Finaly, Brookings to get Taco Bell

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SARA BERTSCH
Editor-in-Chief

Officials have confirmed that a Taco Bell restaurant will be coming to Brookings and opening in mid-August this year. The restaurant will potentially be located north of Lowe’s Home Improvement on 25th Avenue according to Dennis Bielfeldt, co-owner of Den-Wil Home Improvement on 25th Avenue.

“Some, on the other hand, may simply consider it a time to start fresh – a time to give new identity to the leadership that steers this school. ‘I have the philosophy that people in those positions need to turn over, there just needs to be a reboot,’ Chicoine said. ‘There’s a reason faculty have the opportunity to apply for a sub-lotus every seven years.’

‘These vacancies will allow two new voices to take the helm, which is something natural for the future of a school. New leadership is implemented to face new and developing issues and this particular changeover could address issues in a completely new direction than the current leadership.

‘There are obviously a number of new challenges facing higher education – we need to find new, innovative ways to bring people in and help them succeed in the system,’ Michael Rush, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, said. ‘Times are changing and part of it is looking ahead and figuring what generalizable skills are needed and what kind of innovative programs are necessary for that post-secondary value.’

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Caribou; SDSU location to see changes

The change is happening at the “corporate level,” according to JoLee Frederiksen, Jack Dining general manager. She said there is no timeline available for when the SDSU location will become co-branded.

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Mike Struck, the community development director for Brookings, said Bielfeldt came to the Board of Adjustment meeting Monday night to get Taco Bell a variance. Bielfeldt said Taco Bell is expanding students will enjoy and can easily get to.

‘We’ve been working on this deal for a while,’ Bielfeldt said. ‘We want it to be a congruency and consistent with the Division 1 mission.’

Barry Zelickson with Border Foods confirmed the new restaurant in Brookings and opened making Jan. 21 to request a variance, the Board of Adjustment met on Monday night. Bielfeldt said Taco Bell is trying to provide some bike racks.”

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Einstein Bros. Bagels in the Student Union will soon get a makeover as the bagel-making company co-brands with Caribou Coffee.

Jill Holding Co., majority owner of Caribou Coffee and other coffee companies, bought Einstein Noah Restaurant Group Inc. for $374 million. As a result, Einstein and Caribou will co-brand at Einstein locations across the United States, including the SDSU location.

Students will still be able to order the same bagels and coffee combinations they have grown accustomed to. What will change is that Caribou coffee and beverages, soups will be taken off the menu.

Small transitions will be made throughout the spring semester and into next year, said Robert McLean, University Food Services Advisory Committee (UFSCAC) member and Student Association senator.

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Students want fall commencement back

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SELENA YAKABE

Newspaper reporter

The South Dakota State University student body did not get a fall commencement ceremony removed from the school budget in 2010, and some students want it back.

“The biggest thing this did was that it was just ended, there was nothing put in place,” said Cummings.

The graduation ceremony was removed due to a 30 percent budget cut SDSU experienced over the past few years. During an economic crisis, the governor instructed public universities needed to remove 10 percent of their budget.

Comparatively, University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University released their budgets.

Nicholas was unable to provide an exact figure for how much SDSU spent on fall commencement, but he estimated the university was spending approximately $32,000/mo.

The university opted to rid of the ceremony rather than provide a smaller commencement.

“Everyone wants it back,” said Cummings.

Nicholas said the spring commencement has been enhanced and estimates it now costs around $30,000 purely due to the splitting of the ceremonies.

Some of the costs that go into the commencement:

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Due to the absence of a fall commencement, students graduating in the spring ceremony are encouraged to participate in the spring commencement before or after their actual graduation date.

Several colleges, such as the College of Engineering and College of Nursing also hold their own, smaller graduation ceremonies for students.

Any proceeds generated from the fall graduation ceremony will be donated to a non-profit organization.

“Honestly, I want to get my money’s worth for attending college,” Bourne said. “I wanted to be able to walk with those who I came into college with in May, but also upon my parents to see me cross the stage.”

However, this may present an issue for some. Walking in the spring commencement is not always an option for graduates.

“I think a lot of students choose to walk in May called before or after they graduate, but for some of them, I don’t think it’s always possible if you move away,” said Ashley Tonak, state and local government chair of the Student Association.

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FarmHouse opens doors to welcome first new students

NICOLE HAMILTON

The South Dakota State University FarmHouse Fraternity chapter finished its new house in time to celebrate the organization’s 100th anniversary in April. The new FarmHouse has 20 bedrooms and can hold up to 40 members, said Trevor Hansen, the chapter president. There are currently 52 members, most of whom moved into the new building.

