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1999 Volleyball Schedule

AUGUST
27 vs. South Carolina-Aiken ......................................................... Nooon
27 vs. Francis Marion ................................................................. 4 p.m.
28 vs. Augusta State ................................................................. 8 a.m.
28 vs. Lenoir-Rhyne .............................................................. 2 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
3-4 SDSU Burger King Classic, Frost Arena
3 vs. Dickinson State ................................................................. 11 a.m.
3 vs. Minnesota-Morris ............................................................. 5 p.m.
4 vs. Colorado School of Mines ............................................... Nooon
4 vs. Northern State ............................................................... 6 p.m.
10-11 at North Central Region Crossover Tournament, Marshall, Minn.
10 vs. Bemidji State ................................................................. 5:30 p.m.
11 vs. Moorhead State ............................................................ Nooon
11 vs. Winona State ................................................................. 6 p.m.
14 Southwest State ................................................................. 7 p.m.
17 ‘Morningside ................................................................. 7 p.m.
18 ‘South Dakota ................................................................. 7 p.m.
24 ‘at St. Cloud State ............................................................... 7 p.m.
25 ‘at Minnesota State, Mankato .............................................. 7 p.m.
28 ‘at North Dakota ................................................................. 7 p.m.

OCTOBER
5 ‘Augustana ................................................................. 7 p.m.
8 ‘Nebraska-Omaha ................................................................. 7 p.m.
9 ‘Northern Colorado ............................................................. 7 p.m.
15 ‘North Dakota ................................................................. 7 p.m.
16 ‘North Dakota State .......................................................... 7 p.m.
19 Wayne State (Neb.) ............................................................ 7 p.m.
22 ‘at South Dakota ................................................................. 7 p.m.
23 ‘at Morningside ................................................................. 7 p.m.
29 ‘Minnnesota State, Mankato .............................................. 7 p.m.
30 ‘St. Cloud State ................................................................. 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER
2 ‘at North Dakota State .......................................................... 7 p.m.
9 ‘at Augustana ................................................................. 7 p.m.
12 ‘at Northern Colorado ......................................................... 7 p.m. MT
13 ‘at Nebraska-Omaha ............................................................ 7 p.m.
19-20 North Central Regional ................................................... TBA

* Indicates North Central Conference Matches
PEGGY GORDON ELLIOTT ............................................................... PRESIDENT

Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott became South Dakota State University’s 18th president on January 1, 1998, following the retirement of Robert T. Wagner. Before becoming president of SDSU, Elliott was a senior fellow and acting vice president for Academic and International Programs at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. She has extensive higher education leadership experience at The University of Akron, where she served as president from 1992 to 1996, and Indiana University Northwest, where she was chancellor from 1983 to 1992. Elliott earned her doctorate in secondary education from Indiana University, her master’s degree in English and secondary education from Northwestern University, and her bachelor’s degree from Transylvania University. She taught high school in Gary, Indiana, and moved into various teaching and administrative positions in the Indiana University system. She amassed a broad range of national experience and made extensive contacts in the Washington community. Elliott currently serves on the corporate boards of Lubrizol Corporation and A. Shulman Incorporated.

FRED OIEN ................................................................. DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS/HEAD OF HPER

Dr. Fred Oien became the 11th director of athletics at South Dakota State University on July 1, 1990. Oien earned his bachelor’s degree at SDSU in 1972 and has been on the SDSU staff since 1979, serving as athletic business/ticket manager from 1981 until his appointment as director of athletics. Oien is a 1968 graduate of Baltic (S.D.) High School. He added a master’s degree at SDSU in 1975, then completed his doctorate (Ed.D) at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1979. Oien taught physical education and health at the Brookings Middle School from 1973-76, during which time he was varsity golf coach for both boys and girls, and middle school basketball and football coach. His golf teams won state championships for both boys and girls. Oien also was women’s golf coach at SDSU, guiding the 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.

MYLO HELlickson ................................................................. FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Hellickson has been South Dakota State University’s faculty representative to the North Central Conference and NCAA since 1977, and as such also is chairman of the Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Committee on campus. Hellickson returned to the classroom this past spring as a professor in agricultural engineering after serving several years as director of agriculture extension at SDSU. He has been on the SDSU staff since 1969, serving as a professor in agricultural engineering until he was appointed as head of that department during the summer of 1982. Dr. Hellickson’s specialty has been in the area of livestock structures and environment with recent emphasis on solar energy use in agriculture. A native of Belfield, N.D., he earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering from North Dakota State University in 1964, added a master’s degree in ag 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 OLSON ............................................................. ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER

Bernadette begins her seventh year as assistant athletic trainer at South Dakota State. Olson 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, Olson also is a clinical instructor.
1999 Roster

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* indicates number of letters earned

1999 Team Information

School — South Dakota State University
Location — Brookings, SD
Enrollment — 8,635
President — Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott
Athletic Director — Fred M. Oien
Colors — Yellow and Blue
Nickname — Jackrabbits
Affiliation — NCAA Division II

Arena — Frost Arena, which opened in February 1973, is named after former SDSU coach and educator R.B. "Jack" Frost. Frost Arena is located in the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center and has a seating capacity of 9,000.

Conference — North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, more commonly known as the North Central Conference or the NCC. SDSU is a charter member of the league, founded in 1921. League members have played a double round-robin schedule in volleyball since 1994.

1998 Overall Record — Won 23, Lost 9; Won 13, Lost 5 in NCC
1998 Home Record — Won 13, Lost 2
1998 Road Record — Won 8, Lost 3
1998 Neutral Court Record — Won 2, Lost 4

1998 North Central Conference Standings

Team (Overall Record) | W-L
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North Dakota State (33-4) | 16-2
Augustana (26-8) | 15-3
South Dakota State (23-9) | 13-5
Nebraska-Omaha (21-11) | 11-7
Northern Colorado (19-13) | 11-7
St. Cloud State (16-13) | 9-9
Minnesota State, Mankato (16-13) | 9-9
North Dakota (7-21) | 4-14
Morningside (8-23) | 2-16
South Dakota (0-30) | 0-18

Head Coach — Mary Byrne (Nebraska, 1985); seventh season.
Career Record: 124 wins, 75 losses (.623 winning percentage)
Office Phone: (605) 688-5819; Home Phone: (605) 692-7179

Assistant Coach — John Skatrud, first season
Office Phone: (605) 688-5737; Home Phone: (605) 691-3024

Letterwinners Lost — 4
Liz Force, 6-0, Sr., middle hitter, Bellevue, Neb., honorable mention all-NCC selection, team leader in block assists (103);
Connie Pedersen, 5-9, Sr., outside hitter, Pipestone, Minn., third on team in service aces (38) and block assists (69);
Sarah Worklan, 5-8, Sr., defensive specialist, Lake Villa, Ill., sixth on team in digs (174);
Rose Ebnet, 5-10, Jr., outside hitter, Pequot Lakes, Minn., all-NCC selection, team leader in kills (475), second in NCC with 4.04 kills per game;
Daynica Drake, 5-9, So., setter, Tyler, Minn., second on team with 122 set assists in back-up role;
Shauna Sturm, 5-11, So., middle hitter, Springfield, Minn., fifth on team with 174 kills.

