The SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostics Lab is requesting a $60 million upgrade. These upgrades will be funded by state legislation and SDSU.

**Possible city ordinance requires parking permits off campus**

**IAN LACK**

A bill was approved at the Jan. 10 Brookings City Council meeting that would require permits for cars parked on residential streets surrounding South Dakota State University. After discussion, the council referred the bill to the University Campus Coalition (UCC).

Keith Corbett, deputy mayor of Brookings, said off-street parking was an issue former Mayor Tim Reed was passionate about reforming and wanted to see discussed during his time as mayor. Council member Nick Wendell and City Manager Jeff Waldron appeared at a Students’ Association meeting last semester to address concerns about the issue, voicing concerns for residents surrounding the university about the current state of off-campus streets.

Corbett will bring the issue to the next UCC meeting and report to the Cit Council on the outcome.

“We don’t have prices determined yet, so it’s an overall estimate of between $30 to $100 or no cost at all,” Corbett said. “We’re looking to model these permits off of other cities and when this is being done. But, above all, we want to try to make this revenue-neutral for the city.”

Corbett estimates a $5,400 cost for parking permit distribution and collection. It was also proposed that two permits be provided for evidence in the affected areas.

Appropriate uses for permit requirements have been proposed, one to the west and one to the south of campus grounds.

The bill would require the approval of the UCC and a majority of the residents within the planned permit areas.

“[Mayor Reed] was someone Ghebriend said she is concerned about because he is an advocate for students whose only affordable option is street parking. I would like to see them take a concern for students and those people who don’t have enough income to buy a permit,” Ghebrelden said.

“I think 75 percent of the residents here could have friends over at their place off-campus and times where parking is just too full on campus, like during Hobo Day and the Pub Crawl,” said Cindy Moen, a resident living on 10th St. NW. She said she also talked to students who choose to park in residential neighborhoods.

“I worked at the college and I know where they’re coming from. It’s expensive — parking at the college. Moen said. “My husband and I both agree that the students should be able to park here. It’s a free world and parking’s never been an issue for us here.”

Ally Helms, senior pharmacy major and president of SA, said she met with Mayor Corbett and the city council around the end of October to discuss, among other issues, parking.

“I have not taken an official stance on this, but I’m happy to see this go through. It’s a good idea to have more research behind this and hear from community members who are upset about parking,” Helms said. “At this time, I don’t see this program as being a viable option for Brookings until it comes back from the committee.”

Ten community leaders will be commissioned for the UCC task force. These leaders will include the city mayor, city manager, head of the University Campus Coalition of Students Affairs and SA president.

“I hope that this program can work on this issue with UCC and rest report back to the Council.”
Jackrabbit Village: The influential SDSU alumni behind the hall names

ALISON DURHEIM
Reporter

The buildings in Jackrabbit Village are a constant reminder of those who have shaped the experiences of their journeys at South Dakota State University.

Velva Lu Spencer, Cleveland Abbott and Josef Thorne were influential alumni who, after graduating from SDSU, went on to make their mark on the state.

“The impact of these individuals on their fellow students was why we had so many and so significant,” said Doug Wermel, administrative assistant for Student Affairs.

Jackrabbit Village will stand in remembrance of their impact while they encountered in their lifetime.

Velva Lu Spencer

Velva Lu Spencer was an important figure in the Native American student community. (she) helped generations of Native students achieve their dreams of receiving a diploma,” Wermel said.

Member of the Hule- Wahtepon Ohaye Tribe, Spencer was the first Native American adviser on campus from 1994 to 2003.

An advocate for Native American students, she strived to increase retention and graduation rates for Native students during her time on campus.

Cleveland Abbott

Cleveland Abbott broke barriers of racial equality on and off the football field, becoming a decorated athlete and veteran.

As the first African American varsity athlete at SDSU, earning 14 letters in track, football, basketball and baseball. In 1945 he received the Athletic Hall of Fame Honors. He was the only African American graduate in his class.

