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South Dakota State University

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Dr. Robert T. Wagner became president of South Dakota State University in May of 1985 and has demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills. Wagner had been vice president of Dakota State College in Madison when he was named to head SDSU. Wagner is a native of Sioux Falls, a graduate of Washington High School and Augustana College (1954). After attending Augustana, he earned a degree in theology and education from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and is an ordained Episcopal priest. He was rector of the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Sioux Falls and later the Trinity Episcopal Church in Watertown before joining the SDSU staff in 1970. Wagner spent 14 years at SDSU and from 1981 to 1984 was assistant to the vice president for academic affairs. He earned a Doctorate in sociology at SDSU in 1972. He has done extensive research on the elderly in South Dakota and on population projections for the state. Wagner's wife, Mary, is a former state legislator from Brookings County and now teaches at SDSU and the couple has two grown children.

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

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

Bernadette begins her fourth year as assistant athletic trainer at South Dakota State. Janicki received her Bachelor's Degree in physical education studies with an emphasis in athletic training and sports medicine at the University of Delaware in 1988 prior to working from August, 1988, to June, 1992, as the assistant athletic trainer in the Washington and Lee University athletic department in Lexington, VA. She received her Master's Degree in August, 1993, at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, in physical education with a specialization in athletic training and worked as the primary athletic trainer for the Cavalier women's basketball and volleyball programs. Apart from her duties as the assistant athletic trainer at SDSU, Janicki is also a clinical instructor.
SCHOOL – South Dakota State University
LOCATION – Brookings, SD 57007-1497
NICKNAME – Jackrabbits
COLORS – Yellow and Blue
HOME ARENA – Frost Arena (9,500)
ENROLLMENT – 8,740
PRESIDENT – Dr. Robert T. Wagner
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Dr. Fred M. Oien
CONFERENCE – North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
NATIONAL AFFILIATION – NCAA Division II

HEAD COACH – Mary Byrne (Nebraska, 1985)
- fourth season (54-43)
- Office Telephone: 605-688-5819

1995 RECORD – Won 17, Lost 16

SPORTS INFORMATION –
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LETTERWINNER’S LOST: (2)
**** Jenni Dold
** Kathy Kelley

LETTERWINNER’S RETURNING: (8)
** Merridee Peterson
** Arika Sanders
* Bridget Smith
* Roxie Rath
* Tria Smith
* Krista Zaczkowski
* Julie Nihart

NEWCOMERS: (4)
OH: Connie Pedersen, 5-9, Fr., Pipestone, MN (Pipestone-Jasper HS)
OH: Sarah Worklan, 5-8, Fr., Lake Villa, IL (Carmel HS, Mundelein, IL)
OH: Stacey Schneider, 5-8, Fr., Luverne, MN
MH: Liz Force, 6-0, Fr., Bellevue, NE (Bellevue East H.S.)

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1996 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

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*indicates letterwinners

Head Coach: MARY BYRNE
Graduate Assistant: Amy Snelbaker
Student Assistant: Chad Adamson

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When you ask South Dakota State University volleyball coach Mary Byrne about the prospects for this season’s team, her eyes get bright and look full of ambition. “I am really excited about this season,” says Byrne, who owns a 54-43 career mark in three years as head coach with the Jacks. “We will have a team full of good athletes and we will be a fun team to watch.”

Last season, SDSU tied for 7th place in the NCC with a 5-13 conference mark. Overall, the Jacks finished 17-16, numbers coach Byrne feels this year’s club can improve on. “Our main focus will be our ball handling and defensive skills,” she said. “Once we get a feel for our strengths out on the floor, we will be a very competitive team.”

The Jacks will return two juniors, Merridee Peterson and Arika Sanders. Peterson was an honorable mention all-NCC pick last season and was second on the club with 320 kills. A fine defensive player, Peterson was also second on the club in digs with 269. Sanders smashed 143 kills last season and scooped 214 digs.

“Returning Merridee and Arika is important for our team leadership,” says Byrne. “Combining our returning junior class with our sophomores we have a very solid nucleus to work from.”

Returning sophomores include middles Roxie Rath, Tria Smith and Krista Zaczkowski, along with outside hitter Bridget Smith and setter Julie Nihart.

Rath and Smith are coming off an injury plagued freshman campaign. Rath did lead the Jacks in blocks with 18 solos and 35 assists. Tria Smith, who suffered an arm injury, appeared in only 33 games while Zaczkowski played in 79 games a season ago and pounded 85 kills and had 23 total blocks.