The house also houses a library, three study rooms, conference room, lounges and a guest bathroom. The house incorporates sentimental value and symbolic meaning as well. The large fireplace mantle from the old house was split into two smaller mantles for the new house. The four pillars inside hold a library of the intellectual, social, physical and spiritual development of its members.

The house symbolizes the values of FarmHouse, such as accessibility for members with disabilities and the possibility of creating a room for a “house mom.”

The chapter and the alumni worked together to build and finance the new house. Nearly 50 percent of funds for the new house were from SDSU FarmHouse Alumni. On average, 15 percent of alumni associations donate to current building projects in the FarmHouse Fraternities, Thoott said.

The South Dakota FarmHouse Alumni Association will also benefit from the new house. The building is open for them to use for their annual meeting or to conduct interviews.

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Brookings, SDSU Day allows community input for legislative issues

MAKENZIE HUBER

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Legislators in Pierre, South Dakota discussed issues facing this year’s session with community members from the Brookings area Wednesday, Jan. 20 for the annual Brookings and South Dakota State University Day at the capital.

The group held discussions with decision makers in Pierre about bills and issues addressing the state and how decisions made at the capital will affect SDSU and the city and county of Brookings.

The timing of the event is set for early in the session to give people from the university and community a chance to interact and discuss topics of their interest, said Bob Otterson, executive assistant to the president.

“The year each discussions we hold change based on the needs of the community and the university,” Otterson said. “Some years there are specific people and agency heads who are on the list because of hot topics of concern for people in the university and community.”

Discussions were held with secretaries of state, education and the Department of Agriculture and legislators for District 7.

Community members focused on the half-pennys sales tax increase proposal, Medicaid expansion and other topics concerning policy changes and issues.

Event attendees used their time at the capital to provide legislators with information that they need to make decisions that affect the future of the Brookings community, said Pat Hansen, associate dean of pharmacy and city council member.

Legislators will go out of their way to talk to people wanting for Brookings and SDSU day, said Brookens Fraternity (SA) President Chad Flohr. Since the trip to Pierre is a three-hour trek, it means even more to the legislators that people are there to talk to them about their issues and concerns, he said.

Matt Dahlk, SA vice presid- edent, believes legislators look forward to seeing Brookings and SDSU members not only for the SDSU ice cream, but also because they appreciate the input they received.

Brookings and SDSU Day makes it easier for communi- ty members to develop relationship with legislators and agen- cies at the capital, Hansen said.

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Keep in mind that change can be good.

At the end of last semester, both the president and provost announced their plans to step down from their respective positions. The question on most people’s mind is what happens next for South Dakota State University? As a university, the next step is to recognize that change will occur in various ways. The first is new individuals will be filling Chicoine and Nichols’ empty positions, which may cause mixed emotions. Chicoine, after he retires as president, plans to continue working at SDSU in the economics department. Nichols is going to be president at the University of Wyoming. They both have future plans, but they have not finalized when it comes to deciding they both want to stay at the same time. Filling one of these positions is tough, but filling both of these positions has caused a mad rush to find a new president and provost.

In addition to losing two high-ranking administrators, SDSU is going to see some major changes across campus. First, we have the new president and provost. While we are currently in the transition phase, we will most definitely have a new face in the president and provost office. Bhupinder潍kheria is the new provost of SDSU. Bhupinder潍kheria has always been more than willing to lend a helping hand in any and all of my future endeavors, no matter the time commitment and without any pay or location, quality replacements to these positions is healthy. It will allow for a new set of eyes on campus that might find new areas to grow and bring fresh ideas.

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Stance: Change will be good for the university, but the transition will be not be easy.

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Opinion Editor

Spring is a time for change. It is when the snowless snow finally disappears, when the声明 returns, and when students eagerly await summer vacation. However, this year South Dakota State University will be experiencing a much larger change than simply seeing the grass again. The spring semester will mark the end of the current SDSU positions of President David Chicoine and Provost Laurie Nichols.

This change may sadden some, where others might not even notice that Chicoine and Nichols are leaving. Some people may not even care about this change because they do not see it as something that negatively affects them, but what these apathetic students fail to realize is that it will affect them. I am not sure about all of you who are reading this, but I believe that both President Chicoine and Provost Nichols have filled a huge emptiness here at SDSU. Throughout my three years at SDSU, my experience here has been filled with positive experiences and that pleasant experience is something I will miss when it comes to administration. I have never had the pleasure of attending an independent student meeting, I have always been able to communicate with President Chicoine when needed and I have always found faculty who are willing to help me.

