather than doing the work for them," Weelborg said.

The final panel was composed of SDSU faculty members. Each shared his or her experience with entrepreneurship in the university.

Craig Silvernagel, an assistant economics professor, advised students who want to pursue entrepreneurship.

"Why not now? ... This is the time to do it. Get into the habit ... and be open minded," Silvernagel said.

Speaker and visual arts assistant professor Mariam Melkumyan agrees with Silvernagel. "Keep your eyes open," Melkumyan said. "Don't get married to [your] idea. Let it develop."

The seminar concluded with a mingling

opportunity in which students were allowed to connect with the night's speakers.

Dani Moravec, a senior entrepreneurial studies major, was one of the students who utilized the seminar.

"You take away something different from every single speaker," Moravec said.

Halgerson also said that she also got a lot out of this seminar.

"I hope they do this conference again," Halgerson said. "They had a wide range of speakers. I hope it grows."

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## Production of *Twelfth Night* challenges actors

By KATHERINE CLAYTON  
Lifestyles Editor

The State University Theatre brought together the 1920s and Shakespeare for audiences in their production of “Twelfth Night.” “Twelfth Night” took place at Donor Theatre from April 22 to 26. The premise of the show focuses on a woman, Viola, who disguises herself as a servant boy. She falls in love with the man she serves, Count Orsino, and the woman that the Count is in love with, Olivia, falls in love with Viola, who is dressed as a man.

According to J. D. Ackman, the director of theatre and director of “Twelfth Night,” this play was chosen because the theatre program does a classic in spring semesters of odd-numbered years and even-numbered years they do children’s productions.

“[The theatre department] feels like we have an obligation to our students, whether they’re actors or designers or whatever, to allow them the opportunity to work on a piece of classical drama and for the larger community on campus,” Ackman said. “We try to blend contemporary stuff with traditional stuff with new stuff.”

In addition to choosing a classic for learning opportunities, the language in “Twelfth Night” was easier for most people to understand in comparison to other plays by Shakespeare.

Ackman said the play was set in the 1920s so that it would still feel foreign to the audience and it would convey same silliness the original production contained.

“The woman who is going to mourn her brother’s death and not see men and the Count who all he cares about is wooing this woman who doesn’t care for him at all and sort of the silliness and foolishness of love and what it does to people,” Ackman said.

To prepare for the production the cast got together and had practices where they practiced reading the lines, looked up different words and interpreted the various implied meanings of the words.

“There’s a real challenge in an actor, particularly young actors, college-aged people, learning to speak verse so it sounds like dialogue yet doesn’t quite lose the elevation of verse,” Ackman said.

An actress in the play was Allie Kantack, a freshman English major, who played Olivia in the production; this character’s brother dies and she vows to be without men, but then she falls in love with a woman disguised as a man.

“It took a lot of work to create my character just how I wanted her to be. I really had to step outside my comfort zone,” Kantack said. “There are so many different emotions.”

Kantack was also in the fall production of “Spamalot.”

“The really cool part is that [“Twelfth Night”] was that it was set in the 1920s, which is the best decade you can live in,” Kantack said. “It’s just so classy and everything is jazzy and comical and it really fit well with the dynamic of the play ... it was fun to be in all of the costumes and the set looked old timey. [It was] a fresh look on Shakespeare.”

While being a part of the production, Kantack said there was practices Monday through Friday and eventually practices everyday. There was also a weekend where sets and costumes are made. After the production, the cast strikes the set.

“The great thing about theatre is that we take the language and interpret it for you and it’s our job to make sure you understand what we’re saying,” Kantack said. “It’s not [the audience’s] job to memorize the lines, but we just want to show you how alive and entertaining even Shakespeare can be.”



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## Entrepreneurs advises students

By Shanell Peterson  
Reporter

Students and community members alike gathered in Rotunda A to listen to more than a dozen speakers at the Entrepreneurship: Information and Inspiration seminar on April 21, 2015.

Panels of distinguished college alumni, community resource representatives and South Dakota State University faculty covered a variety of topics concerning entrepreneurship. Will Aylor, assistant vice president of technology transfer and commercialization, also talked to students about the SDSU policies and opportunities that allow students to make the most of their undergraduate and graduate experience.

During the student panel, each speaker recounted about his or her experience with higher education and how they got to be where they were

now. Seth Koch, co-owner of Wooden Legs Brewing Co. was one of four speakers on the student panel who gave advice to the audience. He talked about how having an idea doesn’t make you an entrepreneur.

“To be an entrepreneur, you need salt, grunt and a brazen disrespect for the word ‘no,’” Koch said.

Renee Halgerson, co-owner of Hitch Design Studio, touched on a few other points. Specifically, she emphasized how important a good mentor is for a potential entrepreneur. “I think mentors are kind of a natural fit,” Halgerson said. “Ask a good resource if they know someone who would be a great mentor for you.”

During the Community Leaders in Entrepreneur Activities panel, speakers like Beth Knutson of the Brookings Economic

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## Football spring practice concludes with scrimmage

### Sloppy play leaves many position battles open heading to summer



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Kyle Paris ran for 56 rushing yards during Saturday's game as the Jacks look to replace Zach Zenner by committee.

