South Dakota State University student group hosted the annual Nepalese Nite to recognize the campus and in the country.

The MLK ceremony also called to recall the recent string of young, male African American men that have been targeted in associations with America's police force. On Jan. 21, this emphasis was heightened with a discussion about "The Ferguson Effect" and the dynamics of modern racism.

On Feb. 4, BSA will host a student discussion on social sensitivity and political correctness to raise residence on campus and in the country.

This BSA Step show will kick off on Feb. 5, with a performance stand-up comedy on the education of soul food. This will be followed by BSA's annual Animal Show on Feb. 6. President of BSA, Semehar Ghebrekidan, said she is excited for the Step Show this year as it will be her last year as a captain of the Step Team.

This year promises to present our Ladies BSA Step Team. We've received a lot of support so far, and I'm excited to show them off on Feb. 6. We'll also be here for a lot of hard work over the semester and we want everyone to come out for our students," Ghebrekidan says.

BSA said it is proud to host another Black History Knowledge Bowl, a friendly friendly to create varying events in black history while looking ahead. Another event to increase education on African American coverage occurred on Feb. 22 with a Soul Food Luncheon in the Multicultural Center where students can try traditional food.

Kas Williams acts as program advanced African American Programs. While working at the Sorensen Center, she emphasized that the center attemps to "always be a balance of social, educational and entertaining aspect as our mission.

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However, all over the state and across several major news outlets around the country have begged to ask whether specifically acknowledging African American accomplishments and heritage was somehow segregating black history from the majority of students.

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NEPAL NITE

The Nepalese Student Association celebrated the 10th Annual Nepal Night to promote the culture and heritage of Nepal. The event highlighted traditional dance, music, and food, providing a unique opportunity for attendees to learn about and experience Nepal's rich cultural diversity. Attendees were treated to a vibrant display of Nepalese traditional dance, which included the “Surke Thaili and Nepali Babu” dance, performed by one of the five performers.

The event was organized by the Nepalese Student Association (NeSA), a student group that aims to promote Nepalese culture, language, and traditions. NeSA works to create a sense of community among Nepalese students at SDSU and to educate the wider campus about Nepal.

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You have your first and last name in it, so it’s pretty much throwing your professionalism out the window if you use it on email,” said Smith. “It’s a professional tool, and it should be used in that capacity.”

Having the name of the university already associated with a student’s email name can be a positive impact when being introduced in touch with other professionals, Knutson said. “It’s an appropriate email address in your senior semester to land credibility, it’s not an email address that everyone can make up.”

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“I wouldn’t use it on a personal email and I would try to prioritize that email so I can avoid getting spam or non-school related subjects,” said Smith. A freshmen history major, “I think it’s important to maintain professionalism when emailing. I have many classes where I have to interact with a potential employer.

Said Sanders, a sophomore nursing major, “I wouldn’t use it on a personal email and I would try to prioritize that email so I can avoid getting spam or non-school related subjects,” said Smith. A freshmen history major, “I think it’s important to maintain professionalism when emailing. I have many classes where I have to interact with a potential employer.

“You have to be professional when emailing teachers, and it teaches you how to talk to people in a respectful way,” said Sanders.

EDUCAUS

SA also unanimously passed Resolution 15-15-O, renaming the AED units in six buildings across campus. There are currently 11 AEDs on campus.

“SA is looking to bring the organization to campus. So, they propose MEDLIFE does not give it any outside money, even if it’s just for a certain period of time. For students who have the same name as another student, there is an added number is added in the same name as another student. The organization was approved by the subcommittee.

The next Students’ Association meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Leeds and Clark room in
Be a traveler, not a tourist when it comes life gives us a great opportunity to national Affairs & Outreach. It to State University, there are stu backgrounds. At South Dako meet others with such diverse ously. He had come from across a junior, and this was his first the person sitting next to us. The s sitting in class and the profes Columnist for the social aspect. “The Super Bowl though, more so college football family. I still watch family has always been more of a an amazing to me how (be one month living with a world was black and white. Ev on a cultural exchange to Fin dence and cultural skills. of the world.

