Republicans dominate S.D. midterms

70 HOUSE OF REPS.

35 SENATE

Results are current as of 1:30 a.m. Nov. 7, 2018 as reported by the S.D. Secretary of State’s Office. One representative-elect was deceased when elected. Their position will be appointed by the Governor-elect.

HUNTER DUNTEMAN
News Editor

The 2018 midterms have caused a stir among South Dakotans. Data from Google Trends shows that terms such as “election” and “midterm” are seeing their second highest trend ratings in South Dakota since November of 2004 — the highest trend ratings being the 2016 presidential election.

Polls opened statewide at 7 a.m. Tuesday and remained open until 7 p.m., giving voters, who hadn’t taken advantage of South Dakota’s absentee or early voting options, a chance for their voice to be heard.

This midterm election gave voters a say in the election of S.D. Governor, a U.S. Representative, and state House and state Senate seats in each district.

There are also three state constitutional amendments on the ballot this year.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The meat and potatoes and everything else important this week.

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SA meeting in brief
The Nov. 5 Students’ Association took less than an hour.

The highlight was the approval of a $1,690 special allocation request for the Armed Forces Association.

AFA will be permanently be put in SA’s budget. The funds will be utilized in three different ways:

- **Purple Heart Chapter 5355**: This supports transportation to a Las Vegas conference that promotes support for student veterans to increase resilience, mental health and retention.
- **Veteran retreat**: A three-day retreat in Deadwood that will promote ecotherapy, an engagement with outdoor activities to prevent suicides from veterans.
- **Warrior Week**: Promotion of awareness on and off campus by providing programming through events, speakers and comradery events.

For live meeting coverage, follow @collegian_live on Twitter.

LGBTQ+ assault in downtown Brookings
A South Dakota State University student was assaulted on Main Avenue on Halloween because of their sexual orientation.

The student was reportedly punched in the face after a stranger asked if they were gay.

The Brookings Police Department is currently investigating the situation.

Students’ Association Sen. Sydney Swanson said at the Nov. 5 meeting Brookings, South Dakota “has a rating of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index. We should really think about that.”

Total scores are on a scale of 0-100. A score of 0 means the state does not have laws, policies and services that support LGBTQ+ people.

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Construction of a new housing complex is bringing major changes to the corner of Eighth Street and Jackrabbit Avenue. The Southeast University Neighborhood will provide on-campus housing options to upperclassmen. The project has been seven years in the making and encompasses six new structures: a new apartment building that includes a full-service Starbucks and five townhomes.

According to Doug Wermedal, associate vice president for Student Affairs, part of the project's purpose is to improve spatial efficiency on the plot of land. Before construction began, smaller apartment complexes called State Village and State Court stood there.

"On about 10 or 11 acres of land, you had 80 students living," Wermedal said. "Across the street in the same area of land, you had 800 students living [in Binnewies and Young]. That suggests something about the highest and best use of the land."

The apartment building will be three stories tall, have two wings and will sit on the northeastern sector of the lot. There are one-through four-bedroom options for residents to choose the number of roommates they can live with. Wermedal said students who look to pay the price of a four-bedroom apartment but are having trouble finding enough roommates shouldn’t worry. Residential Life can assign roommates if needed.

Residents who move in don’t need to bring much. Every apartment comes fully furnished including a table, four chairs, a couch, two side chairs and a washer and dryer.

"Nowhere else do you have in-unit laundry, nowhere else do you have two bathrooms, nowhere else do we have exclusively upperclassmen and apartment style settings," Wermedal said.

Pets are permitted in the apartments with appropriate documentation. Utilities, internet, damage deposit and parking are included in each month’s rent. No meal plan is required for residents of the apartments.

SEE NEIGHBORHOOD on A7
Rent is high for SDSU students and Brookings residents alike, but government programs, education and careful planning may help students find affordable apartments.

Affordable housing, based on federal recommendations, should cost no more than 30 percent of someone's monthly paycheck.

“We found that our [Brookings'] rent is exorbitantly high and that 50 percent of our renters pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing,” said Patty Bacon, a Brookings City Council and Brookings Affordable Housing Task-Force member. “But what students told me is that those high rents are cheaper than on-campus housing.”