By **ANDREW HOLTAN**  
Sports Writer

The South Dakota State University football team took the field for their first ever indoor spring game at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex on Saturday. The offense won the match up 45-35.

Head Coach John Stiegelmeier was not impressed with the game as a whole.

"Sloppy. I thought we started sloppy, I think we played some good football at times but I'm all about 'offense do your job, defense do your job,' but if you jump offsides or hold a guy in pass defense that's sloppy--those things we can correct on."

The Jacks have a lot of question marks on the offensive side of the football heading into the 2015 season after losing senior running back Zach Zenner and senior quarterback Austin Sumner. The battles for the starting jobs at these positions should go on throughout the summer and into fall camp.

The public got a glimpse of how each of these position battles are coming along Saturday as we saw three different quarterbacks and four different running backs play.

At quarterback, sophomore Douglas Dalton got the start. Later senior Tyler Finnes and redshirt freshman Chris Little played as well. Junior Zach Lujan, who started seven games last season has not been able to practice due to an injury.

Stiegelmeier still thinks this is a wide open race.

"I think all of them didn't stand in the pocket," Stiegelmeier said. "They need to mature, they need to slow it down, but we didn't solidify the depth chart at the quarterback position today."

Chris Little was the only quarterback to throw a touchdown as he threw a 12 yard pass to Trevor Wesley. Little went 7-18 passing attempts for 71 passing yards and a touchdown.

Stiegelmeier was high on Little's performance. "I thought Chris Little had the best day," Stiegelmeier said and then added, "I hope he

believes he can be that guy that can take over the team."

The quarterbacks seemed to get forced out of the pocket and had scrambled numerous times, something that Stiegelmeier does not want to see.

"Stand in the pocket and throw the ball. The plays are designed to sit back there and go 'one, two, three' make the decision and if not throw to back and you saw us throw to the back a bunch, but we couldn't even do that effectively, but they can work on these skills throughout the summer," Stiegelmeier said.

Sophomore Brady Mengarelli got the starting nod at running back. Mengarelli was the back-up to Zenner last season. Senior Reggie Gandy, junior Kyle Paris, and redshirt freshman Isaac Wallace all also got some work in. Paris led all with 56 rushing yards on 12 attempts including a nine yard touchdown.

Another position battle that Coach Stiegelmeier is keeping his eye on is the safety position. Senior Chris Ballaster, who tied linebacker TJ Lally for a game high tackles with seven, is one of the men fighting for one of the starting safety positions. Others include junior Nick Mears, sophomore Nick Farina, and redshirt freshman Alex Romanesko.

"I think a really bright spot is Chris Ballaster, he's a non-scholarship guy," Stiegelmeier said. "I'm guessing if we grade that film he grades off the best. Nick Mears is a really good football player but he didn't make as many plays as Ballaster did but we got a good situation there."

The Jacks set not only a spring game attendance record but also a S-JAC attendance record.

"[I am] very appreciative. I've always appreciated the support of the true Jackrabbits, it was fun to see the students here. Our administration deserves a ton of credit for promoting the game," Stiegelmeier said.

The spring game concludes spring practices. The Jacks will report to camp in August before going to Lawrence, Kan. September 5 to take on Kansas University in their first regular season game.

## Boever granted sixth year of eligibility

By **ROBERT MYERS**  
Sports Writer

There are fifth-year seniors and then there is Gabby Boever.

After being granted an extra year of eligibility from the NCAA, the South Dakota State University guard will be returning to the Jacks for a sixth season, something that never happened before for Head Coach Aaron Johnston, who will enter his 16th season at the helm of Jackrabbit women's basketball.

"In basketball in general, it's probably a lot less common," Johnston said. "In some of the more physical contact sports like football it happens, not regularly, but a lot more, but this will be the first time it's happened for us and we're excited to have Gabby back. We're excited to see what she can do with another year."

Boever previously redshirted her first year on campus following an injury and was on track to finish her career in 2015 until a knee injury last July challenged those plans.

From then on Boever worked to rehab the injury, but by the time January rolled around, her hopes of getting back on the court began to dim. Later, Boever made the decision to apply to the NCAA for another year of eligibility.

Boever is currently scheduled to

graduate in May with a human development and family studies degree, but plans to pursue a recreation administration minor with the extra year the NCAA has given her.

"The NCAA wants to have players competing for four years, or wants to give them that opportunity to compete for four years," Johnston said. "When Gabby had two years taken away from her because of injury, she was in that pool of athletes that often times can get an extension. Each case is unique and if our people, Kathy [Heylens] in compliance and David [Kragness] in sports medicine, if they didn't have all the correct paperwork it probably wouldn't have gone through."

Boever will return as a senior member of SDSU's roster. Chloe Cornemann will be the only other member of the senior class, and Boever has two years of SDSU experience on Cornemann. But to Boever, the age differences between her and her teammates will not be a big deal.

"It's not going to be any different," Boever said. "All of these girls are basically my sisters. We're such a tight knit group and you really can't tell age difference."

Though calling her teammates sisters, Boever does plan to take advantage of her experience and lead her team by words and example.