It is amazing to me how here in the middle of the Unit ed States there are opportunities to meet other diverse edu backdrops. At South Dakota State University, there are stu dents from over 100 countries, ac cording to the Office of Interna tional Affairs & Outreach. It was a great opportunity to not only learn from each other. Just because people from across the globe are coming here to learn does not mean we can sit back and never explore. Everyone should travel and broaden their horizons. The world is much bigger than what we can see. I have traveled to seven countries on four continents in my lifetime, but that is still only four percent of the world. 

Traveling to a new place is essential if we wish to develop our communication, indep endence and cultural skills. The first time I traveled abroad was in 2013 when I went on a cultural exchange to Fin land. Before going, I thought the world was black and white. Ev erything was clear and there was a definite right way to do things. As I sp ent that month living with a host family in Finland, the world is not that way. It is full of color. My host family did soething different, such as visiting a sauna every night or eating raw almonds on dry bread.

As my dad would say “It is not wrong, it is just different.” When it comes to learning about a new culture, you are not told how. Look around and try to understand the reasoning behind what people are doing. Even since that first journey to Finland, I see the world differ ently. I do not just think about myself anymore—I think about other people across the world and wonder about their lives. Traveling benefits us in so many ways. According to the U.S. Travel Association, it keeps our brains and health as well as causes us to be adaptable and open-minded since traveling.

Going abroad allows us to take on new challenges. I have never ridden a train until I went to Finland. I had to ride it alone for the first time in a foreign country where I could not speak the language. Challenges open our eyes and change our per spectives. It humbles us by al lowing us to see how big, beau tiful and colorful the world re ally is.

Seeing other parts of the world causes us to have embra ced the Super Bowl because of the unity that it brings.”

“Be honest, do not think like football. It is too slow for me to watch, however, I like the Super Bowl because of the social aspect.”

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Ignorance is bliss when it comes to adulthood

JORDAN BIERBRAUER  Opinion Editor

“My parents give me money every two weeks. “I get gas money, change, clothes, bus tickets, etc. I pay for everything and have never relied on my parents to do so as I believe living this type of life-style forces one to grow up sooner or than someone who does not. I did not pay my phone bill I would not have a phone. If I did not buy food, I would starve. If I did not buy clothes, I would not be in school. My parents would love to help me with my money, so I would not have to work so much. However, my parents have no idea how they would be able to help me with so much money. My parents are poor and I know that they have limited resources. I believe that I should not have to work so much because I am so fortunate not to be in school. I agree with Katie. I think ignorance is bliss when it comes to adulthood. It is expensive. It requires a hell of a lot of discipline, time management and sacrifice to survive. Now I can understand why parents pay for their child’s needs and bills. A parent’s job is to protect their child and help them or her in life, and by helping a child with finances, a parent is protecting them by making sure they can succeed and have a roof over their head. When asked what the benefits are of getting money from their parents, one student commented, “I guess it helps to know that if I need help they will help me. It takes off some of the pressure of school.” This statement is one I can understand fully, and can understand how helpful it is to have that type of relief. But I think if a parent does this, it could cause a child to become naive about the challenges life presents. If a child goes the first 22 years of his or her life without ever having to pay a bill, how are they going to know how to write a check when the time comes? How are they going to know how to budget? The fact of the matter is they will not because they have never had to worry about doing so.

It has been said that people can learn more efficiently when they are younger, so if a 22-year-old person is expected to learn how to manage his or her finances like an adult, will he or she be able to do it in enough time before they start to go into debt? I do not think so. I think they will struggle for a long time and will not become truly grateful of his or her parents until six or eight years of their life without money from parents. If everything is paid for, a child will have a hard time learning necessary life skills when the time comes—skills such as responsibility, time management, budgeting, frugality and appreciation. In this life, it is not always guaranteed that someone will be by your side, ready to help you through any trouble you are faced with. So, it is better to learn how to stand on your own two feet early in life rather than later.

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South Dakota World Affairs Council hosts seventh annual symposium

HANNAH KOELLER  
New Reporter

Each year the South Dakota World Affairs Council organizes a symposium to address issues affecting our region and the world; this year’s topic was global health.

