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DSU alumnus Miles Beacom, '81, President/CEO of PREMIER Bankcard, addresses a crowd at the construction celebration for the Beacom Institute of Technology.

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Miles Beacom was one of several dignitaries at the construction celebration for the Beacom Institute of Technology. Beacom, along with his wife Lisa, made a lead gift to the building project, expected to be complete in fall 2017.

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A NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Rekindling the connection to alma mater



It is easy for me to say I love my alma mater. I love the memories I have of my time here. I love the relationships I built while a student here, and the connections I maintain to this day with faculty, staff, and other alumni. Easy for me to say. I am the president of the Alumni Association, and intimately involved with the university. My connection to

Dakota State is deep, strong, loyal, and filled with pride.

Our mission as an alumni association is to cultivate a mutually beneficial relationship between the university and the alumni community at large. To me, that means my role as an alum of Dakota State is to serve as an ambassador, telling the DSU story, creating opportunities for alumni to connect, encouraging others to choose DSU for their education, and asking for support of our alma mater through gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Again, easy for me to do, because of my emotional connection to Dakota State.

But how about you? You may have left this campus with your degree 40 years ago and never looked back. For you, alma mater is a pleasant, but distant memory. Or you might have graduated a few years ago, and are busy building a life, still paying off the student loans that made your degree possible. For you, alma mater is something you will deal with later, when you truly feel like an alum.

This issue of the DSU magazine is full of reasons for you to rekindle the connection that you felt when you were on campus. We are embarking on the largest construction projects on campus in 30 years. As the story says, the Beacom Institute of Technology will become the academic heart of campus, used by students in all disciplines, and open to alumni and the community. The former Madison Hospital is being given new life for students to live, collaborate, and find services vital to their successful college experience. And the Trojan Center is being remodeled to better serve the needs of a student population that continues to grow in numbers and diversity.

If that isn't enough to make you proud of your alma mater, consider that these projects are partially funded by the donations of Miles Beacom, '81, and his wife, Lisa. Miles walked the campus just like you did, and went on to achieve success with PREMIER Bankcard, a company that hires many of our alumni.

We can't all be like Miles. He is an extraordinary example of how an alum can give back. But we can foster the same feeling of loyalty and pride that he has for Dakota State, and give in a way that is appropriate for us as individuals.

How can you give?

Stay in touch with the alumni office.

*Update your address and e-mail
so we can stay in contact.*

Send in a class note.

Tell us what you are doing.

We like to brag about our alumni.

*Attend Trojan Days Homecoming
September 24.*

Attend one of our alumni gatherings.

*We send out e-mail notices regarding
when and where we meet*

Refer a student for DSU admission.

*Tell the DSU story and encourage a
student to check out DSU.*

Hire DSU graduates.

*Give to the annual fund
in support of scholarships at DSU.*

Yes, I love my alma mater and I am sure many of you do as well. Take some time to reflect and rekindle the connection you have with Dakota State. Make plans to come back. Find a way to give back.

And always, stay Loyal to Blue.

ARDEN JONES, '78

President, DSU Alumni Association



#LoyalToBlue

FROM PRESIDENT GRIFFITHS

DSU's campus is filled with the great sounds of progress on multiple fronts, from our students working toward their degrees to the construction noises enhancing campus facilities to better serve our entire extended University community. This issue of Dakota State focuses on the three long-planned facilities projects we have recently launched. I have been told that this is the most construction activity DSU has seen since the 1960s, and easily more complex than any building boom in the university's history.

I hope you will read through the articles, and then, even more so, I hope that you will join us at Homecoming so you can see for yourself the forward-looking advances coming to your alma mater.

This year's Homecoming is focusing on DSU's amazing accomplishment of having educated and graduated K-12 teachers for 135 years! This is what I call DSU's "heritage" mission, and it continues to be a high priority for the University. I am pleased that in the midst of burgeoning new projects that support what I call our "signature" mission – fulfilling our assigned role as the technology-forward university in the South Dakota Regental system – we are simultaneously able to celebrate the inspiring legacy and bright future of educating educators. I especially hope that any of you who are DSU K-12 education graduates will make a special effort to come to Homecoming this year. We want to celebrate you!