"Hopefully it's going to be easier next year for me to be more vocal, considering I haven't really been that type of leader. I've always just kind of played and hopefully everyone follows my way of playing and my effort," Boever said.

A two-year starter at point guard, Boever's return to the starting lineup will not be an easy one with new recruits only adding to what is already a crowded backcourt. As a result, fans could see Boever playing several positions next season.

"I think we'll use Gabby in a lot of different ways next year," Johnston said. "We could use her in the point a lot, but we could also use her in other positions due to her experience and her strength. ... She's very instinctive. I think we forget just how instinctive she was on offense and defense. She could be in a system, but she can make plays outside of the system because of her instincts, so I think she can really help us out."

Though Boever's return gives her team depth and leadership, Johnston is most excited about what Boever will get out of it.

"I'm really excited for Gabby first and foremost," Johnston said. "That's really what this is about. Any time someone gets a year back like this, obviously it can help a program out, but more than anything, it's just neat for the person, Gabby, to have a true senior year."



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Gabby Boever returns to the court for a sixth season for the Jacks.

## D'Agostino sets RBI record

By **AUSTIN HAMM**  
Sports Editor

After helping lead the Jackrabbit softball team to one of their best weeks in recent memory, sophomore Alyssa D'Agostino is this week's Collegian Sports Athlete of the Week.

D'Agostino had a stellar week as she helped the Jacks to a 6-1 record on the week, including a six-game winning streak and a sweep of Fort Wayne. She entered the final game against IPFW tied with Steph Kuhl for the most runs batted in a single season at 38. She brought three runners in during the game to set the record at 41. D'Agostino is also second on the team in home runs with eight.

D'Agostino's week also landed her co-Summit League Athlete of the Week. She shared the award with Sammy Marshall from Western Illinois.

All that remains for Jacks' regular season is a doubleheader against Dakota State, followed by the season ending series against USD in Vermillion.



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# Softball sweeps IPFW at home to reach 20 wins

## 6-game winning streak propels Jacks to highest victory total since 2006

By **AUSTIN HAMM**  
Sports Editor

The South Dakota State University Jackrabbit softball team celebrated Senior Day in style, finishing off a weekend sweep of the Fort Wayne Mastodon's and watching a school record fall.

"It was really good to see the seniors come out and get hits and score runs for us," Head Coach Krista Wood said. "It's a big deal for us, Senior Day, and we're proud of all of them."

The red-hot Jackrabbits have now won six straight games, dating back to the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader at the University of North Dakota.

SDSU then rolled through Mount Marty on Friday, sending 19 batters to the plate in the first inning of the second game of the doubleheader which SDSU won 18-4.

The offense started more sluggishly on Saturday as the Jackrabbits managed just four hits in the first game, but a four-run third inning proved enough as Ashlyn Bender blanked the Mastodon's for her ninth win of the season.

Bryana Clark started the second game of the doubleheader and had no need for worry as the

SDSU offense lit up Fort Wayne starter Sarah Lazarowich, who gave up seven runs in two-plus innings pitched.

Lazarowich was unable to record an out in the third inning during which the Jackrabbits sent 11 batters to the plate and posted a seven-spot on the scoreboard.

"Any time you can get a rally going I think is always contagious," Wood said.

Still, all the excitement centered around Clark who gave up a first inning walk, but then began mowing through the Mastodon lineup, inducing mostly weakly hit balls. With two outs in the fourth inning, Alyssa D'Agostino drew cheers from the SDSU bench when she made a leaping grab on a rare line drive that kept the no-hitter intact.

Clark's complete mastery could not continue though. Whitney Ennis drove a solid single into the outfield with one out in the fifth inning to spoil Clark's bid for SDSU's first ever no-hitter and force her to settle for the one-hit shutout.

"We were very much aware [of the no-hit bid]," Wood said. "She would have thrown the first no-hitter in school history, so we're trying to get there."

On Sunday's Senior Day finale Clark got the

nod again. Unlike Saturday, she found herself in trouble with the bases loaded and only one out in the second, but Clark rose to the occasion with back-to-back strikeouts to end the frame.

"She's a freshman so she's learning," Wood said. "She needs to be in big situations like this and that was huge for her to come up with those two strikeouts."

A three-run bottom of the second then put the game out of reach as SDSU went on to win the game 5-2.

Two of the Jacks' five runs came courtesy of senior Jessica Markanich who went 2-for-3 on the day with a walk and a stolen base.

"I just had a mindset of getting base hits, getting on, and I had confidence that the team had my back so I just made sure that I got on base and I knew that they would score me," Markanich said.

Driving her in was the new single-season RBI record holder, D'Agostino.

"It felt pretty good. It's definitely an improvement from last year," D'Agostino said. "I'm glad I could do it as a sophomore but I wouldn't be able to do that if my teammates didn't get on base, so I give them credit too."

D'Agostino feasted over the weekend, driving in eight runs over the three games to bring her

season RBI total to 41, a feat she said caught her by surprise.

