Increase in sexual assaults stem from rise in reporting

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News Editor

Sexual assault is the most underreported crime held on and off-campus, but this year, the South Dakota State University has seen a rise in the number of these reports.

Last year, three assaults were reported by students. To fix this, fall officials have received five reports of sexual assault.

Despite what people may think, there has not been a measurable increase or decrease in sexual assault, just a rise in the number of people who choose to report the crime, said Don Challis, assistant vice president of student affairs.

One of the efforts used to increase awareness at SDSU is electronic notifications sent out to all students after a sexual assault is reported.

These timely warnings come from the Clery Act, said Detective Cora Olson of the University Police Department.

The Clery Center for Security on Campus says the Clery Act “requires all colleges and universities that receive federal funding to share information about crime on campus.” This includes efforts to improve campus safety and to inform the public of crime on or around campus.

When an incident occurs, institutions must decide if a timely warning should be sent out to the campus community, according to the Clery Center.

“Universities across the nation have historically wanted to create the perception of a safe campus,” Olson said. “So they have noticed a hidden crime that has happened on their campus.”

This act has made sure that college campuses are reporting crimes and helping people accountable.

“Proprietors know that [rape] is underreported,” Olson said. “If we have notifying of rape, there’s more people who take it upon themselves to report it and, therefore, perpetrators will continue to understand that not reporting will happen.”

The act has grown to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Title IX, which was brought to SDSU because campus officials believed that the university was harboring problems that they did not know about.

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Editor-in-Chief

The tears came easy. Even before she got into the intimate details of her sexual assault, Katie took a deep breath and let the tears flow.

It has been two-and-a-half years since Katie was assaulted by a friend of hers. Katie, who wishes to be identified by her first name, still thinks about it on a daily basis.

“She hasn’t let it hold her back, but instead, empowers herself and other sexual assault victims,” Johnson, editor of the Collegian, said.

“Happens so often. People deserve to know. You deserve to be a victim,” Katie said. “We have notoriety to help us.”

Katie had just graduated from high school and was looking forward to attending college in the next few months.

She didn’t expect one of her good friends to assault her and her friend, who is male, was sitting at a post of his outside of her dorm.

He asked her to come inside, but she refused. He kept trying to convince her to come inside and just hang out or have a drink.

“I said I was not going to go if you didn’t stop touching me. I was not into it,” she said.

Eventually she wound up coming inside. They continued to talk and everything was as it usually was. They were just hanging out.

He started to touch her. She again told him no, even saying she would not have sex with him. But he kept going.

Katie stopped there. With tears in her eyes, she shared her story, not attempting to go into any more details.

After a few moments of silence, Katie talked about how her experience has affected her life – positively and negatively.

“You can’t not talk about it,” she said. “It affects everything you go through. It affects every relationship you encounter. Every time you open decide to love someone, you think about it.”

At the time the assault took place, she wasn’t fully aware that it was a sexual assault. It wasn’t until her sophomore year of college at South Dakota State University that she finally realized what the assault was.

“She understands that no means no,” Johnson said. “Sexual assault is a very broad term according to Michelle Johnson, the Title IX coordinator on campus. It’s also a term that many people immediately associate with rape, but it’s much more than that.”

EDITORIAL: Is the university doing enough for sexual assault victims? See page 5.

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SARAH LOHRE / Collegian Staff

Survivor’s Bill of Rights

You have the right to be believed.

You have the right to be given the same credibility as any other crime victim.

You have the right to seek and receive help.

You have the right to courteous, efficient treatment.

You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, without prejudice against race, class, lifestyle, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or occupation.

You have the right to accurate information, presented in a way that you still understand.

You have the right to ask questions.

You have the right to make your own decisions.

You have the right to change your mind.

You have the right to get help and support from others.

You have the right to heal.

Source: Survivor’s Bill of Rights, Sexual Assault Awareness Week at SDSU.
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• 4 p.m. Department of Schwaritzer. Commons Internship Panel @ Rotunda B
• 3:30 p.m. Thank you note workshop @ Learning Commons
• 4 p.m. President’s Book Club @ Library
• 5 p.m. Wknd Stuff: Coffeehouse Night @ Union Market

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• 11 a.m. Multicultural Center Holiday Celebration and Game Day @ Campanile Room
• 4 p.m. Film Board Dance @ Lincoln Hall
• 9 p.m. Young People’s Concert @ PAC

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• 6 p.m. “The Experimenter” Movie Showing @ Rotunda B

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• 7 p.m. Greek’s Give Thanks @ St. Thomas & Wagner 157

28
• 7 p.m. GSA Drag Show @ PAC

This week’s horoscopes

Pisces
Smothering sailing sets the stage for what’s next -- and you may already be dreaming about the future. You couldn’t help but envision many possibilities ahead. Unfortunately, you’re fudging your potential for the sake of your dreams, so pay attention to reality today. You must be methodical in your communication or your plans may backfire on you. Think through everything you say and do. Your peers seem set in their ways, leaving with little room for you to express your opinions. You may end up dealing with anger or resentment later on. It’s your responsibility to do your part to follow through on your obligations, but if you don’t gain you and walk away, the cosmos might surprise you with an unexpected opportunity that could benefit you.