As busy as we are with this round of construction projects, I am pleased to report that we are already looking forward to the next stage of campus development. (Early on I did warn everyone at the University that I'm not very good at sitting still...) DSU has a unique mission to provide technology-infused higher education and technology-intensive higher education for the State of South Dakota and beyond. Technology, as we all know, changes at a rapid pace. We are responsible for preparing our students not only for the world as it is today, but as it will be tomorrow. This means that DSU has to both keep up with current technologies but also be integrally involved in what is coming next.

Years ago, DSU leadership put into the institution's plans a research and development (R&D) facility for the campus. For various reasons those plans were not brought to fruition. However, it is clear that now is the time that we need to move forward. It is important that we not only maintain but enhance DSU's effectiveness and leadership role in technology infused and intensive higher education, as well as expand DSU's contribution to the economic development and advancement of South Dakota. To do so, DSU needs an R&D initiative and facility.

This summer, I presented to the South Dakota Board of Regents the initial concept of the Madison Cyber Labs (or MadLabs, for short). The MadLabs will build on DSU's expanding capabilities and strengths to establish a hub of cybersecurity and cyber operations expertise, research, economic development, and application in South Dakota. This R&D hub will act with centrifugal-like force (yes,

I often still think like a physicist) to drive economic development out from DSU – locally, state-wide and regionally. The MadLabs will include Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIFs) so students and researchers can pursue work critical to the growth of the cyber universe. Multiple interdisciplinary research and development clusters will act with centripetal-like force to draw to DSU and South Dakota cyber security students and professionals in multiple fields, from technology to education to business to ethics to health care to national defense, and more. The MadLabs will make possible partnerships with other Regental schools, government, business and industry, non-profits and international higher education. It also will enable South Dakota to renew its historical role as a key player in U.S. national defense, in expanding the State's national cyber security leadership and presence.

The MadLabs will expand the state's cyber security talent pool, exposing students to advanced technologies and preparing them more fully for high-demand, high-wage careers. This proposed facility will create opportunities for government cyber security sites in South Dakota and spin-off companies developed from research, adding advanced education resources and jobs in the Madison area and giving DSU graduates another reason to stay IN or return to South Dakota, as many of them would prefer.

For more information on the need for the MadLabs and the potential it holds for DSU's future are available in a 4-page document available at <https://dsu.edu/assets/uploads/public/MadLabs-Overview.pdf>.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of you DSU alumni who have carried your Dakota State education and experience out into the world and made such significant contributions, personally and professionally, in communities near and far. We at the University have been very grateful that you have taken us to so many places, and especially that we are able to be part of such a worldwide endeavor that has had such impact. We want to make sure that impact grows and continues. We are able to do so because of what has come before us. I have always loved the Isaac Newton quote, "If I have seen further, it is because I am standing on the shoulders of giants." DSU and South Dakota have a broad and deep heritage. I hope you will join with us as we work to see further and go further to ensure that the University's impact grows and extends well into the future.

Warmly,

Dr. José-Marie Griffiths
President, Dakota State University



DSU honors heritage graduates at homecoming

On March 5, 1881 the Territorial Legislative assembly passed the Normal Bill, which established a school at Madison, in Dakota Territory, commonly known as Madison State Normal School. The mission of the school was designated as teacher preparation. The first students enrolled in 1883. Tuition was free for students agreeing to teach in Dakota Territory for at least two years after graduation.

The preparation of teachers at Dakota State is the university's heritage, something continual since the founding in 1881. Now, 135 years later, the College of Education continues its mission of educating today to teach for tomorrow. One of the noblest of professions, **the strength of every profession rests on the skills teachers impart to their students at every stage in the learning process.**

There are 13 institutions in South Dakota that offer teacher preparation. Why choose Dakota State? Dakota State education graduates leave campus with a

Crystal Pauli, Dean for the College of Education, leads a faculty dedicated to their craft. Pauli has been at DSU since 2001, and was appointed as dean in 2016. The college actively partners with others on campus to provide learning opportunities for current students and alumni. For instance, DSU hosted a STEAM Camp for Teachers this summer. The one-day symposium provided attendees the chance to learn about hands-on activities to teach STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) in their classrooms.



The new Kennedy Center, home to the College of Education, (left) took the place of the old (top) in 1987.



The 1984 mission change affected the education program at DSU in various ways, the most long-lasting and positive being the infusion of technology across the entire curriculum. As a result, DSU education graduates leave DSU with a valuable K-12 technology endorsement.

