AWARENESS THROUGH EXPOSURE
Student project notes campus accessibility shortcomings

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Reporter

Find something you are passionate about and use your strengths to carry out a task related to it.

When Abby Donkers got this as her assignment for her Leadership in Action class, she knew exactly what she wanted to do: raise awareness about accessibility for future architects.

Donkers, a senior agriculture leadership major, uses a wheelchair. She decided her project would be to have architecture students at South Dakota State University use a wheelchair on campus for a day to see what it’s like.

“I would just like them to go around campus and find ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) flaws and just experience the struggle, which sounds kind of mean,” Donkers said before her project.

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The meat and potatoes and everything else important this week.

SA meeting in brief: executive member resigns

Below is what happened at the Jan. 7 Students’ Association meeting. This was the first SA meeting of the spring 2019 semester.

- SA Finance Chair Matthew Bruxvoort gave his two weeks notice of resignation due to personal reasons.
- The Best Buddies SDSU international organization was approved. Students will be paired with someone with disabilities in order to create relationships and include those with mental and physical disabilities in the SDSU community. SDSU will have the first and only Best Buddies program in the state.
- The first reading of resolution 18-07-R took place and stated: “SDSU Students’ Association Support for the "2+2" Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Degree Program.” Students in the doctorate program would complete their first two years on the SDSU campus in Brookings, and their last two years at the University of Minnesota campus in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- The Knitting Club currently consists of eight students who believe knitting is a way to escape the stress of classes and improve mental health. The representatives stated a goal of donating their products to charity.

Students’ Association will meet next at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 in the Lewis and Clark Room upstairs in the Student Union.

Coaches receive contract extensions

Just days after long-time South Dakota State head football coach John Stiegelmeier received a five-year extension, it was announced that T.J. Otzelberger, men’s basketball head coach, also received an extension.

Otzelberger, who currently owns a 55-28 record while coaching the Jackrabbits, agreed to terms of a contract that will keep him on the SDSU sideline through 2023.

In his two seasons at SDSU, Otzelberger has led the Jackrabbits to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Since taking over the head role in the coaching staff, the Jacks have posted a 32-2 record at Frost Arena.

No details about a buyout were mentioned.

Otzelberger wasn’t the only basketball coach who received a contract.

Women’s head coach Aaron Johnston signed a deal that will also keep him donning the blue and yellow through the 2022-23 season.

### Weekend Stuff

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**12** **Mentalist Chris Carter** Mind-blowing! 7:30pm Union Market

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Jack’s Cupboard sparks change on campus

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Put Kas Williams, Becky Jensen, Jennifer McLaughlin and Christina Kaberline in a room and it’s easy to understand why Jack’s Cupboard has taken off so quickly.

Jack’s Cupboard is an on-campus pantry for students who are struggling to purchase food. It opened Nov. 19, 2018.

The idea sparked while Williams, interim director of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Access, and Kaberline, associate director of Residential Life, shared a cup of coffee more than four months ago.

“We always have big dreams over coffee,” Williams said.

A “big dream” was exactly what came of it. They began to connect with the right people like McLaughlin, the university sustainability specialist, Jensen, dietetics and nutrition internship program director and Heidi Haro, general manager of Aramark at SDSU.

These are only five of the 12-person committee that created Jack’s Cupboard, which is the first of its kind at a South Dakota universities. Since opening, nearly 100 students have been helped.

“It’s been one of the most magical experiences I’ve ever had,” Kaberline said. “It’s happened so fast and things just kind of fell into place.”

Students use their student IDs to get food. The committee wanted to make the program as private as possible to take the shame out of the experience going to Jack’s Cupboard.

“We were really intentional about was creating a place where students respect and got a sense of their dignity. We wanted an area that wasn’t some back room in the corner,” Williams said. “We want students to feel dignified when they walk in.”

University Housing and Residential Life provided the space on the southeast side of Ben Reifel. It’s bright and inviting. The location provides privacy through its location on the edge of campus—yet is easily accessible for on and off-campus students, located near residence halls and a 20-minute parking lot.