The Harding Distinguished Lecturer was Katherine Bills, senior associate with the Global Health Policy Center at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C. She spoke at the Vietschor Ballroom Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

Her lecture, titled “Global Health in an Interconnected World,” focused on topics such as the elements of governance, the international health regulations and current initiatives to combat global diseases.

“When I talk about governance, what I’m talking about is really the concept of collective action in attempting to facilitate cooperation, discussion, political engagement, in pursuit of common goals,” said Bills.

Because of globalization, the boundaries between developed and developing countries have blurred. This creates a world where complicated health crises appear both similar and different, according to the SDWAC’s description of the event.

During her lecture, Bills compared international and global health governance. She said international governance works at a more state-by-state level, negotiating borders and treaties and international agreements, which differs from global governance.

“Increasingly, though, you’ll hear people talk about global health governance,” Bills said. “In many ways, this idea of global governance recognizes the diminished importance these days of traditional state sovereigns.”

Some global health governing agencies Bills highlighted during her lecture were the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the Global Fund, the Global Financing Facility and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

The discussion on global health continued on the following day with lecture panels. Panels included Using the Health-Care System as a Model for Nation Building, the Global Interface Between Animal and Human Health and South Dakota Contributors to the Global Health Interface.

The Global Interface Between Animal and Human Health was led by Christopher Chase, a professor in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, who discussed how most diseases humans deal with start in animals. Angela Scarpa, assistant professor at the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, focused on an article titled “d-diff” while Radhey Kaushik, professor and associate department head of the Department of Biology and Microbiology, examined the influenza virus.

“Almost 20 percent of the world population gets infected with the flu annually,” Kaushik said. “I think with that type of data I just used you can see that this is a very important disease.”

He went on to discuss how the flu is the most infectious disease humanized deals with and how it has an animal component.

The event was co-sponsored by the Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy and Information from the Wellness Center, Health Jack, the Office and International Affairs and Outreach and Service Learning: Improving Nutrition in Belize were provided.

SDWAC seeks to stimulate interest and promote discussion of international relations and U.S. foreign policy, but takes no stand on current issues. It was founded in 2004 exclusively for educational purposes to provide information and learning opportunities about world and current events.

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“...When we have El Niño or La Niña, we have the ability to predict the weather for the next year...”

The fluctuating temperatures and ocean currents are extreme events caused by the Pacific Ocean’s El Niño and La Niña, students will see less snow out there and in the field.”

But this year’s weather has been “extremely bad” for cattle feedlots across the state, Fox said.

“I think a lot of the farmers and dairy farmers are anticipating how this year’s weather will be brought up to South Dakota over time for farmers to more easily work with the warmer weather.”

“Farmers are constantly adapting to warmer weather and changing weather,” Kramer said. “We’ll adapt to this winter to get out there and in the field.”

And now wool is life.

“Hand spinning is very objective because it depends on the hand spinner and his size, the hand is going to use the wool for,” Grady Rice said, a graduate student in rennament wool and sheep judging.

Wool is typically used for knitting, spinning and yarn. It is important that the hand spinner has the right type of yarn for each product he is using.

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Feminism Facts:

1. Feminism promotes gender equali-

2. There are several different types of femi-

3. New Zealand was the first country to

4. The book was first published in the

tures. In the past, Falley and Gatwood have incorporated these social issues into talks about video games, beauty products and even sexual assault. In addition to bringing awareness to women's issues, their show also calls to mind the importance of surrounding each other and lifting up one another.

5. The two highest IQs ever recorded are women's.

6. Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for president in the United States in 1872.

7. New Zealand was the first country to allow women to vote in 1893.

8. Women still are not allowed to vote in the Vatican City or Saudi Arabia.

9. Women are considered “half a witness” in Yemen, meaning that one woman’s testimony is only taken seriously when validated by a man. They also are not allowed to testify against theft or adultery.

