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SA meeting in brief

After an off-week, the South Dakota State Students’ Association got things underway again on Oct. 15:

- Robert Kohrman, vice president of finance and administration, gave a talk to SA regarding the South Dakota State budget overview. According to the presentation given by Kohrman, major university building projects will have a final price tag of $253.5 million.

- SA Vice President Spencer Harwood announced that VezoRide and the city of Brookings had reached an agreement. “Everybody has signed the contract, now we are just looking forward to the launch date,” Harwood said.

- The Student National Education Association requested a special allocation to attend a conference in Washington D.C. The Finance Committee had previously decided unanimously to allocate zero dollars. After a debate, SA voted to allocate $3,237.50 for the trip.

- The Female Equality Movement club gave a student organization report.

Hobos stay fit: Wellness Center opened Oct. 12

Friday, Oct. 12 the 37,500-square foot Wellness Center expansion was opened to the public.

The new space includes more room for fitness with a new full-sized basketball court with a drop-down volleyball net, two racquetball courts, one cardio studio and one multi-activity court with a drop-down batting cage.

There’s also new equipment to use including new treadmills, ellipticals, step machines, rowing machines, tires, weights and a Queenax strength machine.

Out of the 21 new treadmills, 15 of them will have Bluetooth capabilities so students can connect their Fitbit or Apple Watch to the machine to track their personal workout data better.

The Outdoor Adventure Program now has its own space complete with a garage door that enables it to better haul kayaks and canoes in and out of the building and a meeting room to prepare students for trips and other business.

There will be additional maintenance and laundry space for the Wellness Center staff.

“Today we opened a premiere Wellness Center at SDSU, so we should be proud of that,” President Barry Dunn said.

Mehoy Minoy at the Coughlin Campanile

Despite the 27-degree temperature, more than 300 students gathered on Sylvan Green at 10 p.m. Oct. 11 for the second annual “Everyone yell MEHOY MINOY at the Campanile” event.

“Mehoy minoy” is a popular phrase from the television show “Spongebob Squarepants.” It’s the catchphrase of the villain Doodlebob, a character Spongebob draws who magically comes to life on the children’s cartoon.

This event, organized by senior history and political science major Dani Henkel, came into existence because “why not.”

Afterward, a group photo was taken and students had the chance to take one-on-one pictures with Doodlebob and other characters from the series.

Sexual assault in Jackrabbit Village

A resident was sexually assaulted by a male that’s not believed to currently be a student at South Dakota State, according to an email sent out by SDSU Vice President for Technology and Safety Michael Adelaine.

The suspect was described as an 18-20-year-old white male, approximately 5’6” to 5’9” and was last seen wearing a yellow University of Iowa sweatshirt and a gray baseball cap.

At 11:03 a.m., on Monday, Oct. 15, Adelaine sent an email to all SDSU students saying the suspect has been identified and is now out of state. UPD is now working with out-of-state law enforcement.

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American Indian Student Center breaks ground

WREN MURPHY
Reporter

The Oct. 9 groundbreaking for the new American Indian Student Center signaled the next chapter of growth for Native Americans at South Dakota State University.

Construction will begin in spring 2019 on Rotunda Green. The anticipated open date will be in the fall of 2020.

Gene Thin Elk, a tribal representative, performed the site blessing before the ceremony.

“This new facility has been imagined for many years and will now become a reality,” President Barry Dunn said at the ceremony.

This center is part of the Wokini Initiative, an SDSU program that offers support to American Indian students apart of any of the nine tribal nations of South Dakota.

The new center will be a place of cultural connection and a gathering fellowship for students. It will also have classrooms and administrative offices, Harming said.

John Karl, a sophomore history education major who attended the groundbreaking said “I hope they get more people involved and raise awareness of how important Native American culture is in South Dakota and all across the United States.”

The current American Indian Student Center, located in the lower level of the Enrollment Services building, doesn’t have enough space for programming, services and administrative offices, according to April Eastman, director of the American Indian Student Center.

Some students also find it hard to visit between classes because of location.

“As much as our students like us, we hear on a daily basis that our students don’t want to walk here,” Eastman said.

“The new building will be a physical representation and acknowledgment of indigenous people and stand as SDSU’s commitment to provide access, education and support for all students.”

Shana Harming
Director of the Wokini Initiative

However, the current center still manages to make an impact on its students.