Aquarius
You are wary about everyone’s reactions to what you share now. Big, it’s tricky to get your time to mature. How do you seem today? If there is any need to explain your actions, you can say that you are clarifying what you meant. If you feel that your message is a bit unclear, you can say that you will explain further. You could be focused on understanding your responsibilities, so be sure to clarify your message to make it more palatable. Saying exactly what you mean will be more effective than pretending all is well for the sake of expediency. It’s better to explain your intentions and be honest about your responsibilities. It might help you to focus on the task at hand and move forward.

Leo
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Scorpio
Your mind is releasing powerful images, but it can be easy to lose touch with reality. If you feel that you are not sure what to do, you can say that you are having a difficult time focusing on your responsibilities, but you can still get to work. There’s no point in running since you won’t be able to get away much. There’s no point in running since you won’t be able to get away much. There’s no point in running since you won’t be able to get away much.

Cancer
Finding balance could be a study in frustration today because something is derailing your plans to step out of the world and into your inner world. But you’re better off handling your responsibilities, which helps you to see your priorities. It’s not a good idea to push your plans to your side. Instead, you should work on your responsibilities. It might help you to focus on the task at hand and move forward.

Capricorn
There’s something about your interactions with others that helps you to maximize your capabilities. You have the ability to influence your surroundings, but it’s tricky to do so. You can also be in control of your environment, which helps you to achieve success. There’s something about your interactions with others that helps you to maximize your capabilities.

Aries
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A warning?

That were reported and sent out to students as timely
ty of doing the right thing and supporting each other.
That's the hard part

even when our friend's are at fault. That's the hard part

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we have been. We are more aware of the problem and
especially a large increase, we don't think there has

We are in a much different place now than we were

They are all being investigated. We are required to

It is not one person. I think we can correlate this to

It may come out as an emergency notification.

The timely warnings is I believe

Part of the reasons the timely warnings is I believe

To prevent sexual assault crimes, a number of the re-

What would you tell the students who are worried

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We are not going to sit on this for very long. Typically,

We work together very closely. We have very

That's basically the heart of the Title IX law. Title IX is

We now have a full-time investigator and we have
duced sexual harassment and,"

"Bereavement training programs are critical in changing a culture that protects each other."
Sexual assault on campus is a serious and growing issue. But is it actually growing?

According to campus officials, the number of sexual assaults on South Dakota State’s campus is not increasing, but the number of people reporting the assaults is increasing.

So far this semester, there have been five reported assaults. Following each of these assaults, the university sent out a timely warning. This warning is sent out to the entire faculty and student body on SDSU’s campus.

Another part of the increase in reports can be credited to the different ways people can report sexual assaults. They can contact University Police Department, the Safety and Security office, Title IX, counseling center or any SDSU faculty member on campus. All employees receive Title IX training. This allows for a better support system for victims on campus.

We, at The Collegian, believe the university has greatly improved over the last two years … by increasing awareness on campus and creating a separate Title IX coordinator position.

They have also required training of all freshmen during Thump Start during New Student Orientation. We believe that this alone significantly increased awareness.

But what about the upperclassmen? There could be more outreach about sexual assaults and overall campus safety to current sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students.

Another area the campus can improve on is acceptance. Even though people are reporting more, there could also be an emphasis on the campus climate, meaning how students act and treat one another.

For people to feel safer about reporting the assaults, they also need to feel safe and supported by their peers on campus.

Another issue is alcohol. Alcohol is often a contributing factor when it comes to sexual assaults. We believe if the university addresses SDSU’s alcohol situation more proactively, this could help decrease the number of sexual assaults on campus.

This could be done through stricter regulations regarding alcohol consumption in and around campus. If they can address this issue, they can also address the sexual assault issue.

Overall, we believe that the university has taken great strides in improving sexual assault awareness on campus, including ways to report and resources available for victims. There are always ways to improve and if the university continues to take action as they have in the last two years, they will continue to progress.

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

Do you feel comfortable reporting any type of crime on campus, whether it happened to you or somebody else?
“Where can I report something on campus? Anywhere.”