Bridget Smith anchors the returning outside hitters and is looking to build on impressive freshman numbers. Smith led the Jacks with 347 kills and 966 attempts with a .234 hitting percentage. She also showed her defensive skills leading State with 296 digs.

Nihart was second in set assists with 265 sharing setting duties last season with Jenni Dold. She played in 32 matches and 103 games.

Joining the Rabbits this season is Sarah Worklan, Liz Force, Connie Pedersen and Stacey Schneider. Worklan, Peterson and Schneider will provide depth as outside hitters. Worklan will also see spot duty as a backup setter. Force hopes to be one in the middle.

Byrne says the NCC will again be a very competitive league and the Jacks will add a Southern flavor to the schedule, competing at the East Texas State Invitational August 30-31 and the Missouri Western Invite September 27-28. SDSU’s Burger King Classic is slated for September 7.
HEAD COACH
MARY BYRNE

Byrne, a native of Marshall, Minnesota, has made a tremendous impact on the SDSU volleyball program since her arrival in 1993. Under Byrne's direction, State has produced three consecutive winning campaigns for the first time since SDSU had four winning seasons from 1987-1990.

In her three seasons, Byrne has fashioned a 54-43 campaign. SDSU was 17-16 last season, 18-15 overall two seasons ago and posted a 19-12 record during her initial season with SDSU in 1993.

But Byrne's list of accomplishments extend farther than a successful tenure with the Jackrabbits.

Her coaching career began as the assistant volleyball coach at Southwest State University in Marshall from 1987-1990, and in 1991 she became head coach at Marshall High School.

Just one season later, Byrne was named Region 2 AA and Minnesota Class AA High School Coach of the Year after guiding the Tigers to a 26-4 record and a second-place finish in the Minnesota State High School Tournament.

In addition to her high school and college coaching experience, Byrne has coached both the Southwest Junior and Marshall Junior Olympic Volleyball Programs.

As a player, Byrne was an AAU all-American and earned All-Big Eight honors three times with the talented University of Nebraska volleyball team.

She earned her bachelor's degree in recreation from UNL in 1985.

Graduate Assistant
Amy Snelbaker

Amy, a graduate of Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, PA, begins her first season as a graduate assistant with the Jackrabbits.

Amy was a standout on the volleyball court at Lock Haven, earning all-Pennsylvania Athletic Conference honors in 1995.

In addition, Snelbaker earned the Coaches Award for Outstanding Contributions to Women's Athletics at Lock Haven in 1996.

Last season, Lock Haven was conference western division co-champion.

Student Assistant
Chad Adamson

Chad begins his second season as the jackrabbit student-assistant coach. Adamson has also served as the junior varsity assistant at the Brookings High School.

A graduate student, Adamson plans to pursue a career in middle school counseling.
MERRIDEE PETERSON
5-8, Jr., Outside Hitter
Bird Island, MN
Major: Family and Consumer Science
Education/Coaching

Merridee earned honorable mention all-North Central Conference honors last season after pounding 320 kills in 881 total attempts...has played in 214 games over two seasons...will be counted on as a team leader both on and off the court...described as an all-around player who makes very few mistakes on the floor...In her spare time, enjoys relaxing at the lake, water skiing, cooking and rollerblading...born December 25, 1975...parents are Robert and Karen Peterson.

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ARIKA SANDERS
5-9, Jr., Outside Hitter
Tracy, MN
Major: Art Advertising

Arika has moved to the right side this season to utilize her quickness and offensive ability, the move has given the team stability and should greatly improve the Jacks offensive system...has a tremendous work ethic and will be looked at to provide leadership this season...has played in 210 games over two seasons...noted as one of the most powerful servers on the club...in her spare time, enjoys skiing, drawing, painting, reading and dancing...pursuing a career in graphic design...born April 7, 1976...parents are Doug and Ruth Sanders.

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BRIDGET SMITH
5-9, So., Outside Hitter
Milroy, MN
Major: Education

Bridget is coming off a strong freshman campaign which she led the Jacks in kills (347) and attempts (966)...described as an exciting and very athletic player...coming off arthroscopic knee surgery but is expected to be at full strength during the regular season...two-time all-State selection at Tracy-Milroy High School...enjoys swimming and reading books...participated in basketball and track at Tracy High School along with volleyball...born September 22, 1976...parents are Sharla and Henry Smith.