“The center and the community and support I found there gave me the strength I needed to walk across campus as who I am,” said Aubrey Hendrixson, a senior sociology major and Wokini Leadership Council student representative.

Jonathan Meendering, a project architect from Facilities and Services, said the construction may disrupt some student activities on Rotunda Green and prevent students from cutting through the area. However, the tree line will remain mostly intact.

Dunn said funding came from an anonymous $4 million donation.

Other Wokini Initiative programs are funded by private donations from the SDSU Foundation as well as a trust fund.

SDSU awarded 15 Wokini scholarships that were worth $5,000 per year and were renewable for five years, according to Dunn. SDSU also hired a Native American recruitment coordinator.

The university hopes that the Wokini Initiative and the new center will increase American Indian student enrollment, retention and graduation rates.

American Indian and African American students have the lowest six-year graduation rate, at 41 percent, compared to the nationwide average of 60 percent, according to a 2017 report from the National Center for Education Statistics.

“It’s a national statistic, so that’s not unique to SDSU,” Eastman said. “There’s a push and pull between cultural expectations and family obligations. Family obligations tend to be the priority because you have the option to return [to the university].”

Amber Morseau, the Native American recruitment coordinator, said she has seen positive changes because of the Wokini Initiative and the new building.

She has received more than double the number of contact cards from American Indian students than the university had at the same time last year. This is a trend she hopes to see continue, even after the new center opens.

“Students are really tuning in to our commitment to them by building this new center,” Morseau said.
As some of the first flu cases pop up in the southeast region of South Dakota, the Brookings County Pandemic Planning and Coordination Committee (PPCC) looks to prepare South Dakota State University to defend against the viral infection.

There will be free influenza vaccinations from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Volstorff Ballroom put on by the Brookings County PPCC. They are hoping to vaccinate 800 people at SDSU.

Usually, there aren’t points of dispensing on campus, said Jayme Trygstad, SDSU emergency management specialist. This is the first time in 10 years the Brookings County PPCC has provided free vaccinations on campus.

“If this pandemic happens during the school year, we don’t want students leaving campus if they are infected,” Trygstad said.

When infected students leave campus for home or other places in Brookings, they increase the chance of transferring the infection further.

The flu is highly contagious and is easily transmitted through sneezes and coughs of an infected person, according to the South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH).

No one has been diagnosed on campus yet, said Brenda Andersen, SDSU associate director of student health and counseling, but it can happen to anyone.

“Students don’t think it’s going to happen to them, but when it does happen to them they realize how sick they can get,” Andersen said. “When students get influenza they are out of school for a week because they are contagious and then they feel like crap for that next week, so it kind of puts (students) two weeks back.”

What’s more, Andersen said, is that students’ energy doesn’t return for an additional two weeks, so they are affected for a month of school.

Andersen’s advice for students includes shielding a cough from others and frequently washing hands. This helps prevent you from passing germs onto others or even from getting sick in the first place.

The free vaccinations are sponsored by the SDDOH and Brookings area points of dispensing.
How to manage homesickness

Whether it’s freshman year or your last hoorah, you may experience the longing to go home to family, friends and pets.

Homesickness can be tough to overcome and many students might not know how to deal with it at first.

To avoid homesickness here are some tips to cope with something many students go through:

- **Join intramurals**
  Intramurals can also be a way for anyone to get out of their comfort zone.
  Teams can be composed from former athletes to inexperienced students looking for a new way to be active. Intramurals can be a different way to build a new family at college.
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How would you describe yourself?
Sasia: I'm very country based and really outgoing and like trying new things. I'm also stubborn, I don't like losing arguments.
Chase: I'm a diverse person and I try to make the world a better place.

What do you look for in a relationship?
S: Being a gentleman, nice and caring. Someone who is going to be there for you.
C: Someone that can be supportive, caring and not too serious.

How did the date go and why?
S: It went really good, there was never an awkward pause.
C: I think it went well, we had a great conversation and talked about a lot of stuff. We come from the same background.

Would you go on a second date and why?
S: No, he's more of a friend type to me, but a super nice guy.
C: I think I would because I'd like to talk to her again, she seems pretty cool.

What did you have to eat and how was the place?
S: I really like this place and the service. I had the Shrimp Scampi and we had the New York Cheesecake.
C: It was pretty good, I like the music. I had the Fettuccine and Meatballs and we shared a cheesecake.