Incoming Freshmen — 5
Kelly Hoemann, 6-1, outside hitter, Waco, Neb.;
Aleasha Jacobson, 6-0, middle hitter, Elk River, Minn.;
Wendy O’Neill, 5-10, outside hitter, Tuthill, S.D.;
Angie Rime, 5-10, setter, Columbia Heights, Minn.; and
Alison Schuster, 5-11, outside hitter, Minnesota Lake, Minn.

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The South Dakota State University volleyball team has enjoyed its most successful seasons the last two years and head coach Mary Byrne believes the Jackrabbits have the ability to make another run for a postseason berth.

“Some people may view that as pressure, but I look at improving on our performance from last season as an exciting challenge,” said Byrne, who led the Jackrabbits to a 23-9 record in 1998.

If the Jackrabbits are to contend for a conference title and qualify for a third straight North Central Regional appearance they will have to do it with a squad that features just four players with two or more years of collegiate playing experience.

“I think the chemistry is real good, the talent is very high and I think we have a balanced group of upperclassmen who will be leaders for us along with talented younger players,” said Byrne, who begins her seventh season as Jackrabbit head coach. “They really work hard as a team and I think that team concept has helped us get to the top.”

Leading the way is a trio of seniors — Liz Force, Connie Pedersen and Sarah Worklan — and junior Rose Ebnet.

Force, an honorable mention all-North Central Conference selection a year ago, is one of the top returning middle hitters in the league. She also will be expected to pick up some of the offensive workload left upon the graduation of All-American Roxie Rath.

Rath, along with utility player Krista Zaczkowski and two-time all-conference setter Julie Nihart, combined to win 87 matches in their career at SDSU.

“I look at it as those three players were great role models and inspirations for the returning players of what can be accomplished in your collegiate careers,” Byrne said. “They will definitely be big shoes to fill.”

Sophomore Shauna Sturm will be counted on to fill one of those shoes by playing at both the middle and outside hitting positions.

“She is a very versatile player and has the ability to help us at both positions,” Byrne said of Sturm.

Pedersen and Ebnet return to their starting outside hitting roles after strong seasons in 1998.

Ebnet, an all-conference selection last year, led the team in kills and digs last season, and finished second in the conference with more than four kills per game. Pedersen was second on the team in digs and fourth in kills.

Worklan, a back-row and serving specialist, should see more ball-handling duties this season. Daynica Drake, a sophomore, also will see action in a backup role.

One of the key questions facing the Jackrabbits in fall camp is who will get the ball to the likes of Force, Sturm, Ebnet and Pedersen. Sophomore Grethe Bornhoft and freshman Angie Rime will compete for the starting setter position. Bornhoft started two matches last season when Nihart was injured and led the Jackrabbits to two victories, while Rime led her Columbia Heights High School team to four consecutive Minnesota Class AA state tournament berths.

Rime is just one of a talented group of five newcomers to this year’s Jackrabbit squad. Middle hitter Aleasha Jacobson and outside hitters Alison Schuster and Kelly Hoemann — who each earned all-state honors — are expected to provide added depth immediately, while outside hitter Wendy O’Neill is slated to redshirt this season — a luxury Byrne hasn’t had in her tenure at SDSU.

“It will definitely help as far as our transition and helping her adjust to the collegiate game,” Byrne said.

The incoming freshmen aren’t the only new faces associated with the Jackrabbit volleyball program this year. John Skatrud, formerly the head coach at North Dakota State College of Science, begins his first season as the assistant coach and Anna (Townsend) Tool joins the coaching staff as a graduate assistant.

As far as the league race, Byrne believes five to six teams have a shot at the title.

“I just don’t think there’s a clear-cut favorite,” Byrne said. “It’s the team that’s going to play consistent and have the depth to go through the NCC.”

The Jackrabbits open their season with four matches at the Augusta State-Fairfield INNvitational Aug. 27-28 in Augusta, Ga.
**Head Coach Mary Byrne**

Mary Byrne has built the South Dakota State University volleyball program into a consistent winner and one that figures to be in the hunt for conference titles and playoff berths for years to come.

Byrne enters her seventh season at the Jackrabbit helm in second place on the SDSU career wins list with a 124-75 record. Her .623 career winning percentage also is second on the SDSU career coaching charts.

In 1997, Byrne guided the Jackrabbits to the first postseason berth in SDSU volleyball history, placing second to the University of Nebraska-Omaha at the North Central Region tournament. The team’s 26 victories were the most for an SDSU team since the 1990 team recorded 28. The Jackrabbits also reeled off 13 consecutive victories during the season, including an impressive streak of 11 straight three-game sweeps.

She was honored that season as North Central Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

The Jackrabbits made a return trip to the North Central Region tournament last season and finished the year with a 23-9 record, including a third-place finish in the North Central Conference with a 13-5 mark. SDSU held a Top 20 ranking in every AVCA poll during the 1998 season.

Two players Byrne recruited — Arika Sanders and Roxie Rath — have earned All-America honors the last two seasons.

Prior to coming to SDSU, Byrne, a Marshall, Minn., native, was an assistant coach at Southwest State University from 1987-90 and head coach at Marshall High School for two seasons. She coached the Tigers to a 26-4 record and a second-place state tournament finish in 1992, while earning Region 2AA and Class AA High School Coach of the Year honors.

Byrne is a 1985 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in recreation. As a setter for the Cornhuskers, she earned all-Big Eight honors three times (1982-84) and was an AAU Junior Olympic All-American in 1983.

She and her husband, Ken, have three children: Stephen, Zachary and Ashton.

**Assistant Coach John Skatrud**

John Skutrud begins his first season as the Jackrabbit assistant volleyball coach after a successful season as head coach at North Dakota State College of Science.

