Students play important role in local politics

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By population, South Dakota State University makes up about one-third of Brookings when ranked in size, in terms of political importance, Brook- ings’ Mayor Tim Reed said it is not isolated by any means. A longtime resident, he has a unique perspective; SDSU is still viewed as a separate college campus.

Some students are not fully aware of local politics and some students are in a separated perception of campus and the city because they have been en- gaged voter and the sense that their vote has an impact.

This political awareness is not al- ways as widespread as it is aimed to be, according to Faith Robinson, reg- istrar for the city’s election commission.

“[I’m] not so much [engaged], I’m more casual in the community and the peo- ple I interact with don’t really know me,” Robinson said.

Another reason why some students are not as active is because they are not aware of the potential impact. Many students do not think enough about the decision they are making on campus and that it will have an impact on the community.

“[I think] campus is seen as more sepa- rate, SDSU is still viewed as a separate entity by students,” Robinson said.

Also seen as an outsider is the city, which makes it hard for students to feel connected to campus and the community.

“[I think] it’s the people asking for and bringing it to the city’s perspec- tive, SDSU is still viewed as a separate entity,” Robinson said.

According to Reed, this has been a major problem in the past with the Big Blue Birthday Box.

“The Big Blue Birthday Box was created by Nick Wendell and includes birthday cake, plates, napkins, a present, socks and books. It is given to children from families in need on their birthday.

For some children the idea of blowing out candles and eating birthday cake is only a dream, but the Big Blue Birthday Box has made it possible.

While Nick Wendell was planning his birthday party for his daughter, Amelia, he came up with the idea for the Big Blue Birthday Box.

“Growing up as a child, Meyer said her family did not have much, but she always had a birthday party surrounded by her friends and family and a homemade cake from her mother.

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In 2015, the project delivered 368 boxes. In 2016, the project delivered 500 boxes. In 2017, the project delivered 750 boxes.

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In 2020, the project delivered 2,000 boxes.

In 2021, the project delivered 3,000 boxes.

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HELP WANTED / SERVICES OFFERED
May various positions in spm.com EOE.

EMAIL shawn@brookingspm.com

HOUSING FOR RENT / SALE:
2 bedroom apartment, basement apartment and comfortable. Walking distance to campus, off-street parking, stove, refrigerator, available May 15th. $550, includes utilities. (605) 697-5778 or (605) 651-4813.
1 bedroom apartment for rent, close to campus.

ROOMMATE WANTED:
2 female roommates needed to share a student apartment. House near SDSU, 712 7th Ave. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. $550, includes utilities.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Want to live a healthy life? Try fasting. Struggling with weight gain? Consider fasting. It is a way to live, but do not know what it is? Come learn about it at a informational and Q&A session. (605) 695-4115.

Student who took his life in 2012.

The Helpline Center uses
organizers encourage donations
in Brookings. Last year around

March 15th. $550, includes utilities.

Elevator.

Fire - Cooking Related.

Failure to Appear.

Malfunction - Elevator.

• 6:29 p.m. @ Young Hall.

Failure to Appear.

• 2.24 a.m. @ 1400 Block of Jackrabbit Ave. DUI.

Fire - Cooking Related.

• 11:47 p.m. @ Caldwell. Elevator.

Passenger Stuck in Elevator.

• 3:50 p.m. @ Mathews Biostress. 111 Lab

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The Students’ Association cut its budget for student organizations for the second year in a row. It was cut by more than $63,000, leaving student organizations with bare bone budgets.

The overall budget was $2.7 million, with more than $2 million going toward the Wellness Center and The Union. Such a great amount had to be allocated to these areas because they are highly needed student facilities.

This left about $500,000 left to 32 student organizations funded or partially-funded by SA. Other organizations can request money from SA through special allocations.

These 32 student organizations requested a certain amount from SA earlier this semester. The Hobo Day Committee requested $9,000 and got about $8,000 back. This only covers 34 percent of its total budget, according to 2016 Hobo Day Grand Pooba Corey Chicoine.

Six organizations asked for money and didn’t get any. In contrast, the University Program Council received 35 percent of their requested amount at $127,792.48.

We, at The Collegian, believe that although SA had to make these cuts, there are better ways to allocate the money. This includes looking at organizations’ past success with events using the money and student involvement.