10. Worldwide, 1 in 3 women have been raped sometime in their lives.

11. Only 1 percent of the worldwide female population owns land.

12. In parts of India, men are not held accountable when women are the victim of a vehicular crime. This leads to the killing or injuring of thousands of women each year.
Two-ingredient peanut butter banana ice cream

Ingredients:
4 large very ripe bananas
2 tablespoon peanut butter

Directions:
1. Peel bananas and slice into half inch discs. Arrange banana slices in a single layer on a large plate or baking sheet. Freeze for 3 hours.
2. Place the banana slices in a powerful blender. Add peanut butter and puree to combine. The mixture should be creamy and smooth. Add the peanut butter and puree to combine. Serve immediately.

Punxsutawney Phil predicts early spring

HAILEY CLINKE
Lifestyles Editor

It’s not everyday that groundhogs predict the weather. Then again, not every groundhog is Punxsutawney Phil.

On Feb. 2, the famous groundhog saw his shadow, predicting spring to be around the corner. This is the 130th anniversary of the Groundhog Day celebration and festivities in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Groundhog day began in 1846 and is closely associated with an old European Christian holiday called Candlemas Day. On this day, candles are blown out and distributed to signify the heart of the winter season.

The event of Groundhog Day is celebrated in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Punxsutawney’s earliest settlers brought the original celebration over from Germany. According to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club’s official website, the average groundhog is 20 inches long and normally weighs 11 to 15 pounds. However, Punxsutawney Phil is 22 inches and weighs roughly 20 pounds.

The average lifespan of a groundhog is six to eight years with the exception of Punxsutawney Phil. His diet consists of fruits, vegetables and a little water. He is also fed a “magical punch” every summer that ensures another seven years to his life, according to the website.

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The Jackrabbit wrestling’s tough early schedule has prepared the team to make a deep run in their first season of the Big 12. The Jacks are 10-5 on the year and riding a nine-dual winning streak.

The town of Wagner, South Dakota is about the size of 2,500 people, home to the Red Raiders. One of the biggest wrestling towns known to South Dakota, it is the home to notable wrestlers like Travis Slaba and Brad Lhotak.

Adding themselves to an elite list of top performers, the Kocer brothers have been a force helping the Jackrabbits. With Utah Valley, the Kocer brothers have had a two-time state champion when wrestling at SDSU. “It was a family in Wagner like it is now at SDSU,” Alex Kocer said on how he got into wrestling. “My older brothers, Alex and Ryan, for sure got me into wrestling,” David said. He saw how much fun they had wrestling, so he decided to join.

“Typical brothers when around each other, and I look forward to seeing them every weekend,” Bono said.

“Both of the Kocer brothers started wrestling at 5-years-old and fell in love with the sport when they realized how successful they could become,” Reader said. “It has been a family tradition with David and Alex to continue helping each other to reach their main goal of becoming All-Americans.”

Both said that the grandparents love having a brother on the same team and that the grandparents love having a brother on the same team. “I just missed it,” Alex said. “I was getting tired.”

Alex helped set a path for his younger brother to come join him at SDSU and to continue helping each other to reach their main goal of becoming All-Americans. Having a brother on the same team that share thousands of experiences together has made this experience much sweeter. The Kocer brothers are thankful that both parents can make it to as many duals as they possibly can.

Both said that the grandparents love coming as well. When they were younger, their grandmother would take them to as many tournaments as he could and taught them how to love the sport with passion.

“I have passion when I am wrestling and I look forward to seeing them every day,” Reader said.

When asked if the brothers act like typical brothers when around each other, Reader said that they are quiet people but friendship is very important.

“David and Alex are extreme competitors and hate to lose, and that is something I really like about them.” Reader added. “They are a team that has been winning years in the wrestling room but hard working outside of the wrestling room,” and Assistant Coach, Jon Reader, who is now in his second year of coaching at SDSU, “They are someone who you want to be around.”

Originally, Alex never intended on wrestling at SDSU. He liked the school but felt something was missing. Alex decided to join the wrestling team during the second year of coaching at SDSU. “They are someone who you want to be around.”

Second year of coaching at SDSU. “They are someone who you want to be around.”

Bono led the Jacks to its first dual winning season in the past nine and has built a foundation that looks to be around for a while. He has constructed an atmosphere where teammates enjoy each other’s presence but also know that they have business to take care of off and on the mat.