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Student

At the risk of underestimating, I was disagreeable in this article. “Let- ters from Ars” a few weeks ago. The piece opened with a vague question—“Where can I report some- thing on campus?”—that is without an answer other than “Don’t bother.” It is unfortunate that the writer had no experience with reporting procedures on campus, but I am disturbed that this would lead to the suggestion that the hassle is never worth it.

While the article left the “something” to be reported ambiguous, I found my- self immediately thinking of victims of sexual assault, which is already a vast and misunderstood crime. The Justice Depart- ment estimates that only 1 in 3 vic- tim’s report the incident to authorities. Yes, the process to report any inci- dent on campus is lengthy and emo- tionally exhausting. For the victim and any witnesses will be asked many, many questions along the way, but without a clear picture of what occurred further action cannot be fairly taken. It might be frustrating, but I cannot and will not be a weight of justice. I do agree with the “Letters from Ars” on one account—you are not alone. If you’ve been harmed on campus, there are a variety of people you can feel and resources to help. If you want to make a report of what happened and keep what hap- pened to you from happening to some- one else, you owe it to yourself and the rest of the SDSU community to speak up.

The number to contact University Po- lice Department in (605) 688-3437. Com- munity assistants, advisers, faculty mem- bers—anyone you feel you can trust can report this campus is ready and willing to help with the reporting process. You are not alone.

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In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution was passed, abolishing slav- ery. Given that shelf of historical knowl- edge, if you were approached by an ar- caine American citizens on the sidewalk and asked if slavery existed in the Unit- ed States today, many would look at you quite confused and state that it does not exist against for decades. And chances are that they would weigh upon it, agreed.

So, what would the two of you say if a third individual came up and asked if you were both wrong and that slavery did in fact still exist? And what would you say if that individual continued to inform you that it was not just in the United States, but worldwide that there were 20 to 30 million victims of slavery that still existed in an industry known as human traffick- ing, and that this industry was the sec- ond-largest growing illegal crime in the world behind drug trafficking?

Before getting into the meat of this topic, it should be stated that all the facts world behind drug trafficking?ing, and that this industry was the sec- ond-largest growing illegal crime in the world behind drug trafficking?

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Consti- tution was passed, abolishing slav- ery. But with everyone’s help, it is very possible that it will get to hurt them or their loved ones if they try to leave. It’s nothing short of terrify- ing.

These victims are then sold via the in- ternet, through testing, phone calls, or just on the street. Yet, more-often than not, if a victim on the street gets caught selling themselves, they will get pros- ecuted, not their pimps, because they are believed to be doing it on their own free will.

The next thing people question is how can there be so many victims of it’s main- ly investigated in the United States? The victim, it is not isolated to the Uni- ted States alone. There are many-victims here in our country that are not demo- cratic and are here illegally. America is the second most popular destination zone for traffickers to bring over seas victims be- cause they are incredibly easy to blend in and sell here. But how are these victims get trapped over here? The traffickers will find people who come from poor backgrounds and promise them a better life, money to send back to their families and marriage for young women girls. They then smuggle them into America and force them into unpaid labor.

These victims then find themselves alone, terrified, typically unable to speak English and have without documenta- tion. They are smart enough to know that if they try to find help from law enforce- ment, it is very possible that they will get in trouble for being here without doc- umentation, even though it is not their fault.

This is only the tip of the iceberg on information about human trafficking. It is an extremely complicated and cr- eeping industry that needs to be brought closer to the forefront of ongoing problems in the world. The organizations listed earlier, (Not for Sale, End Slavery Now and The Polaris Project) are work- ing to put an end to modern day slavery and for all. But it starts with aware- ness of the truth of what is going on, no matter how uncomfortable it is. It is not just a small group of people that can make the change, we all need to step in.

Slavery didn’t end with the 13th Amendment. But with everyone’s help, we can be the generation that ends it for good.

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Custodians are unsung heroes of campus

Approximately 70 custodians, divided between day shifts and night shifts, work for the Facilities and Services Department and maintain more than 2.3 million square feet spread across 66 buildings. They operate behind the scenes to make sure everything is maintained and runs smoothly on campus.

“We are here, we are the other half. We keep it tidy and keep it secure,” said Sal Morgan, a facility worker in The Student Union and the Facilities and Services director of custodial services. “It is critical to our security, we keep things secured. We are here, we are a facility worker in The Student Union and the Facilities and Services, which encompasses most of the buildings on campus.”

Custodians on campus are divided across multiple departments including Housing, The Student Union and the Facilities and Services, which encompasses most of the buildings on campus. “If the school has proven the best way to maintain a school (how maintained campus) is to affect their de- cision,” said Troy Dykstra, the director of custodial services. “It has some weight in the decision to come here.”