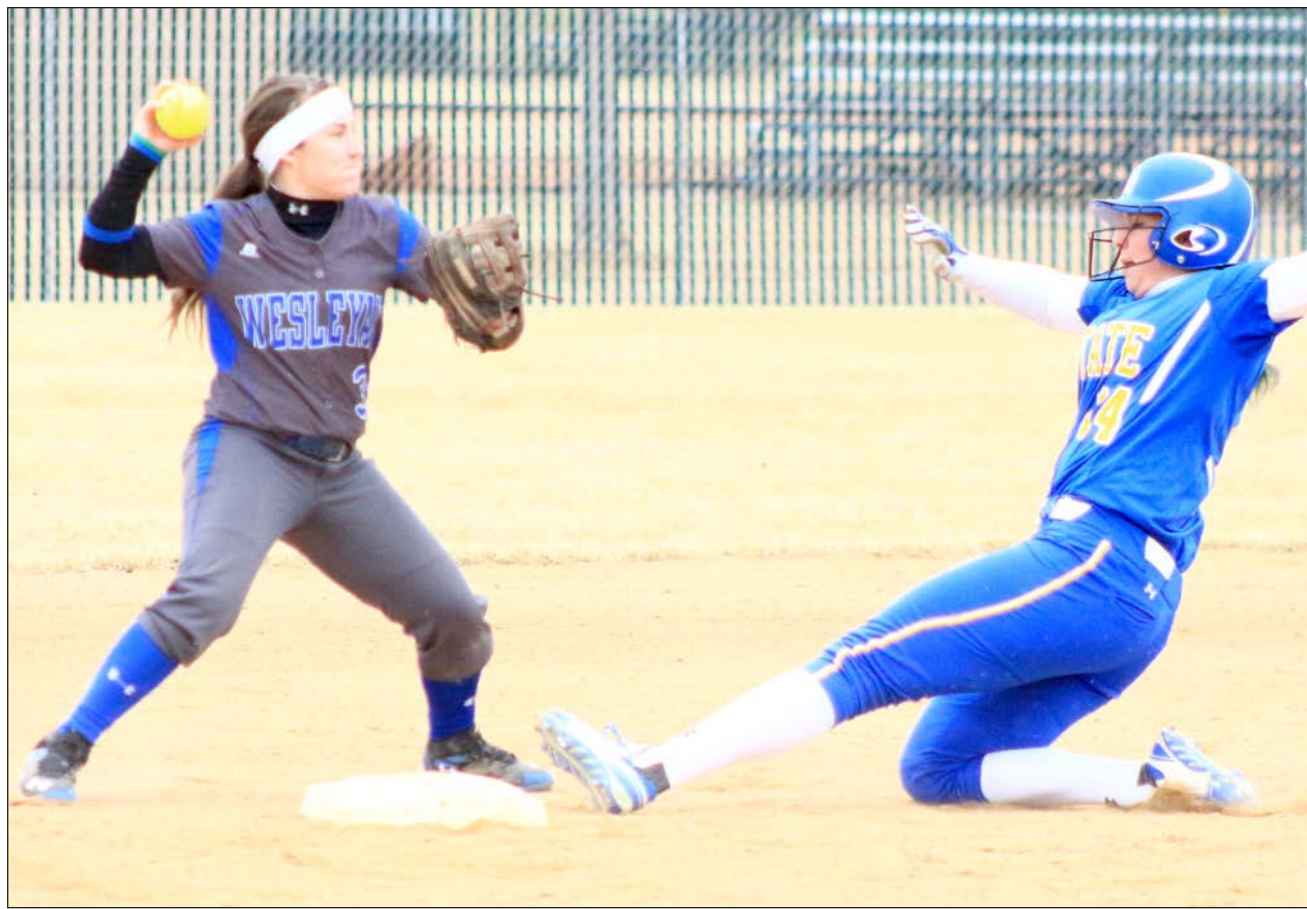
"I had no clue until my coach told me last night," D'Agostino said.

Overall the Jackrabbits improved to 20-24, with a 7-8 record in Summit League play. SDSU had not reached the 20-win plateau since 2006 and the seven Summit League wins are the most since they won nine games in 2011.

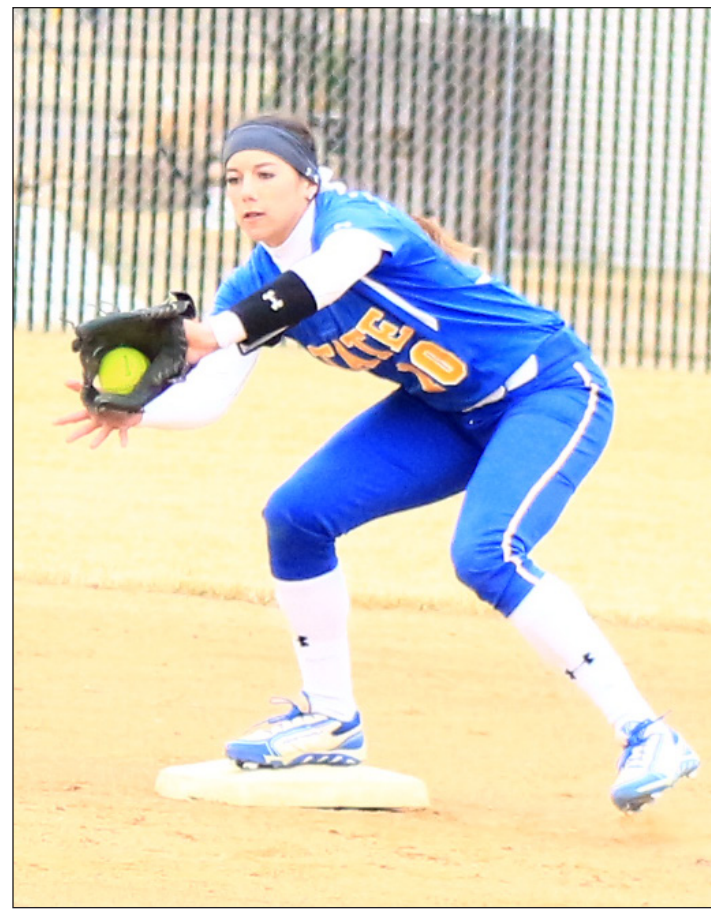
"It definitely feels good to come out on top with 20 wins - that was our goal to get to 20 wins on the season and we can definitely get more this season," Markanich said.

