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events

SDSU students, ready for their close-ups, try their best to win the lifesaver game during the Bum Olympics.

that thing you do

Freshman Josh Alexander takes off down the field during the Jacks' Hobo Day game.
SDSU students try their hardest to squeeze out every last drop during the Bum Olympics.

Don't pop that! Shaving the balloon is one of the many events in the Bum Olympics.

without the special events hosted on campus, school would be remembered only through the monotony of classes and boring tests. from annual intramural events to rare appearances and concerts, sdsu was defined by the memories it created for its students.
Freshman Jennifer Ruzsa works on an advertising banner for the U.P.C. Ruzsa worked for Outback Jacks, near Leisure Skills in the Union.

Junior Kim Coover works in the Students' Association office before the S.A. Presidential elections.
Freshman Chris DeCurtins takes advantage of the pool tables at Jack's Place during an afternoon break.

Two SDSU students put together a quick lunch at Jack's Place in the basement of the Student Union.

The life of a student varies from person to person, but some important things stay the same. Getting involved helps many students adjust to college life, gaining experience for the "real world." Many people found that they got more for their money by enjoying their education.
real genius

Senior Connie Pederson studies in the basement of the Union. Students spent many hours with books in their laps and highlighters in hand.

Sophomores Dayna Collins (left) and Kara Hoefert worked in the Breezeway for the Lincoln Music Department.
Senior Ryan Boekelheide was on hand in the Breezeway to answer questions for the Admissions office.

academics at SDSU soared past boundaries while students shattered personal goals of excellence. When one strives for the best, possibilities for success have no limits and winding roads can only lead to new opportunities.

Freshman Annie Fuller entertains company from the 147th Army Band.
SDSU students get into the action as the Jacks take on Augustana in an NCC match-up.

Junior Brock Beran hangs on tight as he is brought down during the Jacks' match-up with MSU.
State Sensations members dance to the school song during a home basketball game.

Freshman Austin Hansen works to get around a Minot State defender.

Athletics on this campus have always meant one thing — energy. The energy it takes to practice every day, to compete, and to be the best that we can. SDSU athletics took to new heights this year, vying for every award in the book.
Senior Angela Briscoe, University Programs Council President, works on her phone list, making calls for the next big event.

Senior Andy Hoffman, Sports Editor for the Collegian, conducts an interview in the newspaper's office.
Seniors Todd Fuoss (left to right), Justin Davis and Dan Paradis work in the Students' Association office.

Students involved in the organizations on this campus do everything from allocate funds that determine our educations to scheduling the events that make college life bearable. From beginning to end, the educational process involves us all.

Gary Burlog assisted the members of Circle K during their annual Blood Drive. The Sioux Valley Hospital Bloodmobile was outside the Student Union for the February event.
Sophomore Adam Bock makes the most of his spare time, sharpening his pool skills in the basement of the Union.

SDSU alum Darold Rounds reminisces with 147th Army Band members in the Student Union.
Get a little closer! Two students barely miss during the life-saver competition of the Bum Olympics.

the people of SDSU create the unity and pride of a university. Unique attributes of each student contribute to making a school stand out. People relate to each other, and emerge with new talents and strengths to build a strong identity.

Sophomore Jessica Laintz, Administrative Assistant for Orientation, works in the office of student activities.
Two students participate in the Bum Olympics. The Bum Olympics are held annually during Hobo Week.
Pride of the Dakotas marching band members entertained the crowd that lined the streets during the Hobo Day parade.

“A member of the Johnny Holmes Band rests during a musical break.”
An SDSU student experiences the dizzying effects of the Bum Olympics.

Mathews hall residents joined forces for the three-legged race during the Bum Olympics.

hobo days '99

Football team members and fans both enjoyed nice weather for the Hobo Day game.
Two teammates concentrate on the task at hand — keeping the razor as far away from their faces as possible.

A teammate encourages his partners as they race to win an event in the Bum Olympics.

back to the beach
It was a team effort to get rid of all the liquid in the baby bottles during the Bum Olympics.
Sophomore Jeff Sparks grimaces while spinning around and around before racing off.

Mathews hall teammates race to the finish line — with a little extra weight piled on.

hobo days '99
The cast of Capers rehearses yet another dance routine for the big show.
Josh Westwick (left) and Trisha Haroldson go through some choreography before teaching the rest of the group.

**Cast members** practice their dance moves before attempting them on stage.
oozeball '00

A dirty team member is ready to go, with his game face on.

Football team members and fans both enjoyed nice weather for the Hobo Day game.

Tired teammates take advantage of free beverages during the tournament.
Cold, hard mud isn’t the easiest thing to get out of. Teammates had to help each other out of the mess.
mix it up
High school students, in town and on campus for Little I, take some time off their feet in the basement of the Student Union.

An SDSU student concentrates during the tractor pull.

Little I participants are around even at a young age.
A competitor watches the wall closely while hitting the curve during the tractor pull.

A student prepares and grooms his sheep for the judging.
american beauty
Senior Erin Huwe enters Frost Arena to "Pomp and Circumstance."

President Peggy Gordon Elliot acknowledges the band for playing throughout the ceremony.

Members of the 2000 graduating class wait patiently through speakers to receive their degrees.
Senior Casey Estling speaks at the graduation ceremony, where he talked about "headlocks and high-fives."

An ROTC member stands at attention while preparing to carry the American flag prior to the May 6, 2000 commencement ceremony.

the graduate
A graduating student marches into Frost Arena, ready to receive her degree.

Members performing in one of the many Capers 2000 skits share a big laugh during a performance.
High school students took over the campus, including the basement of the Union, during Little International.

Members of the Class of 2000 pause to acknowledge their guests during commencement.
Freshman Mike Flanery (left) and sophomore Andy Paschke try to stay on top of things in Binnewies Hall.
Freshman Derrick Schantz moves toward the hoop during an SDSU home game.

Freshman Gabe Hirsch takes some time during the day to take advantage of the pool tables available in Jack's Place.
Written by Stacy Poppen

It's early Saturday morning, and music begins blaring through the hallways. Several doors are open, and it appears that indeed there is life in Young Hall. Often referred to as the "athlete hall," Young houses many student-athletes.

"I'm an athlete and I have played the loud pump-up music at nine a.m. before," said freshman Josh Cerveny. "I sympathize with regular students who aren't athletes, because I woke up a lot in the preseason when the football players were blaring music early in the morning."

From "Sex Talk and Bow Pops" to Wednesday evening Bible studies, diverse opportunities are offered to students in Young.
Sophomore Dan Schlitz takes a nap in his loft. Unlike most students, Schlitz put his bed below the appliances, on the floor.

"From time to time, fun activities are held to give us not only a break from our hectic schedules, but also variety and experiences that we will carry with us," said sophomore Holly Hagena.

Prime location and added services accompany those living in Young hall. The hall is directly connected to the Larson Commons dining service, and also the C-store. Accessibility to other buildings on campus, including the HPER center and the Student Union, is also quick.

"Unless I have class way over in Animal Science, it only takes me about five minutes to get where I'm going in the morning," said freshman Andria Clarke. "The real bonus is I get a few extra minutes to sleep!"

Freshman Julie Raeder studies from up in her loft. Many students decorated their lofts for the holidays.
Freshman Tyler Turek works on an assignment in the convenience of his room.

Written by Stacy Muller

The majority of SDSU students lived in residence halls their freshman and sophomore years and there was often competition to ensure the desired placement. One of the most sought after "homes away from home" was Binnewies Hall. Binnewies was popular among the students for a number of reasons and most residents happily settled into their college abode.

One of the reasons students were so fond of Binnewies was the convenience of having friends and neighbors a few doors away. Most residents found the hall a great way to meet new people and hang out with friends.

"Everyone knows each other," said freshman Brandi Wilson. "There is a homey feeling."

Freshmen Andy Pudwill (left to right), Dan Hansen, Nat Sedlacek and Mike Stadler enjoy a little Nintendo.
In addition to the comfortable atmosphere, Binnewies also offered convenience for meal times. Students had the luxury of a connection with Larson Commons and the C-Store. Residents avoided the harsh winter weather by taking a short jaunt down the hallway where they could eat a buffet style meal while socializing with friends.

There was a rarity in Binnewies that the residents were proud to proclaim. Students were quick to offer that the cliques who tainted the hallways of high school had evolved into adults that chose to tear down walls instead of building them.

“Kids are friendly and accepting,” said freshman Darcy Andersen.
Pierson Hall was the most centrally located residence hall on the SDSU campus. It offered an appealing convenience to the students living there. Residents were grateful for the appealing proximity to the main buildings on campus.

“I like Pierson because it’s centralized on campus,” said sophomore Tamme Williams. “It’s also nice to have Grave right there.”

Another benefit that set Pierson apart from other halls was the friendliness and promptness of the staff. The staff strove to pro-
vide the most comfortable environment possible in order to make the students feel at home.

“The staff tries to make sure we’re happy,” said Williams. “If anything is wrong, they fix it right away.”

Residents also appreciate the facilities for student use in Pierson. There were accommodations that students were grateful to have as a resident.

“Pierson has the best showers,” said freshman Edajeanne Mannes. “There are actually walls and curtains.”

Jeff Whitaker (left) and Brian Button relax on the couch. Lofts made room for larger furniture, making students feel more at home.

Shelly Werkmeister talks with a friend, making use of her cell phone.

Hillary Dobbs
Freshman Priscilla Neilson puts her juice back in the refrigerator. Most students kept miniature appliances in their dorm rooms.

Written by Stacy Poppens

Characterized by its “Lounge Lizards,” Brown Hall was full of easy-going, take-it-easy students. Hanging out with friends was the ultimate pastime and endless hours watching pointless television shows occupied much of their time. Isn’t that the norm for college students? Brown exemplified that college spirit.

“I like living in Brown because this is where the action is,” said freshman Doug Kuper. “All of my friends are here and we have a good time just kickin’ it and watching some quality TV.”

Floor activities and hall government tended to be popular among Brown Hall residents.

“Once a week, my RA goes around getting people to attend all government meetings,” said fres...
man Casey Vietor. "I usually go to the meeting because it is an easy way to meet people and get cash for our floor."

Unlike other halls on campus, Brown was considered the hang-out spot.

"Every time I walk in the front doors, I see people sitting around on the lobby couches," said freshman Monte Miles. "It is nice to have a place to sit back and relax."

If Thursday night was looking bland, or the weekend seemed boring, you could walk through the halls of Brown and feel better about things. Smiles and laughter floated around the building, and a good time was usually had by all.

"We hang out on our floor a lot," said Kuper. "It always tends to be a good laugh."

Sophomore Stephanie Prokosch is takin’ care of business in the Brown hall basement.

