**Stagnant grants shift SI, tutoring funding**

**PAT BOWDEN**

Starting this semester, the Supplemental Instruction (SI) Program will be funded through the University College instead of the TRIO Programs. This change is due to dormant education grants that funded TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) in the past.

This shift in funding has caused a stir in student voice, resulting in a Students’ Association resolution supporting the SI Program and tutoring on campus.

The SI programs, which are group-oriented tutoring sessions for underclassman courses with higher failure rates, are receiving student utilization and are not at risk of being cut from funding. The Wintrode Tutoring Program and the TRIO SSS Tutoring Program are both unaffected by these changes.

This shift in funding, however, is due to an increase in federal grants in the last dozen years from the U.S. Department of Education, according to SI Coordinator Linda Murray.

“Federally-funded grant programs have received no increase in funding in many years, which makes it impossible to continue to operate at previous levels when expenses – minimum wage, for example – continue to increase on a yearly basis,” Murray said.

“SDSU values the SI Program, and so the Academic Affairs office and University College are doing what we can to continue the program. While the SI Program is still receiving student participation, the TRIO program also reviews and analyzes its programs to determine which are having more or less impact on the student body. The last review showed that SI was not being ‘utilized in significant numbers’ by those who participated, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Michaela Willis.

“TRIO was no longer able to financially support the program through existing funds in addition to other programs and services that participants were utilizing with a significantly higher frequency,” Willis said. “The flat funding of TRIO grants has a significant impact on this decision.”

Despite this shift in funding, TRIO will continue to be involved with the SI program and will continue to place, administer, train and supervise SI sections that are requested to, according to TRIO Program Director Jeffrey Vostad.

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Get your bindles ready: looking forward to Hobo Day

**GARRETT AMMENSMAKI**

News Editor

With the new year comes a new semester, and most importantly, another Hobo Day. The grand question is: Who will lead South Dakota State’s rag-tag band of wanderers? Well, the Grand Paoo-ba, of course, and this year’s leader is Anna Chicoine, a senior English major.

“Despite choosing a life of wandering and adventuring, we will always remember where our roots lie and where we have been,” Chicoine said.

The SDBU spirit is one of change, but Chicoine believes that to continue Hobo Day she needs to build off the traditions of the past.

“I don’t necessarily think it’s about what I plan on doing differently,” Chicoine said, “rather how we as a new committee can continue to grow the momentum of what the past committees have established.”

The committee has not yet been chosen, but applications go out within the first few weeks of the spring semester.

Chicoine is most excited for the BumFire, which involves a large bonfire near the football stadium. The event was created in 2016 and Chicoine is excited to bring it back and cultivate it as a piece of Hobo Day history.

The BumFire and Hobo Day are not all on the shoulders of Chicoine and the committee, though. For Hobo Day to be fully realized they will need the help of students and faculty alike.

“It’s up to us (the committee) to plan and deliver exciting events that demonstrate the legacy Hobo Day has,” Chicoine said. “I think that the more people know about Hobo Day and why we celebrate it, the more they’ll want to buy into the events throughout the week and the Hobo Spirit.”

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Title IX closes investigation into derogatory LGBT+ writings

**IAN LACK**

Reporter

Following a series of derogatory LGBT+ messages written on the door of Hansen Hall resident Tanner Johnson, Title IX informed Johnson that an investigation would be made into the writings. Johnson was informed that this investigation was done in an attempt to discover the people responsible for the writings.

Johnson said the Title IX officials spoke with him about three weeks after he reported the message saying that, with his permission, they were going to close the investigation.

“They said that various members of administration had been discussing it, but that there weren’t any leads into who had written on the board,” said Johnson, junior history education major. “They said that if I had any more information later, I could bring it back to them.”

The first writing appeared on the whiteboard on Johnson’s door on Nov. 9, after he hung a gay pride flag on the door. The first writing was followed by two other writings that appeared on Nov. 17.

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Chemistry professor to present Herbert Cheever lecture: news: makes way to teach students conceptual understanding

MAKENZIE HUBER
Editor-in-Chief

It's assumed that university-level students can learn — they have high school diplomas to prove it. But Michael Dianovsky, an assistant professor in chemistry, believes there is more to learning than memorizing algorithms and facts. “Educators need to stop educating for tests of the moment and focus on the test-prep- ers want in students — we're not preparing students well enough,” Dianovsky said. “We as educators need to address students as the whole person and not just a toolkit that can be im- proved. We should provide tools that are needed and create a habit for critical thinking and creating thinking that will last a lifetime.”