Rodger F. Wermel stated Abbott’s talent and leadership skills, and in 1953 Washington nominated Abbott for the Tuskegee Institute’s athletic director position, on the condition that Abbott obtain his bachelor’s degree.

While earning his bachelor’s degree at Tuskegee, he continued as an active football tailback in Tuskegee and track field people.

“Opening the door to opportunities, Abbott has been an inspiration to many,” Wermel said.

Abbott started coaching career at Tuskegee with a record of 203 wins to 96 losses.

Josef Thorne

Josef Thorne was a full- time SDSU 1962 and 1965 Central Conference Champi-

on football team and a 1963 (engineering graduate). He was an All-American hon-

ors and the conference MVP award in 1961.

Thorne’s tenure was an impor-

tant campus leader and a student for his community,” Wermel said.

The Packers tried to draft Thorne in 1962, but instead enlisted him in the army as a helicopter pilot, where he climbed the ranks to become Second lieutenant. Thorne’s helicopter came under fire and crashed on April 15, 1965. Thorne didn’t survive.

“Joe Thorne was an im-

portant figure in the history of the university,” Wermel said.

The next SA meeting will be held Monday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Lewis and Clark Room of the Union.

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**SA executive members take steps to improve Larson experience**

By MAKENZIE HUBER

Editor-in-Chief

Students’ Association President Ally Helms and Student Government Chair Taylor Albrecht spent a “mercy day” last week visiting the bill numbers drop for the 2017 South Dakota Legislature.

Together, they watched for a key vote on legislation SA sent taking a stance on, on behalf of the South Dakota State student body.

What you'll find on these pages is a brief look at the current legislative session in South Dakota, a look at the development of legislation, and the work that SA members are doing to represent the student voice on campus and in our state and nation.


don Hawkins, Dairy Club treasurer at the state's milk producers. According to the South Dakota Dairy Plant on campus, there's companies all around manufacturing and production and Solis Flores from Form-A-Feed. 

SDSU's Jill Anderton sessions, including presentations from SDSU’s Jill Anderton and the feel I had on campus,” said Hawkins. 

SDSU Dairy Club, said. “That's an argument, but what we've been working to help students understand is that Larson's was a place all freshmen students study the correct thing to incorporate that to Schaefer and Hawkins, SDSU is an ideal location for companies all around states to food but [this year] they've just dairy farmers, we’re the best alternative and we were really able to incorporate that to Larson’s menu expand its food choices of the deli options.

The majority of the speakers at the conference will appear Saturday with five presentations from SDSU’s Jill Anderson, Jim Sallier from the University of Minnesota and Solaris Flore from Form-A-Feed. 

The variety of food and buffet style option at the dining facility is what appealed to Kallas, but he's noticed areas for improvement. 

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America's warm welcome to Donald Trump

PALAK BARMAYA

More than a million people flooded the streets of Washington, D.C. on the Women's March Saturday, Jan. 21. They marched, not to support the new president, but to express their anger over the threats to stake- holding for the right to vote, women are still fighting for their right to live with pride and dignity. People of different ethnicities, genders, sexualities and ages gathered to support the Women's March, but there were mixed reactions.

To start with, the president himself did not have a positive attitude toward the protest. As a responsible, new president of the United States, he tweeted on Sunday, "Watched protests yesterday but was under the impression that the new guy didn't need their votes? Celeb cause has been a total failure. It seems to have a little misunderstanding about something. Unfortu- nately, it wasn't specifically about the election. It was about the people who live in this country despite the color of their skin or their religion. The rally was a symbol of solidarity. That's something that might show toward the diversity of this country. It was in opposition to his views on women and minorities. In his next tweet, President Trump did sound like he under- stood. "Peaceful protests are a hall- mark of our democracy. Even if you don't always agree, I recognize the right of people to express their dissent."