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JULIE NIHART
5-7, So., Setter
Fridley, MN
Major: Early Childhood Education

Julie returns for her sophomore campaign after playing in 103 games last season as a freshman...was second on the team in set assists with 265...expected to be the Jacks number one setter this year...has very strong hands and a natural ability for the game...worked hard at her play in the front row...earned all-Conference honors twice and she was an all-Metro and all-State selection at Columbia Heights High School...enjoys camping, spending time with family and friends...hopes to teach and work with young children after college...born May 26, 1977...parents are Jackie and Dennis Nihart.

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ROXIE RATH
5-10, So., Middle Hitter
Doniphan, NE
Major: Secondary Ed./English/Coaching

Roxie returns for her second season after an injury plagued freshman year...despite a severely sprained ankle, Roxie played in 88 games as a freshman...ankle was scoped last May...noted as a very quick attacker and explosive jumper...coaching staff expects her to have a breakthrough season on the court...was an all-Conference and all-State selection at Doniphan (NE) High School...club team finished fourth at nationals in Naperville, IL...born August 26, 1976...parents are Roberta and Richard Rath.

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TRIA SMITH
6-0, So., Middle Hitter
Wabasha, MN
Major: Computer Science

Tria's dislocated elbow injury last season forced her to play in only 33 games last season...expected to have a big year on the inside...strength is her middle blocking ability and aggressive play at the net...a solid athlete with good overall strength...high school MVP and a two-time all-Conference pick at Wabasha-Kellogg High School...enjoys swimming, reading and biking...born January 26, 1977...parents are Kate and Todd Smith.

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KRISTA ZACZKOWSKI
5-11, So., Outside Hitter
Sauk Centre, MN
Major: Pre-Physical Therapy

Krista adds outside hitting depth and height to the Jackrabbit attack...increased strength has improved net play...strong server and improved backrow player...appeared in 79 games as a freshman...all-Conference pick at Sauk Centre High School...St. Cloud Times Player of the Year...team MVP...enjoys the outdoors...born May 23, 1977...parents are Jan and Dale Zaczkowski.

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LIZ FORCE
6-0, Fr., Middle Hitter
Bellevue, NE
Major: General Registration

Liz is expected to make an immediate impact with the Jackrabbits this fall...a two-time Nebraska all-State honorable mention selection...Omaha Metro Rankings had her 3rd in blocks, 4th in kills and 7th in digs last season...played with the highly touted Nebraska Junior Program...Born August 24, 1978...parents are Jim and Judy Force.

SARAH WORKLAN
5-8, Fr., Setter/Outside Hitter
Lake Villa, IL
Major: Pre Physical Therapy

Described as a "never say die" and determined player expected to make an impact as an outside hitter...will also be groomed as a backup setter this season...a first team all-conference selection, an all-division pick and an all-Lake County standout at Carmel High School in Mundelein, IL...born December 9, 1977...parents are David and Teresa Worklan.

1995 SDSU VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS—FINAL

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Team                   | 123| 1503| 684| 4379| .187| 1209| 243| 333| 401| 1791| 76 | 223| 122| 65  |
CONNIE PEDERSEN
5-9, Fr., Outside Hitter
Pipestone, MN
Major: Pre Physical Therapy

Connie was the Most Valuable Player and an all-conference selection at Pipestone-Jasper High School in Pipestone, MN last season...a lefty, Pedersen is a natural on the right side...described as a hard working player who enjoys the game and will continue to improve...played in the Southwest Junior Volleyball program which finished 9th at the club division at the 1996 nationals...born July 14, 1978...parents are Joel and Sheila Pedersen.

STACEY SCHNEIDER
5-8, Fr., Outside Hitter
Luverne, MN
Major: General Registration

Will add quickness and depth defensively this season...an excellent leaper...expected see time in the backcourt this season...a very solid athlete with good speed, Stacey was a participant at the Minnesota State Track Meet as a sprinter...born June 29, 1978...parents are Russell and Janice Schneider.
**CAREER KILLS**

1. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-86-87-88 ........................................ 1,510
2. Shannon Kalbfell, 1988-89-90-91 ........................................ 1,206
3. Lisa Freichels, 1989-90-92-93 ........................................ 1,147
5. Taran Wendland, 1984-85-86-87 ...................................... 870
7. Paula Burma, 1982-83-84-85 ........................................... 677
8. Teresa Rowe, 1984-85-86-87 ........................................... 665
9. Julie Barber, 1988-89 ................................................. 662
10. Sara Storms 1991-92-93 ............................................. 631