The prevalence of food insecurity has been on the university’s mind for a long time, Williams said. However, the degree of food insecurity at SDSU is unknown.

“That’s one of the reasons we’re doing this because we don’t know. We know it’s out there because there are different stories out there of students feeding other students,” Kaberline said.

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Christina Kaberline
Associate Director of Residential Life

The food has been provided by students and community donations, parking services and students extra block and Flex donations.

“I was overwhelmed by the amount of food that had been donated,” said Amanda Husted, a student volunteer.

“The whole counter was full of boxes and bags of donated food. This was a great reminder for me of the generosity and support the SDSU and Brookings community is willing to provide.”

Around 240 meals were donated by students’ Flex dollars and blocks.

“This program is all about students taking care of students and we want to make sure the ownership is with our students,” Williams said.

This is only the beginning. For long-term goals, the team hopes to provide fresh produce and offer coats, winter accessories and emergency money to students. They also reaching out to get student organizations involved.

“Nothing ever goes this fast,” Jensen said. “It’s just getting started and right now we’re working on a budget of zero. It’s been amazing to see what we’ve been able to do.”

This semester, Jack’s Cupboard will be open 3:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday beginning Jan. 9 located on the southeast side of Ben Reifel.
KATRIONA ROY
Reporter

Mary Christensen’s mornings start by dropping off three sleepy children at daycare before heading to work. It’s a part of her life Christensen once worried she would never experience.

Mary and her husband Cody wanted to have children, but paying off student loans had to be taken care of before they could think about starting a family.

Once they began trying to have children they weren’t having any luck. They turned to doctors to help them but couldn’t find success.

The Christensens began looking for alternative options for starting their family, and, after talking with friends who have adopted and went through that system, they were confident that adoption was the right choice.

“We felt a call to be parents,” Mary said.

The process of adoption is challenging and occasionally long. It begins with creating profiles for both the adoptive parents and the birth mother, then the couple must go through an FBI background check, fingerprints and be cross-checked for child abuse history.

“Mary and her husband did not enter into this decision lightly,” Melissa Hauschild-Mork, a friend of the Christensens, said. “They spent time in research and reflection to ensure that their intentions for becoming adoptive parents were paired with knowledge, qualities and characteristics to endure the trials and triumphs of parenthood.”

After getting the paperwork done, the Christensens started the first adoption process in December 2014 when a birth mother chose their profile. In the months leading up to the birth, Mary and the birth mother talked often, and Mary’s excitement level grew. Then the birth mother decided to keep the baby.

Mary said she was left feeling discouraged and hurt. Her excitement to become a mother ended for the time being. The couple continued putting their profile in front of other birth mothers.

“Birth mom cases make me emotional,” Christensen said in her office in Berg Agricultural Hall as she reached for a tissue. Many mothers have a tough choice when thinking about adoption though it is a decision that is made with the child’s best interests in mind.

Soon after their first adoption fell through, another birth mother chose them. The Christensens and the birth mother made a connection in May 2015 and the baby was born in June. Mary and Cody welcomed to their family.

All of the Christensen’s adoptions are open adoptions through a private law agency. Open adoption gives the birth mother and any siblings the opportunity to visit and be a part of the child’s life.

Isaac was the fifth baby born to his birth family. Christensen said she is happy and overwhelmed with joy that Isaac’s mother chose adoption. He is now three years old and knows his birth mother and his siblings. Having a connection with his birth family will help him know his Native American and Hispanic heritage.

“All of Christensen’s children are from slightly different backgrounds, but all share a Native American heritage,” Mary said. "Most moms choose adoption," she added.

When asked about what helps her get through each day, she raves about her husband, Cody.

“Cody is an amazing dad and so supportive,” Mary said. She also mentions her support team that is made of friends and family members.

When Mary leaves the office, she excitedly goes home to her children.

“We feel lucky that we have awesome kids, and are beyond thankful their birth moms choose adoption,” she said.