Next year’s freshmen may not have the same experience that I had. Perhaps the new president and provost may not be able to provide the same experiences that I had. Who is to say that the replacements will be able to live up to the expectations that President Chicoine and Provost Nichols have set? One student I talked to commented on this change by saying, “I am a bit worried about how the administration will be able to make positive change across campus. Chicoine and Nichols have always been more than willing to lend a helping hand in any and all of my future endeavors, no matter the time commitment and without any pay or location, quality replacements to these positions is healthy. It will allow for a new set of eyes on campus that might find new areas to grow and bring fresh ideas.”

While we will have to wary of the new president and provost. There are always going to be changes that these individuals could be completely unfamiliar with SDSU. However, if this is the case, then the new president and provost will have a tough time understanding the atmosphere of SDSU and what the student body, faculty, and staff expect. We at The Collegian believe that having new faces in the president and provost position will allow our university to grow and implement new positions to improve university. In addition to losing two high-ranking administrators, we will also most likely lose David and Laurie’s charisma and who has an unmatchable drive to make positive change across campus. Chicoine and Nichols have always been more than willing to lend a helping hand in any and all of my future endeavors, no matter the time commitment and without any pay or location, quality replacements to these positions is healthy. It will allow for a new set of eyes on campus that might find new areas to grow and bring fresh ideas.

I am not doubting the future president and provost, and I believe that they will be a challenge. Since Chicoine is an alumnus of my fraternity I have had the chance to talk with him on a handful of occasions and from these encounters I can tell that he is a man that loves SDSU and who has an unmatchable drive to make positive change across campus. Chicoine has always been more than willing to lend a helping hand in any and all of my future endeavors, no matter the time commitment and without any pay or location, quality replacements to these positions is healthy. It will allow for a new set of eyes on campus that might find new areas to grow and bring fresh ideas.

As these position are filled, it will be essential to remember that no president or provost is the same, and hopefully the new individuals will eventually become a part of SDSU’s identity just like Chicoine and Nichols.

Dear Readers:
apologies for NOT drawing a Paini/Trump cartoon, but I was fighting too hard to draw a straight line.
Your Political Cartoonist,
Passing on the roles of the president, provost

Sustainability, maintaining the Earth for future generations

JENNIFER MCLAUGHLIN Columnist

Hello, and welcome to the second weekly installment of the Sustainable Jackrabbit. Throughout the week, we will find your furry little jackrabbit friend hoppy to give you tips on how to be sustainable and let you in on campus sustainability on-goings. In the weeks to come, you will find your sustainability, maintaining the Earth for future generations.

ты увидишь, что потребительская культура, на которую мы все наткнулись, не могла бы быть без нашей поддержки. Это важно, потому что индивидуально, отдельно, в своем круге друзей и знакомых мы не можем сделать этого, но результат такой деятельности не перестает радовать нас. Даже небольшие шаги вправду могут стать началом большего, и небольшие действия могут стать началом решения большей проблемы. Вот почему я хочу, чтобы каждый из нас знал, куда идти, чтобы прочитать, что говорят о нем, и быть готовым к тому, чтобы ответить на вопросы, которые задают.
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South Dakota’s first salt room brings relief to local clients

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They have been used for centuries to improve various health ailments and aid in rehabilitation. Last year on Nov. 30, a salt room opened in Brookings, South Dakota.

Kristine Skorseth and Brenda Lanz founded Salt Serenity, a salt room sauna, as an extension of their successful business, Prairie Breeze Massage. The building is located directly next to the massage spa in the City Plaza mall on South Street near Cinema 5 and Midstates Florist. Farber has been a massage therapist at this spa for almost 10 years.

“We’re really just looking to help everyone with health issues. Halotherapy is great for people with respiratory problems and it’s been proven helpful for things like asthma and seasonal allergies,” Skorseth said.

Halotherapy is a form of physical therapy that uses salt to cleanse the body. Salt is vaporized into tiny air particles and blown into a room where patients breathe in deeply. As inhaled salt particles fill the lungs, they are cleansed of allergens and respiratory irritants, as well as other various ailments.

The idea came when Lanz visited Orlando, Fla., six years ago and first encountered a salt sauna. She was intrigued by the experience and was eager for the opportunity to introduce one in South Dakota.

The salt room is small with dark, wooden and salt blocks lining the walls. Heat lamps produce a dim, yellow light that fills the room as soft music plays in the background. Clients step into a pod filled with crystallized Himalayan salt and sit in one of several reclining chairs as heated air is blown into the room from another room.

Both Skorseth and Lanz are excited to offer their services to South Dakota State University students looking for relaxation or a health cleanse, especially athletes.

“For athletes, the salt room is great for opening up lung capacity,” Lanz said. “There are a lot of studies to prove that people are able to perform and feel better when they have prolonged exposure to salt.”