Did anything memorable occur?
S: Not really.
C: Not too much, I made a joke asking her, “if you feel the love yet, and how many children we are having.”

What is some advice for someone who might want to go on a blind date?
S: Don’t get nervous. I was a little nervous, and you’re meeting someone that you have no idea who this person is and once I got there and met him it wasn’t that bad.
C: Just go for it, get out of your comfort zone.

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HOBO WEEK IN REVIEW

This year SDSU came together in the tradition for the 106th Hobo Day. From the Hobo Day Parade to events like Cavorts and Bum-A-Meal, the campus celebrated being a Jackrabbit and the hobo spirit.

Bum-A-Meal had 568 students attend. Sixteen teams of four people participated in Hobolymics. Eight high school bands performed in the parade, as well as 40 community entries, 48 dignitaries and 35 student entries, according to Matilyn Kerr, program adviser for university traditions.

Top: SDSU fans dress up in blue and yellow for the Hobo Day football game.
Middle Left: The SDSU Nursing Department rides along the Hobo Day Parade route on their float.
Middle: Saxaphonist Ben Halbkat marches with the Pride of the Dakotas marching band in the Hobo Day Parade.
Middle Right: Asparagi members Duel Shape and Bret Werpy perform "Take On Me" by A-Ha during Cavorts Friday, Oct. 12 in the Performing Arts Center. The duo took second place.
Bottom Left: Bum-Over participants had an arm wrestling competition outside the Student Union Thursday, Oct. 11.
Bottom Right: Senior quarterback Taryn Christion (3) scores a touchdown during the Hobo Day football game. The Jacks beat the Youngstown State Penguins 36-7.
EDITORIAL

Issue: Same-day rivalry homecomings could prove once and for all who has most school spirit.

The biggest one-day event in the Dakotas’ may not be so big next year, as the two largest universities in South Dakota have both scheduled their homecomings for Oct. 5, 2019.

Will Hobo Day and Dakota Days suffer from making students choose between the two?

It’s no secret that Jackrabbits don their Coyote gear at the D-Days tailgate, and vice versa. Students enjoy celebrating homecomings.

We, at The Collegian, hope Jackrabbits will stay loyal to Hobo Day and celebrate in Brookings. We also hope that Hobo Day attendance will blow D-Days out of the water.

After all, how can SDSU flex the “biggest one-day event in the Dakotas” title if we can’t prove it when it comes time for South Dakotans to choose?

The last time SDSU and USD had concurrent homecomings was Oct. 5, 2013. That year, USD’s student newspaper, The Volante, ran an opinion column in which its author spoke honestly about the clashing dates.

“And — this should be no surprise to anyone in the state — SDSU fans are, well, loyal,” the column read. And the prediction was right.

That year, SDSU lost its homecoming game against Southern Illinois, but still had 11,250 in attendance. USD, however, won its homecoming game, but attendance came in at a staggeringly low 6,710 — which wasn’t even the university’s lowest recorded attendance that season.

If this year’s attendance says anything about fan loyalty it’s this: the Jackrabbits are in fact the more dedicated of the two.

According to GoJacks.com and GoYotes.com, SDSU has had an average game attendance of 13,454 people while USD only had an average of 9,324 in 2018.

For D-Days, the Coyotes had 10,092 people in the crowd, its largest recorded attendance thus far. The Jackrabbits’ lowest recorded game attendance still surpasses USD’s largest by 226 people.

On Hobo Day, the Jacks recorded 14,357 in the crowd, the second lowest number of the season.

So, even on SDSU’s worst day, the football team still has more fans in attendance than USD on its best day.

The Collegian Editorial Board meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.

Brookings Schools handled local threat exceptionally well

Late Monday night I received an Argus 911 alert. The Brookings School District had called off school Tuesday in regards to a threat. I couldn’t help but think — this was definitely the right move.

When people think about where school violence occurs, a common sentiment is “this could never happen here.” But take a look at local news. The Sioux Falls School District has dealt with three threats already this year — one involved a loaded gun.

However, it’s not just threats that likely factored into the Brookings School District’s decision to call off school. In 2015, a student at Harrisburg High School shot the principal just after 10 a.m. on an otherwise typical Wednesday morning.

Harrisburg School District relayed a message that students were safe after 30 minutes of the shooting.

The cooperation of the schools in Brookings with law enforcement agencies is an incredible show of concern for student safety.