One student who struggled to find affordable housing is Jacey Feyereisen, a junior human biology and microbiology major.

“I felt like I couldn’t find somewhere that wasn’t totally run-down within my price range,” Feyereisen said.

Government programs offer assistance to those who need low-budget housing.

“That’s an option that a lot of students don’t realize they can apply for,” Bacon said. “We don’t want it to be abused, but you should apply if there’s a genuine need.”

Two programs that help provide affordable housing are Section 8 and Section 42. Section 8 is a government subsidy program based on income. Students who are dependent on their parents do not qualify unless they are over 24, are married, have a disability, are a veteran, have children or have parents who qualify for Section 8. However, students who are financially independent from their parents can be eligible for Section 8 assistance even if they don’t meet the qualifications listed above.

Section 42 is a tax credit for developers who build affordable housing and provide some units at a lower price. Students with income below a certain amount may qualify for those apartments. To live in reduced-rent units, students have to apply to the property directly.

There are other on-campus and off-campus housing options to make housing more affordable for students who do not qualify for these programs.

On campus, doubles in Hansen Hall are the least expensive and doubles in Binnewies, Pierson and Young halls also offer more affordable options.

“We are probably one of the least expensive housing options,” said Chris Kaberline, associate director of Housing and Residential Life. “We really keep our housing costs as low as we can.”

Read the full story on sdsucollegian.com.
Shared spaces: ration roommate chores

EMMA ANDERSON
Lifestyles Reporter

Whether you live in the residence halls, an apartment or a house, chances are you have at least one roommate. Sharing a living space with other people can be difficult, especially when it comes to splitting responsibilities, but it doesn’t have to be.

For junior business economics major Abby Flanery and her five roommates, it’s as simple as cleaning up after themselves.

“Taking care of our own messes keeps tension away. No one likes to clean up after each other, so we make sure to clean up after ourselves and our guests’ messes in a timely manner,” Flanery said.

In general, they like to keep the house clean, so when people have time they will vacuum, clean the bathroom and take out the garbage, Flanery said.

They also take turns buying items such as toilet paper, condiments and paper towels so everyone can use what is on hand and pitch in when supplies run low.

Anya Mattison, junior speech communication and public relations double major, said she and her roommates have a similar system set up in their off-campus apartment.

“We share costs on the basics and take turns buying things we all use. If someone is cooking something we usually offer to share too,” Mattison said.

Both Flanery and Mattison feel as though sharing responsibilities has been successful and would encourage other groups of roommates to do the same.

“Splitting responsibilities is very effective and rarely do we have disputes in relation to house responsibilities, or at all,” Flanery said.

With everyone dealing with work and class schedules, Mattison said divvying up the tasks makes it so no one is overworked and everything is fair.

However, living with a roommate on campus is a little different.

“When you live in the dorms there are few problems you should worry about. There’s no rent, utilities, internet bill and you almost never have to clean anything up. So, as long as you can learn to share the same room with someone you should have a great experience,” said sophomore medical laboratory science major Austin Venard.

Venard and his roommates have meal plans and don’t split grocery costs, the university employees clean the bathrooms and there is not a kitchen on their floor — so cleaning is minimal, but he said they still take care of their messes and belongings.

“College is so different from high school and you need to remember that your roommates are not your parents and they are not responsible for you. So, you need to learn to take care of yourself,” Venard said.

Communication and responsibility are key when living with roommates, no matter where it is, and if everyone works together and does their part it can be a fun experience.

“Everyone has to learn to get along with contrasting personalities and the best way to start is by living with other people,” Flanery said.

Three ways to solve roommate problems

DANIELLE SONS
Reporter

Nobody wants to have a troublesome roommate, but if it comes to a point when confrontation is necessary, there are a few things roommates can do to mitigate the issues:

Create a contract
Roommate agreements are always a must here at South Dakota State University, but sometimes it is nice to create a personalized one tailored to you and your roommate.

Establishing a guideline to follow can be a great way to hold you and your roommate accountable.