In response to this, Governor Don- nie Daugaard appointed over two dozen educators, state representatives and other community leaders to the Blue Ribbon Task Force in February to in- vestigate where the problems surround- ing the education system in South Da- kota originate and how to properly ad- dress them.

For months, the task force traveled throughout the state, visiting schools and meeting with educators and stu- dents, gathering information on how legisators in Pierre could improve ed- ucation environments in South Dakota.

The panel did this again Nov. 5 in Ro- tounia D with a 260-member audience listening in on the task force’s progress and improving education.

The Student National Education As- sociation on campus requested that the task force examine some of its mem- bers to campus to participate in a panel hosted and set by the student organi- zation with the aid of eight other stu- dent organizations.

SNEA is an on-campus professional organization of aspiring teachers from all content areas. Members stress the professional development, political ac- tion, service-learning and the promo- tion of teaching as a profession for stu- dents.

The student organization meets each month to discuss education topics with its roughly 30 members as well as any undergraduates who are studying to become a teacher. The club also manag- es service projects each semester, like a partnership with local schools for prop- ert English Language Learners (ELL). The organization has also visited Pierre to investigate exactly how education is being managed in South Dakota.

As SNEA president and early child- hood and elementary education major Mackenzie Gough led the roughly two- hour discussion with panelists, includ- ing SNEA students as well as four of the Blue Ribbon Task Force panel mem- bers: Steven O’Brien, an English teacher from Watertown High School, Kevin Totzal, CEO of First Bank & Trust in Brookings, Representative of District 9, Paula Hawks, and Superintendent of Burke School District, Erik Person.

The panel discussed the benefits of raising teacher income, ways South Da- kota could attract more teachers and how to overall improve the classroom settings across the state.

“We need to start paying better at- tention to who we’re hiring in South Dakota to educate our children,” O’Brien said. “Just because I’ve watched just about every season of House doesn’t mean I can walk into a hospi- tal and start giving orders. The same should apply to how we hire our educad- tors in this state.”

The panel helped to make students more aware of what was going on be- hind the scenes, said SNEA vice presi- dent Paige Meester.

The panel’s audience was comprised of many of SDSU’s education majors.

“If the legislature did raise teach- er pay in South Dakota, I would stay because I love Brookings, and I love the communictics,” Gough said. “It’s just that I want a family and I don’t think I can support a family on a $40,000 in- come when I can do better in Iowa. I just hope things get better for teachers here.”

After months of research, the task force has proposed a $72 million plan for education in the state. The plan would increase annual teacher salary from an average of $40,600 to an aver- age of $46,000.

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Reporter

The SDSU Student National Education Association hosts the Blue Ribbon Task Force with other student associations in a panel that discussed ways to improve education and teaching opportunities.

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University of Missouri protests inspire reaction from students

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Junior, Columbia, Mo.

Colombia, Missouri is 543.9 miles away from Brookings, South Dakota, but in terms of the issues that the University of Missouri and South Dakota State University are facing, the distance seems a lot smaller.

During the week of Nov. 9, the University of Missouri encountered threats and posts on Yik Yak directed at black students. Another student conducted a hunger strike that he launched in hopes of motivating the president of the university, Tim Wolfe, to step down from his position due to the students believing he was not addressing the issues of racism on their campus. The football players refused to play in a football game against Brigham Young University until the president and Chancellor R. Brooke Enlow stepped down from their positions. The dissatisfaction with how the university officials handled the situation grew to protests across campus.

Before last week’s events took place, the campus had been experiencing racial tension on campus and lack of action by administration.

In the past, the events that took place at Mizzou may have been secluding to their campus and their town, but in the digital age, all it took was people starting to post about their experiences on social media. Now the issues are nationally known.

“I kind of proudly of the students [at the University of Missouri] for standing up to what they believed in,” said Iman Ali, a fifth-year senior biology and microbiology major, has experienced racism on campus.

“We have a safe space for students to go if they experience racism. There are places students can go if they experience discrimination of any kind. Williams said. There are the Multicultural Center, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Center for Student Cultural, student organizations and Title IX Employment Opportunity office.”

“But I hate that this one thing [hunger strike] is that we make a concerted effort to make our students feel included because people always talk about diversity, but it’s diversity and inclusion, so what are we doing to make our students feel included?” Williams said. “I think what you see at the Missouri campus is that those students did not feel included.”

Michelle Johnson, the Title IX and employment opportunity coordinator, said SDSU is determined to figure out what campus “race” and “discrimination” and the campus wants to take steps to address the situation.

“If you don’t know even that a simple comment was made, then the next time it’s made it’s going to be made in that is an isolated incident then the bigger picture does not change.”