A few months later they welcomed a baby girl named Kenzie.

The lifestyle for Mary and Cody changed rapidly, from being able to stay at work late to going to daycare to pick up their children. Mary leans on family and friends for support.

“I have deep appreciation for Mary and am so grateful for her and her family in my life,” Kristen Uilk, a family friend, said.

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Five phases of spring semester

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After weeks away from homework, lectures and the routine walk to class, it's time to spring into the new semester, but not before making some slight adjustments.

You might have spent winter break lying around in pajamas. However you filled your days off, it almost definitely did not involve school. Returning to SDSU means going through some phases that might take some getting used to.

Doing your own laundry and cooking
Home-cooked meals and not having to do your laundry were big relief this past month, but now it’s time to return to Larson Commons, the Student Union and waiting until your very last clean shirt to do your laundry.

Socializing again
I'm not saying everyone spent their break cooped up inside, wearing sweatpants and avoiding high school classmates, but it was probably less socializing than at school. So, going back and being in a classroom and the Student Union and having to talk with people who aren’t your parents and siblings might be a bit of a struggle for the first few days.

Unpacking procrastination
After packing up almost all of your clothes and heading home, you now have to pack everything back up, haul it to your dorm or apartment and unpack it all again. But with so much to get ready for before the semester gets into full swing, you might end up just picking items out of a suitcase for a while.

Fixing your sleeping schedule
Over break, going to bed late and waking up even later might have become habit. Unfortunately, it’s time to fix your sleeping schedule and be ready for those early morning classes. Some of us might wish to go back to staying in our childhood room—sleeping the day away—but now it’s back to trying to get eight hours of sleep.

Going back to classes
We’ve circled back to the time where students have to buy hundreds of dollars in textbooks again. Students dread the trudge to class to taking notes every day after what seems like a dream vacation when finishing finals a few short weeks ago. The only thing to really look forward to is syllabus week before the work really starts.

How to be a better person:
New Year’s edition

Amanda John
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Hello, it's me again. I had a feeling the title would get your attention; if you're reading this, it worked.

It's 2019, and I can't begin to say how excited I am that each, and every one of you made it into the new year. Like all new year's we begin with resolutions, a number of things we would like to change or work on in the new year. However, we tend to leave out the most important—building the inner self. Spiritual or not, working on the inside self plays a key role in what manifests on the outside. So, here are three easy steps to be a better you in 2019.

Step one: Turn the apologies into gratitude.
I know a lot of women can relate to the need to constantly apologize, even when they aren't wrong. Here's a little trick I learned. Whenever you feel compelled to apologize, switch it up into gratitude, try “thank you for your patience,” instead of “sorry for wasting your time.” Not only will it build your confidence, but it'll set the pace for all your other interactions.

Step two: Adopting a positive vision.
This is one of the life-changing things you can do for yourself this year. Being in college is hard and we run into frequent stumbling blocks daily, which makes it hard for us to have a positive outlook on a lot of things. Well, I'm here to tell you to speak positivity into reality. Did you lose an internship? Tell yourself the many ways you get to be productive in other unexplored ventures. Did you just get out of a relationship? Think about the possible platonic and romantic relationship you can start or develop.

Step three: Be kind to yourself.
It may seem odd to have this on here, but the truth is we often sacrifice our own wellness for the sake of conformity, either in our social or business relationship. So, I compel you to take an hour a day every day to be kind to yourself above all else, it's a habit you won't regret forming this year.

I truly do hope that 2019 brings you self-love and realization, in the best way possible. Remember, the longest relationship you'll ever be in is with yourself, be kind. Cheers!

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New year means back-to-school resolutions

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We all tend to get caught up in resolutions and making promises to ourselves at the start of a new year. The problem that often occurs, however, is that after the first two weeks of a fresh year come and go, resolutions follow suit and we slip back into old habits.

One of the reasons the vows we make to ourselves do not stick is because they fail to keep our interest. Good goals like working out and eating healthy can become boring after a week or so, or we get too busy to keep our resolutions.