Like Markanich said, there is still work left to do for the Jackrabbits. On Wednesday they host a doubleheader against Dakota State before travelling to the University of South Dakota for a three-game series to wrap up the regular season. A series win could give SDSU their first .500 finish in Summit League play since 2010.

"Wins are contagious, hits are contagious and we're starting to bring around the atmosphere here," Wood said. "I think people are starting to buy into what we're doing."



Elyse Eitel comes up short as she gets thrown out. Eitel was one of four seniors honored in Sunday's game against the Mastodons. She went one-for-three at the plate with one RBI in the Jacks' victory.



Devan Larsen fields a throw at second. Larsen has been a leader this season, setting the single season homerun record.

## NFL draft has more questions than answers

**Austin Hamm**  
Sports Editor



The 2015 NFL Draft starts Thursday in Chicago. It's a time of great joy for the league office as they dominate the news cycle and a time of great hope for both prospects and fan bases.

I know the idea of young, new, uber-talented players gets fan bases foaming at the mouth, particularly for those with the high draft picks and little recent success, but I'm here to tell you that tempering some expectations could help alleviate some heartbreak in the next two to three seasons.

At the top this year, we have Jameis Winston. Mr. Crabs himself, likely going to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Physically, Winston has many of the tools to be a productive NFL quarterback. But questions about his weight and fitness, along with some debatable decision making both on and off the field (18 interceptions in his last year in Tallahassee) lead me to think that while this pick makes perfect sense for Tampa, its nowhere near what I would call a sure thing. Yeah, Winston could become Ben Roethlisberger, at least in terms of what he

can do on the NFL field, and that's a pretty high ceiling, but the floor could be as bad as Jamarus Russell who throws interceptions like 2013 Eli Manning.

The second pick is just as much of a conundrum, because the overall consensus is that Marcus Mariota from Oregon needs to be the next guy off the board, regardless of who ends up using Tennessee's pick here. But the questions of Mariota, primarily that he's more of a runner and that his quality numbers come from the system he played in during his college career, and those are two very real question marks that have been major factors in the derailment factors of many a quarterback in the past.

The third pick, belonging to the Jaguars, is probably going to wind up being the massively talented defensive lineman Leonard Williams. But even taking Williams, who is considered one of the most sure things in this draft class, has its inherent risks. Williams used his physical tools to be dominant at the University of South Carolina, and has quite a way to go with his technical skills before you can declare him a finished product.

And that's the story on a great number of the deep area of the draft classified as pass rushers. Dante Fowler, Vic Beasley, Shane Ray, Randy Gregory and Bud Dupree are all very talented football players, but good luck to teams as they try to figure out which one of them has the smarts to ply his craft in the NFL.

Full disclosure, I don't think its Gregory. If you test positive for marijuana at an

event you have planned on attending for months and you know they test at, you either have a substance abuse problem or you are just plain stupid. NOTE: This was written prior to Shane Ray getting arrested for possession of marijuana. These guys are literally sprinting to the second round right now.

Want a good draft pick for your team? Unless you have two top end wide receivers, pray your team snags Amari Cooper from Alabama. With more than acceptable physical tools, Cooper put up outstanding numbers while matched up against some of the most talented defenses, particularly in his last season on campus. He's coming from the Tide as much of a finished product as any wideout will ever be out of college. He may not have as high of a perceived ceiling as a Kevin White or a Breshard Perriman, but I'd say you're getting an 85 percent chance to have a quality producer at wide receiver if you get Cooper.

These guys may have flaws, but at the end of the day, I'm a fan too. I see flaws in a lot of these top prospects, but I'm not rooting for them to fail. I want to see young guys come in and make an impact in the league as soon as they can. I'm a huge fan of new faces making big splashes. But I've also been burnt by enough picks that I got excited about that as this last hurdle to clear before we enter the preseason preparations approaches, I'm reminded that being at the top of the draft means the tumble down might just be a little bit further.

## Women's golf takes second

By **ANDREW HOLTAN**  
Sports Writer

The South Dakota State University women's golf team played in the Summit League Championships last week in Monterey, Calif. The Jacks finished third out of the nine teams that participated.