The Women's March on the globe only showed not needed for minorities who have been verbally silenced by Trump, but not because the United States is a pro- tester to every issue and problem of the world, but because the people of this country deserve to keep their rights. Donald Trump's strange relationship with facts in a post-truth era

Benjamin Hummel

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I am an international student from Mumbai, India. I am an international student and can be reached at viraj.patel@jacks.sdstate.edu.

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Dunn believes the question is when, rather than if, another influenza or disease outbreak will occur. Since surrounding states do not share the responsibility of protecting South Dakota's livestock, Dunn said these upgrades are a risk management strategy and it would be “irresponsible” not to take action on them.

Daniel Scholl, interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, echoed the same sentiment, saying “this is the time” for facility upgrades. 

“We are continually in con- versations with leaders in the state and in the industry, but for the last three years we have been talking with partners in the industry, the animal industry board, state veterinarian leaders, veterinarians, livestock groups, poultry associ- ation, stock growers [and] the [grower]s association,” Dunn said.

Alongside these technology upgrades, the facility needs to restore aging infrastructure and expand the current space for new equipment. If these upgrades take place soon, the lab will be completed in full by fall of the legislative session, the lab will will move into the newly built space while the old space is ren- ovated.

“This is so the lab does not need to shut down for an ex- tended period of time,” he explained. “We can’t be down for a long portion of time because we don’t know what’s going to come through the door [whether it be] an unknown virus or a seri- ous test case.”

Hennings said, “It does have a big impact on what happens in South Dakota, as well as surrounding areas. We also want to make sure we have good worker safety here.”

The project has already used $5 million in planning and de- signing, as well as acquiring the current state of the facility. SDSU officials do, how- ever, have historic reason to put forth that sum of money beforehand.

In recent history, the ADRDL has helped end national epidem- ics, such as the Porcine Epidemic Diar- rhea (PEDS) outbreak in 2013 and the swine influenza in the spring of 2015. In 1983, the lab also identified the Por- cine Reproductive and Respira- tory Syndrome Virus (PRRSV) mystery swine virus that spread in 1985. Royalties from the patent of this patented vaccine paid for student scholarships until 1987. Aside from diagnosing na- tional outbreaks and giving re- gional animal herds routine check ups, the lab also offers re- search, employment and experi- ence opportunities for students.

“It has great benefits to SDSU for research. Our re- searchers are better teachers be- cause they’re in the lab, and we have students in the lab gaining experience that they can leverage into a good job with a vaccine company or in industry,” Hennings said.

According to Scholl, the staff at the ADRDL have helped cre- ate a positive working “syner- gy” for their public and universi- ty services.

“There’s a seamless flow be- tween the lab proper and the university researchers where we do a state research and diagnos- tic laboratory in the universi- ty and operated by the universi- ty. It gives it a lot of value to the stakeholders in the state and the re- gion,” Scholl said.

Dunn is hopeful these up- grades will be passed this legisla- tive session.

“It’s a great plan—will work—we’re hoping that the governor believes in it and that the legislative can find a path to fund it,” Dunn said.

Dunn is hopeful students and employees will take the time to make their voices heard through the survey.

“Certainly we want to hear what people think and feel,” Dunn said. “I care about how people see this place and I pledge to continue improve- ment in all aspects that make up our campus climate.”

WOMEN’S MARCH Continued from A1

Kasidy Wittman and Kel- lene Jones met the crowd event with Leaders Engaged and Detoured leaders. Another book group created following the election cycle last year. The pair coordinated the march for about six weeks and had initial- ly hoped for about 200-250 members.

“We didn’t coordinate this as a response to Trump’s state- ments,” Jones said. “It was more about an appeal to our spirit of what we stand for,” Wittman said. “We rea- tally wanted to create a move- ment and space where people could come together to support women from our community and diverse groups, while voice- ing their concerns following the election.”