A native of Casper, Wyo., Skatrud led NDSCS to a 25-19 record and a berth in the state junior college championship in his only season there. He also served as chair of the school’s Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

Skatrud is no stranger to South Dakota or the North Central Conference. He began his collegiate coaching career as a student assistant at Augustana College in 1991. Following graduation from Augustana in 1993 with a bachelor of arts degree in HPER, he continued to work in an assistant’s role through the 1995 season, when he also coached volleyball at Canton High School.

In addition, Skatrud coached the Sioux Empire Volleyball Club team for two years. Skatrud joined the volleyball staff at the University of South Dakota in 1996, a role he shared with his teaching and volleyball coaching duties at Vermillion High School.

Skatrud’s final season of coaching at the high school level was his most successful as he led Vermillion High School to the 1998 state championship with a 34-2 record. He was chosen as the Regional Coach of the Year and South Dakota Volleyball Coach of the Year. His overall high school record was 95-33.
Anna Tool
Graduate Assistant
Anna is in her first season as a graduate assistant for the Jackrabbit volleyball program. A 1999 graduate of the University of Minnesota-Morris, Anna (Townsend) was a two-sport standout, earning first-team all-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference honors in both volleyball and basketball. Anna received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and is pursuing her master’s in HPER.

Julie NIHART
Student Assistant
Julie, the all-time assists leader at SDSU, will work with the setters this season as a student assistant coach. Julie ended her career last season with 4,644 assists, and also holds the single-season assists record (1,550 in 1996). She is the only SDSU volleyball player to be chosen to two all-North Central Conference teams, earning the honors in 1997 and 1998. Julie plans to complete her degree in early childhood education this year.

Roxie Rath
Student Assistant
Roxie joins the Jackrabbit coaching staff following a standout career in which she became the most decorated volleyball player in SDSU history. Rath, a native of Doniphan, Neb., became the first Jackrabbit to earn first-team All-America distinction from the American Volleyball Coaches Association, as well as AVCA national player of the week and North Central Conference Most Valuable Player honors. Roxie plans to complete her degree in consumer affairs this spring.

Carol Van Hoepen
Equipment Manager
Carol is in her ninth year in charge of the equipment not only for volleyball, but for all women’s athletic teams at SDSU. The Volga native began working at SDSU on the maintenance staff on Jan. 28, 1973 — the day the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center opened. Last fall, she was honored as an SDSU Career Service Employee of the Month. She has two children: Allen and Terry.

Shelly Gullickson, Mary Beth Zwart and Theresa Bosse — Student Trainers
Shelly is in her second season as a student athletic trainer, having worked previously with the Jackrabbit football team. A senior from Flandreau, Shelly is an athletic training major. Mary Beth is in her first year as a graduate assistant with the SDSU athletic training staff as she pursues a master’s degree in athletic administration. A Colman native, she is a 1999 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Theresa is in her second season as a student athletic trainer, previously working with the women’s basketball team. A native of Britton, she is a senior athletic training major.

Preseason Polls

North Central Conference Volleyball Coaches Poll

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14 Liz Force
6-0, Senior, Middle Hitter
Bellevue, Nebraska

Liz earned honorable mention all-North Central Conference honors last year ... after missing parts of her first two seasons with injuries, Liz was the only Jackrabbit to play in every game last season ... reached double figures in kills 14 times last season, including a career-high 19 kills at North Dakota (10/24) ... another top performance was an 11-kill, 10-block effort in a three-game sweep of Minnesota-Duluth (9/12) ... enters the season fifth on the SDSU career block assists chart ... earned second-team all-Metro and honorable mention all-state honors from the Omaha World Herald her senior year of high school.

Coach Byrne’s Comments: “I look for Liz to be a real leader on the court and to be a dominant and complete player for us. We need to have her continue to build on her performance last year.” ... “Liz is one of the strongest players on the team and we definitely need to use that to our advantage by getting her the ball more.”

Personal: Majoring in health, physical education and recreation ... born August 24, 1978, in Charleston, South Carolina ... 1996 graduate of Bellevue East High School, where she also lettered in swimming and track ... enjoys all sports and spending time with family and friends ... parents are Jim and Judy Force

Career Statistics

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Kills: 19, vs. North Dakota, 10-24-98
Solo Blocks: 5, vs. Mankato State, 9-20-96
Block Assists: 10, vs. Minn.-Duluth, 9-12-98
Digs: 11, vs. San Francisco State, 8-30-97

5 Connie Pedersen
5-9, Senior, Outside Hitter
Pipestone, Minnesota

Connie started every match last season and will again be counted on to contribute from the right side ... set new single-match highs in nearly every offensive and defensive category last season ... a left-hander, she reached double figures in kills seven times last season, including a career-high 14 in win over Northern Colorado on Sept. 18 ... also had double-doubles in kills and digs in matches against Seattle Pacific (9/3) and Northern State (9/11) ... a strong server and defender, Connie was second on the team in digs last season with 334 and was third in service aces (38) and block assists (69) ... earned honorable mention academic all-conference honors last season.

Coach Byrne’s Comments: “Connie is definitely one of the hardest working players I’ve ever coached. She is just a phenomenal person when it comes to hard work, dedication and being committed to becoming the best volleyball player she can.” ... “We also look for her to provide a lot of leadership on the court. I think Connie is someone who gives our team a lot of stability.”

Personal: Majoring in psychology and health promotion ... birthdate is July 14, 1978 ... is a member of the Dean’s List and Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, at SDSU ... enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends ... parents are Juel and Sheila Pedersen

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Career Highs

Kills: 14, vs. Northern Colorado, 9-18-98
Solo Blocks: 3, vs. Augustana, 11-11-98
Block Assists: 7, vs. Morningside, 10-31-98
Service Aces: 5, vs. NW Missouri, 9-27-96
Sarah Worklan
5-8, Senior, Defensive Specialist
Lake Villa, Illinois

Sarah has given the Jackrabbit lineup a boost in the back row as a serving and defensive specialist during her three years at South Dakota State ... recorded double figures in digs four times last season, including 13 digs against North Dakota State (9/29), tying a career high ... had five matches with two or more service aces last year ... was sixth on the team in digs and service aces last season ... as a freshman, finished fourth on the team with 35 service aces ... earned all-conference, all region, all-area and honorable mention all-state honors at Carmel High School in Mundelein, Ill.