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Semehar Ghebrekidan, a senior political science major, has encountered discriminatory comments during her time at SDSU. She said she is happy with how the students at Missouri reacted to the different situations.

“They paved the way for other schools to take it,” she said. “They helped to make some of those protests against violence.”

Ghebrekidan said she was “welcomed and given a safe space where I fit in,” Bartz said. He wanted to transfer to a different school last year after he saw individuals posting negative racist comments about black students in the SDSU campus area on Yik Yak. Bartz instead got involved with the Gay Straight Alliance.

“For me personally, it gave me a safe space where I know I was welcomed and supported by everyone in that group.” Bartz said.

He is now on the GSA executive committee.

“I kind of thought as a nation we were done with that, 20 years ago,” said Bartz.

“I am certainly proud of the students at Mizzou for standing up to what they believed in. I think it’s a good thing. I think it just shows that they are affecting change on their campus,” said SDSU is determined to figure out what campus “race” and “discrimination” and the campus wants to take steps to address the situation.

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“To Le, the next step would be to have a dialogue. One thing I’ve realized is that people don’t like talking about it. Le said. ‘They like to put it off to the side or they want to dismiss it. I think that’s really dangerous because if you don’t talk about it then you don’t learn.”

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Community is starting “The Difference is Dialogue” program. This program will focus on bringing together different groups of students to have discussions about issues happening on campus. These dialogues will begin on Jan. 26, 2016 and will last for five weeks, ending on Feb. 22, 2016.

“I would like to see our students more engaged in the process before it gets to the point of complete communication breakdown.” Williams said. “If you’re doing the work on the front end, you’re less likely to worry about the results on the back end of things. I do think our school is headed in the right direction. [We are] putting people in places to show we are an inclusive campus.”

Two years ago, she said, she was in a psychology lab when a classmate was having trouble with the assignment. Ali offered to help the student. When Ali and the other student finished the assignment, the other student said, “You’re really smart for a black girl.”

“I never knew my skin color triggered my intelligence or like even in the equation. … That was just one of the big ones that have happened to me here on campus,” Ali said. “I want people to know that as much as people think racism doesn’t exist, racism does exist and it’s still really a huge deal.”

“I am a strong believer in standing up what you believe in and equality, so I really appreciated their efforts and having peaceful protests and fighting against it,” said Le, a junior nursing major. “Mizzou showed the nation, the power of solidarity, the power of getting together as students and standing up for what you believe in.”

Le believes that there is racism at SDSU, but it is institutional racism, which is more engrained in the system than people realize.

“ ‘It’s not as outward as it is like Missouri,” Le said. “We know that being racist is wrong. We know that having other people’s noisy and spewing out hatred is bad, but we don’t realize the institutional racism.”

Le has experienced institutional racism where people don’t believe that racism exists at SDSU or discuss reverse racism.

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#### Undergraduate Commencement to change in May

Commercement will split into two ceremonies.

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NEWS EDITOR

Due to overcrowding and amount of time, this May’s undergraduate commencement ceremony at South Dakota State University will be split into two ceremonies.

Each ceremony will feature three colleges. The first, at 10 a.m., will include students graduating from the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, the College of Engineering and the College of Education and Human Sciences. The second ceremony, at 2 p.m., will include students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Pharmacy.

Clayton students will participate in each undergraduate commencement ceremony this spring, said Rhonda Smith, one of the committee organizers. Each graduation is estimated to take around 90 minutes. A graduation ceremony will also take place at 4 p.m. on the same day.

After last year’s graduation, organizers held a debrief meeting which led to the final pick for change, according to Provost Lauren Anderson.

“It looks that safety and security perspectives for us to know,” Nichols said. “We really could not be too picky to what many people in...”

Overcrowding and ceremony length were just a few of the concerns that led to the commencement change. Limited parking, disabled seating and ease of arriving and leaving were also factors said Don Chiala, assistant vice president of safety and security.

“These issues led to conditions that made a joyous event sometimes less than the festive event we’d like for our gradu...”

The change is needed, said Janelle Toman, director of communications and chair of the planning committee. “It will retain the same traditions.”

Critics of the change that would make it work for them.”

MAKENZIE HUBER

NEWS EDITOR

Donder Auditorium was more than just an auditorium to Ray Peterson. It was his second home. Peterson worked as a professor in the Theater Department for 60 years, and his burning desire was to see the Donder students with stage makeup, right...”

Donder Auditorium provided no more of working side by side with students to grow and live...”

The year he spent in Donder was certainly “good years.” Peterson said, but he thinks it is time for a change.