Chicoine addressed SA at its Monday meeting about his frustration with how the money was allocated. He said that “fairness” shouldn’t be connected to how a budget is distributed, but based on an organization’s use of previous funds.

For example, Hobo Day is a highly celebrated event at SDSU and draws in a majority of student participation. Other organizations have fewer students attend their events but received an allocation closer to their request.

We believe that although the funding decisions could have been decided better with this philosophy, SA was gallant in its efforts to give each organization somewhat close to what was requested.

SA cut its own budget allocation by about $20,000. This was the largest cut out of all the organizations combined. It’s impressive they were willing to cut that much out of their own budget to limit cuts for other organizations.

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Is public breastfeeding taboo?

JORDAN BIERBRAUER

Opinion Editor

A young woman can walk through a mall wearing clothes so tight, it leaves little to the imagination, and nobody blinks an eye (even though some nicks will crack from the rapid head turns). But when one mother or sitter on a mall bench to breastfeed her child (even while covering herself up), everybody loses their minds.

Who is it that gets so worked up? Why do people need to care if a woman's breasts are hanging out of her shirt but then when they are breast-feeding? According to Debata.org, 34 percent of people are against public breastfeeding. Why is this 34 percent against breastfeeding?

First, well feel that breastfeeding is indecent and inappropriate. People feel that a woman breast-feeding is a private act, thus it should not be shown in public. However, people do not care about breastfeeding. Rather, they care about seeing breasts.

If you think about it, everyone sees breasts every day, but we do not get worked up about it. But when a “top slip” occurs, começ a panic. Even though breasts typically cover themselves with a blanket when public breastfeeding takes place, the public chance of catching a glimpse of a nipple is one that makes us uncomfortable.

The fact that people go crazy over such a small part of our anatomy is ridiculous. Believe me or not, the first list I will give you about why it is unacceptable to public breastfeeding is one of the points that makes the most sense.

With that being said, some people also feel that public breastfeeding leads to sex- ward social situations. Now me, to start this conversation, let me tell you.

Obviously, I will never be the one who has to breast feed a baby, but if I was a woman, I would not be too concerned if others could see my breasts. It would be a little less awk- ward if I had to whip one of my breasts out every time I had to breastfeed a baby. Perhaps the greatest thing that I would do if I was a woman is simply try to feed a hungry infant and resume the urge to spit slurs at a mother who would not be too concerned if others could see my breasts.

Other arguments against breastfeeding in public go on to say how breastfeeding is emotional and intimate and how such a public display could be displayed in public workplaces (unusually comparing breastfeeding to public displays of affection), but overall, all the arguments against breastfeeding in public are things that seem more like personal reasons rather than real problems.

I believe the 14 percent of people who are against breastfeeding in public are the same ones who are against the women who eat and will continue to fast until they can eat. Breastfeeding is a natural, human act that is beneficial to both mother and infant and should be something that is acceptable to everyone. A breastfeeding mother cannot plan out when she will need to feed their child or make sure it is not the most comfortable thing in the world for moms to breastfeed in public, but what can she do? A baby needs to eat and will continue to fast until they can eat.

My suggestion for those 34 percent is to realize that a woman who chooses to breastfeed is simply trying to feed a hungry infant and should be something that is acceptable to everyone. I believe that exposing a breast, even in the context of breastfeeding, is something that does not have to be displayed in public workplaces. Rather, it can be done in private spaces, such as restaurants or a woman's home. However, even if a woman is not comfortable with breastfeeding in public, it is important to resist the urge to spit slurs at a mother who is simply trying to feed a hungry infant and resume the urge to spit slurs at a mother who is simply trying to feed a hungry infant. Instead of calling a mother who is breast-feeding a term, I would simply try to feed a hungry infant and resume the urge to spit slurs at a mother who is simply trying to feed a hungry infant and resume the urge to spit slurs at a mother who is simply trying to feed a hungry infant and resume the urge to spit slurs at a mother who is simply trying to feed a hungry infant and resume the urge to spit slurs at a mother who is simply trying to feed a hungry infant.

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#StudentsChoice

This year, The Collegian polled students and community members on Twitter for the best pizza, burger, chicken wings and burritos in all of Brookings -- and they did not disappoint. The polling took place over the last few weeks. Each poll was online for an average of four and six hours, accumulating about 50 votes in each. Some of businesses won by a landslide, others came down to the final minutes.

Check out the brackets below to see how each business did.