**DEFENSIVE SAVES**

1. Gail Ahlquist, 1988-89-90-91 ........................................ 1,404
2. Lisa Freichels, 1989-90-92-93 ........................................ 1,360
3. Linda Fusco, 1989-90-91-92 ......................................... 1,282
5. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-86-87-88 .................................... 980

**CAREER HITTING LEADERS**

1. Paula Burma, 1982-83-84 ............................................ 345
2. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-86-87-88 .................................... 282
   Julie Barber, 1988 ........................................... 271
6. Brenda Frisvold, 1984-85 ......................................... 266
7. Lisa Jacobson, 1981-82-83-84 .................................... 258
   Taran Wendland, 1984-85-86-86 .................................. 258
   based on minimum 600 total attacks

**SERVICE ACES**

1. Gail Ahlquist, 1988-89-90-91 .................................... 203
2. Sue Nelson, 1983-84-85-86 ........................................ 156
5. Taran Wendland, 1984-85-86-87 .................................. 145
7. Teresa Rowe, 1984-85-86-87 ...................................... 127
   Linda Fusco, 1989-90-91-92 ................................... 127
9. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-86-87 .................................. 126
10. Julie Barber, 1988-89 ............................................. 102


Last season, SDSU’s Merridee Peterson was a all-NCC Honorable Mention pick.
### SET ASSISTS

1. Gail Ahlquist, 1988-89-90-91 ........................................... 3,774
3. Tasha Kryger, 1985-86-87-88 ........................................... 2,908
4. Lisa Jacobson, 1981-82-83-84 ........................................... 1,436
5. Linda Fusco, 1989-90-91-92 ................................................ 994
6. Nancy Rolston, 1980-81-82-83 ............................................ 753
7. Lisa Mittelstadt, 1985-86-87-88 ............................................ 279
8. Julie Nihart, 1995 ............................................................... 265
9. Sara Woodman, 1993-94 ......................................................... 120

### SOLO BLOCKS

2. Sarah Sargent, 1987-88-89-90 ............................................. 198
3. Gwen Langford, 1980-81-82-83 ............................................. 162
6. Taran Wendland, 1984-85-86-87 ............................................ 104
7. Lisa Freichels, 1989-90-92-93 ............................................. 104
9. Lisa Jacobson, 1981-82-83-84 ............................................. 88
10. Jenny Keinholz, 1989-90 ....................................................... 82

### BLOCK ASSISTS

2. Taran Wendland, 1984-85-86-87 ........................................... 207
3. Lisa Jacobson, 1981-82-83-84 ............................................. 193
4. Gwen Langford, 1980-81-82-83 ............................................. 166
7. Sarah Sargent, 1987-88-89-90 ............................................. 145
10. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-86-87 ............................................. 115
Around the North Central Conference

Augustana College
at Sioux Falls September 24
at Brookings October 19
Location: Sioux Falls, SD
Enrollment: 2,000
Arena: Elmen Center (4,000)
Head Coach: Kim Sudbeck (2nd yr)
1995 Record: 13-19
1995 Conference Record: 4-14 (8th)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Carla Rosenquist, 5-11, Sr., OH (256 kills, 99 total blocks); Heather Schuester, 5-9, Sr., OH (226 kills, 19 SA's),
Top Newcomers: Kourtney Halinl, 5-6, Fr., Setter Rampart, HS; Letha Kelsey, 5-10, Fr., Middle Hitter, Iowa Falls, HS; Vicki Ellenson, 5-11, Fr., Middle Hitter, Mt. Vernon, MN.

Mankato State University
at Mankato September 20
at Brookings October 19
Location: Mankato, MN
Enrollment: 13,560
Arena: Otto Arena (5,000)
Head Coach: Marge Burkett (11th yr)
1995 Record: 13-19
1995 Conference Record: 4-14 (8th)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Monica Harden, 5-8, Jr., Setter {1,197 assists); Melissa Latrop, 5-11, Sr., MB (.260 hitting %, 103 total blocks); Rebekah Kopsa, 5-10, Jr., Utility (228 kills); Ann Sieckert, 5-10, Jr., OH (513 kills); Susan Semmler 5-10, Jr., OH (261 kills); Angie Reiners 6-0, Jr., MB (253 kills, 118 total blocks).
Top Newcomers: Sarah Hayes, 5-6, Fr., S/DS, Tracy-Milroy, MN High School.