However, not all wom- en agree with the Women’s March. Madison Jones, a fresh- man pre-exercising major, said she doesn’t feel women today need feminism.

“I would completely agree with protesting for women from feminism, but don’t have as many rights as we do here, but don’t feel like the women are protecting for those people,” Jones said. “Personally, I feel like I can do whatever I want as a woman in today’s world.”

Simena continues to believe that feminism is needed in to- day’s world. Women will become more important over the next few years, Simena said. “I think that we really need to look at issues like reproduct- ive rights and how our bodies are being regulated,” Simena said. “President Trump already issued a new executive order re- gulating abortion just after being inaugurated. I don’t even feel comfortable walking to my car at night without my keys in my hand.”

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Simon's avatar

SAMUEL IVANECKY Report

The 2016 presidential election officially came to a close Friday Jan. 20, with Donald Trump in- augurated as the 45th president of the United States. Although many South Dakota stu- dents had the opportunity to vote, some could not.

“Greg Wymer, director of in- ternational students, said this has been a big year for Afro- Des Souza said. “People want to be here for the American Dream,” De Souza said. “People want to be here because they can’t go and be successful, so I don’t think there’s ever going to be a huge change coming students here. It might get more services for those people who can’t vote.”

Many South Dakota State stu- dents feel very welcomed at SDSU. “I still feel very welcomed and treated me badly before de- spite increased anxiety, global- ism and the fear of being one of the few South Dakota State fel- low students from Germany,” Wymer said. “I had a few fathers there today and texting their children to school in the United States.”

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Bridging the gap: IRC uniting cultures through experiences

Sarah Heewon Kim
Reporter

The International Relations Council (IRC) hopes to foster understanding of different cultures by merging education and activities to connect international and domestic students. The population of international students at SDSU has grown substantially in the last five years. There were 444 international students in 2001 and by 2016 there were more than 900. To represent that growing diversity, the IRC, a student-run organization, offers an array of programs and events.

The council’s purpose is two-fold — to get international students to actively participate on campus and to provide leadership and volunteer opportunities for international and domestic students, said Amir Maleki, the IRC adviser.

“There is a misconception possible to get domestic students to come out to events by merging education and activities to connect international and domestic students,” Maleki said. “It’s for everyone.”

For international students, the benefits of being involved with IRC include not only being acclimated with a new culture, but also to take part in it.

Kanisha Jayasooriya, IRC president and international student from Sri Lanka, is well aware of the adjustment process international students go through.

“I wanted to do something to make them [international students] feel at home. I want... to help make a difference,” Jayasooriya said.

There are vast benefits for students as well. Maleki said the experience gained is priceless and interaction with different values and beliefs can prepare students for more diverse settings later in their lives and careers. The exposure can be beneficial in the professional world as well.

Becoming involved with IRC can lead to new connections abroad, as well as curiosity for different cultures. This was the case for Kelley Jorgensen, a domestic student majoring in international studies.

“It’s an eye-opening experience,” Jorgensen said. “It has helped me develop inter-cultural competency.”

Jorgensen aspires to work in a career field involving cultures, and encourages other students to get involved with the IRC.

“Ec is an opportunity for people from different cultures to exchange ideas and how to respect differences, Jorgensen said. It helps you ‘see people as people, and not as stereotypes or as stigmatized.”

The IRC hosts various events throughout the year “to encourage bridging the gap,” Maleki said. “We should be... an active as possible to get domestic students participating.”

One of the many events, hosted by International Night, includes International Night, which is by far the organization’s most popular event, hosting more than 500 people last year.

“We provide activities that include domestic students — kind of an ice-breaker for the domestic and international population,” Jayasooriya said. “It was a glamorous night.”

The event included dance performances by the international clubs on campus, as well as a variety of foods from different countries.

In celebration of global education, the IRC also holds an International Education Week every year in the Student Union, allowing several international clubs to give presentations about their cultures.