In 2004, DSU students were issued a tablet computer device to use during the year. At the time, DSU was the only campus in the state, and one of the few in the country, to have such an initiative. Many K-12 school districts across the state have since adopted tablet computers for their students, making the experience DSU students have on campus invaluable as they move to the classroom.

K-12 technology endorsement, meaning they are highly employable. And not just employable, but upwardly mobile, as shown by the list of Dakota State alumni who serve as principals and superintendents across school districts in South Dakota. A number of alumni also are athletic directors, coaches and leaders of other school activities.

DSU grads are also loyal to South Dakota, with 93 percent of teacher education alumni remaining in the state after graduation.

2015 placement statistics:
Elementary Education – 88% placed in SD
Elementary/Special Education – 100% placed in SD
Secondary Education – 93% placed in SD
Total of all Education – 93%



From 1917 until it was destroyed by fire in 1963, the Beadle Campus School (above) was part of the education process for Dakota State students. The school was located on the west edge of campus and attended by students from the Madison area. Dakota State students would go into classrooms at the campus school and practice the skills they were learning to use in elementary and secondary school systems.



Homecoming Activities will highlight education alumni, along with the DSU College of Education, during the annual festivities Sept. 24.

Join alumni and friends for **28 hours of (Loyal to) Blue** starting with an alumni gathering Friday, Sept. 23. The celebration kicks off at the Pub House in downtown Madison at 5 p.m., where we will have alumni giveaways. Special invitations are going out to education alumni, **but everyone is welcome to attend.**

Saturday, Sept. 24 Trojan Days festivities start at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the Kringen Alumni Center. Stop by and greet your Dakota State Alumni Board, grab a DSU button, and head to the DSU parade route.

The parade is at 10 a.m., heading south to north on Egan Avenue, ending on the DSU campus near the statue of General Beadle. The parade marshals and other parade VIPs will be members of the education alumni community.

Tailgate activities start at noon just south of Trojan Field, with games, kid-friendly activities, music, beverages, and a chili cook-off sponsored by the DSU Alumni Association.

Trojan Football versus Jamestown starts at 4 p.m. at Trojan Field.

Join your friends back downtown following the game. Watch social media for updates: Facebook DSU Alumni and Twitter @DakStateALUM

Dakota State has a number of alumni serving as superintendents and principals in South Dakota's school systems.

(Data from 2015-16 school year.)

JIM AISENBREY, '80, Baltic
DEREK BARRIOS, '08, Custer (Faulkton supt. 2016)
JOHN BJORKMAN, '79, Waverly-South Shore
ROCKY BRINKMAN, '79, Andes Central
TIM CASPER, '85, Lake Preston,
DEAN CHRISTENSEN, '78, Deuel
ROGER DEGROOT, '75, Big Stone City
DEB EICHACKER, '85, McCook Central
LINDA FOOS, '83, Wagner
PAT FREDERICK, '00, Platte-Geddes
STEVE GRIFFITH, '78, Sioux Falls
CELLA HERMSEN, '86, White River
HEATHER HILTUNEN, '97, Custer
KURT JENSEN, '10, Summit
TERESA JOHNSON, '95, Garretson
LONNY JOHNSON, '86, Montrose
NANCY JOHNSON, '86, Tri-Valley
ERIC KNIGHT, '04, Chester Area
JASON KOLOUSEK, '98, Wessington Springs
JAROD LARSON, '07, Timber Lake
MIKE LODMEL, '02, Tri Valley
JACKIE MCNAMARA, '88, Harrisburg
LISA MCNEELY, '03, Aberdeen
BRETT MELLEME, '08, Viborg-Hurley
LAURA MORROW, '89, Watertown
JENNIFER MUNGER, '02, West Central
KELLY NEILL, '99, Elkton
KRISTI NELSON, '83 Tea
BRAD OLINGER, '99, Flandreau
DAVID PREHEIM, '03, Tea
BRIAN RELF, '87, Flandreau
JACKIE SALMEN, '87, Madison Christian
VINCE SCHAEFER, '69, Madison (retired 2016)
MIKE SCHMIDT, '99, Wilmot
LENNY SCHROEDER, '91, Canistota
SUMMER SCHULTZ, '98, '01, Dell Rapids
BRAD SEAMER, '96, McCook Central
ADAM SHAW, '00, Madison
RICK SOMA, '72, Iroquois
DAN SWARTOS, '04, McCook Central
ROB SYLLIAASEN, '02, Viborg-Hurley
SHANE VOSS, '92, Freeman
KLINT WILLERT, '94, Brookings
JEREMY WOLLMAN, '02, South Central
KIRK ZEECK, '96, Sioux Falls

Beadle Leadership Society recognizes university needs

Beadle Leadership Society members make gifts of \$1,000 or more to the annual fund, supporting everything from scholarships to athletics, to research and the arts.