Freshman Gretchen Hemleben practices her guitar.
Mathews hall is a residential hall filled with music, laughter and lots of fun. While the students know how to come up with their own entertainment, the residential advisors are of great help on those nights when things are on the slow side. A few of the events put on by the R.A.s included a session called “Sex in the Basement.” Freshman Crystal Parrott thought this was a unique gathering, but enjoyed the games and openness about talking about college relationships.

“The little session that we had was great,” she said. “It was good to learn about how to be safe in college—without having to trounce all around campus. It was right in our hall.”

Sophomore Jennifer Froke helps decorate a fellow resident’s door.

Sophomore Emily Weese spent her spare time painting in her dorm room.
Residents of Mathews also enjoyed their hall’s Christmas party. R.As. had sent letters to residents’ parents, requesting small gifts for the students. Sophomore Nicki Neiman was excited to see the gifts that the parents had sent. “The whole party was just so much fun,” she said. “Even if your parent didn’t get around to sending something, there was still tons of food and treats for everyone.”

One thing that almost all of the students agreed on was that they loved the location of Mathews. Centered close to the Union and the Rotunda, it was convenient for the underclassmen to get around.

“We’re centrally located,” said freshman DeAnn Allerdings. “It’s just a convenient place to have a hall on this campus.”
Written by Stacy Poppens

When Garth Brooks wrote the song, "Ain't Goin' Down till the Sun Comes Up," he may have written it about the residents of Hansen Hall. Even if he didn't, these students sure knew how to get down and have a good time.

"It occasionally gets a little crazy in our hall," said freshman Larry Top. "But what can you expect when you put this many room-mates together in the same building?"

Often referred to as the "cowboy" hall, residents of Hansen spanned many interest groups. While this nickname may have held a little truth, it tended to be a controversial topic among students.

"As far as I can tell, I am the direct opposite of a cowboy," said

Freshman Angela Sanborn takes time out to work on a reading assignment.
freshman Matt Manthey. "There are a few cowboys that strut the halls, but the majority are just regular smart-alec's like myself."

With many of the main classrooms a 15-minute walk away, students learned to set their alarms a bit early.

"A few of my classes are like a half a mile away," said freshman Mark Braunschmidt. "It's probably a good thing that I have a bike up here at school or else I may not be going to those classes much."

Strangely enough, the majority of students found the solitude and rowdy atmosphere of Hansen Hall appealing.

"I guess living in these cracker box rooms isn't so bad," said Manthey. "Just as long as posters of lots of hot women are hanging up on my bare walls."

Sophomore Dusti Kvistad takes a break during the day to rest on the couch.

Sophomore Clinton Mathews plays Nintendo — a popular pastime.
There were many advantages in being a resident of Waneta hall. Most notable was the new 24-hour visitation policy which was new this year. The tradeoff was the doors were locked all day, although many don’t seem to mind. Because of this privilege, all residents were required to be sophomores before they could live in Waneta.

The location of the hall was a plus for many students as well. It is on the far west end of campus, which made some students feel like they weren’t even living on campus at all.

“I like it that we’re kind of out of the way, so that it’s almost like being off campus,” said Yan.
Senior Nicholas Cordray (left) and sophomore Alyssa Petefish share a laugh.

Sittig, a sophomore in Waneta. “But it’s actually pretty convenient to be here.”

Even though is could feel secluded, Waneta is actually close to many of the classroom buildings. It is also conveniently close to the Medary Commons.

Another advantage of being a resident in Waneta Hall is the hall community. As one of the smaller dorms on campus, most of the residents became well-acquainted. One of the reasons for this environment was the programming in the hall.

“We have a really awesome RA,” said Joy McGuam, a sophomore resident. “She is really active on our floor.”

Freshman Cameron Landsteiner (left to right), sophomores Rachel Filles and Jessie Stewart enjoy a game of Foosball.
Written by Sheila Zweifel

The SDSU campus is slowly changing, becoming more different and diverse in many ways. Non-traditional students can be found in almost every college and major.

Amy Paradis, a junior, is also a wife and the mother of three children. She lives in Brookings during the week and commutes home on the weekends.

"Trying to do the long-distance family thing can be a difficult challenge," said Paradis. "It's teaching my children not to make the same mistakes I have."

After graduating from high school, Paradis didn't think she was emotionally ready for college.

"I found that other jobs weren't enough to satisfy me," Paradis said. "So, I decided that if
was time to go to school and do something I wanted."

Nimesh Kadakia, a graduate student, is originally from India. He also balances class with his family, which consists of a young daughter and his wife, Sapna.

"There are a lot of cultural differences," Kadakia said. "People can be critical about different situations."

However, many students and faculty at SDSU have made efforts to bridge the gap that may separate "traditional" students from "non-traditional" students.

"Glenda Hecht from the chemistry department sponsored a lot of activities for the students," Kadakia said. "We were able to share our different cultures and experiences and become closer as a group."
Sophomore Amy Rippenger enjoys a snack in her room in the Wecota Annex.

Students in the Wecota Annex can make use of the microwaves, utility sinks, refrigerators and ovens offered.
“It’s really quiet, and people are really down to earth,” said Julie Jans, a junior in the Annex. “I transferred from a different school, so I wanted to have a single room.”

The rooms in the Annex had several advantages over the other dorm rooms as well. The desks were larger than those in other halls. Every room had its own sink. There was also plenty of storage space.

Although the Annex is small and out of the way, it had many advantages. Its size and quiet atmosphere were great for those who wanted their own private room and a quiet place to study.
"I really like having the privacy of my own room," Lewis said. "I can just go in, shut the door, and nobody will bother me."

The apartments have a great location that makes it easy for students to walk to class.

"Being a little farther [off] campus doesn’t bother me," Lewis said. "I would much rather walk to class on a snowy day than have to scrape my car windows."

So are there any disadvantages to living in either Berg or Bailey?

"I pay a little more in rent at Bailey than I probably would somewhere else," Elfering said. "But I don’t have to worry about utilities, so that makes up for it."

For those missing the South Dakota farm-life, the apartments are right next to a farm — cows included.

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Senior Dustin Hofer relaxes in the living room after a tough day.

Senior Ben White offers senior Tambi Nold a little help on the computer.
A turning point in college students' lives was moving out of the residence halls and into a place they could call their own. Most students had two years to settle into residence hall life and were eager to begin the journey to independence.

"The best thing about living off-campus is the freedom to be able to do whatever I want," said senior Erin Huwe. "There are so many things you can't do in the dorms that you don't have to worry about when living off-campus."

Many students received a wake-up call once the benefits of residence hall life ended. Students had to prepare their own meals, do dishes, and clean messy houses. Many students moved in with friends and took turns with housework.

Written by Stacy Muller

Senior Katie Wackel makes herself some lunch in her apartment.

Senior Emily Oyen sits down at the computer to get some work done on the internet.
Junior Kyle Eberts plays with his dog while on the phone. Living off-campus allows students to have pets of their own.

Hold chores. Having roommates often cut down on individual clean up, but students also had to tolerate differences in an adult manner.

"Living off-campus gives people a chance to grow up," said Huwe. "Many students, especially boys, are not used to cooking and cleaning."

The rules and structure of the residence halls were a great way to prepare the students for life on their own. Once students were accustomed to acting responsibly, they could use their own judgement and make their own decisions.

"I'm my own boss here," said senior Nate Jensen. "When living off-campus, one doesn't have to succumb to the rules of living on campus."
Faith can be witnessed all across the campus of SDSU, where a variety of campus faith organizations exist. The Navigators, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and the Campus Crusade for Christ are just a few of these.

“Many of the students at SDSU have grown up going to church on Sundays,” said senior Reada Woehl. “It’s awesome to see students who still manage to live out that faith, even while they are still in college.”

One way organizations continue to stay active throughout the year is the Christmas Conference. Some members of Campus Crusade attended a seminar and fellowship gathering in the Twin Cities. This was a time of fellowship, in which those gathered...
could sing their praises and also listen to several guests speak about what is important to them, and their faith.

"Forming christian friends has been important to me," said sophomore Jamie Nelson. "And through the different organizations on campus, I've been able to find these friends."

While strong friendships were made, many people found it comforting to be able to express their faith openly within an organization.

"Because SDSU is in the midwest, and faith is a very prominent aspect of families, I believe that the majority of students have a christian background," said sophomore Holly Hagena. "It's reassuring to know that people you meet may have a little something in common with you."

Campus Crusade for Christ members Beth Poorviles (left) and Ricky Ganci participate in a bible study group.

A student plays the guitar during a sing & praise gathering.
Written by Karla Pevestorf

SDSU provides many different meal plan options to the students it serves. Students have the choice as to which meal plan would be suitable for them, ranging from all meals at Larson Commons to all flex dollars, which can be used almost anywhere.

“It’s nice to have a variety of meal plans to choose from,” said freshman Laura Gage. “This way you’re not just stuck with a meal place that you might not use, or isn’t convenient for you and your needs.”

Flex dollars were of great use to the students, because they could be used to buy almost anything on campus. Many students didn’t always have cash with them, so when the need for a few
groceries hit, students could hand over their ID card to pay for the groceries they needed. This let students pay with their meal plans.

“Flex dollars are good to have, because they carry over from the fall to the spring semester,” said freshman Jill Akland. “I personally like the fact that when I’m in a hurry, I can just run to the convenience story and grab something quick without worrying about having cash on me all the time.”

With three places to eat on campus, there were many options to choose from. The Union offered Jack’s Place, Itza Pizza, Grille Works, Hobo Wrap Station, Java City and the Wokery. Medary Commons offered a new Blimpie Subs station. Larson Commons gave students the opportunity to experience a buffet-style meal.
The newly remodeled building will include new video and audio production suites, along with a high-tech media classroom.

Written by Angela Mettler

The Printing and Journalism Building received a $1.5 million facelift this year. The current area wasn’t big enough to hold the growing number of students enrolled in journalism. The addition added about 5000 square feet on the second floor, increasing the department’s space by 40 percent.

The focal points of this addition were a high-tech media classroom and state-of-the-art video and audio production suites. The remodeled area also included a small conference room, ten new faculty offices, updated editing, reporting, and photography laboratories, a student reading room, a student lounge, and the Lakota/Dakota Conference Room.

In the student reading room, workers spent most of the school year and well into the summer updating the building.
remains of the day

students can study, have access to computers with internet, CD Roms, and Databases, internet hookups for laptops, and enjoy the department's growing number of books, newspapers, and magazines. The Lakota/Dakota Conference Room, according to department head Richard Lee, will be "the best meeting place on campus." The room incorporates a Native American motif into its every aspect and design.

"The addition is going to be exciting and fun," said Lee. "Both students and faculty will find it nice to be in."

The addition was scheduled to be finished by June 26th, with classes scheduled for the fall of 2000.
Freshman Priscilla Neilson curls her hair before a night on the town.