Coach Byrne’s Comments: “Sarah is an extremely competitive player who plays with a lot of intensity and emotion. We will need Sarah to lead by her physical play and communication on the court.” ... “She’s an exciting player to watch because of her enthusiasm for the game.”

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Career Highs

Service Aces: 4, vs. NW Missouri, 9-27-96
Digs: 13, vs. North Dakota State, 9-29-98; and vs. Northern Colorado, 11-2-96
Kills: 1, three times

Rose Ebnet
5-10, Junior, Outside Hitter
Pequot Lakes, Minnesota

Rose was named to the all-North Central Conference team last season after leading the team in kills with 492 and also earned honorable mention all-academic honors ... finished second in the conference with an average of 4.04 kills per game ... is on pace to become only the sixth player in Jackrabbit history to compile 1,000 career kills, and would become only the second SDSU player to reach the mark before her senior year if she reaches the milestone this season ... also a strong defender, she led the team with 382 digs last season ... recorded 19 double-doubles in kills and digs last season, including a string of double-doubles in six consecutive matches ... top performances last season included a 21-kill, 31-dig performance against Southwest State (9/8) and a 25-kill, 22-dig match against Northern State (9/11) ... tallied double figures in kills in 26 of 32 matches and enters the season with a string of eight consecutive matches with 10 or more kills ... named to the all-tournament team at the North Central Regional after posting a 17-kill, 15-dig performance against Augustana

Coach Byrne’s Comments: “Rose is very competitive and has high expectations of herself and the team this season. She has two years of valuable experience that we are going to rely on this season.” ... “She has worked really hard to become an impact player for our team. She has worked in the offseason to improve her back row play, ball handling and defense.”

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Career Highs

Kills: 27, vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 9-19-98
Digs: 31, vs. Southwest State, 9-8-98
Block Assists: 6, vs. Wayne State, 10-7-97; and vs. Northern Colorado, 9-26-97
GRETHE BORNHOFT
5-7, Sophomore, Setter
Tyler, Minnesota

Grethe (pronounced Greta) saw limited action as the backup setter last season, playing in 13 matches ... started two matches after Julie Nihart was injured, and notched 49 and 46 set assists, respectively, in wins over Morningside (10/31) and North Dakota (11/3) ... added double figures in digs (11 and 10, respectively) in each of those victories ... also saw action as a back-row reserve later in the season ... was second on the team with 122 set assists ... she and Jackrabbit teammate Daynica Drake also were high school teammates at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton High School ... earned all-state honors in volleyball and basketball ... three-time all-conference selection in both sports and was Marshall Independent basketball player of the year in 1998 ... set 11 school records in volleyball

COACH BYRNE’S COMMENTS: “Grethe is coming off a solid spring season and we look for her to compete for the starting setter position. She had some playing time last fall that will definitely be an advantage for her coming into this year.” ... “She works extremely hard on her game and is a very unselfish player who we will be able to use in a number of roles this year.” ... “Grethe is a real competitive player with a solid work ethic who will continue to improve her game and contribute more to our program.”

PERSONAL: Majoring in nursing ... birthdate is April 18, 1980 ... enjoys animals, as well as playing piano and singing ... works in a nursing home during the summer ... parents are John and Margie Bornhoft

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CAREER HIGHS

SET ASSISTS: 49, vs. Morningside, 10-31-98
KILLS: 2, vs. North Dakota, 11-3-98
DIGS: 11, vs. Morningside, 10-31-98
SERVICE ACES: 2, vs. North Dakota, 11-3-98

Not only have South Dakota State University volleyball teams found success on the court in recent years, Jackrabbit athletes also have excelled in the classroom.

In the 1998-99 school year, South Dakota State was one of only 10 NCAA Division II to earn the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award with a 3.42 cumulative team grade-point average. It marked the second consecutive year the Jackrabbits received the honor.

“It’s a great honor and I think the team holds that honor in high regard,” Jackrabbit head coach Mary Byrne said. “I know it’s important to (the team) because they’re always asking me about it at the end of the year.

“It’s very important for me, as a coach, to have them excel in the classroom and that carries over to the court. It’s really an important part of our program and our philosophy.”

The award is presented to teams that displayed excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.3 cumulative team grade-point average during the 1998-99 school year.

South Dakota State was one of six teams to be a repeat selection, improving from a 3.34 cumulative team grade-point average in the 1997-98 school year to the 3.42 mark this past year. The Jackrabbits were also one of only three teams to earn the team academic award and qualify for NCAA postseason play.

In addition, three Jackrabbits — Rose Ebnet, Connie Pedersen and Krista Zaczkowski — were named to the honorable mention academic all-conference team last season.

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* Repeat selection + Regional qualifier
Daynica Drake
5-9, Sophomore, Outside Hitter
Tyler, Minnesota

Daynica will be counted on to play a variety of roles this season after getting a taste of collegiate volleyball last season... possesses good jumping and overall athletic ability ... missed most of spring ball because of illness, but has worked back to full strength ... played in 21 matches last season ... recorded 12 digs against Central Missouri in first collegiate match (8/28) ... another top performance was a seven-dig outing in five-game victory at Southwest State (9/8) ... earned all-conference and all-area honors twice and was an honorable mention all-state pick at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton High School ... was a high school teammate of fellow Jackrabbit sophomore Grethe Bornhoft ... also played for the Southwest Minnesota Juniors club volleyball team

COACH BYRNE’S COMMENTS: “We will use Daynica as a defensive specialist a majority of the time, but she will also add depth at the outside hitter position.” ... “Daynica’s strength, and where I think she’ll contribute for us this year, is in her serving and ball control.”

PERSONAL: Majoring in health promotion ... born September 7, 1979, in Marshall, Minn. ... parents are Clair and Deanna Drake

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KILLS: 3, vs. Western New Mexico, 8-28-98
DIGS: 12, vs. Central Missouri, 8-28-98
SET ASSISTS: 2, vs. Minn.-Morris, 11-14-98
SERVICE ACES: 1, five times in 1998

Shauna Sturm
5-11, Sophomore, Middle Hitter
Springfield, Minnesota

Shauna made the transition from outside hitter to her more natural position in the middle during spring ball ... worked her way into the regular rotation midway through last season and led the team in kills three times ... reached double figures in kills eight times, including all six matches in October ... top performance was a 21-kill, nine-dig, three-block outing in five-game victory at Northern Colorado (10/17) ... also recorded 16 kills in a match on three separate occasions: at Augustana (10/6), at Nebraska-Omaha (10/16) and at North Dakota State (10/23) ... all-state performer in volleyball (twice), basketball and softball at Springfield High School ... was an all-conference selection in all three sports four times ... earned Player of the Year honors in volleyball and basketball from KNUJ Radio in New Ulm, Minn. ...