The IRC strives to present an opportunity for all students on campus to come to campus to directly engage themselves in multicultural inclusion, and to learn from each other.

“Participants display an interest to broaden their thought.” The IRC creates a learning experience,” Jayasooriya said.
Split: a fascinating but flawed psycho-horror flick

By Ian Lack

While “Split” delves deep into the psychology of the abductee, Kevin’s personalities grapple for control over his mind. Kevin has Dissociative Identity Disorder, a mental disorder that allows for more than one personality within a person. In Keven’s case, 24 personalities take control of his mind and kidnap three girls in hopes of feeding them to Kevin’s newest 24th personality, an all-knowing creature simply known as “The Beast.”

While Casey and her friends struggle to escape their underground labyrinth, Kevin’s protagonists, struggles to uncover what dark forces are at play in Kevin’s mind.

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Brad Erickson Swimming and Diving Head Coach
Both the South Dakota State men’s and women’s tennis teams opened their seasons Jan. 20 and 21. Both teams played in Minneapolis, with the men falling to Minnesota 7-0 and the women losing 2-0 to Northern Illinois.

That’s next. The Jacks will be back in action Feb. 17 and 19 at the Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate in Palm Desert, California.

What’s next: The men will travel to Madison, Wisconsin. Saturday, Jan. 28 to take on Wisconsin and the women will be in Peoria, Illinois. to take on Bradley the same day.

**Men’s Basketball**

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"Obviously, right now, if we can bottle that up and play that way every night, we would only need to play that defense."

For the Jackrabbits (9-13, 2-5), they hope this win can carry momentum for the rest of the season, since they’re still at the bottom of the Summit League ranking.

"It’s huge, personally it feels incredible. But as a team, it’s huge for us to get some momentum. It’s obviously been a slow start to league play, but now if we can pick up some momentum it will be beneficial to us in the end and we will be playing our best basketball by March," A.J. Hess said after the game.

The Jacks will travel to Colorado to take on the Denver Pioneers (22-4, 4-2), who are tied for second place in the Summit League with the South Dakota Coyotes.

Denver is led by sophomore guard Joe Rosga, averaging 16.1 points per game, which is good for eighth in the Summit League. Dani Amigo averages 15.3 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per game.

As a team, the Pioneers are the sixth-best scoring team in the Summit League. Defensively, the Pioneers allow 71.8 points per game and appear to be a stout defense, as they force teams to have a three-point percentage of 33. The Pioneers also boast a five-plus rebound margin.

On offense, Denver is shooting 48 percent on the season and an average of 14 turnovers a game, which is in the worst in the Summit League.

The game starts at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Magness Arena in Denver.
NFL Conference Championship Recap

CURTIS SAGER
Sports Reporter

It was a boring Sunday afternoon of football with both AFC and NFC championships ending in blowouts. Stay alert for my Super Bowl predictions in next week’s issue.

NF Conference Championship Recap

GREEN BAY PACKERS
at
ATLANTA FALCONS

I was looking forward to this game more than the Steelers vs. Patriots game because I thought it would be a high-scoring game with two quarterbacks at their best. Well, I was half right. Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons showed up to play, but the Packers barely made it off the bus.

The Falcons started scoring on their first drive of the game and never looked back. After taking a 31-0 third-quarter lead, the Packers could have answered, but the final score was 44-21. We can attribute this to Matt Ryan’s five total touchdowns, four passing and one rushing, as well as more than 400 combined yards. Aaron Rodgers, who has been elite throughout the playoffs and the later part of the regular season, seemed out of character.

The Packers turned the ball over twice, had several key drops by receivers and could never get the rushing attack going. It was an accumulation of things which led to the Packers’ defeat, but I think the Falcons simply outplayed them. For that, they are headed to the Super Bowl.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS
at
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

I sort of knew who was going to win this game before it even started. Tom Brady is out for blood and nothing can stand in his way.