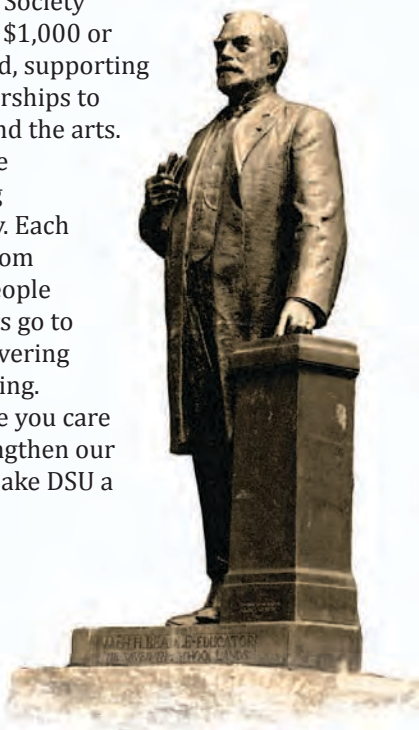
Annual gifts are the foundation for building Dakota State University. Each year, we receive gifts from alumni and friends - people just like you. Those gifts go to work immediately, delivering opportunities for learning.

By giving to a cause you care deeply about, you strengthen our community and help make DSU a extraordinary place.

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or 605-256-5650



Do you know a student who would be a good fit for DSU?

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DSU Admissions, 820 N Washington Ave., Madison, SD 57042

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Your e-mail _____

Relationship to student _____

Student Name _____

Student e-mail _____

Student graduate year _____

Student High School _____

Student Phone _____

Student Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Children of alumni qualify for in-state tuition rate

Dakota State University offers incentives to the children of alumni living outside South Dakota who want to continue to the Trojan family tradition.

Freshmen and transfer students who live outside South Dakota are eligible to receive in-state tuition if their parent or legal guardian earned a Dakota State degree.

To be eligible, students must have a 20 ACT and the rate applies to on-campus tuition only. For more information, please contact our Admissions Office at 1-888-378-9988 or e-mail admissions@dsu.edu.

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President Griffiths Opts for an Unusual “Non-inauguration” – Celebrates All Things Dakota Smart

It is traditional for a university to hold a formal inauguration when a new president comes on board. However, soon after she arrived, Dr. Griffiths made an unusual request of the assigned Inauguration Committee. Griffiths requested that, instead of celebrating just one person (her) and one position (the presidency) she wanted to celebrate and say thank you to the extended DSU community for all the engagement and support so many people and organizations contribute to DSU's success, most especially DSU's host community of Madison. And thus was born a campus- and community-wide “non-inauguration” event, the Dakota Smart Celebration, focused on Dakota Smart you!

The three day event April 27th-29th was a resounding success. The schedule was packed full of over 100 events and exhibits on campus and off. All of DSU's colleges participated in showcasing their academic and research activities. Faculty, students, and staff celebrated the activities and achievements of DSU's many organizations, while administrative staff and departments supported, participated in and led events, especially for the wider community. The entire campus pulled together to say “thank you” to the greater Madison area through an amazing “Day of Service.”

The weather provided a significant challenge to the Celebration Kick Off and Day of Service (29 degrees, pouring rain and 40 to 60 mile an hour winds) but a large group gathered to hear Dr. Griffiths launch the event, and then 400 intrepid faculty, staff and students headed out in to the greater Madison area for service projects across the community.

While the Day of Service volunteers were out in the community engaged in social services projects for over 35 area organizations, 200 Madison 8th graders and High School sophomores came to DSU's campus to participate in an engaging and fun “Day in the Life of a DSU Student,”



put on by the College of Education and staffed by many of the education students. Education students from the University visited area elementary schools to provide special activities for those classes.

Combined together, the DSU volunteers put in 1,103.5 hours of service to organizations in the Madison area.