Freshmen Brandi Ritter (left) and Jennifer Frohe help decorate a friend's door for her birthday.
Freshmen Jessica Turgeon (left) and Jada Wolf make studying a group effort.

Freshman Adam Herrmann gives up on his reading assignment to take a little cat-nap.
Senior Casey Estling waits through the spring commencement ceremony to receive his degree, the highest of expectations for a college student.
Perry Olson and his partner model fashions for the Family and Consumer Sciences Expo's fashion show.

The Printing and Journalism building was renovated for the 2000-2001 school year.
Written by Michelle Selchert

New technology helps everyone at South Dakota State University enjoy a better lifestyle. The improvements across campus make simple tasks much easier for students, as well as faculty.

A new payment procedure for Fall 2000 makes life easier for students.

“It’s the big item,” said Registrar Ranny Knutson. “They can pay early and avoid standing in line.”

Technology reaches the classroom as well through the installment of smart classrooms.

“The new technology in the classrooms expands my teaching possibilities and opportunities,” French professor Marie-Pierre Baggett said. “Things that I couldn’t do before in a classroom are now readily available to me.”

“It’s really nice how the teachers can have all their information in a computer presentation and not have to worry about lots of loose papers and notes,” freshman Darcy Andersen said.

Another advancement was the easy access to the Internet around campus.

“T really like the fact that Internet hook-ups are available to students in their dorm rooms,” said sophomore Amanda Spicer.

“I take advantage of it whenever possible,” said sophomore Amanda Trenerry. “The Internet alone helps me to stay in contact with my family, professors and other students. I use the new computer lab in Larson Commons a lot for homework too.”

Students take advantage of the newer computers in one of the NFA computer labs.

Students in a Biology Lab are being taught via smart classroom methods. By this year, most classrooms were highly equipped.

total recall
"I take advantage of (technology) whenever possible..."
— Amanda Trenerry
Sophomore

An employee works in the Dairy Science Plant.

An employee works in the Dairy Science Plant.

Students living in Young or Binnewies didn't have to go outside to hit the computer lab after the new Larson Computer Lab was built.
Caycee Smith puts the final touches on her painting for class.

Members of a Graphic Design I class get in groups to work on an assignment before spring break.

Senior Jessica Andrews, a journalism major, uses the computer lab in NFA to work on some assignments while the journalism building was closed for remodeling.
Every dream or goal needed to start somewhere. For some people the dream started in the College of Arts and Sciences. This college had 15 departments that offered major and or minor programs that students could take to lead to a suitable career. The college was a foundation for the future of many SDSU students. This college offered a liberal education that gave students the ability to test different beliefs or different ideas of their own.

“The people who went through this process will never forget it,” said Head of Arts Department Norman Gambill.

There was a moving process that the Art department went through in the past two years, moving from Solberg hall to Grove hall. The departments within the college were continually growing and improving. The past year was spent remodeling Grove Hall so that it would meet the needs and be suitable for the art department, which was an exciting and positive improvement.

“I love the people in the department because we are so close,” said sophomore Jennifer Harms. “It’s almost like we are family.”

Students were content with the department of their major, not only because of the professionalism, but also because of the friendships formed. Not only was it the way the programs were handled that made students satisfied with their choice of school, but it was also the people at SDSU that made the college a rewarding choice. The college of Arts and Sciences had a lot to offer, and pointed the students in the right direction for the future.
Junior Susie Hadrick works on a project for her "integrating computers into the curriculum" course.

written by stacy muller

While most colleges on campus drilled content into the minds of students, the College of Education and Counseling instructed students to be effective teachers. The College required students to learn inventive teaching techniques in addition to extensively learning their content area. The programs involved many dedicated instructors that communicated with each other thoroughly to provide an extensive and well planned system for the students.

"The teachers have been more than helpful in preparing us for the world of teaching," said senior Katie Kobernusz. "It's helpful when they tell us how it really is."

The education program consisted of three professional semesters intended to prepare students for teaching. The first professional semester, PSI, gave students a chance to observe a real classroom. Students got the chance to observe student behaviors and teaching strategies firsthand. PSII delved more deeply into developing a pattern of teaching lesson plans provided by the department. PSIII consisted of students learning teaching strategies such as classroom management and assessment the first five weeks of the semester. The remainder of the semester was spent student teaching where students had a chance to teach using the lesson plan techniques learned in PSII.

"Student teaching is great because it gives us a chance to put the lesson plans into effect," said Kobernusz.

Senior Chris Ornseth uses the computer to work on formatting an electronic portfolio.

higher learning
Sophomore Heather Hanson works in the education computer lab, located in the basement of Wenona.

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— Katie Kobernusz
Senior

Senior Justin Boervoom, an education major, completes his FFA test in Wenona hall.
Seniors Tina Straub and Mark Petersen work together in the mammalian physiology lab.

Senior Jared Janke gets a little help using the copy machine from Dairy Science Secretary Judith Dobbs.

Students in a human microbiology lab take notes before starting the day’s project.
Written by Hillary Dobbs

The College of Agricultural and Biological Sciences has always played a vital role at SDSU. The college offers many diverse majors that range from agronomy to biology. Many of the students who are enrolled in the college come from backgrounds in agriculture.

Junior Mike Schmidt, who majors in agricultural education, grew up in rural southwestern Minnesota. Schmidt enjoys several aspects of the college.

"Basically anything you need is readily available," he said. "The college is small enough where you can know everybody."

Junior Nate Christie, an agricultural business major, said he chose his major because of the great job opportunities.

"I think it's a great asset to the state of South Dakota," he said. "We produce products that everybody uses every day."

Ag/Bio Sciences also offers many activities such as the Ag-Bio Proxy Council, Ag-Bio Ambassadors and Little International.

Junior Heidi Bruner is actively involved in the Ambassadors program, who help to recruit high school students.

"We talk to the students about higher education," she said. "And we tell them how Ag/Bio can help."

In addition to the numerous activities, Bruner also said she appreciates the atmosphere of the college.

"Ag/Bio is like a community," Bruner said. "It's just really friendly."
The College of Engineering had a wide variety of programs available for students at SDSU. Within nine departments, degrees ranging from Bachelor of Science to Doctor of Philosophy were offered.

Engineering students leave SDSU ready to be employed in positions in many different fields. Agricultural engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering were a few of the areas that were offered. Programs in mathematics, computer science, and construction management were also included.

Beyond the classroom, there were many activities and organizations available for students. Many majors had specific organizations for students to join. Students could also participate in demonstrations and exhibits in the engineering fields. They also helped in the Phonathon to raise money for scholarships and equipment for the college.

Students chose the college for many reasons. Freshman Andy Johnson chose SDSU for a number of reasons.

“It’s cheap and affordable,” Johnson said. “I chose civil engineering because I want to design storm sewers and make a lot of money.”

Scott Donelan, an electrical engineering student, picked his major because of his interest in electronics.

“I wanted a deeper understanding of anything electronical,” Donelan said. “And that prompted me to go into electrical engineering.”
Jeff Nilsen (left) and Dan Parish double-check their charts to make sure everything matches up.

Joel Bass (right) and CJ Cahoy share a laugh during class.

Brian Herlyn keeps a tight grip while working with his group.
Members of the crowd — and even some working the show — enjoyed the Apparel Merchandising fashion show.

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— Sarah Weese
Senior

Tonya Russel strikes a pose during the Apparel Merchandising fashion show, held March 24 in the Volstorff Ballroom.
"I am very happy to be in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences because of the broad range of job possibilities," said Sarah Robinson, president of SDSU’s American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences organization. The wide range of job possibilities that Robinson spoke of include Apparel Merchandising, Interior Design, Human Development, Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Early Childhood Education, Nutrition and Food Science, and Hotel and Restaurant Management. This college prepares students for social service, community, government, business careers, and more.

"Even though I’m not sure what I want to do with my major, I feel comfortable with knowing that there is a wide variety of opportunities," said sophomore Jessica Heinbaugh.

Heinbaugh and other students in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences are able to enjoy flexibility in their career choices.

"There are student organizations to fit every interest. Those experiences are the most fun and help you form a professional network," said senior Sarah Weese.

Students in this college have the opportunity to travel and interact with FCS majors from across the state and nation. The State AAFCS convention was held April 5-6, while the national AAFCS convention was in Chicago June 24-27. This college gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the working worlds of their respective majors through field experiences, practicums and internships.
Written by Emily Weese

SDSU’s College of Nursing Dean Roberta Olson is excited about the new changes in the nursing curriculum.

Students that graduated in the spring of 2000 graduated with the total revised curriculum with an emphasis on more experiences in the community and the patient’s home,” said Olson.

The SDSU College of Nursing continues to attract top notch students who will become highly sought after employees. Employers come to SDSU every year to recruit nursing students for future jobs. Olson feels that this is a very good time to select nursing as a career because of the variety of nursing opportunities available.

“I’m very excited to become a nurse and the classes are very interesting,” said sophomore Joleen Slaba.

Nursing provides a demanding program for students willing to work hard and meet challenges. The rewards are just as great as the challenges in this field and the Nursing program at SDSU qualifies graduates for a variety of first level jobs. Students may also go on to earn a Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing.

The excitement of clinicals is shared by most nursing majors. It is the time when students get to gain experience by applying the knowledge they gained in the classroom to the real medical world.

“I am very excited to be entering the nursing program and to put everything I’m learning in my classes to work during clinicals,” said sophomore Kristi Neilson.
Sophomores Joleen Slaba (left) and Kristi Nielson take turns listening to Stephanie Baker's heartbeat.

Two nursing students pay close attention to the patient's needs during clinicals.

Sophomore Joleen Slaba listens carefully during a check-up.
Written by Angela Mettler

Graduate school at SDSU gives students a chance to get a more advanced degree in their field of study. While classes for undergraduate students may seem informal and general, classes for graduate students are a different story.

"Classes are extremely small," said Casey Wright, a two-year graduate student getting his master's degree in Animal Science. "They are also more interesting because you're in the subject area that you chose." That doesn't mean, however, that you can forget everything you learned before graduate school, added Wright. "You have to understand the basics, and build upon what you've already learned. Grad students have to apply everything they've learned in order to get their degree."

Graduate students work closely and sometimes with their professors. "There's a lot of one-on-one interaction with the faculty, because you either teach their classes or help them," Wright said. "You gain a lot of respect for your professors because you learn what it's like to be on the other side of the classroom."

Graduate school is definitely worth the time, said Wright. "If you get an advanced degree, you will be able to start in higher positions and your pay scale will move up faster in the job that you chose."
Written by Sheila Zweifel

The students and faculty in the College of Pharmacy are involved in one of the most challenging majors on campus. The 6-year pharmacy program involves 2 years of pre-pharmacy and 4 years of pharmacy in the professional program. The rigorous classes lead to a promising profession, however.