To do that, Dianovsky pro- poses students must learn how to learn. The process in- volves reflection and conver- sation, shifting from a perform- ance-oriented system to a learning-oriented atmosphere.

Dianovsky will present his method of teaching at the fourth annual Herbert Cheever Jr. Lib- eral Arts Lecture as “Learn- ing How to Learn: The Path Less Traveled in Education.” Dian- ovsky was the 2017 recipient of the J.P. Hendrickson Liberal Arts Faculty Scholar award. This focus on helping students grapple with the mission of a liberal arts education, said Linda spokesman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

“Historically, universities have been focused on this con- cept of liberal arts — how can we use knowledge of ourselves and the world around us to cre- ate a better world,” Papini said. A liberal arts education gives students skillsets such as critical thinking, communication and self-awareness that will be need- ed in any career field. Although chemistry is typi- cally associated with memorializa- tion, Papini said, Dianovsky ex- amines his courses on helping in- coming students “understand and appreciate the active role they take in the learning pro- cess.” It’s about a professor “filling students’ heads with in- formation — it’s about helping students learn how to learn.”

“Students are used to coming in and doing the work and only to do the least amount of work for the highest grade,” Di- anovsky said. “That’s not how his class works.” Students in Dianovsky’s class learn content through journal reflections and learning their progression in class and making learning changes throughout the course. Dianovsky uses these reflections as an example of self-focus as well as help them differ- entiate between solving prob- lems and learning the material. It helped students see a difference between solving problems in chemistry and get- ting the right answer, Dianovsky said, and whether or not that means they can have a conceptual understanding of chemistry. That conceptual understand- ing is important for students be- coming active citizens, Papi- ni said. “The world of tomorrow is one in which we really don’t know what the opportunities are and that is something Papini said. “The value of a liberal arts education is that it doesn’t specifically prepare you for specific vocation, but does prepare you for life. It’s impor- tant for students to understand what the goal is.”

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A: I’m in charge of the president’s calendar so I schedule his meetings and make any changes to his schedule that need to be made. I make all of his travel arrangements for him, write put- ters emails that need to be sent, I do his meetings and manage his office bills. I just do so many things, almost with- out thinking, it’s hard to keep track of sometimes.

Q: Why did you decide to take this job in 1972?
A: My oldest brother was going to school here at the time when I would come out here, and I thought that the people here are just so friendly, and so I asked my sister-in-law about job opportunities here and she just hit me right up. I went in and did an interview in the President’s Of- fice. But what really just drew me here was how nice everyone was and how people just said ‘hi’ to you.

Q: What was your time on campus like when you first started working here in 1972?
A: Well, there certainly weren’t this many buildings! Since I first came here, we’ve certainly seen the enrollment here increase tremendously. But the students, I would say, are the same for the most part. They are all still really friendly, and I enjoy working with them. When I first came in here and started working in this office, Human Resources was actually in our office and so we did that work as well. We had typewriters there! Copy machines were just starting. But over the years, we eventually switched to computers, and that has made it easier in a lot of ways.

Q: Do you still feel the same way about this job as when you first started?
A: Oh, I still love it and I love the people I get to work with.

Q: What is challenging about this job position?
A: It’s always evolving and trying to accommodate everyone who would likely to have an opportunity to visit with him. You always have to be ready for the unexpected. People might not understand that the president is responsible for. We are always working with the [South Dakota] Board of Regents, the Governor’s Office in Pierre and our local legislators. There’s a lot of people involved.

Q: If you could offer one word of advice to someone who would replace you in this position, what would it be?
A: If there’s a spoke missing out of a wheel, it’s not going to work very well. So, be a team member. Work without fear and be committed part of any team. And, of course, enjoy what you’re doing. Love the people that you work with.

Dianovsky hopes his lecture will still be a pivotal point of a con- versation for students and fac- ulty at SDU about what educa- tion should be about and what outcomes students want from their education. The award and lecture will be presented at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2017 in the Volstorff Ball- room.