North Dakota State
at Brookings October 1
at Fargo November 8
Location: Fargo, ND
Enrollment: 19,784
Arena: Bentson Bunker Fdhs (2,000)
Head Coach: Lorie Nachtman (1st yr)
1995 Record: 12-8
1995 Conference Record: 7-7 (1st)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Pam Stencel, 5-7, Sr. , S (1,523 assists, .329 hitting percentage); Charleen Anderson, 5-6, So., S/DS (1.91 digs per game); Kim Goodman, 5-9, Jr., OH (412 kills, 389 digs); Gerdes, 6-0, Jr., MB (187 kills); Amy Stiefel, 5-7, Jr., S (1,252 assists).
Top Newcomers: Cheri Pribil, 5-6, Fr., Setter/Directive Specialist, Bellevue, NE; Chris Brink, 6-0, Fr., MB Tracy, MN; Korrine Bolin, 5-10, Fr., MB, Omaha, NE.

North Dakota
at Brookings October 29
at Grand Forks November 9
Location: Grand Forks, ND
Enrollment: 11,521
Arena: Hyslop Sports Center (5,500)
Head Coach: Lorie Nachtman (1st yr)
1995 Record: 16-18
1995 Conference Record: 5-13 (7-7th)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Jody Coauette, 5-8, Sr., OH (306 kills, 37 blocks); Lori Unger, 5-7, Jr., S (961 assists); Earth Evans, 5-11, Sr., MH (225 kills, 91 blocks)
Top Newcomers: Laura Bily, 6-0, Fr., OH, Church Bridge, SASK.; Angie Gilbertson, 5-11, Fr., OH, Burnsville, MN; Stacy Hadla, 6-1, Jr., MH, Prior Lake, MN; Phoenix Hotopp, 6-1, Fr., MH, Sandwich, IL; Louisa Lorimer, 5-9, Fr., OH, Rockville, MD.

Morningside College
at Sioux City October 11
at Brookings November 16
Location: Sioux City, IA
Enrollment: 1,400
Arena: Allee Gym (3,000)
Head Coach: Gail Halinka (1st yr)
1995 Record: 27-9
1995 Conference Record: 12-6 (T-4th)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Monica Harden, 5-8, Jr., Setter (1,197 assists); Melissa Latrop, 5-11, Sr., MB (.260 hitting %, 103 total blocks); Rebekah Kopsa, 5-10, Jr., Utility (228 kills); Ann Sieckert, 5-10, Jr., OH (513 kills); Susan Semmler 5-10, Jr., OH (261 kills); Angie Reiners 6-0, Jr., MB (253 kills, 118 total blocks).
Top Newcomers: Sarah Hayes, 5-6, Fr., S/DS, Tracy-Milroy, MN High School.

North Dakota at Brookings October 4
at Greeley November 2
Location: Greeley, CO
Enrollment: 10,500
Arena: Butler-Hancock Hall (4,500)
Head Coach: Linda Dele (21st yr)
1995 Record: 31-3
1995 Conference Record: 17-1 (1st)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Tanya Morris, 5-11, Sr., MB (252 kills, 267 hitting percentage)
Top Newcomers: Hollen Nelson, 5-10, Jr., OH (Transfer from University of Portland); Michelle Hoffner, 5-8, Fr., Sr., Greeley, CO; Shauna Meschke, 5-10, Fr., OH, Papillon-La Vista HS. (NE); Britny Stockebrand, 5-10, Fr., MB, Alamosa HS; Katie Foutch, 5-9, Fr., OH, Lewis-Palmer HS; Barbie Bragg, 6-0, Fr., RH, Ft. Morgan (CO) HS.

South Dakota
at Vermillion October 12
at Brookings November 15
Location: Vermillion, SD
Enrollment: 7,400
Arena: Dakota Dome (8,100)
Head Coach: Diana Cole (5th season)
1995 Record: 5-30
1995 Conference Record: 1-7 (10th)
Returning Starters/'95 Info: Debbie Coad, 5-11, Sr., OH (197 kills, 72 blocks); Nikki Daggitt, 6-0, So., MH (180 kills); Michelle Hesse, 6-1, Sr., MH (329 kills, 224 digs).
Top Newcomers: Tara Belak, 5-11, Fr., MH, Elkhorn, NE; Julia Mueckel, 5-10, Fr., MH, Tracy, MN; Erin Reinhart, 5-8, Fr., S, Red Wing, MN; Lisa Roberts, 5-8, Fr., S, Elmholt, NE; Jessica Schoenfelder, 5-6, Fr., MH, Citrus Heights, CA.
When a university has something very special to offer, people sense it. South Dakota State University is one of those universities. We don't pretend to be something we're not. Instead, we take great pride in what we are - a mid-sized university with some very big qualities.