DSU's GenCyber Camps – Largest in the Nation - Not Big Enough

For the third summer in a row, Dakota State University hosted the largest residential girls-only and co-ed cybersecurity camps in the nation, out of 140 programs across the country. The girls camp is for seventh to ninth grade middle/early high school students, and the co-ed camps are open to high school students grades 10 through 12.

The “GenCyber: Girls in Cybersecurity” camp ran from June 20-24, 2016, and was directed by Dr. Ashley Podhradsky, professor of Information Assurance and Digital Forensics at DSU. The camp had spots for 144 girls, but had 244 applicants, leaving 100 girls on the waiting list. There were two co-ed campus, the week of June 26th and July 10th, directed by Kyle Cronin. The co-ed camps had 400 spots, but had over 1,400 applicants, leaving another 1,000 students on a waitlist. Students came to DSU from 36 different U.S. states, spending Sunday afternoon through Friday on DSU's campus.

South Dakota's First Lady, Linda Dugaard, spoke at the kick-off of the Girls GenCyber Camp. Other special guests included members of the Security and Privacy Team at Google, the director of security operations at Facebook, and four computer forensic special agents from the FBI.

DSU also hosted a “Teachers GenCyber” for sixth - 12th grade STEM teachers. The camp's main purpose is to educate and excite middle and high school STEM teachers and help them to incorporate cyber security in the classroom. This year 50 teachers attended from four states.

The programs are funded through DSU's partnerships with the National Security Agency (NSA), South Dakota EPSCOR and the National Science Foundation. GenCyber camps are open to all students and teachers at no cost.



Jennifer Henley, director of security operations at Facebook



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Computer Analysis Response Team



Area teachers were on campus for GenCyber Camp in July. The camp was free to participants, funded through a National Security Agency and National Science Foundation grant. The camp is designed for sixth to 12th grade STEM teachers, giving them hands-on education sessions with DSU professors, alumni, current students and other industry professionals. The goal is to help these teachers incorporate cyber security into their classrooms. Of the 55 participants, 14 are alumni or current graduate students at DSU. The DSU Alumni Association hosted the group for an ice cream social on the first night of camp.

Building for the Future



Pictured at the Beacom Institute of Technology construction ceremony:
Mike Jamison, principal architect at TSP; Randy Knecht, President/CEO of Journey Group;
Michael Rush, Board of Regents executive director; Randy Schaefer, Board of Regents president;
DSU President José-Marie Griffiths; Miles Beacom; Lisa Beacom;
Governor Dennis Daugaard; Linda Daugaard.

at Dakota State University



Dakota State University is in the midst of a historic transformation that will shape the way we learn, live, and interact for generations to come.

Nearly \$27 million in construction projects are underway, setting a pace unprecedented in the university's 135-year history.

Construction started in June on the Beacom Institute of Technology, an \$11.4 million facility and the first new academic building on DSU's campus since the Kennedy Center opened in 1987.

More than 300 people celebrated the early stages of construction during a June 29th ceremony. The crowd included student campers from the summer Gen Cyber camp, members of the South Dakota Board of Regents, elected officials from the area, alumni, friends of the university, faculty and staff.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Regent Randy Schaefer and President José-Marie Griffiths described the importance of facilities in fulfilling the mission of the university, the impact that technology-forward spaces make on teaching and learning, and the potential ahead for DSU. Alumnus Miles Beacom — who, with his wife, Lisa, made the lead gift for the facility — spoke from personal experience on how faculty, staff and supportive community members help students realize their dreams.

Beacom Institute of Technology – Building New

“DSU provided me the tools to be successful, the tools to chase those dreams,” Beacom told the crowd. “This new facility will be a dream come true for a lot of people.”