The Jacks finished 84 over par, just four shots behind second-place Oral Roberts University who finished at 80 over par. Denver University finished in first place shooting 62 over par. "We had a great season, we were hoping to do some really special things towards the end and we were really close but we didn't quite get to where we wanted to go," Head Coach Casey VanDamme said.

The Jacks had three players finish in the top-10 with sophomore Megan Mingo tying for sixth at 19 strokes over par, sophomore Hallie Getz and freshman Natcha Srimaneerungroj tying for eighth at 22 over par.

"I think they listened well, they improved at every aspect of their game and obviously

their scoring averages got way better," VanDamme said.

Junior Sydney MacDonald and Getz were named to second-team all-Summit League and VanDamme thinks we could see more of this to come.

"Individual awards happen when the team does really well, it's awesome to see them get that but as we move forward I think ... we're going to get a lot more individual awards like that," VanDamme said.

This was VanDamme's first year at SDSU and he considered it to be a successful one.

"I think it was more successful than I could have imagined at the beginning of the year, we accomplished more things, we broke more school records than I ever thought would be possible," he said.

This year's complete roster will return next year.

"We're just going to keep doing what we do and get better throughout the summer and then set those goals next fall," VanDamme said.

The SDSU men's golf team plays in the Summit League Championships this weekend.

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# Jacks continue to set records on the track

## Jackrabbit Athletics

South Dakota State's relay teams raced into school history at the Drake Relays Friday and Saturday, posting two records and six top-10 times.

On the women's side, the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams set Jackrabbit records. Vanessa Lane, Jazzelena Black, Gina Fritz and Carly Carper shaved nearly two seconds off of the old 4x200 record by posting a time of 1:37.92.

A week after setting the South Dakota State record at the Beach Invitational, the 4x400 team of Lori Foltz, Jacleen Patterson, Sandra Gramer and Fritz trimmed .11 of a second off of their time by clocking in at 3:47.09.

Lane, Black, Fritz and Carper also clocked in at 46.18 in the 4x100 relay, which was good for second in school history and .10 of a second shy of the record. The 1,600-meter medley team of Carper, Lane, Fritz and Jessica Eibs also took second in school history with a time of 4:05.03.

The 4x800 team of Eibs, Renae Dykstra, Karley Konkol and Marisa Shady claimed third in school history after crossing the finish line in 9:08.95.

Carper nearly made the 100-meter dash final, placing ninth in a stacked preliminary field of 28 with a time of 11.85.

On the men's side, the 4x200 team of Dru Kenny, Zach Schroeder, Marc Husman and Adam Belhaj posted the sixth-fastest time in school history at 1:27.50. The 4x400 team of Husman, Sam Johnson, Kenny and Belhaj cracked the South Dakota State top-10 list as well, claiming 10th with a time of 3:14.08.

The 1,600-meter medley team of Belhaj, Schroeder, Husman and Ayub Kassim also took 10th in school history, clocking in at 3:29.29.

The Jackrabbits also competed at the Kip Janvrin Open in Indianola, Iowa Friday.

Johnson scored his first collegiate individual title, placing first in a 400-meter hurdles field of 26 with a season-best time of 54.50.

Two hurdlers posted top-five finishes. Foltz placed third in the

400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:02.91 while Marissia Hagedorn finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.82.

Alex Suhr placed fourth in a 5,000-meter run field of 39 with a time of 17:29.84.

In the third meet that Trackrabbits competed in over the weekend, six athletes won individual titles at the Drake Alternative, hosted by Gustavus Adolphus College, Saturday.

Zach Koosman's performance in the high jump was a highlight of the meet for South Dakota State. The sophomore cleared a personal-record height of 6-9 to win his first outdoor title of the season. He remains slotted in sixth in school history in this event.

Jenna Stephens won her first collegiate meet title after posting a distance of 38-1.25 in the triple jump. Jessica McDonald won the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.48.

Traxton Priebe won the 400-meter hurdles with a personal-record time of 54.30. Evelyn Klein also won the 400-meter hurdles, clocking in at 1:06.46.

Lindsey Strait captured the 1,500-meter run title after crossing the line in 4:44.69.

South Dakota State's throwers enjoyed a particularly strong showing at the Drake Alternative. In the hammer throw, Cullen Mack (190-0), Austin Benson (189-8) and Colton Bender (184-8) set new personal records and placed second, third and fifth respectively.

Mack became only the third Jackrabbit to post a distance of 190-0 or longer. Mack, Benson and Bender are third, fourth and fifth respectively in school history.

Mack also placed third in the discus throw with a mark of 159-1. Silvia Zanini scored a second-place finish in a field of 42 in the discus throw, posting a distance of 148-7.

Kala McDonald (400-meter dash, 59.42), Austin Johnsen (800-meter run, 1:56.50) and Daniel Pettit (1,500-meter run, 4:03.73) scored second-place finishes.

The Jackrabbits return to action May 1-2 when they compete at the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls, S.D.