SDSU is enormous when you look at the number of programs offered, its research and work experiences, and the clubs students can get involved in. It's large when you consider the resources here that will make better prepared graduates looking for their first job. Resources like the CAP Center will help with career counseling and placement services.

SDSU is small when you look at its friendly, open campus and discussion-style classes. It's small when you see the kind of social interaction here that's only possible on a tightly-knit campus. There are no social ladders to climb here.

South Dakota State was founded as the state's only land-grant institution in 1881. It is the very essence of what our university is all about. A land-grant institution is directed to educate the people of its state and to solve its problems through academics, research and extension programs.

Today, our university has grown both in size and scope and the problems we solve reach far beyond the borders of our state. Diversity has always been a trademark of an SDSU education. Our students choose from over 2,500 courses offered each year. This large selection of courses offers students many opportunities to learn and grow that they would not find at many other colleges.

Offering a large number of programs, though, has little importance unless the academic standards remain high. That's why South Dakota State continually works to provide quality programs for its students. These efforts result in the University remaining accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools - the largest accrediting agency in the nation.

South Dakota State's faculty is well known for its excellence in teaching. Of the 475 full-time faculty members, 70 per cent hold doctorate degrees. Conducting research, writing books and presenting papers at national conferences are the reasons many SDSU professors are nationally known in their fields.

They are committed to intellectual inquiry and have experience both in and out of the classroom. We have faculty exchange agreements with universities in the People's Republic of China, Russia, Great Britain, Mexico and South Korea. These exchanges allow faculty to gain international experience and incorporate that knowledge into their classrooms at SDSU.

Personal attention is not the exception here, it's the norm. A physics professor was instrumental in organizing a group to help raise funds for a graduate student who had a bone marrow transplant. Every semester a faculty member invites all the women students in the College of Engineering to her house for an evening of food and discussion.

While our faculty remain active in their fields, their first commitment is to teaching and to the students they teach. There is one faculty member for every 17 students here. This low ratio and an average class size of only 25 allows students the close, personal attention from faculty that they want and deserve.

Brookings is a community of 16,250, it is located on the eastern edge of South Dakota just 20 miles from the Minnesota line. South Dakota friendliness has always been the key to Brookings and the campus community. We have a casual, friendly atmosphere here that quickly makes everyone feel like they fit in.
1996 SDSU Volleyball Schedule

August
30-31 at East Texas State Invitational
30 vs. St. Edwards University ............................................. TBA
vs. East Texas State ............................................. TBA
31 vs. Alabama-Huntsville ............................................. TBA
vs. Cameron ............................................. TBA

September
7 SDSU Burger King Classic
  vs. Concordia-Moorhead ............................................. 9:30 p.m.
  vs. Wayne State ............................................. 12:30 p.m.
  vs. Chadron ............................................. 3:30 p.m.
10 Minnesota-Morris ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
13 at NCC/Northern Sun Tournament-Marshall, MN
  vs. Minnesota-Duluth ............................................. 2:00 p.m.
14 vs. Winona State ............................................. 10:00 a.m.
  vs. Bemidji State ............................................. 2:00 p.m.
20 at Mankato State* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
21 at St. Cloud State* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
24 at Augustana* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
27-28 at Missouri Western Invitational
27 vs. Drury ............................................. TBA
  vs. Northwest Missouri State ............................................. TBA
28 vs. Missouri Western ............................................. TBA
vs. Emporia State ............................................. TBA

October
1 North Dakota State* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
4 Northern Colorado* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
5 Nebraska-Omaha* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
8 at Southwest State ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
11 at Morningside* ............................................. 7:30 p.m.
12 at South Dakota* ............................................. 7:30 p.m.
14 at Dakota Wesleyan ............................................. 7:30 p.m.
18 St. Cloud State* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
19 Mankato* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
22 Augustana* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
29 North Dakota* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.

November
1 at Nebraska-Omaha* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
2 at Northern Colorado* ............................................. 7:30 p.m.
8 at North Dakota State* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
9 at North Dakota* ............................................. 3:00 p.m.
15 South Dakota* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.
16 Morningside* ............................................. 7:00 p.m.

All home matches begin at 7:00 p.m.
* North Central Conference games