The situational assessment coupled with transparent communication to parents about the nature and severity of the situation in Brookings was executed flawlessly.

Press releases on Monday and Tuesday properly updated the public.

As anyone would have hoped, the threat was deemed non-credible, and the Brookings School District announced a return to school the next day.

I applaud the Brookings School District, local law enforcement and any other involved agencies for their continued dedication to preserving a safe learning environment for their students.

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Sustainability Month emphasizes achievements

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A few highlights include:

- Upgrading the envelope thermal performance so less heat is lost from inside the building, installing more efficient heating and ventilation equipment and installing LED lighting. These features and more contribute to a 16 percent reduction in overall energy usage compared to the baseline.

- The construction of this building also contributed to its sustainability. By renovating Harding Hall instead of building new, it reused approximately 13,500 cubic yards of concrete and 8,400 pounds of steel. The renovation to Harding Hall has created a building that will serve the university for another 70 years.

- This summer, the first nonresearch-based solar panel array was installed on campus. The 50kW solar panel system sits on top of the Stanley J. Marshall addition and supplements the electrical usage for the entire building.

- Stanley J. Marshall also has a solar wall installed. It uses the south-facing wall of the equipment penthouse to preheat the ventilation air going to space. In the winter, this reduces the amount of energy needed to heat up the ventilation air.

- Finally, back in April, SDSU became the first South Dakota university to become a Bee Campus USA Affiliate. Through this affiliation, SDSU practices and promotes grounds-keeping beneficial to pollinator plants. Already, you can see multiple pollinator gardens across campus. Beds north of Harding Hall, between Pierson and Caldwell, and on the southwest end of the stadium are just a few examples.

- Facilities and Services sees the importance of sustainability and is looking forward to future sustainability projects. Keep your eyes open for upcoming efforts.

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Running back by committee runs wild

LANDON DIERKS
News Reporter

After relying on the play-making ability and arm talent of quarterback Taryn Christion for the past three seasons, the Jackrabbit running game has seen an increased role in 2018.

The talent and depth of the backfield was highlighted during fall camp. High expectations and praises from the coaches have looked well-deserved to this point in the season.

Depth at the running back position will be crucial as they will be without their top-rusher for the rest of the season.

Fifth-year running back Isaac Wallace recorded his last carry in a Jackrabbit uniform on Hobo Day.

He suffered an injury in the first quarter — ending his season and career at South Dakota State. Wallace led the rushing attack through five games with 413 yards.

The Jackrabbit rushing attack is averaging the 14th-most yards per game in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Jason Eck, the offensive line coach and running game coordinator, joined the SDSU coaching staff in 2016 with one particular thing in mind — running the football.

“That was (head coach John Stiegelmeier’s) charge to me. We have to get better at running the ball,” Eck said.

Last year, the Jackrabbits averaged 176.6 yards per game on the ground, but that average has jumped to 252.6 through five games this season.

The most dangerous part about the SDSU running back group is their depth.

“We have really good backs,” Eck said. “We’re blessed that we have four guys who I think are top-level Missouri Valley backs. It gives you a lot of options to get them in the game and to give them carries and opportunities.”

This season, SDSU returned senior Wallace and junior Mikey Daniel to its backfield. Both backs have heard their names called regularly over the past two seasons and both are names Jackrabbit fans might have expected to see on the depth chart coming into the season.

The pair rushed for 998 yards and 16 touchdowns a season ago.

Daniel has picked up where he left off last season. Daniel has the most carries (47) and is tied for the team-lead in rushing touchdowns with four.

Two names Jackrabbit fans might not be quite as familiar with are those of true freshman C.J. Wilson and redshirt freshman Pierre Strong Jr. Both have showcased their talents and earned playing time in their first season dressing for the Jacks.

Wilson’s 271 rushing yards are second most on the team, including a 119-yard Hobo Day performance when the freshman found the end zone for the first time in college.

Strong Jr. has seen the field the least of the backs but has showcased his explosive playmaking abilities in limited action. The Little Rock, Arkansas native has a team-best 12.6 yards per carrying average (minimum of five attempts) and took a screen pass down the field for a 66-yard touchdown on his only reception of the season.

SEE RUNNING BACK ON A12
Jackrabbits set for top-25 face off in Cedar Rapids Saturday

TRENTON ABREGO
Sports Editor

For the Jacks, pressure on the quarterback will be key this week.