The Patriots, like the Falcons, routed the Steelers in a blowout. Brady was efficient, throwing three touchdowns and 384 yards. But the Patriots’ defense was the highlight of the game, as they shut down Antonio Brown and Ben Roethlisberger.

The nail in the coffin for the Steelers was the early departure of Le’Veon Bell. Bell has been the star for the Steelers during these playoffs and with his injury early in the game, the Steelers’ running game was not efficient or explosive as usual. The final score was 36-17 in favor of the Patriots. It was not so much that either team was inherently better than the other; the biggest difference was quarterback play.

Brady was suspended for the first four games of the season after the deflate scandal, and has only lost a single game since his return. He is efficient, smart and has the fire in his stomach that a champion needs.

Twitter Poll:
The #SuperBowl is in two weeks! Who are you cheering for?

- Atlanta Falcons 47%
- Patriots 16%
- The commercials 17%
- The Puppy Bowl 20%

The poll was open for two days for the Collegian’s weekly #StanceSunday.

The @collegiansports Twitter Poll asked South Dakota State students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university to vote for who they were cheering for in the Super Bowl. The poll was open to vote on the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Feature Photo:
The South Dakota State men’s swimming and diving team will meet Jan. 28 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota.
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Editor
The South Dakota State women's basketball team went 2-0 last week and have now won six games in a row.
Madison Guebert scored a career-high 32 points in 72-63 win over Denver. She shot 11-12 from the field and 4-5 from the free throw line in that game. She also had 18 points in a 73-58 win over Western Illinois.
She was also named Summit League Player of the Week for her performance. This is why she has been named Collegian Athlete of the Week.

**Year:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Apple Valley, Minnesota  
**Major:** Early Childhood Education

I’ve been waiting a lifetime
ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Editor
As I sat watching the Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots punch their tickets to the Super Bowl, one thought came to mind: will I ever get to see any of the teams I cheer for win a championship?

I think some South Dakota State students are in the same boat as me.

My favorite teams in the four major sports (football, basketball, hockey and baseball) are all from Minnesota. The Vikings, Timberwolves, Wild and Twins. None of them have won a championship in my lifetime. In fact, none of them have even played in a championship.

I just hope it keeps up in the Vikings’ season when they start. They’ve lost three out of four, and everything went downhill after that, as they ended up 6-10 and missed the playoffs.

The Timberwolves have not gone to the playoffs since 2004, when they went to the semifinals and lost.

The Wild have made the playoffs the past four seasons, but have not gotten past the second round.

The Twins have actually won the only two championships in Minnesota sports history, as they won the World Series in 1987 and 1991. But that was before I was born, so it doesn’t really count.

The team I want to see win the most, though, is the Vikings. They’ve been to four Super Bowls and haven’t won any. In my lifetime, they have been to the NFC championship game, which is the game they have to win to get to the Super Bowl, three times. They’ve lost all three. Two of them in heart-crushing fashion.

In 1999, the Vikings were 15-1 and had the best offense of all-time. Their field goal kicker, Morten Anderson, had not missed a kick all year. He missed two opportunities that would have sealed the victory.

In 2009 they had Brett Favre, a Hall of Fame quarterback. They were playing the New Orleans Saints and the game was tied late in the fourth quarter. The Vikings were driving when Favre would throw an interception at the Saints’ 40-yard line and the game was over.

The game went to overtime and the Saints kicked a game-winning field goal. Eighth-grade me was absolutely devastated.

Since then I’ve believed that there is a curse on Minnesota sports teams. Right now, the Wild are 30-11-5 and are in first place in the Western Conference. It would be fitting if they lost in the first round, because it’s Minnesota.

I’m almost numb to my favorite teams losing. It doesn’t really disappoint me as much because I’m expecting it.

I know that the drought will probably end in my lifetime, but hey, Cleveland and Chicago haven’t won a championship in 52 years either.

So, who knows when it will end.