Linda Schumacher

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Editor-in-Chief

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Exhibit at Briggs Library shows struggles of an unseen nation

GARRETT AMMESMAKI • News Editor

A new exhibit at the Hilton M. Briggs Library displays the untold story of African-Native Americans.

South Dakota State University is one of the last schools to see IndiVisible, an exhibit dedicated to the rarely-told stories of African-Native American lineage as it intersects throughout U.S. history.

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What’s wrong with you? You read all the right magazines. You learned the right yoga moves. By all accounts you should be Ryan Reynolds or Blake Lively. I need you to take a deep breath and look at the mirror:

1. Look at the people around you. Do they want you to succeed? Do they hold themselves up to your opinion? How often would you want to see them again?
2. Listen to some different music, have you ever caught yourself deep in a pitty, rock-out to Led Zeppelin at a different time of the night? I have. Stop listening to bad music.
3. And who ever said that you need to be an astro- ron? Be a co-pilot. Or maybe even just a rup driver. Your life is endless, take yourself into the infinite.

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"Unfortunately, when there are cowardly attacks on people in general," Doug Wermedal said, the associate vice president of Student Affairs.

"I was just shocked by the incident similar to John Johnson’s.\" he continued, referring to a rainbow flag up, "No one deserves to be made fun of due to their peers harass or in their living space.\" Mills, who identifies with the Brookings community, had been called derogatory names and sent a message on his door, a meeting encouraging for his floor residents to make this a safe place.\" Making this a safe place can’t do educationally to prevent this from happening in the future.\" Following the writing on his door, a meeting was held on Johnson’s floor in Hansen to discuss the messages. Johnson said he found this meeting encouraging for himself and informative for his fellow floor residents. Her perspective of the steps the university took to address the situation and make him feel safe and welcome.

"No one deserves to feel unsafe at a university or in their living space due to their peers hassanitng them based on who they are as a human," Mills said. If we keep up with students across campus that the university is an inclusive, safe space.\" According to SA Sen.

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Committing to something doesn’t mean you will do it perfectly from then on. Allow yourself to make mistakes and be informed of any scheduled events. ** Not all clubs were able to comment on meeting times.

**Mental health**

Whether you declare a New Year’s resolution or not, you likely have a few things in mind you hope to improve on or achieve this year. On The Collegian’s Twitter, we ran a poll asking what New Year’s resolutions people were setting. Most respondents chose eating healthier/exercising, followed by better mental health, trying something new and better grades/organization. Here are ways you can achieve these resolutions in 2017.

**Healthy eating and exercise**

Many people resolve to hit a weight target, drop 10 or 20 pounds, or trim two inches off their waist—but where do you start? And then what?

Take a different approach than the classic 1,200 calorie diet. Instead of cutting calories, dieting and running yourself ragged in the gym, make adjustments to your lifestyle.

For example, strive to eat out less. Only allow yourself to get fast food once or twice a month, or maybe once every paycheck if you are also trying to save money. Challenge yourself to cook something new every Sunday for dinner so you can learn to prepare healthier, homemade meals. The key is making a lifestyle change, allowing yourself to reach your goal and continue to maintain a healthier way of life.

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Talk to your professors—they are there to teach you, so listen. Don’t be afraid to go to your professor’s office hours. Keep in touch with your advisor not just when you need to register for classes. Take notes in class—don’t just be there for attendance, be there for your education.

To stay organized, keep a planner. If a week doesn’t work for you, find a tutor, find a study group or see your professor.

If you just need to unwind from your busy life, don’t be afraid to say no in one in a while. Take a night off to yourself to do what you want. Put together a puzzle, go for a walk or drive, bake, craft, swim, shop—whatever makes you feel good, try it.

If you are struggling academically, know that it is OK, and seek help—and talk to someone you can control how you respond. If you are not informed of any scheduled events. ** Not all clubs were able to comment on meeting times.

**Grades and organization**

We all want to do well in school, that’s why we are here. There’s really no way to do better in school than to commit yourself to it. Study often and over time rather than cramming in one night. Write your paper over time, and revise over time—not in the last few hours before the dropbox closes.