"Pharmacy is an honorable profession with excellent career opportunities," said Jason Ernster, a 4th year pharmacy student. "There are some sleepless nights before tests, but the professors in the college are outstanding."

The students in the College of Pharmacy have many opportunities to be involved in professional organizations such as Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Kappa Psi, Kappa Epsilon, Phi Lambda Sigma, and Rho Chi.

"My involvement in Kappa Psi will be an advantage for me in the future," said John Hansen, a 4th year student. "It's a good break from the sometimes overwhelming classes."

Students in the College of Pharmacy get used to sitting in the same room with the same people and professors for hours. Some would see the lack of interaction with students of different majors as a drawback. However, having the same classes with the same people every day has its advantages.

"You would think it would get monotonous being with the same people every day," said Alison Gleysteen, a 3rd year pharm major. "But we really get to know each other and form some really great friendships."

Tests are hard, and time management can be a challenge for those in the College of Pharmacy, but students and faculty alike express a desire for the profession that overshadows the challenging classes.
The college of General Registration offers students with a pre-professional or undeclared major to enroll and take a variety of classes to explore all their options.

"I wasn’t sure what I wanted to major in," said freshman Trisha Leinen, "so I entered the general registration program to help me decide.

General Registration students work closely with their advisors, who gather information about the students and help them plan a schedule best suited to their interests. Taking different classes can help the student decide what he or she likes best.

"I didn’t want to take classes that wouldn’t pertain to my major, once I decided," said Leinen.

Students also work closely with the Career and Academic Planning (CAP) Center, which offers a valuable choice of resources to get students started on a career.

Pre-professional students begin their journey through college at General Registration. Advisors work with the students to make sure that they meet all the requirements to go on to professional schooling.
The Career and Academic Planning Center offers wall upon wall of wall of books and information on graduate schools.

Undergraduate students can find out information for post-undergraduate studies when needed.

Employment opportunities abound for students who are interested and stop in the CAP center.
Junior Hope Krause talks with another student intern while working during her marketing internship.

Graduate Sandy Buelow looks over some revised forms while working her summer internship.

Graduate Michelle Fagan listens closely while her internship supervisor fills her in on daily events.
Grade requirements and the number of courses taken aren't enough for employers today — experience is needed to get a great job after graduation. The most popular way to get that experience? An internship in a student's chosen field.

"I learned more practical, work-related things during the time of my internship than I did in three years of college," said junior Hope Krause. "It's such a hands-on learning experience for a student."

Internships and work study programs are generally available all over, especially on campus, but in a college-based town like Brookings, students should still start searching early.

"It's always good to start looking as early as possible," said senior Michelle Fagan. "Anything could fall through at the last minute, and you should have several options available."

Many students found the CAP Center to be a useful resource in beginning the search.

"The CAP Center is a great place to find out about job opportunities in the Brookings community," said senior Lee Holter. "Just get there before everybody else."
Students in a Graphic Design I Class talk about an upcoming project.

Kevin Gruenwald helps his class build an "SDSU" out of snow during the year's final snowstorm — the week AFTER Spring Break.
Music students practice a piece during class in Lincoln Music Hall.

A student in marketing class perfects the edges of his tower made out of snow.

Senior Jessica Andrews works in one of the NFA computer labs, which were used by journalism students until the Printing and Journalism building’s renovations were complete.
athletics

SDSU students and fans gear up for a home football on a chilly—but sunny—Saturday afternoon.

license to drive
Senior Casey Estling shares one of many high-fives with a fan after winning the game at home.

Members of both the men's and women's track teams cheer on teammates in the final stretch of a race.
men at work

Quarterback Andy Rennerfeldt (left), a junior, hands the ball off to sophomore Josh Ranek.

The Jackrabbit Offense takes a few seconds, getting ready to line up for the next play.
Junior Andy Rennerfeldt, SDSU's quarterback, scrambles for a few yards during the Morningside game.

An SDSU receiver fights for a few more inches during the Augustana game.

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"There's a lot of talent there... [2000] could be a great season."
— Andy Rennerfeld
Junior
Written by Jennifer Wages

The 1999 Jackrabbit football team racked up the yardage this year, racking up awards and honors along the way. Pushing through the season with an 8-3 record overall (6-3 NCC), head coach John Stiegelmeier earned North Central Conference Coach of the Year.

"Coach Stiegelmeier is very deserving coach for that honor," said junior Andy Rennerfeldt. "He's a guy that you really want to play for."

While the season was full of highlights, the most memorable part of the season for many was the 21-7 victory over the undefeated, nationally ranked University of North Dakota.

"I think playing UND was the best part of the season for us," said Rennerfeldt. "They were ranked fourth in the nation at the time, and we just had a huge crowd behind us. It was great."

The Jacks look strong for next season, returning close to 20 starters.

"I think with everybody back, our biggest asset is experience," said Rennerfeldt. "There's a lot of talent there, and if we stay healthy and have fun, it could be a great season."
Senior Connie Pedersen (right) returns a serve while junior Rose Ebnet looks on, ready to help out.

Freshmen Angie Rime (left) and Aleasha Jacobson line up, ready for the serve.
Seniors Liz Force (left to right), Connie Pedersen and junior Rose Ebnet celebrate after a victory.

1999 Volleyball team; back row: (left to right) Wendy O’Neill, Kelly Hoemann, Rose Ebnet, Daynica Drake, Shauna Sturm, Grethe Bornhoft, Angie Rime, Alison Schuster and Aleasha Jacobson; front row: Connie Pedersen, Liz Force and Sarah Worklan.

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stand by me

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Coach Mary Byrne gathers her team together between matches to motivate them for the next round.

Senior Sarah Worklan concentrates on serving the ball, hoping for an ace.

"People need to realize that it's a team effort...not something that can be achieved alone."
— Shauna Sturm, Sophomore

Junior Rose Ebnet goes up for a block during a home game. Ebnet was the sixth player in SDSU history to hit the 1,000-kill mark.
Hard work, the will to win, and determination all aided the 1999 volleyball team in having a successful season. The Jacks finished the season at 22-9 (11-7 NCC), and was the fourth consecutive 20-win season for coach Mary Byrne.

"Practices were tough," said senior co-captain Liz Force. "Coach Byrne always kept us conditioned and prepared for what was lying ahead."

1999 also saw many honors bestowed upon team members. Sophomore Shauna Sturm was named to the All-North Region volleyball team. Junior Rose Ebnet became the sixth player in SDSU history to reach the 1,000-kill mark. Freshman Angie Rime was named NCC Freshman of the Year, and senior co-captain Sarah Worklan was also named Defensive Specialist of the Year.

"It is such an honor to be given such an award," said Sturm. "But it's not just an individual award. People need to realize that it's a team effort, and that's not something that can be achieved alone."

"We know that we have to keep working hard to prepare for the next season and matches we are faced with."
— Rose Ebnet
Junior
SDSU fans, young and old alike, ring their cowbells while the football team enters the field.

Junior Rose Ebnet goes up for the kill during one of State's home matches.

SDSU's Heath Isaacson successfully blocks the shot during State's 6-5 win over Inver Hills Community College.
Senior Jenny Sylvester keeps her hands up on defense during SDSU's home game against USD.

Scott Hadorn (far left) and Tyler Sonstegard (far right) start out the 50 Freestyle.
Senior Shawn Fagan boots the ball to a teammate downfield.

Women's basketball teammates enjoy their entrance onto the court during a home game.
Tyler Sonstegard takes a breath during one of State’s home swim meets.

Men’s basketball head coach Scott Nagy waves to the crowd after SDSU’s victory over Augustana.

Senior Terry Cress takes the shot over a defender.
Junior Angie Loken struggles, fighting to reach for a rebound.

Jim Dickerman takes the puck up the ice during State's home game against ISU's JV team.

SDSU alumni Keith Jensen (left) and Sherry and Jerry Busick get the crowd fired up during a timeout of a men's basketball game.
sliding doors

Senior Casey Estling keeps low as he tries to get around a USD defender.

Casey Freeman (standing in back, left to right), Scott Hadorn, Joel Perrozzi and Benji Erickson prepare to race in the Medley Relay.
The Soccer Club starts kicking on the first day of the school year. They hold a membership drive and start practice right away, because their first game of the year is held within the next two weekends. The club consists of both a women’s and men’s team, in which there were 18 members total this year. There are about 14 games in the season. The outdoor season ends in mid-October, and from then until spring they attend indoor games in places like Spearfish, Huron, and Fargo. They practice 4 days a week for about an hour and a half each time during the outdoor season, and during the indoor season they practice twice a week.

The club is the oldest club on campus, and this year proved to be another successful year. The club finished fourth in the conference this year. According to president and defense player Shawn Fagan, the highlight of the year was the last game of the season, when State played NDSU and beat them 1 to 0.

“The members of the club have usually been in soccer before and have a love for the game,” said Fagan. “We do it for fun, but it’s also a challenge.”

Fagan also described the closeness of the club.

“Both teams will scrimmage with or against each other. We have a good time.”

Next year the women are looking forward to having a varsity team, under the provisions of Title IX.
Dave Kading tries to kick the ball during a practice with the Women's Soccer Club.

Nick Arnio dribbles past a UND defender.

The 1999-2000 SDSU Men's Soccer club takes a group photo.
the game

Andy Stromness gives the ball a little “tappy-tap” during one of the team’s fall games.

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Dave Kading dribbles the ball down the line during State's game with MSU.

Josh Baker taps a pass from a teammate.
gone in sixty seconds

State's Justin Reiner keeps his on the puck — and the opponent — while making his way down the ice.

Ben Bofenkamp keeps from hitting the ice while he is checked by an ISU-JV opponent.
Mike Langner celebrates a hard-earned point during a home game.

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Jackrabbit hockey players gather together to help a teammate get back on his feet.

A good goal is hard to come by... Dale Hansey (#20) and Brian Baca celebrate a point.

Billy Schneider takes the puck up the ice during a home game.
Written by Aaron Lenth

The SDSU men’s hockey team completed yet another successful season on the ice after compiling a respectable 7-12 record. Although the team got off to a slow start, they improved greatly after the Christmas break and lost only two games during the second semester of play under coach Marty Schipull.

The 26-member team put in countless hours of work to ensure an exciting season of play. As a club sport, the team had to compete with high school and other teams in Brookings for access to the Larsen Ice Arena. For the SDSU squad, that meant having practices that began as late as 11:30 and ended well after midnight. Most of the home games were scheduled early in the season so they could be played earlier in the evening.

This was especially important since gate receipts were one of the team’s primary source for funding. Even with money from the college, players were required to pay some money to play in order to pay for equipment and ice fees. In the near future a new double-rink will be added at the Multi-Plex, which should help the hockey team to further expand.