COACH BYRNE’S COMMENTS: “Shauna is an extremely athletic player for us, which makes her versatile. I look for her to contribute more for us as an all-around player.” ... “She has not yet reached her potential and it’s going to be exciting to watch her improve with every match.” ... “Shauna is very smooth on the court with her movement and has worked hard to become a solid player for us.”

PERSONAL: Majoring in economics ... member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at SDSU and National Honor Society in high school ... birthdate is October 15, 1979 ... hobbies include fishing ... parents are Robert and Sharon Sturm

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KILLS: 21, vs. Northern Colorado, 10-17-98
SOLO BLOCKS: 2, three times in 1998
BLOCK ASSISTS: 3, vs. Morningside, 9-25-98
DIGS: 9, vs. Northern Colorado, 10-17-98
Kelly Hoemann
6-1, Freshman, Outside Hitter
Waco, Nebraska

Kelly, a left-hander, is expected to contribute from the right side this season after playing as a middle hitter in high school... is the tallest player on the team... earned first-team all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal-Star and second-team honors from the Omaha World Herald... two-time all-area selection by the York News-Times and three-time all-conference selection in volleyball and basketball... Class C-1 all-state tournament selection as her Centennial High School team finished second... was selected to play in the Southeast Nebraska Volleyball All-Star match over the summer.

Coach Byrne's Comments: "Kelly's blocking is the strength of her game and so we look to utilize that this first year. Because of her blocking she's a fun player to watch."... "She's got very quick feet and solid footwork for a player her size. As she gains strength and reps on the court her overall game will really take off and excel."

Personal: Plans to major in computer science... born October 6, 1980... parents are Stanley and Elaine Hoemann.

Aleasha Jacobson
6-0, Freshman, Middle Hitter
Elk River, Minnesota

Aleasha will be counted on to provide depth in the middle and possibly the outside hitting positions this season... earned all-state honors from the Minneapolis Star Tribune in 1998, after being an honorable mention all-state selection the previous year... also earned all-Twin Cities Metro Area honors three times at Elk River High School... all-conference selection three times and most valuable player once... was a four-year letterwinner in track and competed in the triple jump at the Minnesota State Track and Field Meet in 1998.

Coach Byrne's Comments: "Aleasha is one that we are going to rely on this first year. In this league she'll get some lessons, but I think she'll really make some big strides during the season."... "She is a very skilled and smooth player who plays extremely high at the net. She is also a solid player in the backcourt with a great team attitude."... "Her club experience will be an advantage for us and we are excited about what she brings to our program."

Personal: Plans to major in health promotion and pre-occupational therapy... birthdate is July 27, 1981... enjoys running track, biking and playing beach volleyball... parents are Arlys and Laurel Jacobson.
7  **WENDY O’NEILL**  
5-10, Freshman, Outside Hitter  
Tuthill, South Dakota  

Wendy is expected to redshirt this season while making the transition from the high school game to collegiate competition ... earned all-state honors her senior year at Bennett County High School after receiving honorable mention recognition her junior year ... team MVP ... led all players with 14 kills in the South Dakota High School All-Star Game this past summer ... also will compete for the Jackrabbit track team this year ... won eight individual state titles in track, including four her senior year (100-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump and triple jump)  

**COACH BYRNE’S COMMENTS:** “I’m excited about the enthusiasm for the game Wendy brings to our program and the work ethic she’ll bring.” ... “She has a very good vertical and a good arm swing, but basically needs the year of training to become a more solid player. The redshirt year will help her become a student of the game and work on her volleyball skills.”  

**PERSONAL:** Plans to major in nursing ... birthdate is July 2, 1981 ... parents are Daniel and Vera O’Neill

4  **ANGIE RIME**  
5-10, Freshman, Setter  
Columbia Heights, Minnesota  

Angie was a three-time selection to all-state teams by the Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association and the St. Paul Pioneer Press and will vie for the starting setter position this season ... three-time all-Metro selection by the Minneapolis Star Tribune ... led Columbia Heights High School to four consecutive appearances in the Minnesota Class AA State Volleyball Tournament ... played at the same high school as SDSU’s all-time set assists leader Julie Nihart  

**COACH BYRNE’S COMMENTS:** “I feel Angie has the best hands of any high school player in Minnesota. Her hands for setting are unbelievable; she has excellent control and consistency in her setting game.” ... “Angie brings a little bit of height to our setter position which will allow her to be an offensive weapon in the front row. She knows the game and sees the court very well.” ... “Her competitiveness and intensity out on the court definitely will set the tone.”  

**PERSONAL:** Plans to major in political science ... birthdate is December 4, 1980 ... parents are Paul and Joan Rime

6  **ALISON SCHUSTER**  
5-11, Freshman, Outside Hitter  
Minnesota Lake, Minnesota  

Alison has the ability to be one of the hardest hitters on the team ... earned honorable mention all-state honors two times and all-Valley Conference honors three times in volleyball at Maple River High School in Mapleton, Minn. ... three-year letterwinner and two-time team MVP in high school under coach Sue Wilde ... also lettered twice in softball and basketball  

**COACH BYRNE’S COMMENTS:** “Alison is a player we will train to play the outside hitter position.” ... “She hits a heavy ball and with more experience she’ll make the transition to a quicker game and will contribute more for us.”  

**PERSONAL:** Plans to major in mass communication ... born January 1, 1981, in Mankato, Minn. ... enjoys listening to oldies music, especially the Beatles ... parents are H. Paul and Karen Schuster
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Home matches in bold
*North Central Conference match
^ at Canyon Court Classic, Phoenix, Ariz.
% at SDSU Burger King Classic
# at NCC/Northern Sun Crossover Tournament, Mankato, MN
@ at North Central Regional, Fargo, N.D.
### Jackrabbit 1,000-Kill Club

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### The Next Five

6. April Swanson-Tordsen (1991-94) 995
7. Arika Sanders (1994-97) 974
8. Taran Wendland (1984-87) 870
9. Sarah Sargent (1988-90) 735

### Set Assists Leaders

2. Gail Ahlquist (1988-91) 3,774
4. Tasha Kryger (1985-88) 2,908
5. Lisa Jacobson (1981-84) 1,436
7. Nancy Rolston (1980-83) 753