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Make 2017 about you and your aspirations. As for exercise, there are a thousand obstacles—stress, fit your paper over time, and revise over time—not in one. Write your paper over time, and revise over time—not in the last few hours before the dropbox closes. No matter what you like, you’ll enjoy working toward your goals.
The Collegian's top movies of 2016

IAN LACK
Editor’s Note: This is a list based on the 2016 films the reporter was able to see within their available free time. The list takes into account all qualities of film making and personal taste, as well as audience appeal.

1. “Arrival”

“Arrival” was advertised as a showdown between humans and the unknown outside. Take a jump back and you will find a balance.

2. “La La Land”

I can say that the film lives up to its hype. Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone have magnetic chemistry together and Damien Chazelle’s excellent direction creates some of the year’s best sensory experiences.

3. “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story”

Easily the best “Star Wars” film to date, “Rogue One” boasts the franchise to new heights. Sweeping starship fights, a talented, diverse cast and a beautiful ending bring the “Star Wars” chapter into a new era.

4. “Moonlight”

“Moonlight” was advertised as a character struggle and growth the main character, Chiron, goes through is eye-opening as well as beautiful.

5. “Jackie”

Natalie Portman’s performance as one of the most iconic first ladies in U.S. history was greatly anticipated, and not without reason. “Jackie” lives or dies by Portman’s performance and, in this case, it lives with grace and breathtaking poignancy.

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Putting the “style” in Lifestyles

LAURA BURTBEERD
Lifestyle Editor

Every person has their own story and their own interests. I believe that a good journalist should tell people’s stories and teach people new things. In my new role as lifestyle editor, I hope to achieve that.

My name is Laura Burtbeerd. I’m a sophomore journalism major with minors in global studies and music. My small hometown of Granite Falls, Minnesota is just far enough away for me to feel independent, but close enough to be able to visit my family.

I developed a passion for the arts while growing up. While writing ranked at the top of my passions, my love for music, reading and theatre still hold a special place in my heart. Because of this, my section may include more features of the performance-related and talents right here on campus. There also may or may not be recipes, crafts or destination highlights. I haven’t quite decided exactly where my section will go, but I think, in a way, that’s kind of exciting.

I always seem to make my life extremely busy. Taking classes, working part time, joining extracurriculars, letting the gym, having a social life and (usually) doing homework just didn’t seem to be enough for me, so here I am at The Collegian. I’m excited to get more experience in the journalism field, and I can’t wait to get to know more people and happenings around campus.

Every day I try to get more experienced in the journalism field, and I can’t wait to get to know more people and happenings around campus. It’s never easy to watch a story unfold, some changes, which might make you want to hop away from your responsibilities. It might be boring, but getting your carrots in a new row will bring you closer to a free time.

Jackrabbit, you are the star of the show. Your social life is hopping and your confidence is high. Just make sure you don’t spend all of your carrots in one spot while you’re out and about.

Bus Rules: No smoking, no food/drink, including water bottles. No pets. By law, reserve the right to refuse service to anyone exhibiting unacceptable behavior. For the safety of all concerned, we reserve the right to cancel service in the event of severe weather conditions.
Wrestling stays hot over Winter Break
Jackrabbits win fifth-straight dual match against Northern Colorado

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Sports Reporter

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As the team continues, the Jacks will travel to Laramie, Wyoming, on Jan. 13 to take on the Wyoming Cowboys. It will be a showdown of Big 12 teams that both find themselves ranked. InterMat has the Jackrabbits ranked at 18 and the Cowboys are at 23. The Cowboys have dropped three straight duals to unranked Army, North Carolina and American.

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JACKS THRIVING DESPITE INJURIES

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The South Dakota State women’s basketball team opened Summit League play over the break with a 5-3 record, picking up wins over North Dakota State, Fort Wayne and Omaha, and falling to South Dakota, even without a couple of key players.

“We’ve still been a work in progress,” Head Coach Aaron Johnston said. “Having a couple of players not out on the court takes a little time to adjust, but I thought from where we were at North Dakota State to where we were against Omaha we’ve actually shown a lot of improvement.”

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The South Dakota State wrestling team went 2-0 over Winter Break after defeating Boise State 37-3 and Big 12 conference foe Northern Colorado 34-6. They also participated in the Midland Championships in Evanston, Illinois and came in second place.