# Jacks take 2 of 3 in Tulsa, hand ORU first ever Summit League series loss

By DREW CARROLL  
News Editor

The South Dakota State University baseball team failed to sweep the Summit League best Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles after taking the first two games of the series that was played in Tulsa, Okla. over the weekend. The Jacks hold an overall record of 26-16 and a 13-8 mark in the Summit League.

## SDSU 2; Minnesota 3

The Jacks gave up only three hits in a one-run loss to the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers on April 22 in Minneapolis. The Gophers scored the winning run of the 3-2 game in the bottom of the ninth inning on an RBI single by Matt Fiedler. The first Jackrabbit run came in the top of the fifth inning as junior Cody Sharrow scored on a RBI double by senior Eric Danforth. Danforth was later thrown out at home plate on a delayed steal attempt. The Jacks tied the game, 2-2 in the top of the ninth inning when freshman Anthony Schneider, who was hit by a pitch, scored from first base on a double off the bat of senior Al Robbins. Danforth and Robbins each went 2-for-4 from the plate with an RBI each. Senior J.D. Moore was charged with the pitching loss after completing one and one third innings of work giving up one run on one hit and two strikeouts.

"I was really proud of our guys in Minnesota, we were down 2-1 in the ninth and were able to come back and tie it and came

up with some big hits in the ninth inning," Head Coach Dave Schrage said.

## SDSU 7; ORU 2

SDSU won the first game of their three-game series with ORU, 7-2, on Friday afternoon in Tulsa. The Jacks scored three runs in the top of the second inning to jump out to a 3-0 lead. Sharrow cranked a three-run homer that plated Robbins and freshman Newt Johnson. The Golden Eagles scored once in the bottom of the third. The score remained 3-1 until the top of the eighth, when the Jacks added four runs. Sophomore Matt Johnson singled to lead off the inning. Newt Johnson laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Matt to second. Matt Johnson advanced to third on a passed ball, before scoring on a single by Sharrow. Danforth singled to score Robbins. Junior Paul Jacobson singled up the middle to plate Sharrow. Danforth crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly off the bat of freshman Luke Ringhofer. Oral Roberts tacked on another run in the bottom of the ninth inning. Sharrow led the Jacks offensively with a 2-for-4 performance from the plate and four RBI. Senior Adam Bray completed seven innings and gave up one run on four hits and four walks. Bray struck out six batters.

## SDSU 2; ORU 1

The Jackrabbits were victorious again in the second game of the series as they escaped with a 2-1 victory on Saturday. The Jacks scored in the top of the first inning after Jacobson led off with a ground-rule double, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt

by junior Zach Coppola, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Ringhofer. The Golden Eagles scored their lone run in the bottom of the third inning. Ringhofer doubled to lead of the SDSU sixth inning and advanced to third on a single by Matt Johnson. Newt Johnson's RBI fly-out scored Ringhofer to propel the Jacks to the 2-1 victory. Matt Johnson went 3-for-4 from the plate while Newt Johnson had four RBI in the game. Senior Chris Anderson earned the win from the pitchers' mound for SDSU. Anderson finished six innings giving up one run on 10 hits and two walks with three strikeouts. Senior J.D. Moore tied the Summit League career saves record by striking out one batter and allowing one hit in the bottom of the ninth inning.

"I don't think it (winning two games against the Summit League leader) did much for our confidence because we went into the series with

a lot of confidence from previous games and series. I feel that after the series, we left with more confidence than we came with knowing we beat a good team two out of three at their home field," Danforth said.

## SDSU 7; ORU 8

The Jackrabbits entered Sunday's trailing ORU by two games in the Summit League standings. With an 8-7 loss in 10 innings, the Jacks fell to three games back of first place. The Golden Eagles led 4-0 after three innings. SDSU cut the lead in half by scoring twice in the top of the fourth inning. Ringhofer blasted a two-run homer that scored Jacobson. In the top of the sixth inning, the Jackrabbits scored five runs to take a 7-4 lead. Jacobson singled to lead off before Coppola advanced him to third with a double. Coppola moved to third and Jacobson scored on a passed ball. Coppola later scored on another passed ball. Ringhofer walked and moved to second on a single by senior Reid Clary. Freshman Tony Kjolsing's RBI single to right field pushed Ringhofer across the plate for the second SDSU run of the inning. Robbins reached base on a fielding error by the ORU third baseman after a punt that would have otherwise been a sacrifice as it scored Clary from third. Danforth scored Kjolsing to cap the five-run SDSU sixth inning. The Jackrabbit's three-run lead was cut to two in the bottom of the seventh inning as ORU scored once, and then nullified in the bottom of the eighth as senior Marcus Heemstra gave up a two-run home run to Derrian James. "Oral Roberts is a good hitting team and Marcus just left the pitch up and they tied it," Schrage said. ORU walked off with the victory in the bottom of the tenth inning. Jacobson went 3-for-5 from the plate and Kjolsing went 2-for-4 with one RBI. Ringhofer had a team-high two RBI. Heemstra suffered the loss after allowing three runs in two innings of relief work. Heemstra also allowed four hits while striking out two batters.

The series victory by the Jackrabbits marked the first time Oral Roberts, who was on a 10-game home winning streak, was defeated in a Summit League series.