Multiple sessions exhibit more results than one, Skorseth noted.

“Each session builds on the last,” Skorseth said. “That’s what makes the salt room so good for sinus problems as well, and I think we’ve had a lot of our clients noticing that too. People might notice that their nose is starting to run as the salt starts to seep in and their sinuses start clearing up.”

Anyone at any age can use the salt room. A single adult can spend a 45-minute session for $28, while the cost for students is $22. Couples can have a 90-minute session for $50. Salt Serenity saw about 20 clients per week and has seen children as young as 18 months.

Gretchen Lambrecht has been visiting the salt room with her daughter about once every two weeks for the past three months with her six-year-old daughter Fiona. Lambrecht says she’s deal with sinus problems all her life.

“I had seen specialists who just kept telling me to take allergy medications. I didn’t want to do that. I had seen Kristine [Skorseth] for massage therapy many years ago and I told her about her idea for the salt room,” Lambrecht said. “After my third session, I noticed a major difference. The constant drainage from my nose from my sinus problems went away.”

Salt Serenity also offers retail products including all-natural salt for consumption, cook books utilizing the Himalayan salt they use and heated salt lamps. The business owners also plan to add a second room if their first is successful.

“We would say to just try it out,” Lanz said. “There are just so many advantages to salt therapy and we really hope when someone walks out feeling better that they would when they come in.”

SECO students doing a thesis researched for Capers 2016 • Phil Myre/Caperait photography

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Salt Serenity founders Kristine Skorseth (left) and Brenda Lanz (right) pose for a photo in their salt room. Himalayan salt blocks line the walls of the teen and salt rocks cover the floor.

CapersWoo

South Dakota’s first salt room brings relief to local clients

Lifestyles Editor

HAILEY KLINE

Witches, zombies and basic white ghosts. Looks like someone put a spell on Capers.

Alpha Phi Omega’s 71st annual Capers is filled with witty shots, new cast members and a plethora of pelvic thrusting.

This student-run production opened Jan. 26 and will run through Saturday, Jan. 30. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. each day in Doner auditorium in Morrill Hall, with a matinee Jan. 20 at 2:30 p.m. Reserved seating is $14 and general admission is $11, which can be purchased at the Doner auditorium box office or online at sdstate.tix.com.

This year’s performances focus on a group of college students spending the night in the ever-on-hand Doner auditorium. In order to escape and remain unharmed from the evil spirits, the group must fight through several obstacles, including a University of South Dakota co-venture and John Cena.

This year’s Capers will be its own due to the new theme and the new cast. New members comprise almost half the cast.

“One thing that makes this year’s Capers unique is the dedication that these kids have shown,” said Dave Wimberly, president of APO. “We always have a great group of Capers kids, but this year everyone expressed the talent and the amazing ideas that they’d bring to the table is really making it easy on us.”

Gretchen Lambrecht, freshman pre-occupational therapy major, is included in this new member ratio. She is in six dance numbers and also has a lead role in the segue—a pro-gressive skit throughout the production.

Farber joined Capers because her entire family’s been involved with the production. She also mentioned that it’s the 25th anniversary when her father directed Capers.

“I didn’t expect that it would take so much hard work,” Farber said. “But I also didn’t expect that it would make the hard work so worth it.”

LIFESTYLES

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The magazine is free to students and is funded through the combined efforts of the Students’ Association and the university. Although not every university across the country is willing to fund a literary magazine, Alex Harvey arts an editorial adviser for The Auburn Circle, a biannual magazine at Auburn University in Alabama. While Harvey affirms that The Circle has always received abundant support from the university, he has noticed a distinct lack of university support for lit eracy in schools across the country. “Just like the professional media world, the student-media world is struggling. I don’t think that this is a matter of academic or creative support from universities, but a matter of financial sup port,” Harvey said.

SDSU’s Oakwood Magazine is set to be released April 14 in correspondence with National Library Week. There will be a launch reading at Briggs Library where those who submitted work for the magazine are invited to read and talk about their work.

Horoscopes

- Virgo: You’ve been dreaming of a new direction in life, but beware those thoughts for now. You might get great support from others who are realizing the greatest obstacle to your potential success.
- Libra: You need to learn how to listen better. You’re not saying anything important without giving someone the chance to respond.
- Scorpio: Your inflated confidence will get you in trouble this week. Keep your ego in check. Listen to what people are telling you without getting defensive.
- Sagittarius: Your sudden bravery will push you to pursue perfectionism in a way that’s not possible. This may trigger a Cancer to think like rivalry between you and someone who isn’t supportive.
- Capricorn: Proactivity takes the back seat this week, but your organizational abilities are helping you think up new ideas without needing to worry about success.
- Aquarius: Now is the time to revisit emotional thoughts weighing on your mind. Your strength to see objectively and rationally will help box your mind. Your strength to see objectively and rationally will help box your mind.