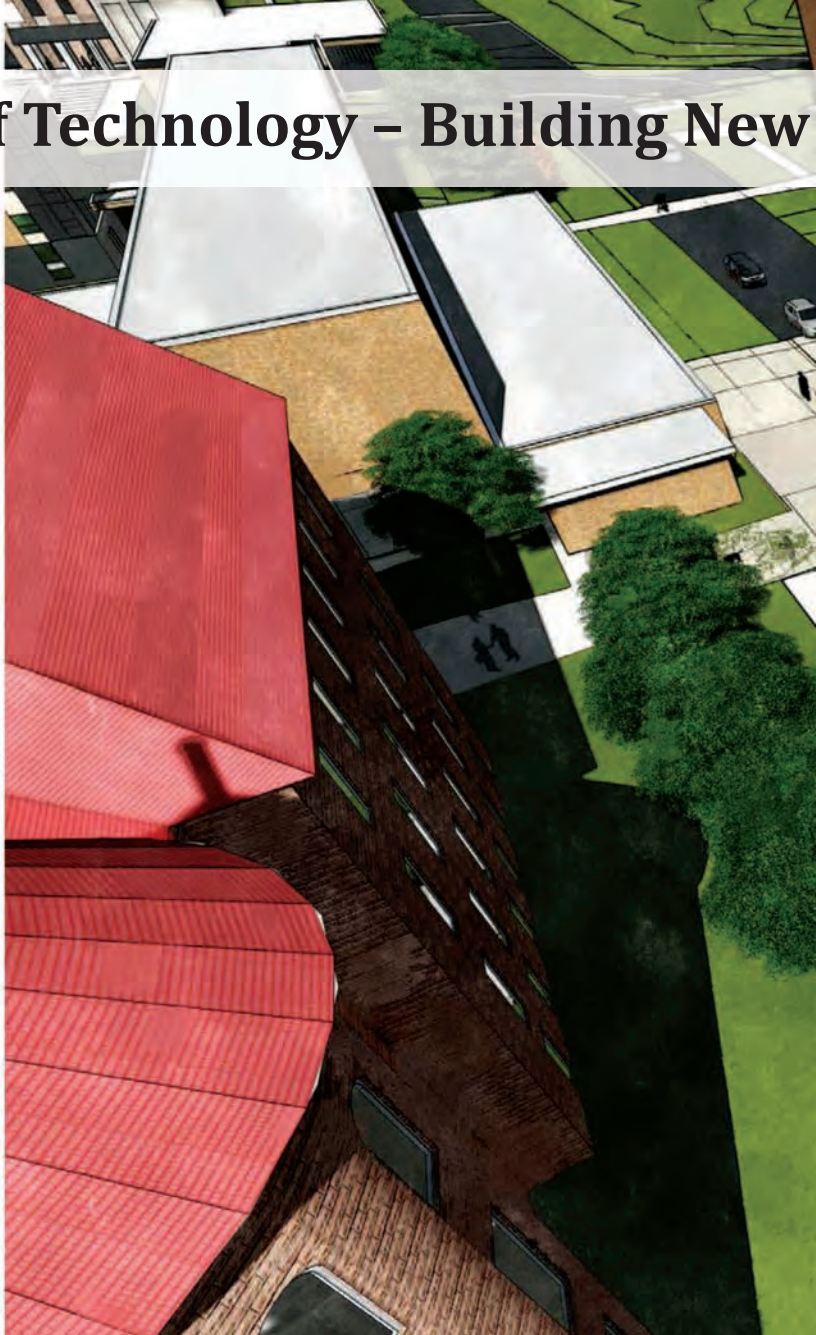
Beacom reiterated the importance of the state-of-the-art facility to “attract the best and brightest students, as well as the best and brightest faculty.” He finished his remarks by noting the importance of the building and the impact the academic programs will have on the university, the extended Madison community and South Dakota.

The Board of Regents in December approved the Facility Program Plan for the building. DSU’s proposal emphasized four ‘E’ words — enhancement, expansion, expression and extension. The building, DSU leaders wrote, will create much-needed enhanced teaching and learning environments, will make possible expansion in technology-intensive programs, will architecturally express DSU’s technology-forward mission, and will be a building that can be extended to accommodate future technologies as they develop.

The path to this new construction started with a comprehensive review of all of DSU’s academic spaces in fall 2013. This information was compared to the needs of academic programs, an assessment that revealed significant deficits in the types and availability of certain types of classrooms, collaborative work areas, and laboratory spaces. The Beacom Institute of Technology has been designed to address many of those needs, beginning in fall 2017.