The key to making and actually keeping a new year's resolution is to make one that will be applicable longer than a few weeks. Another way to keep a goal is to set more short term goals that have potential to complete larger resolutions.

So, setting back-to-school goals is a great way to start the second half of the school year off on the right foot, which will hopefully carry you through until the end of the semester.

An online article by Lynn Jacobs and Jeremy Hyman said that procrastination is something that nearly every college student can work on and should commit to getting better at in the new year.

“Inevitably, at some point in the semester — usually right at test time—the procrastinator morphs into the cramster: the student who has only one night to study 15 weeks’ worth of material or to write a 20-page term paper that was assigned eons ago,” Jacobs and Hyman said.

Before you are five assignments, three lectures and one group project behind, schedule them out in a planner, stay on top of checking it and start working on tasks a little bit at a time before they are due. You will be less stressed and more organized.

Back to working out and eating healthy. If this truly is something you want to improve upon this semester, that is great. However, knowing what is doable or not is what will determine whether you stay working towards your fitness goals.

Telling yourself you will work out everyday on top of classes and possibly a job is not necessarily realistic. Making plans to go to the Wellness Center three or four times a week in between classes or work can be more manageable, again, set smaller goals first if you want to succeed.

A tip from another online article by Caroline Shannon Karasik said ideally you should pencil in the times you want to work out as you are making your class schedule. This makes working out just as much a part of your day as going to class is.

Read the full story on sdsucollegian.com
The main goal of this project, Donkers said, was to open students’ eyes to creating accessible spaces, and to understand what is and isn’t convenient for disabled people to access.

The ADA is a federal regulation set in place in 1990 that requires buildings to be handicap accessible. The ADA requires specific things including access to a building from a parking lot and sidewalk, visual and audible fire alarms, width minimums for hallways and doorways, accessible bathroom stalls and sinks, access ramp guidelines, and lever door handles that are easier to grasp.

Kyle Kueper, a senior architecture major, participated in Donkers’ project and used a wheelchair to get around campus.

“As a designer, I felt like this experience would be beneficial because a lot of new construction doesn’t really focus on making everything wheelchair acceptable,” Kueper said.

SDSU ADA Coordinator Nadine Gjerde said there is a big difference between compliance and best practice of ADA regulations. While all facilities were built after the ADA regulations were set, it doesn’t mean they are accessible in the most convenient way.

According to Kueper, even though Donkers said he could get out and walk during difficult paths, he wanted to stay in the wheelchair the whole time. Because of this, he was able to see small challenges, like crossing roads or uneven sidewalk pavement.

He also expressed frustration that the handicap entrances to buildings like Agricultural Engineering and Edgar S. McFadden Biostress Lab were on the opposite side of the building from the main campus.

“It’s kind of like a reversal of what the priorities should be,” Kueper said. “If you’re in the chair for a short time, you don’t get the full experience.”

Kueper said the experience realize the importance of access in his future designs and he will strive to do more than just the bare minimum.

Kanbi Knippling, a graduate student in the counseling and human development program, has been on campus since 2013. Knippling uses a wheelchair and said she has the most trouble with accessing faculty in her programs whose offices are in Wenona Hall. Wenona was built before ADA regulations were put in place, as were many buildings on campus. She also has had problems with malfunctioning elevators.

“There was a class I had in Crothers where I think I got to go to like half of the classes because the elevator wouldn’t work most of the time,” Knippling said.

However, Knippling was happy with the way SDSU faculty, including disability services coordinator Nancy Hartenhoff-Crooks, worked with her to make arrangements to find solutions to these problems.

Associate professor of architecture Charles MacBride said the architecture program covers ADA regulations in the last three years of the six-year program.

“It winds up being a minimum standard,” MacBride said. “It’s intended to benefit the majority of people, but there’s always going to be exceptions.”

ADA codes also include programming guidelines. Classes should be available to all, including people with hearing or vision impairment, physical disabilities or mental health conditions. Gjerde said this could include needing an interpreter or assistance taking notes.