“We’re not making major changes to what we do,” Smith said. “It will retain the same traditions.”

Even though Thomas is on board, other students are looking forward to this new change, including Whitney Eytsad, a sophomore pharmacy student.

“Any change is a positive change,” Eytsad said. “I have always planned to walk and will walk May, and come back in two years for graduation. I can’t wait to see what they’re going to do with the place.”

Students graduating in Fall 2015 and Spring, Summer or Fall 2016, will have a choice to walk in either ceremony.

“We’re not picky about it,” Nichols said. “The idea is we want students to participate in commencement.”

### SDBOR discusses sale of alcohol on campus

**MEAKENZIE HUBER**

NEWS EDITOR

Alcohol is not allowed on South Dakota State’s campus, but a South Dakota Board of Regents (SDBOR) task force is exploring the possibility of selling alcohol on campus.

During their October meeting, the SDBOR announced the investigation of the possible sale of alcohol on campuses across the state. The task force is currently investigating the feasibility of selling alcohol on campuses and the possible law and policy changes needed to make it happen.

If the board decides to proceed after the report is given, Janelle Toman, director of communications and chair of the planning committee, said Don Chiala, assistant vice president of safety and security, assumes “the policies would give the campus some level of discretion on how it would make the decision.”

One way in which quotations could work at their own discretion is to give priority to departments of the college that would make recommendations to the board.

“The walls were painted over...”

Peterson can’t pinpoint exact memories that extend beyond the walls of Donder. “It’s a surreal moment being...”

Peterson’s service to SDSU created a legacy at the university, students and faculty said.

“There doesn’t have to worry about...”

The auditorium was built in 1919 when he returned to teach in the College Auditorium in 1914. He was awarded an honorary Degree, Distinguished Alumnus of SDSU in 1954. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of letters degree in 1971.

Donder was able to see his last...”

The auditorium has been used as a performance venue since its construction, and students in the Theater Department have made lasting memories, literally, by writing on the walls.

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Open forums help university hire campus ombudsperson

For a role that will affect students directly, the search committee decided that the forums should be open to the public.

“In my experience, an open forum is held in conjunction with a search to introduce to constituencies the person who will be in the position," said Dr. Serrett, head of the search committee and counseling and human development assistant professor. "In the case of the ombudsman, the new hire will serve students, faculty, and staff—so all were invited to an open forum to learn more about the person who will serve in the position. That's the intention of the forum: to allow the community to see the candidate perform in a different setting, meet them face to face, and ask questions." 

For the forums, on top of opening the hiring process to the public, the committee wanted to get the person in front of as many people as possible. They also wanted to determine which candidates are the best fit for SDSU. 

“Everybody just wanted a little piece of history, a keepake of all the memories, all the games,” Waltman said. “Even people who didn’t get into the stadium by. Waltman said he had left the stadium and then re-entered to turn the letters that spelled out Coughlin-Alumni on the front of the stadium. It is unclear what people think of the candidates and if they have any questions. "Much of the time those forums make their way to the final decision of that candidate," Serrett said. "We may determine through the process or positions that didn’t work for that position or for a specific ombudsperson, but we also can say, for example, we are going to hire the person for this position. We can look at what people think of the candidates and if they have any questions and if they are impacted by that."

"I don’t know if we had a feeling one was or not," Waltman said. "We just wanted to make sure people were invited. Scipio Waltman was one of the speakers who took some materials away from the stadium. He said he had left the stadium and then re-entered to turn the letters that spelled out Coughlin-Alumni on the front of the stadium after the game. Waltman said he was able to leave the stadium after the game and turn the bleacher sections below the press box. The athletics department also saved some items from the stadium.

"There are going to create some things in the future, but there are a lot of questions with some of the other items that we saved from the stadium," Waltman said. "They will be put to good use."

"I was big on getting the opportunities to see them in that setting and to see the candidate perform in a different setting, meet them face to face, and ask questions," Serrett said. "We may determine through the process or positions that didn’t work for that position or for a specific ombudsperson, but we also can say, for example, we are going to hire the person for this position. We can look at what people think of the candidates and if they have any questions and if they are impacted by that."

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I’m thankful I’m a Jackrabbit because...
Name: Rayyane Aljehani
Year: Freshman
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Q: How would you describe your style?
A: Casual

Q: Where do you shop?
A: I go to the Mall of America in Minneapolis or the Empire Mall in Sioux Falls. I don't shop online.

Q: Why don't you shop online?
A: There are a lot of problems with sizing. I like to see the material. I like to go to the fitting room.

Q: What is the most important thing about picking out an outfit in the morning?
A: Every morning, I spend like an hour trying to match clothes. 'O.K. What should I wear?' Yeah, I take a long time.