“Our chemistry with one another is great,” Bono said. “It’s a tight knit team, the closest since I have been here. Everyone enjoys being around each other.”

Bono is helped by the leadership of some All-Americans on his squad by junior year senior Cody Pack and redshirt sophomore Nate Robert. Pack, a three time national qualifier, has picked up right where he left off last season as the Jacks top ranked wrestler.

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Small-town brothers making big impact, leading wrestling team

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Sports Reporter

The town of Wagner, South Dakota is about the size of 2,500 people, home to the Red Raiders. One of the biggest wrestling towns known to South Dakota, it is the home to notable wrestlers like Travis Slaba and Brad Lhotak.

Adding themselves to an elite list of top performers, the Kocer brothers have been a force helping the Jackrabbits. With Utah Valley, the Kocer brothers have had a two-time state champion when wrestling at SDSU. “It was a family in Wagner like it is now at SDSU,” Alex Kocer said on how he got into wrestling. “My older brothers, Alex and Ryan, for sure got me into wrestling,” David said. He saw how much fun they had wrestling, so he decided to join.

“Typical brothers when around each other, and I look forward to seeing them every weekend,” Bono said.

“Both of the Kocer brothers started wrestling at 5-years-old and fell in love with the sport when they realized how successful they could become,” Reader said. “It has been a family tradition with David and Alex to continue helping each other to reach their main goal of becoming All-Americans.”

Both said that the grandparents love having a brother on the same team and that the grandparents love having a brother on the same team. “I just missed it,” Alex said. “I was getting tired.”

Alex helped set a path for his younger brother to come join him at SDSU and to continue helping each other to reach their main goal of becoming All-Americans. Having a brother on the same team that share thousands of experiences together has made this experience much sweeter. The Kocer brothers are thankful that both parents can make it to as many duals as they possibly can.

Both said that the grandparents love coming as well. When they were younger, their grandmother would take them to as many tournaments as he could and taught them how to love the sport with passion.

“I have passion when I am wrestling and I look forward to seeing them every day,” Reader said.

When asked if the brothers act like typical brothers when around each other, Reader said that they are quiet people but friendship is very important.

“David and Alex are extreme competitors and hate to lose, and that is something I really like about them.” Reader added. “They are a team that has been winning years in the wrestling room but hard working outside of the wrestling room,” and Assistant Coach, Jon Reader, who is now in his second year of coaching at SDSU, “They are someone who you want to be around.”

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Bono led the Jacks to its first dual winning season in the past nine and has built a foundation that looks to be around for a while. He has constructed an atmosphere where teammates enjoy each other’s presence but also know that they have business to take care of off and on the mat.

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The Jackrabbit wrestling’s tough early schedule has prepared the team to make a deep run in their first season of the Big 12. The Jacks won 15-5 the year and riding a nine-dual winning streak.
Wrestling

SDSU picked up a 22-15 win over the University of Wyoming, running its dual-winning streak to nine and improving its record to 8-6 overall and 3-1 in the Big 12.

David Kerr picked up his team-leading 22nd victory of the season, defeating Jace Jenrette with a 1-0 decision at 133. Kerr improved to 21-5 on the season, defeating Jace Jenkins, who led the Summit League prior to the game. In addition, Mike Daum led to two hard-fought matches that ended in 6-5 and 14th-ranked Brandon Ben Stroh, 6-5 and 14th-ranked A 1-0 decision on a second peri.

Jake Bittle finished with a game-high 15 points, six rebounds, two assists and two blocks off the bench. Clarissa Ober made her debut with a 77 in the opening round for a 223 (73-78-72) to claim the individual title in the final round. Freshman Emily Moore also earned an individual win, finishing first in the 14-meter diving competition with a score of 217.05.

The Jacks return to action on Feb. 5-6 at the Minnesota Challenge in Minneapolis.

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Shane Burbridge finished with six points, five assists and four assists while Parks added 12 points, eight rebounds and three assists. Deondre Parks finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists for the Jacks.

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George Marshall and the Jacks forced a four-way tie for first in the Summit League after defeating Omaha, the Jacks 25-game home win streak is tied for fourth longest in the nation.