"It's hard to get pressure on (Dunne), he understands the offense so well," Stiegelmeier said. "He's seasoned enough that pressure isn't going to keep him from trying to make plays."

Dunne has been sacked eight times. He has also been able to find a plethora of different receivers. Against USD, eight receivers had at least two catches for the Panthers. 13 different receivers have recorded a catch this season.

Leading the charge for receptions is junior tight end Briley Moore, who has 317 yards and three touchdowns.

"You just want to minimize the damage – know where he's at," Stiegelmeier said.

Defensively, the Panthers have allowed 161 rushing yards per game.

"That's something we need to exploit," Stiegelmeier said.

Without their leading rusher, the Jacks will still field a potent rushing attack with Mikey Daniel, C.J. Wilson and Pierre Strong Jr.

On the ground, the Jacks have racked up 1,263 yards this season – the third-best mark in the MVFC.

Despite having the fourth-best rush defense in the MVFC, the Panthers have the seventh-worst pass defense and are allowing 219 yards per game.

"The confusing thing for us is they've played three base defenses," Stiegelmeier said.

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After a few weeks with a banged up offensive line, the Jacks will still face question marks with Tyler Weir and Wes Genant both being deemed questionable.

The game against the Panthers will mark the midpoint of the MVFC season. Traditionally, the magic number to qualify for the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs is either six or seven. This week, the Jacks have that target in their crosshairs.

"It's getting closer to that special number for playoffs," Stiegelmeier said. "If we beat a ranked team, it adds some credibility to who we are."

Kickoff for the game will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The game can be viewed on television on ESPN3.

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After a victorious Hobo Day, the South Dakota State Jackrabbits will look for their third-straight Missouri Valley Football Conference win in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Despite rolling over the Penguins, the Jackrabbits suffered what could be considered one of the biggest losses of their season.

Isaac Wallace suffered a career-ending hip injury in the first half. Until then, Wallace was the lead running back for the Jacks with 413 yards and four touchdowns on 44 attempts.

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After a few weeks with a banged up offensive line, the Jacks will still face question marks with Tyler Weir and Wes Genant both being deemed questionable.

The game against the Panthers will mark the midpoint of the MVFC season. Traditionally, the magic number to qualify for the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs is either six or seven. This week, the Jacks have that target in their crosshairs.

"It's getting closer to that special number for playoffs," Stiegelmeier said. "If we beat a ranked team, it adds some credibility to who we are."

Kickoff for the game will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The game can be viewed on television on ESPN3.
Christion continues to shatter records

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Each Jackrabbit football game this season, it seems that standout senior quarterback Taryn Christion breaks a record.

Against Indiana State, Christion became the all-time leader in passing yards passing Austin Sumner, who played for the Jacks from 2011-14.

Christion is also the all-time leader in touchdown passes and total offense for the blue and yellow.

It’s not just team records that the Sioux Falls Roosevelt alumnus is shattering.

Christion is also the top touchdown passer in the Missouri Valley Football Conference and total offense leader.

“He’s an excellent football player in his senior year so you can imagine that he has even stepped his game up a little more,” University of Northern Iowa head coach Mark Farley said.

Entering the matchup with the Panthers, Christion is only 325 yards away from becoming the first Jackrabbit to surpass 10,000 passing yards.

If Christion should reach that mark, for him would be a wining a FCS Playoff Semifinal game.

As the starting signal-caller for the Jacks, Christion owns a 27-9 record.

“The Jackrabbit offense has reaped the benefits of having backs with unique skill sets on the depth chart this season. “So for a defense, it’s tough because you don’t know who’s going to get the ball,” running backs coach Zach Lujan said.

fearsome backfield that has slipped under the radar.

Junior fullback Luke Sellers does not have a carry this season, but his teammates know the impact he has on the game.

“We’re blessed that we have four guys who I think are top-level Missouri Valley [Football Conference] backs.”

JASON ECK
SDSU Offensive Line and Run Game Coordinator

“When they’re going to get the ball and how we’re going to hurt you.”

While the quartet of running backs has been racking up the yards this season, there has been a fifth member of the

“Without Luke, we couldn’t do what we do,” Daniel said. “He’s dominating guys left and right. Every play I see him pancaking somebody. He doesn’t get his credit when it’s due ... but he’s a big part of our offense.”

If opposing teams weren’t worried about the Jackrabbit run game entering the season, all remaining opponents are now very aware of the Jacks’ ability to run the football.

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