Q: If you could switch closets with anyone, who would it be?
A: I think my brother because he's stylish.

Q: What makes your brother stylish?
A: He dresses nice all the time. He goes shopping a lot.

Fashion tip:
"If you look at the guys, most of them dress in a sweatshirt. They don't care about their appearance. I think appearance is really important. It's for yourself. You feel clean. You feel happy."

Rayyane Aljehani
Freshman

Fashion: Forward

SELENA YAKABE
Columnist

Part of being healthy is eating healthy. It is pretty universally accepted that eating at home is better for your health than eating out, but it can be hard to find the time to cook a healthy meal. Not that this is a recent discovery by any means, but crockpots are probably one of my favorite things because I don't have to work that hard to eat healthy. Crockpots make it easier to eat healthy because all you have to do is throw some things into the crockpot in the morning, and dinner is ready when you get home from school or work. It makes life a lot easier.

There's actually a surprising amount of things that you can make in a crockpot. For instance, you can make ribs in a crockpot. Not that I have ever done this myself, but it seems like a great idea. There are a lot of great recipe books as well as recipes floating around the Internet. In particular, BuzzFeed has a whole section of 24 recipes for what they call "Dump Dinners." They have some interesting ones like carne asada nachos or beef and broccoli. They're anything but bland and boring. These recipes are often freezer-friendly as well and you can make them in bulk if desired. So, you can prepare them before hand, freeze them and then throw them in the crockpot whenever you want. All of these are super easy ways to save time and eat healthy.

Whenever I am slipping into a more unhealthy lifestyle, I tend to use the excuse "I just don't have time," but honestly, that's not even an excuse with this. My recommendation is to check out BuzzFeed's "Dump Dinners" and buy a crockpot—it is worth the investment. This is also user-friendly because, even if you're not good at cooking, I think it is pretty hard to mess up a one-pot meal. You can't knock it until you at least try it. Plus, it's great to come home to. Making food in a crockpot makes your house smell wonderful. When you come home after a long day, your home is filled with the smell of delicious food that has been cooking all day.

The realization that you don't have to put in more work just to get some food in your stomach is pretty great as well. The last thing I want to do when I'm hungry is sit around and wait for food to be ready, which is why fast food can seem so appealing sometimes. With a crockpot, there is no waiting. It is perfect for an impatient person like myself. It also makes me feel like I accomplished some great feat and made an amazing dinner when, in reality, it was not that much effort. Crockpots: easy to use, healthy and they make you feel good about your culinary skills.

Crockpots: The secret weapon to eating healthy but staying lazy

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International Night brings together cultures from different countries and allows attendees to participate in another culture for the night. The event features a variety of foods and performances unique to the countries represented at the event. Some of the dishes served at the event was a cream cheese dessert, spaghetti and sauce, chicken adobo, white rice, chicken curry, jori rice and chicken lasain.
**Lujan keys Jackrabbits comeback in reserve role**

AUSTIN HAMM

Sports Editor

Someone forgot to tell the University of South Dakota that they’re the little brother in this rivalry. The Coyotes gave the Jackrabbits all they could handle in Vermillion, S.D., last Saturday as the Jacks strutted out of the Dakota Dome with a 30-29 victory.

USD led 21-10 in the fourth quarter, but a late rally by the reserve quarterback Kyle Paris, running back Kyle Parks and a pick-on-safety Nick Parks, gave USD a chance to come back despite their earlier efforts.

USD led 20-10 headed in the fourth quarter, but a turnover on downs to secure SU’s defense would force a punt with 1:55 left. But SDU’s defense couldn’t contain Paris that quarter to secure a top-8 seed in the FCS playoffs.

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**Basketball is BACK!**

SDSU’s men open season with 2-0 record for the first time since 2010

ANDREW HOLTAN

Sports Reporter

The SDSU men’s basketball team improved to 2-0 on the season after defeating Weber State 65-63 at Frost Arena.

After handling Division-II Chadron State 87-58 in their season opener last Friday, the Jacks faced a tougher tenacious Weber State, which was riding a five-game winning streak. The Jacks came out on fire and built an early 12-0 lead, but the Jackrabbits fought back to pull within two to end the half.

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Parks turns struggles into strength

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South Dakota State University star guard, Deondre Parks is working on the leadership he showed as a senior and hopes that will set him on making the NCAA Tournament.

The boost production was a direct action of Deondre Parks on Monday night when the Jacks took on Weber State. He was sidelined due to a groin injury in the Jacks game last weekend, but left Monday night with 18 minutes in the 85-66 Jackrabbit victory.