As a team with mostly underclassmen, the team looks to have most of the players returning for next season. They also would like to expand to a 28 game season in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. The players and officers were looking for continual improvement in the seasons to come.

“Our team was pretty young this year,” said Justin sophomore Reimer. “That will only help us to improve next season.”

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Jerry Fromm puts his back into it, keeping an opponent up against the wall.
jumping jack flash

Senior Casey Estling fights for the ball during SDSU's home game against USD.

Sophomore John Jeske concentrates on getting around a defender.
Head coach Scott Nagy (left) and assistant coach Matt Margenthaler share a handshake after winning a big game against NDSU.

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Written by Jennifer Wages

The 1999-2000 men’s basketball season was one of extremes; ups and downs were a constant. But one thing about Jackrabbit basketball never changes — and that’s the fan support. SDSU led NCAA Division II in attendance for the fourth time in five years, with an average of 4,077 fans per game.

“We have the best fans,” said senior Bill Fischer. “Even at away games, we sometimes have more fans than our opponents. In Denver [for the Regional tournament], we had as many fans as the hosting team — and that was even over Spring Break.”

SDSU went 21-9 this season (12-6 in the NCC), but the most exciting game of the season was beating the Coyotes at USD the last weekend of the season, said junior Ryan Johnson.

“They really had a run going toward the end of the season, and we were in a great position to show other teams around the league that the Jacks were a top contender for the NCC championship and a bid into the NCAA Division II Tournament,” he said.
Freshman Chris Stoebner gives it his all to get around an NDSU defender.

Senior Terry Cress leaps over his opponents to throw in a lay-up.

Freshman Matt Aron takes a lesson from an old pro during SDSU's match with wrestling alumni.

SDSU's 1999-2000 Wrestling team gets together for a photo with head coach Jason Liles and State's two national champs, junior Paul Konechne (left) and freshman Jon Madsen.
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Senior Scott Braun looks to his coach for some encouragement during his match at the national championships. Braun placed second in Division II at 133 pounds.

Freshman Jon Madsen prepares to finish off his competitor before winning his national championship in the heavyweight division.

Freshman Tyler Bryant checks out the referee's count, hoping he's just about done with his match.
Written by Angela Mettler

Having a team of sixteen freshman, eight sophomores, one junior, and three seniors didn’t stop the Jacks from having a successful wrestling year in 2000. They finished 4th as a team at the NCAA Division II National Championships held right in Frost Arena. Freshman Jon Madsen and sophomore Paul Konechne took home individual titles that day. Senior Scott Braun took second place for the third year in a row.

“We had an outstanding year,” said head coach Jason Liles. “It was one of the best years in the school’s history.”

SDSU had a school-record six All-Americans this year: Paul Konechne, Jon Madsen, Aaron Veskrna, Tyler Bryant, Tyler Jones, and Scott Braun.

As a team, the Jacks did very well also. They were the National Dual Meet Champions, and finished in the top five at the NCAA tournament for the seventh year in a row. “And we will be up here again next year,” said Coach Liles.

Coach Liles himself was the South Dakota Sports Writers College Coach of the Year, and for the sixth straight year was a nominee for National Coach of the Year.

With the outstanding team and excellent coach, SDSU wrestling will prove to be very successful into the next millennium.
Members of the 1999-2000 Jackrabbit women’s basketball team run onto the court, ready for a tough game.

1999-2000 Basketball team: (left to right) Shari Johnson, Sherri Brende, Gwen Greiner, Kris DeRuyck, Lisa Olson, Karly Hegge, Jamie Nelson, Angie Loken, Mandy Koupal, Sarah Rippke, Kassy Hegge, Melissa Pater, Tara Wadsworth, Stacy Schooley and Jennifer Sylvester.
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basketball diaries

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Freshman Melissa Pater looks over a defender to pass the ball around.

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Junior

Written by Karla Pevestorf

1999-2000 Jackrabbit women’s basketball marked a number of momentous occasions. The Jacks finished the year with a 19-8 record overall, and went 11-7 in the North Central Conference. Junior guard Sherri Brende reached the prestigious 1,000 point mark, and head coach Nancy Neibe picked up the 300th coaching victory of her career.

"This was the most talented team that I’ve played with in my four years,” said senior co-captain Lisa Olson. “The coaches were great with us and pushed us to our potential. It really showed out on the floor, with many highlights or the season.”

Practices and road trips often seemed long, but peak performance was always on the Jacks’ minds as they stepped out onto the court. Many of the players felt that huge rush when they got their paws on the ball, but motivation is what really pushed them to do their best.

"Knowing that we have a chance at the beginning of each season for a National title is what motivates me each day to play my best,” said junior Angie Loken. “Having great teammates is a big contributor too, and all the girls are so great.”

Motivation kept the players going and never let the drive to succeed halt. The team was always fun to watch, because fans could see the heart on faces of each player. Anyone could see it after a win, but more importantly, even after a loss.

“Overall the team did really well, but we were disappointed when we didn’t qualify for the Regional tournament,” said senior co-captain Jennifer Sylvester. “But the people were so great to work with that the memories will last a lifetime.”
Freshman Mandy Koupal backs against a defender, working her way under the hoop.

Freshman Angie Loken works to get the ball inside against the Coyotes.

Senior Jennifer Sylvester passes to a teammate during the Jacks' home match against USD.

hoop dreams
Jack Langehben and Dave Kading battle for the ball during a spring practice.

Junior Rose Ebnet gets ready for the serve during a match.
Billy Schneider takes the puck up the ice on a fast break.

Junior Cody Volmer takes it to the hoop.
Michelle Pollard pushes to get ahead in the Butterfly.

SDSU's Shelly Werkmeister completes a stroke in the Butterfly.

Mike Adelman competes for the Jackrabbits in the 500 meter freestyle event.
Written by Michelle Selchert

Swimming may sound like a fun thing to do in the summer, but to the students on the SDSU swim team, it's serious business.

During the six-month season, which runs from mid-September to mid-March, the team practiced nearly three hours on the weekdays. Throw in three two-hour morning practices Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and schedules become cramped.

Graduate student Patrick Hanchin thought the cramped schedule made him a more efficient planner.

"The practice schedule pushes you to manage your time," he said.

Coach Brad Erickson proudly reported a team grade point average of 3.14 during the season.

"They learn quickly that there's little time for wasted time," said Erickson.

They certainly know about time. Nine new school record were set, not counting the numerous personal goals that were met.

"Lots set personal and school records," Hanchin said.

"I think everybody was very satisfied with their performances."

Senior Ellie Wicks was involved with the team all four years.

"I felt that this year was the best of the last four because so many records were set."

The team not only found satisfaction from reaching goals. For many, stress relief, staying in shape and the comraderie that came from being a part of a team were the best rewards.

"I met lots of people and made tons of friends," Wicks said. "Swimming also helped me to keep focused on my academics and other activities."
for love of the game

Freshman Matt Hanson makes the tag on an Augustana baserunner during State's home game.

Freshman Ryan Sauter follows all the way through on a throw to first base.
Senior Tom Laughlin, 1999's co-Most Valuable Pitcher of the North Central Conference, lets loose on the field.

Senior Tim Buterbaugh concentrates on putting it right over the plate.

Senior Grant Pudas dives back to first base.
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Senior Josh Guse, SDSU’s starting catcher, makes the tag during a match-up with Northern State.

Senior Paul Sanow gives it his all during a Jackrabbit home game.
The SDSU Jacks went into the 2000 season with a very experienced and talented baseball team. With many returning starters, and experienced back-ups, the Jacks posted their 17th consecutive 20-win season with a 24-19 record.

Experience and talent was a great asset to the team. Russ Langer, Josh Guse, and Grant Pudas were given all-conference honors, and Chris Studer was named to the second team. The team placed fifth in the NCC, which was a change for the Jacks. This year was the only year during Coach Mark Ekeland’s 17 seasons where the Jacks didn’t make it into the playoffs.

“We had one tie in our record, which made us miss the playoffs by half a game,” said Ekeland. “Our good record caught up to us. As a coach, you never want to believe this is the year you won’t make it.”

A few injuries on the team also kept the Jacks from playing top-notch. Pitcher Paul Sanow had arm surgery, and Chris Studer was out for the last weekend, which was the NCC tournament.

“We played a crazy, wild game against UND, with more of a football score, and they knocked us out of the playoffs,” said Ekeland. “We wanted to win, but it just didn’t work out.”

However, Ekeland is optimistic about next season. “The team will have more experience and will have learned from our loss, we’ve recruited good players, and we will have better leadership.”

Sophomore Noah Hummel reaches to make the catch, working to tag out the runner at second.

courtesy of Brookings Register

Written by Angela Mettler
the bone collector

Junior Megan Johnson checks to see that she's safe as she slides back in.

Junior Nikki Darwitz swings all the way through the ball during a home game.
Freshman Allison Sempsis lets loose as pitcher for SDSU.

Junior Tara Witt reaches out for the base to make sure she's touching.

Senior Kristine Drake runs it out on a close play at first.
Written by Angela Mettler

The softball season at SDSU had its ups and downs in 2000. The Jackrabbits finished the season 16-35, but many players got recognized for their efforts.

“It was a disappointing year in terms of win-loss records, but we are definitely on the right track for the future,” said head coach Shelly Bayer. “We were a pretty inexperienced team this year, but we saw much improvement as the year went on.”

Games were very exciting for the team.

“We played the top teams pretty tough, we just had difficulty finishing it off,” said junior Nikki Darwitz. “Usually we lost by one run.”

The game that sticks out in her mind was when they played USD.

“We got really pumped up when we played them because of the rivalry. We were unstoppable and just shut them down in that game.”

The day-in, day-out hard work the players put in paid off. Freshman pitcher Allison Semsis set the single season strike-out record, beating the old 170 record with her outstanding 255. She and Kristine Drake earned second-team all-region honors. Drake, Cara Weisbrod, and Jennifer Fuchs were named to the academic all-conference team. Weisbrod was named to the GTE academic all-district team.

The players have a bright outlook on next year.

“We have seven returning starters,” said Bayer. “Being a senior next year, I want to go out on a good note,” said Darwitz.

Combine those with the team’s determination, and softball in 2001 should prove to be a successful year.
The 1999-2000 Jackrabbit Women's Softball team.

Junior Tara Witt (#9) is congratulated on her way to the dugout by junior Megan Johnson.
the running man

A Jackrabbit runner is set to go during a home meet.

Assistant Coach John Johnson watches his competitors intensely during an event.
Junior Jason Tuttle waits patiently to land in a men's pole vault attempt.

An SDSU team member keeps it a tight race between he and two Northern State competitors during a home meet.

Junior Jay Friese tries to keep his legs warm in between events.
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An SDSU team member keeps it a tight race between he and two Northern State competitors during a home meet.
At the end of his jump — after the rough landing — an SDSU competitor checks to see how far he was measured at.