“It’s about making sure that we’re providing those accommodations so, even if you’re in an accessible space, that the program offered within that space is accessible to you,” Gjerde said.

Harding Hall and Solberg Hall are two examples of old campus buildings that added accessible entries and elevators during renovations. Gjerde said as construction continues on campus, access to old buildings will be reassessed based on each individual project.

The SDSU Facilities website states the 2025 Design and Master Plan supports principles that include “All walkways essential to reaching a building or program will be built to adhere to the latest ADA guidelines, providing equal access to public spaces. Parking will be developed in a manner that allows for flexible placement of accessible parking stalls, responding to the changing needs of the students, faculty, staff and visitors.”

Gjerde wants to work with students and faculty members to make sure they are able to access spaces and programs.

“You can’t plan for everything, so that’s where hopefully I can have those dialogues with people as we plan spaces and plan programs,” Gjerde said.
Empty seats proves students need to support students

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The Pride of the Dakota Marching Band is made up of nearly 200 SDSU students from all areas of campus. This group of students and directors work many hours during the fall semester to prepare both a pregame and halftime show for each home football game to only perform in front of a half-full stadium.

One of the most disheartening moments as a member of The Pride is performing for halftime and seeing an empty student section—which was a common occurrence last season. Think about where you were during those halftime shows. Odds are you probably left during halftime to use the bathroom, go to the concession stand or go drink and missed watching The Pride.

When students left, it felt like they were all saying they would rather stand in line for a hot dog than watch a wonderful rendition of “Free Bird.” I understand that marching band is not everyone’s favorite part of the game day experience, but I also know that students enjoy being supported by other students.

It may be hard to believe, but the football game will still be there when you return. However, The Pride of the Dakotas has eight minutes to show everyone the music and visual effects that were weeks in the making. It performed for halftime whether there were five or 5,000 people watching, however, it is much more enjoyable to perform for 5,000.

An empty student section during halftime of a football game is not the only example of a lack of student support. If you ask any music major who has performed their junior or senior recital, they look to see students in the audience. Students who take part in Capers love seeing their classmates and friends line up outside to get their seats. Those who take part in Little International look to see if their friends have made the trip to the Animal Science Arena to watch them.

We always hear head football coach John Steigelmeier talk about how we can make a difference in football games, now it’s time to “make a difference” and support other students.

Students at SDSU have an opportunity to not only impact their own student experience, but also their peers. I challenge you to go support students. Stay in your seats for one song during halftime of a football game, go to a basketball game and sing along with the pep band, make a trip to Grove Hall and see student work, or go to a different athletic event and support student athletes. Let’s do better this semester.

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Volunteering in Brookings brings a sense of personal growth

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Beginning in May this year, I was given the opportunity to volunteer at the Sanford Children’s Hospital every other Sunday. I volunteer as a pediatric companion, so I am solely there to hang out with the kids. I have realized throughout my time as a volunteer the enrichment it has given me in my life. It has allowed me to appreciate and recognize all that I have to be thankful for and that I should never take those things for granted.

Volunteering has helped me personally grow to be a more thankful person and has given me the opportunity to get out of my comfort zone to help others. As well as being more grateful, volunteering has given me the prize of being happier with myself.

After my hours of volunteering, I feel a rush of fulfillment. I feel as though I have done something good for the children to possibly brighten their day. Volunteering is capable of personal growth.

Everyone is struggling in some way, some worse than others. We all need to stick together to help in any way we can.

By volunteering within any setting, we can make a difference. We can volunteer with the kids and help them find joy in a rough patch. Or we can volunteer with the elderly and help them find more joy within their days. Many opportunities for volunteering exist and they all lead to making a difference. Be a person that makes a difference.

Here are just a few ideas for you to go out and achieve personal growth as well as make a difference.

Brookings Boys and Girls Club
Sign up to volunteer and help make a difference in the future generation.

Sanford Health Volunteering
https://www.sanfordhealth.org/volunteer-opportunities
Take a look at the website and pick from the variety of opportunities to make a difference.