**What’s next:**

SDSU will be on the road for their next two duals as they travel to Colorado and Wyoming to take on the Cow Boys Jan. 14 and will then travel to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado on Jan. 15.

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SDSU started off Winter Break by getting destroyed by Louisville 83-30. They would then win their next five with the lone loss coming to their rival South Dakota. The 3-1 start in Summit League play is surprising considering they are playing without two of their starters as Corey Miller is out for the year and Clarissa Ober is injured.

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The 2016 South Dakota State football team accomplished a task that many former teams could not: win a Missouri Valley Football Conference. The Jackrabbits went north to the Fargodome to play the former five-time FCS champions. It was the first time the Jacks were able to beat North Dakota State University in the Fargodome since 2009.

This carried their season to their first ever top-eight seed in the FCS playoffs. So what can we expect from SDSU next year?

Well …

SDSU is returning three of their top weapons in offense, two of which have been to Freeman to be their first ever top-eight seed in the FCS playoffs.

One problem Wisconsin could run into is when opposing defenses go into press coverage. Offensive Coordinator Eric Eidsness will have his hands full creating opportunities to get his top playmakers the ball.

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State of SDSU Football: How to make 2017 the year of the Jackrabbit
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:
LUKE ZILVERBERG

Andrew Holtan
Sports Editor

Luke Zilverberg helped the South Dakota State wrestling team win both of their duals this weekend against Boise State and Northern Colorado. The 165-pounder won both of his matches in overtime. One of those victories came against Keilan Torres of Northern Colorado, who is ranked 14th in the 165-pound weight class.

Zilverberg won Big 12 Conference Co-Wrestler of the Week and, because of this, he is named The Collegian Sports Athlete of the Week.

The Jacks will be back in action Jan. 13 when they take on the Wyoming Cowboys in Laramie, Wyoming.

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Jacks need to get rid of the zone defense

After a 101-92 loss to Omaha Saturday, Jan. 7, you have to really question whether the 1-3-1 zone will ever work for the South Dakota State men’s basketball team. The Jacks are off to a 1-3 start in Summit League play.

The Jacks switched to a 1-3-1 zone defense over Thanksgiving weekend at the Sanford Pentagon Showcase. The 1-3-1 zone technique has not proven to be successful since they currently sit in eighth place in the Summit League. SDSU is home against Fort Wayne at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in Frost Arena.

So far this season, the Jackrabbits rank 323rd in defensive efficiency rating out of the 351 Division I teams. The defensive efficiency is based on how many points a team gives up per possession. As of right now, SDSU gives up 1.1 points per possession.

The Jacks switched to a 1-3-1 zone during the Sanford Pentagon Showcase over the Thanksgiving weekend. In the first five games of the season, they gave up 80 points a game before switching to the zone. In the next ten games, they gave up only 64.2 points a game.

After that, Summit League play started, and they have given up 83.8 points a game in their four conference games.

The 1-3-1 zone allows teams to score wide open three point shots. SDSU is last in three’s given up in both conference play and overall. The team has given up 53 three-pointers in Summit League play. That is eight more than the next team, Fort Wayne. Overall, the Jacks have given up 239 three’s this season.

The next closest Summit League team is Omaha and they’ve given up 161.

The Jacks have held their opponents to 44 percent shooting from the field, which is third in the conference. There are more than two shots, which is why they have been giving up so many points. They allowed Omaha to make 16 three’s on 35 attempts, a 45 percent success rate.

One of the reasons I believe the Jacks don’t like to go into man-to-man is because they are not a very quick team. Last year, the Jacks had quick guards in Deondre Parks and George Marshall. With both of them leaving, they’ve had to go to Andre Wallace and Michael Orris.

Another reason I believe they run a zone defense is they think their opponents can’t continue to shoot three’s very well. However, if they continue to give up three’s at the rate they have in the first four Summit League games, a change will have to be made. You have to figure that you would rather a team make five more two-point baskets and five less three’s than vice-versa.

They are only four games into Summit League play, which means there is plenty of time to turn things around. As of right now, they hold eighth place in the Summit League. That’s something Jackrabbit fans are not used to since they have finished tied for first in the Summit League the past two seasons.