Senior Nick Burrow races to the finish line, just ahead of the competition.

During a home meet, teammates — the "hurdle crew" for the day — helped the meet run smoothly.
The men’s track and cross country teams had an outstanding year, with some of the team members being named North Central Conference Athlete of the Week, and some even qualifying for Nationals. Being a member of the teams takes a lot of hard work, determination, and a huge amount of stamina. The teams practice year-round, which doesn’t allow much of an off-season. Between the cross country and indoor and outdoor track seasons, there isn’t much free time.

“You need to take it in phases,” said junior Martin Wennblom. “It’s a long, never-ending task to stay healthy since we go for two seasons, and you always have to stay focused. Everything needs to be taken in phases.”

Competitions remained the highlight of the season, even when the weather was bad.

“The weather was terrible,” said senior Nathan Wolkow. “But it’s something you just have to deal with. Being a good example to the younger teammates, you need to stay positive in rain or shine — preferably shine.”

“...you always have to stay focused. Everything needs to be taken in phases.”

–Martin Wennblom

Junior

double impact
gone with the wind

Freshmen Jen Stovall (left) and Janell Yaggi wait for the hand-off during a home track meet in April.

A State long jumper grimaces as she lands her jump.
Two SDSU runners work for the perfect team effort during a relay event.

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Sophomore Erika Backhaus gives it her all to finish strong.

A Jackrabbit pole vaulter makes an attempt to clear the bar.

Written by Stacy Poppens

With feet pounding the pavement, the women’s cross country and track teams proved to be successful on both sides. This versatile group of women poured their hearts out for the sport, mainly because they couldn’t imagine the daily routines without it.

“I couldn’t imagine my life without track right now because it has been an important part of my life for six years,” said freshman Heather Hall. “Track is something that I found that can truly make me feel better about myself and others.”

Not surprisingly, the indoor track season didn’t end when expected. Three SDSU women made their way to the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championship in Boston, Massachusetts. Senior Jodi Smith broke the school record, taking third place in the mile with a time of 4:54.06.

Junior Jen Stovall captured fifth place in the 55m hurdles, taking All-American honors with a time of 8.28 seconds.

Freshman Jessie Kindschi grabbed an eighth place finish in the 5,000m with a time of 17:41.11.

“I felt like national competition was a great experience,” said Kindschi. “I was so proud of Jodi and Jen for their great accomplishments.”
Senior Janell Johnson (left) and junior Danielle Clark leg it out on the home stretch.

Freshman Erin Woolley catches up to her Northern State competitors during a home meet.

Freshman Jen Stovall lands her final attempt in the long jump.
"The game could be described as a cross between football and soccer,"
– Doug Bartels senior

Senior Jesse Ulrickson tries to pass through two defenders on his way towards the goal.

SDSU Rugby team members try to get possession of the ball during the Great Plains Championship.
Written by Aaron Lenth

Rugby had a reputation of being one of the toughest sports on campus. Over the course of 35 games a year, broken hands, separated shoulders, and concussions were not unheard of. Nevertheless, the 30 members of the rugby club remained dedicated to practicing for two hours each day and up to four games per weekend.

The Rugby program at SDSU was a club sport, so the team relied on the older team members to act as coaches. Their league consisted of teams from UN-Omaha, UN-Lincoln and USD. Each year the team takes a bigger trip to play against different schools. This year the team traveled to a tournament in Montana.

The rules of rugby are somewhat unusual. Players were only allowed to run the ball forward. Passes were made laterally or behind the line. Once a player was tackled, the play continued unless there was a penalty.

“The game could be described as a cross between football and soccer,” said Doug Bartels, a senior member of the rugby team and a club officer.

Games began early in the first semester, until the cold-weather layover. The season resumed later in the spring and ended the weekend after the Easter break. All of the hard work paid off well for the team, as they ended the season with a (insert record here next week).

“Rugby players,” said sophomore Dan Storm, “have to be some of the craziest people you’ll ever meet.”

“But you don’t have to be crazy to play rugby,” Bartels said. “We’ll train you.”
Senior Casey Estling grimaces while junior Cody Volmer elbows him while fighting for a rebound.

A bird’s eye view of the women’s basketball game.
Carson Heier boots the ball against MSU.

A State hockey team member lays out for the goal during a home game.

Senior Jenny Sylvester looks down the court for an open teammate.
The Yellow Squad, who cheered for wrestling and women's basketball, was made up of (front row, left to right) Valerie Meyer, Tracy Koller, Kristina Hickey (back row), Bobbi Busick, Katie Krueger, Julie Rader, Jessica Einrem and Nicole Neiman.

courtesy Sports Info.

The Blue Squad cheered football and men's basketball. Members were (front row, left to right) Paula Welbig, Andrea Rot, Brianne Stratig, Jill Wadsworth, Sara Engelbrecht, Stephanie Oetken (back row), Mark Anawski, Nate Har Keven Sipker, Blake Bellstein and Chris Stang.

courtesy Sports Info.
The 1999-2000 cheerleading seasons brought many changes for the Jacks' support squads. In the past, there have been four cheerleading squads — one each for football, men's basketball, women's basketball and wrestling. This year, there were only two. The Blue Squad cheered nearly all year, for both football and men's basketball. The Yellow squad cheered for women's basketball and wrestling.

"You got to cheer a lot more, and the opportunity to support twice as many athletes," said Blue Squad member Brianne Stratig. "But the season got very long, even though it was fun."

The change was successful, and the groups will continue with the new system at least through next year. While cheering for two sports can be twice as much fun, it's also twice as much work, said Blue Squad member Stephanie Oetken.

"You have to learn twice as much material, and work twice as hard," Oetken said. "But I probably would've cheered for both anyway, so it was almost the same thing — minus a tryout."
Members of the SDSU dance team stay in sync with one another during a performance.

Written by Stacy Poppens

Dazzling Frost Arena with their beauty and talent, the SDSU State Sensations dance team entertains the home court basketball fans during every game. Their ability and style mesmerize audiences, and their hard work and dedication is always present in the routines.

Captain Brooke Hofer led these lovely ladies with captivating choreography, and a whole lot of fun.

“I thought the girls did such a great job this year,” Hofer said. “They have so many gifts as a group, and when we put everything together we perform very well.”

Always seen performing on the sidelines, the Sensations definitely live up to their name. Their variety and character always showed through. One particular crowd pleaser, involving SDSU male students, tends to get the crowd excited.

Dance team members spend much time and effort to be a part of the team. With several hours put in each week, the team has certainly learned a thing or two about discipline and hard work. While everything pays off in the long run, these tedious hours put in can make for a long haul.

“I think that we do put in a lot of time,” said sophomore Michelle Campbell. “But you can definitely see that everything pays off when we perform. It makes the time spent well worth it.”
Dance team members smile while performing the school song on the sideline.

State Sensations move to the groove during a performance at a home basketball game.

Katie Ellinger (right to left), Karin Undenholz and Sara Holm wait for a time-out, with another chance to perform.
The Intramural Staff members were (front row, left to right) Mike McCarty, Landen Sanderson, Erin Strasburg, Heath Kennedy, Cody Franzen (back row), Amy Thompson, Angie Gerlach, Annette InVeld, Jordan Gass, Tim Timmons and Dana Limbo.

Winners of the Spring 2000 men's and women's intramural track meet pose for a group photo.
Intramural sports at SDSU offer student athletes a chance to participate in the sports they love without being at a collegiate skill level or having the pressures of competing at a high level.

"I played sports in high school and was interested in competing but yet having a good time," said freshman Lacey Hermans, who participated in intramural women’s volleyball.

A variety of sports such as men’s, women’s, and co-rec volleyball and basketball, flag football, snow football, water polo, badminton, ping-pong, raquetball, softball, and track and field were held throughout the year to keep students active and coming back for more.

Students could either form their own teams by picking up a form at the intramural office in the HPER center, or sign their name to a list so teams that didn’t have enough players could pick up another one.

The activities were held at various places around campus and advertised in advance so fans and friends could cheer the players on.
the wonder boys

Jackrabbit fans — some dressed for the occasion — cheer on the home team.
Marketing students use a highly-available natural resource to build a design near the Rotunda Green.
Jackrabbit cheerleaders work to get the crowd going during a home game against Augustana.

Participants in the Apparel Merchandising fashion show take their turns on the runway.

Only at State... SDSU students watch as a hog is auctioned off at halftime of a men's basketball game.
Don’t look down! — A tumbler executes her move in perfect style during a half-time show.

Junior Jason Tuttle smiles while warming up for his next event at a home track & field meet.
the myth of fingerprints

KSDJ volunteers read the campus announcements during their two-hour show.

Bum Olympic participants squeeze out every last drop of energy during the competition.
Students take advantage of the lack of cars in Pugsley's SC parking lot to play a game.

Collegian copy editor Andrea Frericks reads through yet another page of the weekly newspaper.

Senior Vanessa Klemme (left) and Nick Smith take their turns during the Apparel Merchandising fashion show.
organizations

Senior Steve Norman, an athletic training major, helps another student in the training room.

lost in space
Senior Rob Doyen talks directly into the microphone during one of the many times he was a "guest DJ" on the Friday afternoon KSDJ show, the "Maxwell House."

Senior Shawn Fagan smiles while hooking up the Collegian's new computers.
Many student organizations of SDSU required minimal participation, but one organization stood out as where students were actively involved almost every day of the school year. The Army ROTC made SDSU proud by continually striving to meet personal and group goals and expectations.

“Army ROTC was a good way to get involved with what’s going on on campus,” said junior Pat Sprecher. “It teaches leadership skills and keeps a person active.”

The approximately 80-100 members kept busy with a variety of physical and mental activities. Members often participated in FTX—weekend camping trips to help prepare S-3s (juniors).

One Monday each month, students engaged in leadership lab to prepare S-3s for camp. The monthly meetings also consisted of assembling and disassembling M-60s and rappelling from DePuy Military Hall.

Another important aspect of Army ROTC was PT, which took place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. PT called for the college student’s ultimate sacrifice—waking up before 6am to engage in physical activity such as running, push-ups, sit-ups, basketball, and ultimate frisbee.

Through the hard work, the members developed friendships and often gathered together outside the mandated activities for social events such as birthdays.

“We get to be pretty tight since we see each other every day,” said Sprecher. “We also set up booths so others can get to know about the program.”
Written by Jen Wages

Air Force ROTC helps students learn what it takes to be in the military. The main goal of the group is to help protect our nation by training tomorrow’s officers today.

Students in the program are expected to take a leading role in the Air Force of the future. They are also expected to manage themselves as trained military professionals.