The Jackrabbit finished the season last year with an overall record of 13-24 and 2-12 in the Summit League, where they won the regular season title but lost one-point short against North Dakota State in the Summit League Tournament Championship.

"Our goal as a team this year is to make the NCAA Tournament and put as much as a trophy on it as we possibly can," Parks said. "Potential goal, he is the older guy and also the older guy who you look for direction from." It wasn't until he lost his brother in 2010 in a robbery that had gone wrong that he realized it was time to get out of the city that had been taken over by guns, gang and drugs.

"It was rough, went through a lot of trails and tribulations. I lost a couple friends growing up. Death was a part of family growing up. It hit me time to time to go out and start a new chapter in my life," Parks said. "It inspired me a lot. I'm a big boy, I now get to do what I did not get to do as a young boy. If you were a young boy, you look at me.

He packed his bags and went down to Columbus, Ga. So he could get in front of the head coach, Brad. He attended King prep with the National Association of Christian Athletics Division III national title. He would graduate King Prep, the University of Arkansas.

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Fantasy Football Update

Athletes that exceeded expectations this week:

Jeremy Langford, Chicago Bears  
Running back

The rookie Langford exploded in his role stepping in for the injured Matt Forte this week. He was just above average as a runner but true to the Bears offenses, Langford exploded as a pass-catcher out of the backfield. He had 79 yards on 20 carries and six touchdowns. He also caught seven passes for 109 yards and a touchdown, per ESPN Stats and Info. Langford had 30.2 points in standard-scoring leagues, and 37.2 points in points-per-reception leagues. It is going to be interesting to see how much production he will have once Forte is healthy, especially since Fortin is in a contract year.

Michael Floyd, Arizona Cardinals  
Wide receiver

I am more than displeased with the one. Considering he had been riding my bench all year, Floyd caught seven passes for 113 yards and two touchdowns, according to ESPN Stats and Info. After having little to no production his first five games, Floyd has now caught at least one touchdown in each of his last four games. The Cardinals have three very good pass-catchers, Floyd, John Brown, and Larry Fitzgerald. They have all produced this year, but a flex play for Floyd might be the safest bet down the road.

Zach Miller, Chicago Bears  
Tight end

I do not think Miller is a safe pickup I want to para phrase with that because he had huge production this week, mediocre production last week, and no production every week before that. Miller had a big week, five catches for 107 yards, and two touchdowns, according ESPN Stats and Info. He was the highest scoring tight end this week in fantasy, but that will not happen again.

Kirk Cousins, Washington Redskins  
Quarterback

It brings me a tremendous amount of happiness anytime I say “I told you so.” If perhaps you read my column last week and took my advice to play Cousins, you were handsomely rewarded. The Saints’ defense played so horribly for the third straight week, that they fired their defensive coordinator Rob Ryan. Cousins threw for 324 yards and four touchdowns, accumulating 313 points in standard-scoring leagues, according to ESPN Stats and Info. The Redskins are onto Carolina this week, and don’t expect Cousins to play like he did against the Saints.

Who to watch for next week:

Matthew Stafford, Detroit Lions  
Quarterback

In typical Stafford fashion, he has been the definition of inconsistent this year. His season-high of 40 points came a week after his season-low of 7. He is facing the underwhelming pass defense of the Oak- land Raiders this week and he should have a decent game. He is coming off a sloppy win against the Packers and it would be a surprise if Stafford looks to string a few post bye weeks together.

Andreu Ellington, Arizona Cardinals  
Running back

Ellington rightfully lost his starting role to an explosive Chris Johnson, but he may have earned himself some additional touches this week. He had 60 yards on five carries and a touchdown which came off a very impressive 49-yard run, per ESPN Stats and Info. Johnson is still the starter, but Ellington is a decent play as a Flex, especially in PPR leagues. If he can continue to produce big numbers on a limited role, let’s hope his coaches give him a few extra carries.

Danny Amendola, New England Patriots  
Wide receiver

Julian Edelman went down with an injury this week giving Amendola a larger role in the offense. He caught 10 passes for 79 yards this week, according to ESPN Stats and Info. Brady is going to be targeting him a lot more until Edelman comes back and we are going to see his fantasy numbers increase drastically.

Brock Osweiler, Denver Broncos  
Quarterback

A quarterback in the wildcard spot? I usually keep the spot for a tight end, defense, or kicker, but Osweiler is the absolute defi nition of a wildcard this week. He has decent offensive line, one heck of a receiving core around him, and being the “Sheriff’s” deputy (I came up with that one all alone) over the last two seasons, is seeming high output. We could easily be seeing the transition between mentor and apprentice this Sunday if Osweiler produces. Fantasy owners could pay off tremendously or bust terribly.

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