**Burgers**
- Nick's
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Whiskey Creek
- Craft Italian-American Fusion
- Cubby's
- Old Market
- Applebee's
- The Pheasant

**Pizza**
- George's
- Papa Murphy's
- Pizza King
- Papa John's
- Wooden Legs
- Dominoes
- Pizza Ranch

**Wings**
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Ram's/O'Hares
- Cubby's
- Applebee's

**Burritos**
- Qdoba
- Taco John's
- Guadalajara's
- Taco Express

The Winners

Students' Choice Champions
- **Best Mexican Food:** Guadalajara's
- **Best Pizza:** George's
- **Best Wings:** Buffalo Wild Wings
- **Best Burger:** Nick's
- **Best Pasta:** Craft
- **Best Asian Food:** Sake Sushi and Hibachi
- **Best Breakfast:** Cubby's
- **Best Bar:** Cock's Kitchen
- **Best Entertainment:** The Ritz
- **Best Full Service Salon:** The Pheasant
- **Best Nail Salon:** Oscar Nails
- **Best Boutique:** Vintage Willow's/Country Peddler (TIE)
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**George's** owned the pizza tournament the entire time. They won each poll by more than 75 percent each round. Buffalo Wild Wings was nearly knocked out of the first round by The Ram/O'Hare's. It was a breeze from there on out.

The burrito bracket was smaller than the others, but that didn't slow Qdoba down. Guadalajara's was a close second in the championship round.

No surprise, Nick's dominated the entire burger tournament. However Cubby's gave the business a close call in the championship round.
Students prepare for life outside of classroom

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Lifestyle Editor

Summer sun and lazy days are right around the corner. Students on campus are preparing for the semester to end and summer to begin. Some are not spending their break sleeping in and relaxing. In fact, they’re finding other ways to fill their time during the three-month break from classes.

Students of South Dakota State are preparing for their summer jobs, internships and volunteer work.

Emily Boldt, a sophomore nursing major, plans to work up in volunteer hours.

“It’s not hard work. It’s more about finding a summer job. I’m not going to do that,” Boldt said.

Malsam said some sort of experience is beneficial.

Malsam said Boldt will help her connect to the volunteerism society. She said the effort paid itself off.

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Malsam said the benefits of volunteer work could be to find and make new friends, a freshman agronomy major, plans to work up in volunteer hours.

“I will be working with people eventually, so it’s good to get used to it sooner rather than later,” Boldt said.

Malsam also plans to volunteer for the volunteerism society. She said the effort paid itself off.

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For Johnson, life outside of school is a big transition into adulthood.

“Even if alcohol awareness is not affecting everyone directly, it can help in terms of awareness for the severity of alcohol abuse.

“There are actually a lot of students who do not drink on campus and would rather do other things,” James said. “Even though it’s not a social norm percentage, trying to get positive messages out there through banners, it stands and flags is our all-encompassing movement.”

The flags will be available to fill out at the HEROIC (Helping Everyone Reach Optimized Health) table in the mainstreet of the Union.

There are different places students can drop off their flags to be posted in the designated areas. James said the drop-off points are the Wellness Center front desk, the residence hall front desks and Information Exchange.

“Such a large amount of places to fill out the campaign is for not only the students but for the faculty as well,” James said.

“I think the big thing is encouraging everyone to fill one out,” Weber said. “Weber said the campaign is meant to have a large impact.

“The campaign is for anyone who would like to get involved,” Weber said. “It’s bringing everyone together to promote an important topic.”

Nichols also pointed out it is a way to incorporate “sympathetic support” for the campaign.

“I think it’s a way to provide examples,” Nichols said. “If they see examples of what they can be doing, they say, ‘Oh, I can do that. I can say that, I can do that, I can do that.’”

James believes it is important, as the jackrabbit community, to intervene with issues such as sexual assault and alcohol awareness.

“If students can see that the support is there, there are resources available, that can be comforting reaching out to our resources here on campus,” Weber said.
Book Review:
The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender

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Lifestyles Editor

Ava Lavender: half-human, half-bird. Leslye Walton’s “The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender” explores the beauty and devastation of Ava trying to find love while hiding her enormous nature of non-functioning wings.

The novel is narrated by the “old” Ava Lavender, while she is explaining her grandmother’s history of love, her own history and what moments she wished they would have savored at the time. Ava’s grandmother and grandfather were both immigrants from France who came to America in search of a better life. However, while they were here, they experienced many hardships that shattered their idea of “better living.”