But the Air Force ROTC members are there for much more than training. Not only do the students participate in the extra military science classes, and attend and practice the physical training exercises, but the group also acts as the color guard for SDSU’s home basketball games. They not only march in the flags for the Star Spangled Banner, but they also serve as ushers throughout the game.
out and about

SDSU students take advantage of individual study tables in the library.

An SDSU student takes time to help out the community by donating blood to the American Red Cross.

SDSU Statesmen sing at the St Thomas Moore Catholic Church.
Written by Stacy Muller

The English club busied itself throughout the year by organizing a number of activities. Approximately ten members sought to engage in worthwhile projects with the help of Dr. John Taylor and Dr. Mary Haug.

"The English Club meets twice a month in the Union and is open to everyone," said Haug.

Perhaps the largest event of the year was the annual trip to the Guthrie Theatre on April 29.

The club sponsored a forum featuring students that have already taken the GRE where students planning to take the exam received advice.

A tour of the Briggs Library was also set up for members to give English oriented students experience with research methods on campus.

The English Club also took an opportunity to get involved with high school students with the Paul Witherington Creative Writing Contest. Over 200 admissions were narrowed down to six finalists. The six writers read there submissions at the event.

Other events during the year included discussions about SDSU plays, bake sale fundraisers, bowling parties, and a trip to the presentation of "Stomp" in Sioux Falls.
Circle K group members gather for a group picture during their visit to Brookview Manor.

The Induction Meeting in the fall was a good time to stop and eat.

Written by Stacy Poppens

Bringing smiles to faces and warmth to hearts is the intention and single purpose of the organization Circle K. This group of community service-goers continues to strive to brighten the area in which we live. Ongoing activities, such as blood and food drives and the Great After-school Program at the Brookings elementary school, keep these students busy.

“My favorite activity was the Candy Toss we sponsored at the beginning of the Hobo Day Parade,” said freshman Ladonna Mielke. “It was fun to see the excitement splashed across the children’s faces.”

There is an overall sense of well-being felt by those involved with Circle K. Helping others has in turn helped this organization.

“I think that Circle K gives students the opportunity to learn about their community,” said senior Les Fleming. “It is an incredible feeling knowing that someone out there has benefitted because of you.”

The success of this group is compliment of the students’ desires to make a difference in their community. Judging by the smiles on children’s faces, one can see that a difference has definitely been made.

Circle K sponsors the Blood Drive held annually at the Student Union. Members took part in helping to sign students up for the drive.
Graduating seniors walk the last leg of the road to receiving their degrees in Frost Arena.

Senior Michelle Fagan receives a pat on the back — and her degree — from President Peggy Gordon Elliot.

Sean O'Cane plays the saxophone for SDSU's jazz concert. 

hocus pocus
The College Democrats were active reaching out into the public this last year. The small group, ranging from 10-20 members, made an impact in various situations as the year passed by. One of the main goals of the College Democrats is to get more people actively involved in the government, not only at the state level, but also at the federal level. They wanted people to realize that everyone has a voice in the government.

“So many people have different ideas that need to be expressed,” said sophomore Molly Lefholz. “We have the freedom to be active in our government and to voice our ideas. We need to take advantage of that as much as possible.”

The group enjoys bringing government knowledge to the students at SDSU. They try to set up several boots at various times during the year so that people may become aware that they are out there.

“The College Democrats at SDSU serve as a forum for politics and the different ideas that are promoted for the Democratic Party,” said junior Rhad Larson. “We just want to get the idea across that we all have a voice and can all make a difference by our vote.”
Written by Sheila Zweifel

The College Republicans have been busy on the campus of SDSU. From straw poles in the Student Union to information tables in the Breezeway, the College Republicans have been very active in keeping SDSU students aware of what’s going on in student government.

“You don’t have to be extremely political to be involved in government,” said junior Jodi Frederick. “It’s important to take the time to get to know people on campus and statewide in government.”

Although you don’t have to be a member of the student government to be a College Republican, there are many who belong to this organization that run for Student Senate. The College Republicans meet on a weekly or biweekly basis, and they also send members to the bimonthly State Executive Board Meeting and the National College Republicans Board Meeting.

“The College Republicans bring in political speakers who talk with us about different issues,” said junior Tim Vanderham. “Being a College Republican gives students the chance to meet others who have the same outlook as they do in a political arena.”

“\’You don’t have to be extremely political to be involved in government...\’” —Jodi Frederick
Junior

American President

Todd Fuoss (left to right), Jodi Frederick, Scott Schafer, Andy Hoffman and Kristina Grey take part in a group discussion.
Campus & Community Editor Mariah Nelson checks out the layout for the next issue.

Say anything

"When a student looks at the front page, I want them to gain information and insight."
—Laura Woodard
Editor-in-Chief

Senior Matt Rogers smiles for the camera while working on next week's ads.
The SDSU Collegian faced a major obstacle the last few years: debt. According to editor-in-chief Laura Woodard, the collegian is over $20,000 in debt, and she and managing editor Michelle Fagan spent the year working to alleviate the problem.

“We don’t get any funding from the school,” Fagan said.

The money gained from advertising just wasn’t always enough to support the school’s weekly paper. She said that alumni and ex-Collegian editors have been helping relieve the problem to an extent.

“We are getting a lot of outside assistance,” Woodard said. “I feel a lot better about it.”

Woodard estimated that they spend about 40-50 hours a week working on the Collegian.

“My classes suffer, and I feel bad about it,” Woodard said. “This is more than a full-time job, and I don’t think people realize that.”

The Collegian is an independent newspaper run by students and published weekly during the school year. It is free to readers on campus and around town. It strives to cover a diversity of different topics and issues that concern students.

The paper was staffed by about thirty reporters who, according to Woodard, have shown much interest in the paper.

“When a student looks at the front page, I want them to gain information and insight,” she said.
Written by
Jennifer Wages
Jackrabbit staff members went through a transition this past year, doubling staff size from five or six to over a dozen. After an office move and facelift, the purchase of two new computers and a camera, and finally getting 1998-1999's yearbooks out, the staff was looking forward to a stronger program for years to come.

"In the past, our staff's turnover rate has been about 100% every year — people are only on staff once," said senior Stacy Muller. "This year, we kept almost all of our staff from before, so it's been a big thing for us."

Even through the confusion, staff members agreed that it was important to keep pushing toward the ultimate goal — a yearbook to be proud of, said junior Sheila Zweifel.

"We work hard as a team to put together a book that we can be proud of," she said. "We want people to remember their time at SDSU."

While most organizations on campus are done once finals are finished, yearbook staff members work at least a month into summer vacation, and some even attended institute to begin work on next year's book. Freshman Art Mettler planned to attend the Taylor Summer Workshop, held June 19-22 at John's University.

"It's a great opportunity to get work done ahead of time for next year's book," she said.
Senior Jennifer Wages goes over story assignments for the next deadline during a staff meeting.

Junior Sheila Zweifel measures some pictures while working as a section editor for the Jackrabbit.

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"We work hard as a team to put together a book that we can be proud of."

—Sheila Zweifel, junior
Freshman Mike Mehlenbarcher adjusts his microphone during his radio show on KSDJ, 90.7.

"You get two hours...without having to think about class."
—Chris Miller
Station Manager
Have you ever listened to the radio and thought it would be fun to be a DJ? The students of SDSU have this opportunity via the campus radio station, KSDJ.

Turn the dial to 90.7, and a variety of music can be heard, including everything from jazz to techno.

The radio station is an excellent place for students from a variety of majors to express their personalities through music. Sophomore Jeff Ellinger, DJ of a punk and ska show, said that he enjoys the aspect of communication the most about his job.

“My favorite aspect is letting people hear the music I like,” he said. “Getting the music out there gives my listeners something new to hear.”

Each DJ holds a two-hour weekly show, where they get to display their knowledge of a specific genre of music. The commitment is semester-long, but it is worth it to these volunteer employees, says station manager Chris Miller.

“It’s a release,” he said. “It’s more fun than anything, really. You get two hours to just relax and play music, without having to think about class.”

The DJs learn many new things, including first-hand knowledge of radio equipment and the general workings of a radio station.

A person’s musical tastes reflects his or her personality. In the same way, the music KSDJ offers is a great outlet for the personality and variety of the SDSU student body.
A member of the flag team smiles for the crowd during a performance.

Clarinet players for the Pride line up during a football halftime performance.

Written by Michelle Selchert

If you've ever attended an SDSU football game, you've experienced the energy of the Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band. Perhaps you've heard the beat of drums and the sound of horns as they practice in the fall in the lot northeast of the HPER Center. Three hundred college students from a variety of majors give at least an hour a day, Monday through Friday, to be a member of this well-known marching band. The group gave various performances last year, mostly at football games.

The Pride was asked to return to Washington, D.C., performing in the Fourth of July Parade, and dazzled the crowd of about 450,000.

Sophomore John Andrews, an alto saxophone player, enjoys the performances the most.

"The opportunity to perform for such a large crowd somewhere like Washington, D.C. is just one of the benefits I've gained from the Pride," he said.

Students also got the chance to meet many new and interesting people from across the university.

"I think overall I enjoy the people the most," Andrews said. "I've made a lot of friends by being in the Pride."

Be reminded the next time you walk across campus on a fall afternoon and hear the distant drumming that a lot of work goes into practicing for the SDSU Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band.
The Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band wows the crowd at a home football game.

Drumline members performed for football and basketball games as well as many other events.

"I think that overall I enjoy the people the most."

—John Andrews, sophomore
Senior Jessica Lawrence removes tape from an athlete's leg after practice.

Junior Brian Chabot works on taping up an ankle before practice.

say anything

"...You get the chance to learn hands-on."
—Michael Adler senior
Written by
Jennifer Wages

Even though they’re not members of a university-sponsored “organization,” most athletic trainers will tell you that the major’s requirements take up more time than most organizations on campus.

Even just getting into the college is time-consuming, while students are required to attend 24 team practices — four per week of six different teams — before they can even apply. Once accepted, students are involved in a rigorous academic schedule, including many pre-med classes.

“We take many of the classes that doctors will take, and many people don’t realize that,” said senior Michael Adler. “But the academic part isn’t even as time-consuming as the hours we put in.”

Once in the program, students in their first year attend practices for teams to which they are assigned. They are mainly assistants to the second-year trainers, who are basically in charge of their own teams.

“Being a student trainer helps put you in real-life situations,” Adler said. “Instead of just being in class, you get the chance to learn hands-on.”

And while being an athletic trainer is very time-consuming, the time spent with the athletes is well worth it.

“I wouldn’t have learned half as much about the career field I was going into had it not been for the hands-on experience,” said Adler.
You’d be extremely surprised at what you can learn from being involved.
-Chad Berg
Sophomore

The approximately forty students that make up the Students’ Association met every week to discuss relevant issues, also decided how to allocate a portion of the students’ fees to different SDSU organizations and groups. College of Arts and Science Senator Thad Larson, a junior, is also the SA Finance Chair.