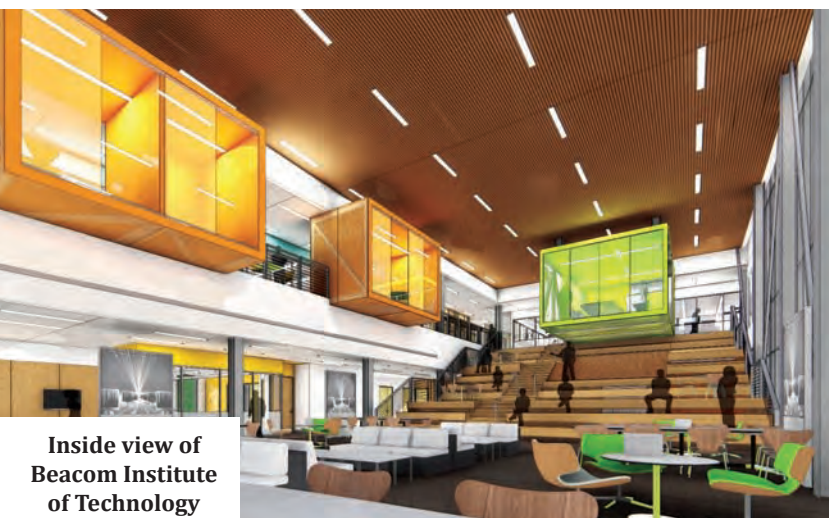
One highlight of the new academic building will be the Collaboration Center, a flexible space that will include open seating for students and faculty to encourage and facilitate project work and mentoring. These spaces will especially meet the need for students to develop skills in working as members of teams or multidisciplinary groups.

The classrooms and teaching laboratories will provide technology-rich environments to deliver courses for IT-intensive and IT-infused programs — flexible teaching spaces that can be configured to allow for different teaching styles, along with computer hardware labs, an



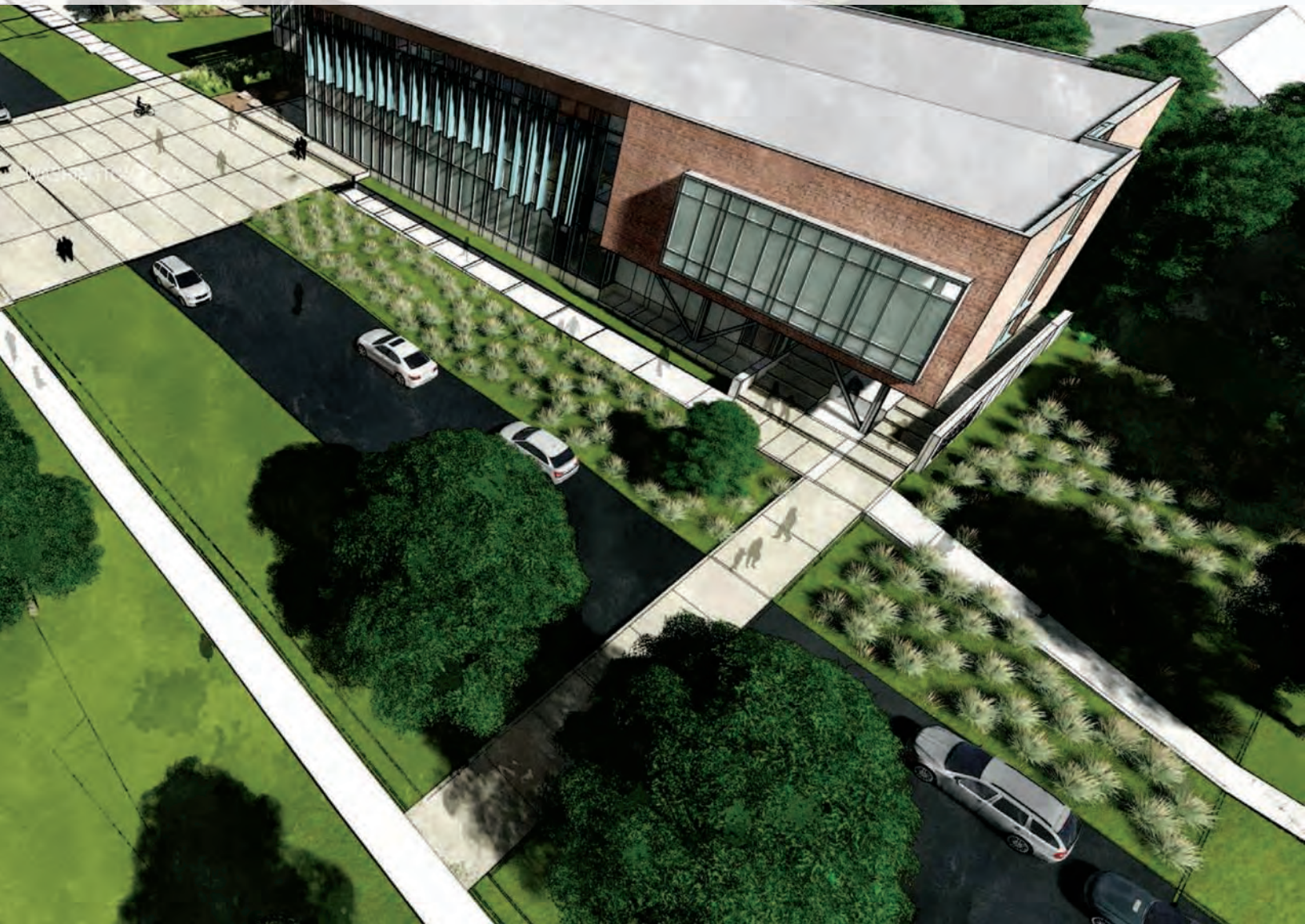
academic server room, hands-on networking systems, and conference rooms. It will also provide DSU a site for conferences, symposia or campus community events.