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Andrew Dalton
Men’s Basketball Beat Reporter

Ryan Miller
He is a home state guy that deserves a head coaching job. He’s known as a strong recruiter and likeable coach.

Chandler Holland
Wrestling Beat Reporter

Tom Billetter
He proved he can win it all at the Division II level. He deserves a shot up in the B town.

Shason Minor
Sports Feature

Ryan Miller
He’s a good recruiter and he just announced that he’s parting ways with UNLV.

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Austin Hansen
Sports Editor

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He is a solid recruiting track record and as a new guy could bring in some new ideas program.

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Rob Klinkefus
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Jalen Wilson
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Freshman King continues to stand out on the Jackrabbit Stampede, taking first in the women's 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:37.76.

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and Kyle Birkholz picked up wins in their events, Saturday, at the Hekker Spring Invitational.

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the men's 800-meter run with a time of 1:53.13.

In the 1,500-meter run, Birkholz marked his second season winning, claiming first with a 3:57.52 finish.

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Junior Kelsey Swainston being the first-ever Jackrabbit horsemanship rider to earn an NCEA All-American nod.

Senior Nicole Harvey becomes the fourth different Jackrabbit to earn the honor in winning, while

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North Dakota State that started on Friday, and Wednesday. They face Creighton in Omaha on Wednesday before coming home for a weekend series with North Dakota State this season. 

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Student-athletes have been limited to four total hits on the season and last season.

Based on her one home run for every 18 games, Herdliska has hit a team-leading three games played consistency so far this season, bringing her career total to 32. Herdliska has hit 16 home runs, setting a single season record for SDSU. Through 36 games, Herdliska has hit a two-out double home run with 16 home runs left as the regular season to break the record. Based on her one home run for every three games played consistency so far this season, Herdliska could very well break the record by the end of the regular season.

As for the team, head coach Kristen Wood has continued to make strides with the program. In her second year with the team, the Jackrabbits are 14-24, just nine games away from tying last year’s 23 wins, the most the program has had since 2008.

One thing to keep the Jacks going in the fact that they have yet to play a home game, something that is customary for the softball team. Last year’s team played its first home game April 4 while SDSU will host its first home game of the 2016 season Wednesday. 

After this, the Jacks will be able to find comfort at home as they will spend the next two weeks playing five games in Brookings, totaling 12 games at home in that time. Of those 12 games, 11 of them will be played at home, a career high for them with five wins against IPFW in Fort Wayne. 

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WrestleMania: An Insider’s Guide to a Spectacle

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Sports Contributor

WrestleMania is pro wrestling’s biggest spectacle. The characters in wrestling are unique. There’s an undead phenom (The Undertaker), a hero from the farm (Brock Lesnar), a group of foreign-born bullies (League of Nations) and even a stable of people that believe in unicorns and talk nonstop about cereal (The New Day).

There are more than just the record for highest attendance in 2016. The Undertaker’s Mid-South connection, his storyline with The Rock and his post-match WrestleMania tradition make him the most iconic superstar of all time. If you’re looking to attend a pro wrestling event in the US this year, there’s likely to be a show in your area.

Here’s an insider’s guide to planning your WrestleMania trip.

The first problem is waiting in line, whether it be to get into the stadium or on the phone to buy tickets. Having an idea of how in-fractions and autograph signings work is important. For instance, I got to the stadium 3½ hours before the doors were set to open and did not get to see a single performer after they opened due to there being only three lines of security per gated entry. Much like WWE has a pre-show with matches and segments to get people excited for the event, I was disappointed in the pre-show waiting to get into the stadium.

The other downside is finding a ride back to your hotel from WrestleMania. As you possibly can, you won’t be disappointed. I’m sure WrestleMania 32 emanates from the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. People will come from everywhere like they’ve done every year. That’s the thing about pro wrestling—the story goes on. It never ends, and if WrestleMania 32 is any indication, the story won’t end any time soon.

If you're looking to attend a pro wrestling event, WWE is hosting a live event that won’t be on television and will only be seen by those attending in Sioux Falls on May 8. Tickets start at $31.

If you want to be a professional wrestler, Midwest All-Pro Wrestling in Sioux Falls will be holding classes starting May 23.

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