Humane Society
Take your time to go hang out and play with the animals… they love it!

Habitat for Humanity
http://brookingshabitat.org/volunteer/
Volunteer your skills to help families in the community gain or improve their housing situations.

Volunteering has given me the opportunity to not only impact the lives of the patients and their family or help the medical staff.

For a list of more opportunities go to https://volunteer.helplin center.org/

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EDITORIAL

The Collegian’s wildest dreams for 2019 and all it can offer.

2018 was a year full of highs, lows and an abnormal number of hurricanes — but when the calendar reset the world adopted a new sense of optimism for 2019 and all it has to offer.

While reflecting on some of the year’s trials and tribulations, we, at The Collegian, found ourselves more than ready to enter a new year.

At the beginning of a new semester we sit down and share any goals or aspirations we have for the the newspaper, our classes and our personal lives. We have found that we seldomly accomplish every task we had hoped, but that only inspired us to stretch our imaginations further.

A 2013 Forbes article found that, though nearly 40 percent of Americans make New Year’s resolutions, only eight percent actually succeed. Since the odds already seem stacked against us, the Collegian Editorial Board decided to make a dream-filled resolution list of its own.

1. Get more people to read The Collegian.
2. End the year with less flat-Earth theorists than we started with.
3. Invent a new sushi roll — name it after a Hemsworth brother.
4. Prove Santa is real.
5. Popularize banjo music.
6. Find proof of Iowa’s existence.
8. Wear less vests.
9. Save the bees.
10. Kill Thanos and effectively end the Infinity War.

Our ideas may be far-fetched, but we’re ready to take on 2019, one resolution at a time.

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After playing five consecutive games away from its home court, the South Dakota State women's basketball team returns to Frost Arena Wednesday night in the first of two Summit League games this week.

SDSU closed out its nonconference schedule prior to Christmas with games at Montana State and Wyoming before opening Summit League play with three straight away games.

On Wednesday evening the Jackrabbits will play host to Denver University, which currently sits atop the current Summit League standings with a mark of 3-1 in conference play.

DU comes to Brookings following back-to-back wins, including a 104-99 defeat of the South Dakota team that downed the Jacks Sunday afternoon. On offense, the Pioneers feature a balanced attack—five players average at least 11 points a contest and will test SDSU's defense.

“They’re just a hard team to slow down,” SDSU head coach Aaron Johnston said. “They shoot a really high percentage from the 3-point line — over 40 percent. As a team that’s phenomenal. We are a good shooting team and they blow the doors off of what we do.”

Lauren Loven leads the Pioneers in scoring, averaging 17 points per game (third in the Summit League), and is coming off outstanding performances in DU’s two most recent games.

The junior guard netted 32 points against USD and followed it with a 24 point outing against UND, sinking six 3-pointers in both games.

She also boasts the best 3-point shooting percentage in the Summit League, connecting on more than 51 percent of her attempts from behind the arc.

Madison Nelson, a junior forward for the Pioneers, has started all but one game this season and is capable of filling up the stat sheet on any given night.

Her scoring average of 15.3 points per game ranks fourth in the conference to go along with a conference-best 9.4 rebounds per contest.

SDSU will follow the game against Denver with a matchup against another opponent currently in the top half of the Summit League standings.

ORU owns a 2-1 mark in Summit League play, identical to that of SDSU at the time of publication, and will travel of play Purdue Fort Wayne before making the trip to Brookings. The Golden Eagles lost Faith Ihim, a first-team All-Summit selection last season, but have found production from others as three players have a scoring average of 12.3 points a game or better.

“They do a lot of the same things (as in previous years), but their offensive firepower has come a little more from the perimeter this year,” Johnston said. “... They mix up their defenses a little more this year too, so they’re going to be a tough team.”

The redshirt senior guard upped her scoring average from 11.5 a season ago to 14.9 points a game this season.

Lakota Beatty is the Golden Eagles’ top scorer and ranks in the top six in the Summit League in points per game and 3-point field goal percentage, shooting better than 42 percent from long range.