### Hitting Percentage Leaders

1. Paula Burma (1982-84) .345
2. Wendy Windschitl (1985-88) .282
3. Roxie Rath (1995-98) .278
4. April Swanson-Tordsen (1991-94) .275
5. Jenni Johnson (1983, 86) .271

Percentage based on minimum 600 attacks

### Digs Leaders

1. Gail Ahlquist (1988-91) 1,404
2. Lisa Freichels (1989-90, 92-93) 1,360
3. Meridee Peterson-Rodel (1994-97) 1,324
4. Linda Fusco (1989-92) 1,282
5. Arika Sanders (1994-97) 1,051
7. Wendy Windschitl (1985-88) 980

### Service Aces Leaders

1. Gail Ahlquist (1988-91) 203
3. Sue Nelson (1983-86) 156
5. Lisa Freichels (1989-90, 92-93) 153
6. Taran Wendland (1984-87) 145
### Solo Blocks Leaders

2. Sarah Sargent (1987-90) 198
3. Gwen Langford (1980-83) 162
5. Shannon Kalbfell (1988-91) 124
7. Taran Wendland (1984-87) 104

Lisa Freichels (1989-90, 92-93) 104

### Block Assists Leaders

1. Roxie Rath (1995-98) 301
2. April Swanson-Tordsen (1991-94) 280
3. Taran Wendland (1984-87) 207
4. Lisa Jacobson (1981-84) 186
5. Liz Force (1996-present) 186
6. Gwen Langford (1980-83) 166
7. Sarah Storms (1991-94) 157
8. Shannon Kalbfell (1988-91) 152

### Individual Records

#### Kills

**Match:** 37, by Merridee Peterson-Rodel, vs. St. Cloud State, 9-21-96
**Season:** 513, by Arika Sanders, 1997

#### Total Attacks

**Match:** 93, by Merridee Peterson-Rodel, vs. St. Cloud State, 9-21-96
**Season:** 1,425, by Merridee Peterson-Rodel, 1996

#### Hitting Percentage

**Match (10+ Att.):** .800, by April Swanson-Tordsen, vs. Mankato State, 1993
**Season:** .378, by Paula Burma, 1983

#### Service Aces

**Match:** 9, by Julie Barber, vs. South Dakota, 10-19-89; and by Sue Nelson, vs. Mankato State, 11-7-86
**Season:** 72, by Sue Nelson, 1986

#### Set Assists

**Match:** 79, by Jenni Dold, vs. Wayne State (Neb.), 10-27-95
**Season:** 1,550, by Julie Nihart, 1996

#### Solo Blocks

**Match:** 8, by April Swanson-Tordsen, vs. Moorhead State, 10-30-93
**Season:** 88, Sarah Sargent, 1990

#### Block Assists

**Match:** 12, by Taran Wendland, vs. Augustana, 10-31-87
**Season:** 107, by Lisa Jacobson, 1984

#### Digs

**Match:** 39, by Lisa Freichels, vs. Briar Cliff, 9-29-90
**Season:** 538, by Lisa Freichels, 1990

### Single-Match Team Records

#### Kills

**3-Game Match:** 67, vs. Augustana, 11-22-97 (North Central Regional)
**4-Game Match:** 82, vs. North Dakota State, 9-29-98
**5-Game Match:** 106, vs. Wayne State, 10-27-95

#### Total Attacks

**3-Game Match:** 160, vs. Emporia State, 9-30-96
**4-Game Match:** 214, vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 10-24-97
**5-Game Match:** 280, vs. Wayne State, 10-25-94

#### Hitting Percentage

**3-Game Match:** .595, vs. Western New Mexico, 8-28-98
**4-Game Match:** .343, vs. Moorhead State, 10-29-95
**5-Game Match:** .293, vs. Wayne State, 10-27-95

#### Service Aces

**3-Game Match:** 14, three times
**4-Game Match:** 20, vs. Missouri Western, 9-10-93
**5-Game Match:** 17, vs. South Dakota, 10-14-95

#### Set Assists

**3-Game Match:** 57, vs. Minn.-Morris, 11-14-98; and Augustana, 11-22-97
**4-Game Match:** 71, vs. North Dakota State, 9-29-98
**5-Game Match:** 84, vs. Wayne State, 10-27-95

#### Solo Blocks

**3-Game Match:** 12, vs. Minnesota-Duluth, 9-14-98; and Augustana, 11-14-98
**4-Game Match:** 24, vs. South Dakota, 9-29-98
**5-Game Match:** 30, vs. Wayne State, 10-27-95

#### Block Assists

**3-Game Match:** 26, vs. Minnesota-Duluth, 9-12-98; and Wisconsin-Parkside, 9-17-93
**4-Game Match:** 24, vs. Southwest State, 10-8-96; and Fort Hays State, 9-11-93
**5-Game Match:** 30, vs. South Dakota, 10-8-96

#### Digs

**3-Game Match:** 80, vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, 9-17-93
**4-Game Match:** 97, vs. Wayne State, 10-7-97
**5-Game Match:** 133, vs. Southwest State, 9-8-98
Roxie Rath turned her final season as a Jackrabbit volleyball player into one filled with firsts in leading South Dakota State to its second consecutive berth in the NCAA North Central Regional.

A native of Doniphan, Neb., Rath became the first SDSU volleyball player to be named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America First Team. She is just the second Jackrabbit to earn All-America honors, joining former teammate Arika Sanders, who was a second-team selection in 1997.

She later was named to the Asics All-America Second Team by Volleyball magazine.

Rath’s All-America honors came on the heels of becoming the first Jackrabbit volleyball player to earn both North Central Conference Most Valuable Player and AVCA National Player of the Week honors.

In addition, Rath, a middle hitter, was recognized as an all-North Central Region selection for the second consecutive year.

For her career, Rath finished as the SDSU career leader in block assists (301), second in service aces (173), third in kills (1,230) and hitting percentage (.278) and sixth in solo blocks (117).