"Our goal every weekend is to win the series and we were able to do that down there, against a very good team in a tough environment. Obviously it's a tough place to play," Schrage said. "They have won 10 in a row at home and never lost a Summit League conference series at home. It's quite an accomplishment for our guys and the program."

The Jacks will play a non-conference game against Creighton University on Wednesday afternoon in Sioux City, Iowa. SDSU will return to Summit League play on Friday as they open a three-game series with Western Illinois at 3 p.m. at Erv Huether Field in Brookings.



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Anthony Schneider attempts to catch a fly ball

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# Changing the culture

## First year head coach brings a new attitude resulting in more wins



By TYLER TEAL  
Sports Writer

Jackrabbit softball has had its share of highs and lows this season, but the team's success isn't necessarily determined by wins and losses – at least not this year.

Perhaps more important is the installation of a new mindset by first-year Head Coach Krista Wood.

While spending eight seasons as the coach at Wayne (Neb.) State College, Wood transformed the program into a winner. The Wildcats were 10-34 in 2006, the year before Wood arrived. They went 28-22 in her first year and posted winning records in every season she coached there – including a school record 43-13 in 2010.

With eight successful seasons at Wayne State, one might wonder, why leave it all behind?

"It was a great opportunity for me and for my family," Wood said of the move to South Dakota State. "I love the town of Brookings and any time you can move from Division II to Division I, it is a new challenge. I did it at the Division II level, rebuilding a program, and I know how it works. It takes time and a lot of hard work."

This mindset may be exactly what the Jacks need after experiencing tough seasons in the past. The Jacks were 11-36 last year and have posted only three winning seasons in the past 20 years. SDSU's last

winning season: 2005.

The Jacks have had a wild year so far, from big wins to tough losses and everything in between. There have been games canceled by weather and numerous drama-filled games that have come down to the final innings.

"It's been a rollercoaster of a year," Wood said. "We've beat some really good teams and we've lost to some teams that we shouldn't have lost to. I expect a lot from this team. I don't care what their record was last year – every time we step on the field I expect to win. Instilling that winning mentality into our players is just going to take time."

Wood has recognized the previous struggles and understands that a winning mentality is new to the players, but she also expects more from those players because she believes they are capable of winning. Senior infielder Elyse Eitel has seen her share of coaching changes during her career with the Jacks, so Wood's message of winning and teamwork are a welcome change.

"I've always known what it takes to be successful," Eitel said. "Coach Wood really brought these mindsets out of us."

Eitel is batting .358 with a slugging percentage of .516. She has 20 RBIs and one home run.

"I've noticed this year that I haven't hit home runs and I'm fine with that," Eitel said. "It's not about the bombs, it's about the consistency and

creating momentum for the rest of my teammates to get on a hitting roll."

It is that team-first mentality that Wood has brought. Even though the team has racked up more wins this year, often the win-loss column doesn't measure a team's effort.

"Sure we do have a losing record now, but if you come watch us play, you'll see we are better than what our record shows," Wood said. "We've lost some really close ballgames. We've lost two [games] in extra innings and a few by one or two runs. As far as I'm concerned, I think we're playing a lot better than what (our girls) played last year at this time."

A recent doubleheader against Creighton is just one example. SDSU fought its way back to win the first game with a last-inning hit that led to two RBIs and a final score of 7-6. But the Jacks ran out of juice and lost in the nightcap 9-0.

The team's drive for success isn't based solely on Wood's mentality. Players had to buy in and build on it with hard work.

Junior infielder Devan Larson said that at first, Wood was intimidating. Over time, however, the team adopted her philosophy. Larson, who set a new school record of home runs in a season from 11 to 14 home runs, is thankful for the extra effort put in by the coaching staff.

"[The coaches] have all taken extra time out of their days to pitch to me outside

of practice whenever I start to get frustrated at the plate," Larson said. "No matter what, I know they never give up on me and the rest of the team."

It is this kind of effort – by players and the coaching staff – that is slowly changing SDSU softball. Wood has created a new philosophy that has brought the team together and put them on a path to become winners. At least that's the plan.

"Coach Wood and the rest of the coaching staff really cares about us and have helped everyone change our mentality from being O.K. with losing, to wanting to win more than anything out there," Larson said.

With this being Wood's first year at the Division I level, there were a lot of unknowns. But that is part of the challenge of turning a program around. It will take time and hard work, but the process has begun.

"There is a difference between Division I and Division II," Wood said. "I didn't have a lot of expectations coming in because I didn't know what to expect. But now that I have coached three-fourths of a season at the Division I level, I totally think that with the kids we have and the kids we're bringing in, we will be successful in the coming years. There's no question about it, we will be able to compete with teams."

## Meet the COACH



**Who:** Krista Wood

**Job:** SDSU head softball coach

**Hometown:** Missouri Valley, Iowa

**Alma mater:** Nebraska-Omaha

**Master's degree:** St. Cloud State

**Quick notes:** Wood was a standout player for Nebraska-Omaha from 1999-2003... helped the Mavericks win the 2001 Division II national title... posted 106 career wins, 43 career shutouts and had 530 career strikeouts... In the 2001 national championship game, tossed a two-hit shutout with five strikeouts as UNO beat Lewis University 4-0.

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