Submition guidelines can be found at the magazine’s website: sdsuoakwood.wordpress.com
SDSU, USD basketball managers battle in the DakotaDome

NAGY REACHES 400 WINS AS SDSU WINS THE FIRST RIVALRY GAME

BY NATE GIESE

Assistant Sports Editor

Nagy reaches 400 wins as SDSU wins the first rivalry game

Coach Scott Nagy won the 400th milestone victory looking to lead the Jackrabbits past the University of South Dakota 79-89 in overtime. Nagy, the all-time record holder of 400 wins, has many accomplishments but has never taken down the Jackrabbits in the Summit League. Nagy handled with ease. They did however have a couple of close losses to teams that SDSU beat in the postseason play in Division I. They did however have a couple of close losses to teams that SDSU beat in the non-conference with a score of 95-86. Daum was the first ever SDSU Player of the Week after averaging 14.6 per game.

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I should’ve only played five seconds, because that was the plan. I ended playing about eight minutes while sophomores Chase Heier and Cody Reed and junior Jake White played the full 20 minutes. Freshman forward Schulte and junior Michael Merry played most of the game but not out some as well. A lot of three-pointers were drawn; we had a couple of close losses to teams that SDSU beat in the non-conference with a score of 95-86. Daum was the first ever SDSU Player of the Week after averaging 14.6 per game.

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...and third, respectively, in the 800-meter run (2nd) and Trevor Capra (2nd), Kyle Burdick in the one-mile run (2nd) and Evan Priebe in the 300-meter hurdles. Jeremi Black was the Jack's only first-place finisher, as she took first in the 3000-meter run.

The SDSU track and field team hosted the Jim Emmerich and Oral Roberts, who is also 6-1 in Summit League play. SDSU improve to 16-4 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

Women's Basketball

For the women, Jazzelena Ford scored two key victories for the SDSU women's basketball team.

After going 0-3 from the field through the first 10 minutes of action, Guebert rose up and sunk the game-winning jumper against IPFW in a double overtime thriller Thursday night in Akin Arena. Stepho-.....
Kobe is an All-Star?

AUSTIN HAMM
Sports Editor

Kobe Bryant was the top vote
receiver for the NBA All-Star Game
this season. Quite frankly,
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The only justification of the more than 1.8 million fans that voted for him could have been that he used to be great. Kobe has not performed at a level worthy of an All-Star front court spot this season.

Has Kobe been a consistent player who has actually been productive and effective on the court, not just a sidekicking on a lottery team, been slighted for that final spot in the Western Conference. Most notably, Sacramento Kings center DeMarcus Cousins, Miami Heat center Joel Embiid and Denver Nuggets center Mason Plumlee have actually been productive and effective on the court.

But the lack of foresight that went into slitting those three, and several other deserving players, has been well warranted. I’d like to approach this from another angle. Let’s compare Kobe’s 18 year career to a player with a similar statistical output who is someone you can’t fathom making the All-Star roster, even as a reserve.

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The South Dakota State track and field team hosted the Jim Emmerich and Alumni Invitational Saturday, Jan. 23.

Newcomer Alejandro Sanchez of Plano, Texas sets a new complex record in the men’s 800-meter run. The junior notched another win to his record running 1:51.68 to topple the fairly daunting field in the event. The previous record of 1:52.10 was set by Derek Finsterwalder of Iowa Central in February of 2015.

Three other Jackrabbits joined Sanchez in the top 10 including sophomore Cal Lawton in 1:53.38 placing fifth, sophomore Dylan Slaba in 1:56.58 placing ninth and junior Josh Prohaska in 1:57.25 placing tenth.

SDSU had three runners in the top ten in the men’s 60-meter dash including sophomore Bo Arnold and Joe Bednar also placed fourth and seventh respectively in 6.99 and 7.08 seconds.

As the lone representative in the men’s 300-meter hurdles, senior Traxton Priebe placed second in 39.39 seconds.

In the men’s one mile run, freshman Kyle Burdick represented SDSU with a second place finish in 4:16.08.

Senior Jeremiah Ary took home two placings. Ary placed third in the men’s triple jump with a distance of 13.81 meters, and fourth in the men’s long jump with 6.92 meters.

The Jackrabbits will return to action Saturday Jan. 30 at the Mark Messersmith Invitational in Cedar Falls, Iowa.