**Career Statistics**

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**1998 Season Highs**

- **Kills:** 27, vs. North Dakota State, 9-29-98
- **Solo Blocks:** 3, vs. Grand Canyon, 8-29-98
- **Block Assists:** 8, vs. Southwest State, 9-8-98
- **Service Aces:** 6, vs. St. Cloud State, 10-2-98
- **Digs:** 20, vs. Grand Canyon, 8-29-98

**1998 All-NCC Volleyball Team**

- April Evans: Sr., MH, Augustana
- Lori Fossum: So., MH, Augustana
- Lindsay Voss: So., OH, Augustana
- Cassie Bohning: Jr., MH, Minn. State
- Tracy Ankney*: So., OH, Neb.-Omaha
- Kara Deringer*: Sr., OH, N. Dakota St.
- Carrie Jacobson*: Jr., MH, N. Dakota St.
- Jamie Lene: Sr., MH, N. Dakota St.
- Joyce Jordahl*: Jr., MH, No. Colorado
- Kim Schiemenz: Sr., OH, No. Colorado
- Tia Self: So., OH, No. Colorado
- Kim Pellmann: Jr., MH, St. Cloud State
- Rose Ebnet: So., OH, SDSU
- Julie Nihart*: Sr., S, SDSU
- Roxie Rath*: Sr., MH, SDSU

*Repeat Selection

**Player of the Year:** Roxie Rath, SDSU

**Coach of the Year:** Zaundra Bina, N. Dakota State

**Freshman of the Year:** Kari Peterson, Augustana

**Defensive Specialist of the Year:** Jaime Shafer, Nebraska-Omaha

**1998 AVCA All-North Central Region Team**

- Tracy Ankney**: So., OH, Neb.-Omaha
- Jennifer Carlson**: Sr., OH, Minn.-Duluth
- Kara Deringer**: Sr., OH, N. Dakota St.
- Lori Fossum: So., MH, Augustana
- Carrie Jacobson**: Jr., MH, N. Dakota St.
- Joyce Jordahl**: Jr., MH, No. Colorado
- Kim Pellmann: Jr., MH, St. Cloud State
- Roxie Rath**: Sr., MH, SDSU
- Janna Ruekbe: Jr., S, N. Dakota St.
- Kim Schiemenz: Sr., OH, No. Colorado
- Tia Self: So., OH, No. Colorado
- Lindsay Voss: So., OH, Augustana

**Two-time selection**

**1998 AVCA All-America First Team**

- Melinda Almazan**: Sr., S, Regis
- Sarah Butler**: Jr., MH, W. Texas A&M
- Sarah Dallas**: Sr., OH, Cent. Missouri
- Danielle Faggion**: Jr., S, Tampa
- Mariela Fasce**: Sr., S, North Alabama
- Carrie Jacobson**: Jr., MH, N. Dakota St.
- Juliana Lima: Jr., S, BYU-Hawaii
- Lucia Pereira**: Sr., OH, No. Michigan
- Roxie Rath: Sr., MH, SDSU
- Arlete Silva: Jr., MH, BYU-Hawaii
- Vanessa Yalanski: So., OH, BYU-Hawaii
- Cindy Yuan**: Sr., MH, Barry

**Two-time selection***

**Three-time selection***

**1998 Awards**

**AVCA All-America Second Team**

- 1997 — Arika Sanders

**AVCA All-North Central Region**

- 1997 — Julie Nihart, Roxie Rath and Arika Sanders

**Previous Jackrabbit Award Winners**

- **AVCA All-America Second Team**
  - 1997 — Arika Sanders
- **AVCA All-North Central Region**
  - 1997 — Julie Nihart, Roxie Rath and Arika Sanders
Rachael Schmieg (74 kills) also returns. (3.07 kills per game). Sophomore outside hitter returning are all-region setter Janna Ruebke (11.9 digs). Carrie Jacobson, who earned first-team (320 kills). (245 kills), and right-side hitter Nikki Mastny. Korrine Boltin (328 kills) and Krista Niezwaag (453). Also returning are middle blockers, led the Mavericks in nearly every statistical category last season, including kills (476) and digs (453). Also returning are middle blockers Corrine Bolin (328 kills) and Krista Niezwaag (245 kills), and right-side hitter Nikki Mastny (320 kills).

ENTRANCE:

BENTSON BUNKER FIELDHOUSE (2,000)

ELEN CENTER (4,000)

HEAD COACH: Kim Sudbeck Marcil (fifth year)

PREVIEW: The Vikings return five starters from last year’s squad which advanced to the regional finals. Junior all-conference players Lindsay Voss (446 kills) and Lori Fossum (127 block assists) are joined by last year’s NCC Freshman of the Year, senior Kari Peterson. Senior Tasha Feldman, a transfer from Morningside, is expected to fill in at middle blocker. Defensive specialists Sarah Hayes (203 digs) and Carrie Leber (244 digs) also return. Seven of the team’s starters return from last season’s 21-11 team. All-American Tracy Ankeny will be back, but return four starters from last year’s 21-11 team. All-American Tracy Ankeny will lead the UNO attack. Ankeny, a junior outside hitter, led the Mavericks in nearly every statistical category last season, including kills (476) and digs (453). Also returning are middle blockers Corrine Bolin (328 kills) and Krista Niezwaag (245 kills), and right-side hitter Nikki Mastny (320 kills).

AROUND THE NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

BEARS

NICKNAME: Bears

LOCATION: Greeley, Colo.

ENROLLMENT: 10,800

ARENA: Butler-Hancock Hall (4,500)

HEAD COACH: Linda Delk (24th year)

PREVIEW: All-NCC performers Joyce Jordahl and Tia Self return to lead the Bears, who won seven of their last eight matches to finish the 1998 season with a 19-13 record. Jordahl, a senior middle blocker, was third in the NCC in blocks (1.26 per game) and fifth in hitting percentage (.330). Self, a junior outside hitter, led the NCC in digs (4.83 per game) and was third in kills (3.80 per game). Seniors Michelle Hoffner and Britney Stockebrand also return to the Bears’ starting lineup.

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

NICKNAME: Huskies

LOCATION: St. Cloud, Minn.

ENROLLMENT: 14,500

ARENA: Halenbeck Hall (7,500)

HEAD COACH: Dianne Glowatzke (23rd year)

PREVIEW: The Huskies will be led by all-North Central Region performer Kim Pellmann. A middle blocker, Pellmann led the NCC in kills and hitting percentage last season. Outside hitter Andrea Thul (355 kills) also topped the conference in an individual category with .53 service aces per game. Other starters returning are setter Rachael Olson (1,384 assists) and outside hitter Jennifer Dorenbusch (198 kills). Coach Dianne Glowatzke enters the season with 500 career victories.