“Students’ Association is the representative body of the students,” he said. “We try to be the student’s voice on all fronts.”

Sophomore Chad Berg, a College of Arts and Science Senator, also commented on the opportunities SA had brought him.

“SA is an excellent opportunity to meet people from upper level government to interacting with high school students,” said Berg. “You’d be extremely surprised at what you can learn from being involved.”

The SA is also constantly involved with committees on campus.

“Some committees meet more than others,” said Berg. “It may be difficult to satisfy all committees because some need more representation that what they currently have.”

Being involved with SA has many benefits for students of all majors.

“I’ve learned a lot about budgeting and what it’s like to work with a large group of people,” junior Mike Carbonneau. “It’s been a lot of work and you have to make a time commitment, but the outcomes are very rewarding.”

Written by Sheila Zweifel
Sophomore Kristy Miller flips through a pile of messages while working in the SA office.

Sophomore Chad Berg answers the phone in the Students' Association office, located in the Student Union.

say anything

"We try to be the student's voice on all fronts."
—Thad Larson
SA Finance Chair
Aparrel Merchandising students worked to put on the Fashion Show at the Family and Consumer Science Expo.

Rows upon rows of graduating students wait for their turns to be recognized.
The University Program Council programs many of the events held on campus. Along with the president, ten committee members planned events ranging anywhere from trips to guest speakers. The council is composed entirely of students.

One of the largest events planned each year by the UPC is the Hobo Day activities. They organized the Hobo Day Parade, as well as other events throughout the week.

UPC members were also responsible for bringing several popular musical acts and forums to campus. The concerts committee scheduled two favorite local bands, Johnny Holm and Kory and the Fireflies, to perform. The lectures committee arranged for two well-known performances as well. Mayo Angelou delivered a speech in the fall and Danny Glover and Felix Martin performed in February.

The Welcome Week activities for new students was organized by the UPC as a way to help students adjust to their surroundings. This year they planned a reptile exhibit and comedian during the first weeks of school, and also brought in a traditional African music group to perform.

The UPC was open to all students at the university. Applications for the ten committee heads were taken in the fall. All students were encouraged to apply.

“You gain so much experience in teamwork and leadership,” said UPC president Angela Brisco. “You can take all these things out with you to the professional world.”

—Angela Brisco
UPC President

Two students battle it out at the UPC-sponsored Spring Sting.
Brian Winsel looks content while snuggled on the couch with the remote control.

Brian Randolf takes advantage of the computer in the AGR house.

Written by Sheila Zweifel

Alpha Gamma Rho is SDSU’s largest and oldest fraternity. This men’s agricultural fraternity has 66 members, 46 of which live at the AGR house. The members of AGR must all have ag-related majors, and they meet every Tuesday night for a formal meal and meeting.

“I joined AGR because I liked what the organization stood for,” said junior Eric Solberg. “These agricultural men have come together to build a better future for ag.”

AGR is both a professional and social fraternity. This past year, AGR was involved in many activities.

“AGR donates time to the Brookings domestic abuse shelter,” said senior Cliff Helkenn. “We also participated in the Hobo Day Parade and put on the Pink Rose Founder’s Day formal.”

AGR put on the first Presidential Preview Steer and Heifer Show in Watertown to raise money for their organization. Members of the fraternity were also given the opportunity to attend the Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

“I enjoy getting involved with ag,” said Solberg. “Joining AGR was a great way to do that.”
The SDSU Statesmen performed for a band directors conference at St. Thomas Moore.

Collegian section editors engage in playful battles with cleaning fluids to pass the time.
Ceres is an international women’s fraternity consisting of seven chapters. Their name is taken from the Roman goddess of Agriculture, signifying members’ appreciation for agriculture. Members demonstrate qualities of character, scholarship, and professional excellence, and generally come from a rural background or share an agricultural interest.

“I wanted to join an agriculturally-based fraternity,” said freshman Carrie Bye. “I wanted to be around girls that have agricultural majors related to mine.”

Ceres does service and philanthropic work, such as highway cleanup, story time at the public library, decorating the nursing home, helping with the Ag Fair, and working with people from Advance. Ceres also attends Regional Leadership Conferences with Farmhouse, their brother fraternity. Farmhouse and Ceres are closely associated and participate in many activities together.
Chi Omega is an organization dedicated to promoting the scholarship and well-being of young women. This women’s fraternity has been involved in volunteering at nursing homes in the area, donating time to the Humane Society, as well as organizing social events.

“Chi Omega has a tie-dye party with Lambda Chi and a formal with Farmhouse,” said junior Jessica Mendelsohn. “We also have a scholarship ceremony to recognize students and faculty who have helped Chi Omega to achieve its goals.”

Because women from any major can join Chi Omega, this fraternity has helped many students get to know people from other majors.

“Chi Omega has been a great opportunity for me to meet women from all areas on campus,” said senior Kristen Dunn, social chair of Chi Omega. “My communication with faculty and other students has really improved.”

Of the 20 members currently in Chi Omega, 9 live in the fraternity’s house. Weekly meetings are held with a formal dinner once a month.

“It’s a lot of fun,” said Mendelsohn. “Chi Omega is a great way to network and meet other women.”
Farmhouse fraternity was introduced to SDSU in 1966 by Dr. Hilton M. Briggs, an alumni of Farmhouse at Iowa State. Farmhouse is a national fraternity with 30 current chapters, and started up three new chapters in 1999. Farmhouse is unique in the respects that it is open to all majors and it is a dry house. Last year, the SDSU chapter ranked 5th nationally for Outstanding Farmhouse Chapter, and was named Outstanding Organization by the College of Ag & Bio at SDSU.

"Farmhouse has the best house cook and the nicest house," said senior Evan LaMont. "We’re a good bunch of guys, just like family. We are studious and goal-oriented.

The SDSU chapter currently consists of 30 members who strive to maintain a chapter grade point average of 3.6. Farmhouse is involved in many organizations on campus such as Little International, Block & Bridle, Dairy Club, WAITT, Collegian 4-H, SOCAP, IEEE, Agronomy Club, and Statesmen. In the community, members shovel snow, help move furniture, help in the women’s shelter, adopt a highway, wash windows for the elderly, and raise money for the Hobo Day parade.
Lambda Chi Alpha, one of SDSU’s most prominent fraternities, set a positive example for students by going above and beyond the call of duty.

The members participated in the North American Food Drive, one of SDSU’s largest fundraisers. Lambda Chi members gave each house in Brookings an empty bag to donate food items.

The annual football run also kept the fraternity members on their toes. The football run consisted of approximately 14 members running from Brookings to Sioux Falls. Once in Sioux Falls, participants from USD continued the run to Vermillion. The donations earned from this event were given to the Children’s Hospital.

“Lambda Chi Alpha introduces you to totally new people,” said Kelly Vanhove. “You can be more active in the community, which is nice.”
KSDJ volunteer Dan Sammons demonstrates his vocal talents in the station.

Building Systems/Construction Management professor Van Kelley turns to the class to drive home the point.

Women's basketball players celebrate after a win.

the nutty professor
Written by Stacy Muller

Sigma Phi Delta created a reputation on the SDSU campus by participating in a wide variety of activities throughout the school year. One of the major events that turned the heads of Brookings residents was the haunted house held in October. In addition to the Halloween chills, SPD also participated in an engineering phone-a-thon in February. April brought more excitement with the engineering expo where high schools were invited to compete and learn more about the engineering program.

"Sigma Phi Delta is an engineering fraternity," said sophomore Brad Hakeman. "There are also members in math, physics, and different majors areas in college."

SPD members also sought to help underclassmen with questions and aid in finding job opportunities after college.
KSDJ's substitute DJ Rob Doyen turns to his partner for help.

Matt Jensen (left) pays attention to the lesson at hand during his Building Systems/Construction Management class.

Lambda Chi members and their dates line up for a photo during the White Rose Formal.
Written by Jennifer Wages

Tae Kwon Do at SDSU isn’t the biggest organization. In fact, with two active members, it just might be the smallest.

“I think too many people at want to get into it feel intimidated by what they see on the movies, or are scared that we’ll kick them in the head the minute they walk in the door,” said senior Kyle Nevins. “We are a little more relaxed than that.”

Members usually work out twice a week for an hour or so, including a light warm-up and stretch, followed by a harder warm-up. They move on to basics like punching, blocking, and kicking. After the workout, they do a cooldown.

“We don’t spar very often,” Nevins said. “They aren’t too many people there.”

Tae Kwon Do is technically a class at SDSU, but SDSU’s group is part of an organization that goes from Virginia all the way to Seoul, Korea.

Students who want to get involved just need to check the schedule on the door at the HPER dance studio, and simply show up, said Nevins.

“We usually wait until the second or third day to kick you in the head,” he said.
Members of the Rifle & Pistol Club enjoy a picnic at the end of the school year.

young guns

The Rifle & Pistol Club’s coach (left) shakes hands with a member while presenting a trophy.

Written by Angela Mettler

The Rifle and Pistol Club at SDSU is actually a two-part program. It consists of the ROTC division, and students from any major who are interested in learning how to be a better marksman. At the beginning of the year, a membership drive is held to recruit both experienced and inexperienced students. Those interested get a tour of a shooting range, and after that, participation is at the student’s own free will.

Practices are held weekly at the shooting range in the basement of DePuy Military Hall. Both divisions of the club practice together. Competitions are held among the members to determine teams, which consist of 4 or 5 people. Teams then go to 4 or 5 matches held on other college campuses.

The club will sometimes sponsor a Postal Match. This is when the sponsoring school sends targets out to a participating school for practice. The participating school sends the targets back when they are finished, and the targets are scored.

“It’s a lot of fun,” said club member Chris Berg. “It’s a good stress reliever and good for concentration. It will teach you discipline if you stick with it.”

With all that shooting practice going on, you may see some pistol smoke floating around on campus. It’s no wonder that the club’s signs picture a skunk.
A graduating senior receives her degree at the spring commencement ceremony.

Two students take their time while participating in the Bum Olympics.

Marketing students pack the snow tight while building "SDSU" on the grass.
American pie

Craig McCarthy (left) and Eric Ward sit in the "studio audience" during "The Maxwell House," a KSDJ radio show.

Collegian staff members pose for a group photo at the end of the school year.
Orientation Leader Nicole Cholik brings a group of potential Jackrabbits to the Student Union.

Aaron Hanes (left), Beth Poortvliet and Ricky Ganci participate in a Campus Crusade for Christ bible study.
Graduate Vanessa Klemme grins, holding up her degree just after receiving it.
A marketing student works on molding snow into a block for the letters "SDSU."

The SDSU Drumline dazzles the crowd during the halftime performance of a football game.
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