Junior guard Rylie Cascio Jensen (2) sets up the play at the top of the key during the SDSU vs. No. 7 Oregon women’s basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Frost Arena in Brookings, S.D. The Jackrabbits lost to the Fighting Ducks 87-79. The Jacks return to Frost for their Summit League home opener against the Summit League leaders the Denver Pioneers at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 in Frost Arena.
Fresh off of a momentous win over rival South Dakota, the South Dakota State Jackrabbits men’s basketball team will be back in Frost Arena for a two game homestretch.

In the 79-61 win over the Coyotes, the Jackrabbit zone defense was crucial to stifle the USD offense.

“Night in and night out we’re going to have to make some choices of what we think we can do to make sure to put our defense in the best position to be successful, we will have to decide going into each game what does that,” head coach T.J. Otzelberger said in a weekly update.

Senior guard Skyler Flatten led the team in the victory while scoring 20 points.

Denver

When the Pioneers (5-13, 0-4) come to Frost Arena, they will be looking to stop a five-game losing streak, four of those came from Summit League foes.

“They are a talented team still trying to find their rhythm. They’ve had some injuries early that have challenged them,” said Otzelberger.

Offensively, the Pioneers haven’t had many shortcomings. As a team, the Pioneers are averaging 68.2 points per game, and have three of the top 20 scorers in the Summit League.

For the Pioneers to win, their 3-pointers have been crucial. In five wins, Denver has made an average of 11 3-pointers shooting at a 44.6 percent clip from beyond the arc.

Both Joe Rosga and Ronnie Harrell Jr. are not afraid to shoot the ball from deep as both have each shot 34- for 84 from 3-point land. As a team the Pioneers rank fourth in the Summit League in 3-point percentage shooting 37.5 percent.

“They got Joe Rosga back, who has been one of the premier guards in the past four years ...” Otzelberger said.

“They were picked at the top of the league in all the pre-season polls, so they have that ability to be that team, but right now you can tell they’re trying to find their identity.”

The Jackrabbits will be back in action against the Pioneers at 7 p.m., Thursday Jan. 10 in Frost Arena.

Oral Roberts

Despite going 4-11 in the nonconference schedule, the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles have started to right the ship as they are off to a hot start in the Summit League.

Oral Roberts have been successful against the Omaha Mavericks, North Dakota Fighting Hawks and Western Illinois.

Redshirt junior Emmanuel Nzekwesi won Summit League honors this past week with a player of the week nomination. This season, Nzekwesi has averaged 16 points per game and 7.9 rebounds per game.

Redshirt freshman Kevin Obanor has also been a solid contributor with an average of 12.2 points per game and 5.9 rebounds per game.

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Daum’s climb to top of all-time scoring list continues into conference play

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Every time Mike Daum hits the court this season, record books are rewritten. After his four point performance against the University of the South Dakota (his lowest scoring total in a Jackrabbit uniform) he now sits at 2,659 total points in his career. Daum surpassed Christian Laettner, Jimmer Fredette and Steph Curry.

With that said, Daum has many names left on the list that he is quickly approaching. Some of those names include David Robinson (2,669), J.J. Redick (2,769) and Larry Bird (2,850). Despite still being in pursuit of some marquee names, Daum is already the all-time scoring leader for the Summit League. Daum surpassed Michael Watson (UMKC) earlier this season.

As of Jan. 9, Daum is averaging 23.7 points per game through the first half of this season.

If he continues his average he would finish just over the 3,000 mark, leaving him at the ninth highest scorer in NCAA history. This does not include potential postseason games.

According to Daum, there hasn’t been anything different in his approach this season.

“I feel like my game prep, I just take [it] a little more seriously than I did before. Daum said in a post-game conference after defeating Southern 101-92 on Dec. 7. “Treatment, I do much more. I just want to make sure my body is fresh each night I come out.”

With 13 games left in the season, fans can only watch as Daum continues to climb up the ranks.