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Sports Reporter

The SDSU men’s basketball team earned a pair of wins over the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Denver University last week.

"We have great students and great fans that just create a loud environment, and that’s awesome," Marshall answered after the game. "We don’t think about the streak, though. The streak is great – we love it – but we take ‘em one game at a time."

With this win, the Jacks won their 25th game in a row at Frost Arena, the fourth-longest active streak in the nation, and have also won 59 of their last 62 at home.

"We have a great coach and really good players," Omaha Coach Derrin Hansen said. "But then you add on top of that the environment in here – you can’t simulate that. That’s the only thing they know here really help us."

"We draw better than any one in the league and we always have," SDSU Coach Scott Nagy said.

The Jacks then went to Denver Saturday and came out with a 67-56 victory. Redshirt freshman center Mike Daum led the team with 15 points and he had seven boards. Marshall finished with 13 points and senior forward Jake Bittle had 12 points and 8 rebounds.

With this victory SDSU improved to 18-5 overall and 7-2 in the Summit League. They are in a tie with Omaha, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University-Purdue Indianapolis for first place in the Summit League.

The Jacks are led by junior guard Dave Combs who is averaging 16.1 points per game. He is followed by guard Jordan Facebook, who also averages over 10 points a game. The Jacks are led by Deondre Parks, averaging 15.9 points a game, Marshall is right behind him as he averages 15.3 points a game. The surprise of the year has been Mike Daum who is averaging 13.6 points and 8 rebounds a game while averaging 19.4 minutes a game. IUPUI is not much of an offensive juggernaut as they only score 53.9 points a game while SDSU averages 84.9 points a game. They will need to rely on turning SDSU over or hoping for a poor shooting night from the Jacks, which rarely happens at home.

SDSU will then head to Omaha for a rematch of last week’s tilt and the Mavericks will be looking to get revenge on the Jacks.
Women’s basketball back on track

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Sports Editor

The Jacks just notched a key road win, taking one in Tulsa, Okla. against Oral Roberts University, who is tied for third place with Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis.

After a nonconference slate that saw the Jacks drop tight games to top teams like No. 3 Notre Dame, No. 6 Maryland and Green Bay, there was a bit of optimism among fans that SDSU had a legitimate chance at storming through the Summit League unbeaten and rolling into the NCAA tournament with a high seed. But that dream took a substantial hit when the Jacks dropped their game to the University of South Dakota in Brookings two weeks ago. When Nicole Seekamp drilled that step back three to give the Coyotes the win, the wind just seemed to come out of the sails, and the hype machine that had built with the excitement about the possibilities for the season shut down.

Following that loss, the Jacks ground out a double-overtime home win over IU-PUI, and suddenly fans had to wonder if this conference season was going to be more of a grind than originally thought. Sophomore guard Macy Miller is fifth in the Summit League in scoring at 16 points per game. But recently, freshman Madison Guebert has been stepping up, with both volume scoring and hitting some timely shots. Her only field goal against IUPUI was the game winner in the second overtime. All five starters for SDSU are averaging over eight points per game, and six players are over 22 minutes per game.

As a team, the Jacks have a 9.1 scoring margin and are second in the conference in points allowed per game at 59.9. They are first in the conference in free throw percentage.

With eight games left in the season, the Jacks have four games on the road and four at Frost Arena. On Thursday, they play Omaha, a team on Thursday who played them within 10 points Jan. 7. If they win that one, the question will be if they can be dominant over the four game stretch at home to have themselves in a good position headed into the season ending a three game stint on the road that includes rematches with both USD and IUPUI.

Whether the Jacks can live up to early season expectations remains to be seen, but being prepared for the Summit League Tournament in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to earn the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament is the most important goal going forward.

LEXIE PRIEST • The Collegian

Macy Miller, who leads the Jacks in scoring this season, is shown here during a game against the University of South Dakota, after she is throwing a pass.

LESLIE FRIED • The Collegian

Kerri Young, the leader of assists on the women’s basketball team, has been asked and successfully fulfilled multiple roles this season.