Sit down and have a conversation together
Communication is key to any and all successful relationships, and talking things out can reveal common misunderstandings that can save both of you a lot of grief down the road.

Presenting an idea to a solution the roommate might not even be aware of is a good way to fix the problem without embarrassing them.

Trust your intuition
Try to notice how your roommate acts around you, and trust your gut about them and how you both might work together in the future. If they are rude or constantly make you feel negative or unwelcome, trust those feelings.

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Quiz: where to live when choosing to go off campus

1. How many roommates are you most comfortable living with?
   A. 1-2
   B. 3-4
   C. 5+

2. How easily are you annoyed by loud neighbors?
   A. Not easily
   B. Only slightly
   C. Very easily

3. Do you have time to do yard work if necessary?
   A. No
   B. I suppose
   C. Yes

4. Do you plan to host guests often?
   A. Never
   B. Maybe a few times
   C. As much as possible

5. Do you have a pet that needs a lot of space and has a lot of energy?
   A. No
   B. Sort of
   C. Yes

6. Would you rather clean a large amount or a little amount of space?
   A. As little as possible
   B. Not a whole lot
   C. I’m fine with a lot of cleaning

7. Would you rather live closer to people or have more distance?
   A. The closer the better
   B. I need a bit of space
   C. As far away as possible

RESULTS
Mostly A’s: You should live in an apartment!
Mostly B’s: You should live in a townhome!
Mostly C’s: You should live in a house!

Collegian graphic by SUHYEON HAN
The five townhomes are on the southern edge of the lot. Each of them will have three, four-bedroom units. Each townhome will house 12 students, and each unit will have its own entrance.

“The townhouses are a little more private. There’s no shared corridor between units,” Wermedal said.

The rooms will also be slightly larger than in other on-campus options. Wermedal said the university plans to place double beds in townhomes rather than extra-long twins.

The furnishings and amenities offered in the townhomes will be similar to those in the apartments. Both the apartments and the townhomes are reserved for juniors, seniors and graduate students only.

The apartment complexes are listed for as low as $545 per month for a four-bedroom apartment and up to $875 per month for a one-bedroom. The townhomes are listed for $755 per month.

The university set housing costs accordingly considering the benefits of this apartment and in respect to other options in the Brookings area.

A full-service Starbucks is the third major aspect to the project.

The addition of the popular coffee shop contributed to the decision to close Union Coffee, which served Starbucks products. The shop will be attached to the apartment complex and the hours will be more similar to Starbucks stores in Sioux Falls and Watertown rather than the kiosk in Hy-Vee.

Wermedal said the area will also act as a lounge to students over the hours Starbucks is closed.

In total, the project itself acts as more than just another addition to campus. Wermedal said the intention is to give students the “full-fledged” apartment experience along with the sense of convenience.

“The ability to pop out of bed at 7:58 a.m. and make that 8 o’clock class is an enormous blessing in a student’s career,” Wermedal joked.

Wermedal did offer one piece of advice: speak up now if you’re interested.

“About 180 or so folks who have raised their hand and said ‘I’d consider living there,’” Wermedal said, “but there’s still going to be a chance to get in there.”

The Southeast University Neighborhood project is scheduled to open in time for the fall 2019 semester.

Students who may be interested can request a no-obligation informational meeting by contacting Residential Life.

Anyone with questions or who is searching for information should contact Sarah Bisson at 605-688-5148 or go on the housing tab of the SDState website.
EDITORIAL

Issue: South Dakota does not recognize hate crimes.

There was a blatant attack against the LGBTQ+ community in Brookings last week. Last week, a student was allegedly physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation. After being asked whether or not the student was gay, an affirmative answer prompted the assailant to punch them in the face.

In South Dakota, the attack will be deemed an assault, not a hate crime.

A hate crime is defined as a crime motivated by racial, sexual or other prejudice, typically one involving violence. There was violence, prompted by sexual prejudice. It was a hate crime.

However, in South Dakota, a hate crime is only recognized as such if it’s an act committed against a person because of their race, ethnicity, religion, ancestry or national origin — but not if it was an attack stemming from aggression toward a person because of their sexuality.