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

NICKNAME: Mustangs

LOCATION: Sioux City, Iowa

ENROLLMENT: 1,200

ARENA: Allee Gym (2,500)

HEAD COACH: Theresa Kathman-Trees (second year)

PREVIEW: With five starters returning, the Mustangs will look to improve on an 8-23 record from a year ago. The Mustang attack will be led by seniors Tiffany Honsbruch (356 kills) and Amy Starman (331 kills), with a pair of all-region junior college transfers — Monica Casper and setter Mindy Pedersen — providing additional punch to the lineup. Pedersen led the junior college ranks last year with an average of 12.41 set assists per game at Kirkwood (Iowa) Community College.
**Jackrabbit Coaching, Year-By-Year Records**

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**Jackrabbit Historical Notes**

- SDSU has compiled winning seasons in six straight years for the first time since the first six seasons of volleyball at SDSU — the 1966-71 seasons.

**Jackrabbit Letterwinners**

- A –
  - Freichels, Lisa 1989-90-92-93
  - Frisvold, Brenda 1984-85
  - Fusco, Dana 1991-92-93-94
  - Fusco, Linda 1989-90-91-92

- B –
  - Hainline, Tammy 1977
  - Heinisinger, Sara 1993
  - Heitbrink, Laura 1979
  - Heitzman, Robin 1979-80

- C –
  - Jacobson, Lisa 1982-83-84-85
  - Jagerson, Sharon 1979
  - Johnson, Chris 1989-90-91-92
  - Johnson, Rebecca 1979-80-81-82

- D –
  - Kalbfell, Shannon 1988-89-90-91
  - Kelley, Kathy 1994-95
  - Kehl, Jenny 1989-90
  - Kessler, Peggy 1978-79-80

- E –
  - Larsson, Karla 1986-87
  - Lehnhofer, Traci 1993
  - Lehman, Nancy 1975-76-77
  - Livingston, Janice 1975

- F –
  - Lloyd, Becky 1978
  - Lohrenz, Shelly 1989

- G –
  - Miller, Sue 1981-82-83
  - Mittelstadt, Lisa 1985-86-87
  - Moller, Ericka 1992

- H –
  - Nelson, Kris 1975-76
  - Nelson, Sue 1983-84-85-86
  - Nihat, Julie 1995-96-97-98
  - Nikolaisen, Nicole 1994

- I –
  - Noehren, Tressa 1982
  - Nygren, Laurie 1976

- J –
  - Pedersen, Connie 1996-97-98
  - Peterson-Rodel, Merrie 1994-95-96-97
  - Pfister, Heidi 1986-87
  - Portner, Diane 1980-81

- K –
  - Price, Kelly 1984

- L –
  - Sanders, Arika 1994-95-96-97
  - Sargent, Sarah 1988-89-90
  - Schneider, Stacey 1996-97
  - Schulz, Janel 1978-79-80

- M –
  - Smith, Betty 1975

- N –
  - Smith, Bridget 1995-96
  - Smith, Emily 1993
  - Smith, Tria 1995-96-97

- O –
  - Sueyeagle, Stacey 1996-97-98

- P –
  - Stolp, Sarah 1996-97-98
  - Stuewe, Dawn 1987

- Q –
  - Telford, Y. Carmella 1975
  - Tonsfeldt, Annie 1988

- R –
  - Tyler, Kim 1978-79-80

- S –
  - Weaver, Della 1975-76-77
  - Weels, Shari 1981-82-83-84
  - Wendland, Pam 1975

- T –
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- U –
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- Y –
  - Yonker, Maureen 1976-77

- Z –
  - Zastrow, Julie 1986-87

- Z –
  - Zaczkowski, Krista 1995-96-97-98
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, the state’s land grant institution, was authorized in 1881 by the Territorial Legislative Assembly. Territorial Council member John O’Brien Scobey, failing to obtain the penitentiary for Brookings, managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city.

Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school was able to open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, was willing to advance $500 (a third of his salary) to finish three rooms in the new Central building. “Old Central” was soon joined by South (1885) and North (1887), forming the nucleus of campus life for a decade and a half.

DEVELOPMENT

During the first year of operation only preparatory classes were held. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshmen and 61 preparatory students. Growth was slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the century there were 242 students. By 1990, SDSU had an enrollment of more than 9,000 students with nearly 8,100 at the Brookings campus. It has granted more than 46,500 degrees since the college was chartered in 1881.

COLLEGES ESTABLISHED

The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction, established in 1884, included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political and domestic economy and music. By 1907, the year the name of the institution was changed to South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus.

Reorganization into the five divisions which formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923. In 1964, when “State College” was renamed South Dakota State University, there were six colleges: Arts and Science, Agricultural and Biological Sciences, Home Economics, Engineering, Nursing and Pharmacy, as well as a Graduate Division. A seventh, General Registration, was added later. In 1975, the Division of Education was created, which became the College of Education and Counseling in 1991.

Today, degrees are offered through these colleges:
- Agriculture and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Science
- Education and Counseling
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Registration
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

South Dakota State University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

STATE’S LARGEST

Since 1881, South Dakota State University has grown from a campus of 80 acres to a 271-acre campus with facilities worth more than $220 million. The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres for research throughout the state.

Peggy Gordon Elliott became SDSU’s 18th president on January 1, 1998, following the retirement of Robert T. Wagner.

With more than 8,000 students registered in the fall of 1998, enrollment at SDSU continues to be the largest of the state’s institutions of higher education.

More than 200 majors, minors and options are available with more than 2,500 different course offerings. Master’s degrees are offered in more than 30 areas, and doctorates are available in eight fields. The university also offers degree programs through the Sioux Falls Center for Public Higher Education, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses are available through the Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach.

Seventy-five percent of entering freshmen are in the upper half of their high school graduating class and 40 percent are in the top 25 percent. Seventy percent are residents of South Dakota, 20 percent come from 46 other states and 41 international countries.

Supplementing classroom instruction are the Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures, and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth and Griffiths endowments. Students may join more than 100 clubs and organizations that are active on campus.

The university reaches all corners of the state through the Cooperative Extension service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, offering service to seek to improve the quality of rural life. Also at SDSU are: the Center for Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship; Engineering Experiment Station; Office of Remote Sensing; South Dakota Transportation Technology Transfer Service; University/Industry Technology Service; Water Resources Institute; Engineering and Environmental Research Center; Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory; and the Northern Grain Insect Research Laboratory.

These units help strengthen the university’s growing commitment to research in the areas of energy and water resources, and support of state and local economic development efforts through research and information transfer.

The Northern Great Plains Biostress Laboratory, dedicated in 1993, houses scientists who focus on research aimed at developing new technologies to protect crops and livestock. Research conducted in this facility benefits the entire region.
# 1999 Volleyball Schedule

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