We, at The Collegian, stand with the LGBTQ+ community and any other marginalized group that doesn’t feel safe at SDSU. We would like to be very clear about our commitment to telling the stories, giving a voice to the voiceless and reporting the truth about hateful acts committed against them.

We will call the attack what it was — a hate crime. Even if the state of South Dakota refuses to acknowledge it as such.

South Dakota is deeply rooted in Republican ideologies, evident in the state’s Nov. 6 poll numbers. It’s the same Republican leaders the state elects to the legislature who, in February, attempted to pass Senate Bill 160 — which would prohibit teachers and administrators from talking about gender identity or expression to students before seventh grade.

The bill did not pass, but legislators made it clear that LGBTQ+ issues are not valued by members of South Dakota’s government.

Though South Dakota has a long way to go, Brookings shows signs of progression, evident in its 100 rating in the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index, the highest score possible.

We will continue to hold Brookings and SDSU accountable for being a safe place for all marginalized communities — and we encourage others to be uplifting and do the same.

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

S.D. registered voters have no excuse to not vote in elections

I voted.

I didn’t just vote, I voted early. And because of the amount of time South Dakota allocates for early voting, there truly is no excuse not to vote.

South Dakota offers three different ways to vote. You can vote in person at your precinct on election day, you can vote early at your registered courthouse or you can absentee vote by mail.

These voting techniques are not unique to South Dakota. 34 states plus the District of Columbia offer early voting, and every state allows some form of mail voting.

But, South Dakota offers a spin on an otherwise normal option.

South Dakota registered voters can vote as early as 45 days before the general election. This period is the second-earliest permission in the nation — Minnesota allows early voting as many as 46 days before.

To put this into perspective, Kansas law only requires early voting be available for as few as seven days before an election.

South Dakota voters also have an advantage known as no-excuse absentee voting. This allows voters to submit an absentee ballot via mail without providing an explanation for their inability to make the polls on election day. Twenty states require a valid excuse before a voter can use an absentee ballot.

Early and absentee voting is a concept more and more Americans are picking up on. Politico reported earlier this week that a staggering 36 million Americans took advantage of early voting opportunities this year. That’s a 32 percent increase from last year’s 27.2 million.

In the 2014 midterm elections, Texas, Nevada and Arizona had more registered voters submit a ballot early or through mail than actually show up to the polls.

In a political cycle in which tensions are higher than any election cycle I’ve ever learned about, voter turnout is a major key in the result of the election.

With South Dakota being one of the more lenient states in regards to voting options, I hope that you, too, were able to vote this election.

There’s no room for excuses anymore, South Dakota.
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We must work harder to make others to feel safe.

I have a really bad habit of leaving my car unlocked. Why would I worry about anything when I live in Brookings, South Dakota? This is a safe place.

The past week changed my mind. While I feel safe, this opinion isn’t shared by anyone. Brooking’s definitely has safety issues that stem from attitudes of others.

Over the weekend, a student was physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation. The student was punched in the face.

No one should be less than disgusted and heartbroken by this news. However, this isn’t new for South Dakota State.

In 2016, a student who identifies as bisexual was targeted with derogatory messages written on their whiteboard outside their room in a resident hall. They said, “It worries me that people think this way, but I don’t feel unsafe.”

Thankfully, that student didn’t let that experience affect their experience at SDSU. However, I had a striking conversation with executive members of the Gender-Sexuality Alliance last week. They don’t see Brookings or SDSU as a safe place.

“I just want to graduate with receiving only one death threat,” GSA Secretary Cory Wren Murphy said.

Kas Williams, interim director of the office of diversity, inclusion, equity and access made a similar comment while speaking to my class. She addressed the Wokini Initiative and how the program is valuing Native American students.

Williams said the approach has been different for recruitment because SDSU has to prove to Native American students it’s a safe place.

“When you’re recruiting someone who is under-represented, you’re not recruiting an individual, but a family,” she said.

SDSU is full of good people that care. Don’t be lazy. See other’s when struggling and lift them up. If we care about our campus community we need to continually ask how to make others feel comfortable and respect their dignity.

Please, be kind. And try your hardest each day to see and listen to others.

Best,

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The goal for the South Dakota State men’s basketball team’s 2018-19 season is simple: win a game in the NCAA Tournament.

The Jacks come into the season with three seniors, a junior and a sophomore. The rest of the players on the team are either redshirt freshmen or true freshmen.

Head coach T.J. Otzelberger said the team has worked on meshing together the veterans and young guys.

“The [veterans] have taken those [freshmen] under their wing. They’ve demonstrated a lot of leadership, a lot of character,” Otzelberger said. “They’ve been active and stepping in drills and teaching. So I think it’s been a really good dynamic for our team.”

One of the four seniors is forward Mike Daum, who has won Summit League Player of the Year the past two seasons. He was also selected as the 2018-19 Summit League Player of the Year.

Daum, who averaged 23.9 points and 10.3 rebounds per game last season, said he tried to improve his health in the offseason.

“A lot of it was working on my body. I know I did a lot of that last year too, but this year more than anything I just really wanted to focus on getting my weight to where it should be and getting myself in a position to go through another long season,” Daum said.

The other two seniors include shooting guard Tevin King and forward Skyler Flattten.

Brandon Key, who would be a senior will redshirt this season due to a personal matter, according to Otzelberger.

He was granted a sixth year of eligibility. Flattten has struggled with injuries throughout his career, but said he’s playing some of the best basketball of his life right now.

“I feel confident and my teammates keep telling me to be aggressive,” Flattten said. “We all help each other and build each other up. It feels good to be playing some of the best basketball of my career at the beginning of the season and I’m ready to show everyone what I can do.”

The lone sophomore on the team is the 2017-18 Summit League Freshman of the Year, David Jenkins Jr. He averaged 16.1 points per game and broke the SDSU freshman scoring record with 535 points last season.

Jenkins said he is trying to avoid a sophomore slump.

“I talk about that all the time with my coaches. It goes back to all the shots I shoot in the offseason. I believe in my work. If I’m getting the shots in, everything will take care of itself,” Jenkins said.

Out of the newcomers, Daum said freshman point guard Owen King has given a notable performance.

“He’s stood out so far with his ability to see the floor like nobody else can. He pushes it on offense,” Daum said.

SDSU has some notable games during the nonconference portion of its schedule. They play Tulane in the first round of the Gulf Coast Showcase Nov. 19 and Northern Iowa Dec. 1 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

The Jacks also travel to Memphis Dec. 4 and will face Nevada, who is ranked No. 7 in the Associated Press preseason top 25, on Dec. 15 in Reno, Nevada.

Otzelberger said he wants to see his team compete at a high level throughout the nonconference part of their schedule.

“We’re going to play some really good teams and we’re not going to go undefeated,” he said. “I want them to learn and grow and get better.”
Michael Orris might be known for one shot in South Dakota State men’s basketball history. It might be one of the most important shots in the school’s recent memory.

Orris drained a jumper at the buzzer against South Dakota in the 2016 Summit League semi-finals that sent the Jacks to the finals, where they eventually downed the Omaha Mavericks 79-77.

Now, Orris, who briefly played professionally in Iceland after graduation and worked as a waiter, has found a new gig. He signed with the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, and they were in town to face the Sioux Falls Skyforce at the Sanford Pentagon, where we caught up with the former Jacks guard.

Q: Was the shot against South Dakota in the Summit League Tournament the biggest moment in your career at South Dakota State?
A: “Oh, for sure. I mean, that shot I will never forget, right? It’s one of those things you dream as a kid, you count down in your driveway ‘5, 4, 3, 2, 1…’ You’re in the NCAA Tournament or a big game, and we were in the semifinals, as basketball players we dream of that moment so that’s by far the biggest shot, moment in my career.”

Q: How was your first season in the G League?
A: “First year, man, there were a lot of ups and downs, a lot of learning, the NBA style of play is just so much different than college. Learning different concepts, defensively, offensively, there are way different rules … It was a good learning process for me, I think it could have gone a lot better personally for me. I just let myself kind of learn and have that rookie year, that rookie breakout, but it was good. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

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