The new Beacom Institute of Technology will also provide a wonderful visual statement of DSU’s two primary missions, both for the campus community and visitors. Coming down Washington Avenue, a primary Madison street, to the west will be DSU’s beautiful historic buildings, a statement of the University’s rich history and legacy carrying out its heritage mission of teaching teachers and others to serve and enrich communities in South Dakota. To the east will be the new Beacom building, reinforcing DSU’s signature mission in the Regental university system as a technology-forward university. The new buildings adjacency to Admissions and key administrative offices in Heston Hall will ensure that potential students, their families and other visitors will see both important aspects of DSU when they come on campus.



**Inside view of
Beacom Institute
of Technology**

Opportunities for Dream Chasers



Architects' renderings from TSP show the view (center) from East Hall over Washington Avenue to the new Beacom Institute of Technology.

Funding for the Beacom Institute of Technology comes from \$6 million in bond payments from the Higher Education Facilities Fund and \$5.4 million in private gifts from the Beacoms, philanthropist T. Denny Sanford and other generous donors. Journey Group is the construction manager, and TSP and Smith Group JJR are the architects of record.

Alumni employees of PREMIER Bankcard joined Miles Beacom for the construction ceremony on the DSU campus. Front: Chris Raymond, '04, '06; Michael Turbes (student intern), Miles Beacom, '81; Meranda Sylliaasen, '99; Alex Hurley student intern, son of Bill Hurley, '78); Pam Eliason, '82; TJ Olajide (current student). Back: Mike Halverson, '88; Dave Geiver, '82; Jarad Horack (student intern); Bob Van Liere, '83; Sandy Soyland, '81; Elliott Breukelman, '13, '14.



The Trojan Center has been the hub of student life since its original construction in 1965. The subsequent addition in 1996 met the needs of a changing student body. Similarly, an expansion and renovation started in June 2016 will address a growing student population and the preferences of this generation.

The South Dakota Board of Regents in December 2015 approved the Facility Design Plan for a project estimated at \$7.5 million. The plan detailed several changes designed to provide easier access to services, expanded social spaces and more prominent retail areas. The renovations will include a new entrance, new kitchen facilities, enhanced spaces for student organizations and more visitor-friendly locations for dining options and the bookstore.

The design reflects programmatic needs, according to Marcus Garstecki, vice president for student affairs.

"University leaders studied facilities at other comparably sized institutions and also collected feedback from students," Garstecki said. "Those conversations focused on four areas — more versatile food service space, more activity spaces for students, study areas and meeting rooms. The plan approved by the Board of Regents covers each of those needs."

As the fall semester starts, students and visitors will notice work outside the building. One addition will accommodate a 5,500-square-foot kitchen north of the current student lounge and Marketplace. A second expansion, approximately 2,500 square feet on the west side, will create a new entry and two open lounge spaces, one designated as a quiet place and the other an active

gaming location. The lower level of the existing facility will become a larger event space and a Student Health Center. (Alumni may remember that student health needs were served through the city's clinic and hospital adjacent to campus. Madison Regional Health moved in 2015 to a new facility on the city's south side. The university will remodel the former hospital building for other student needs, as described in subsequent pages.)

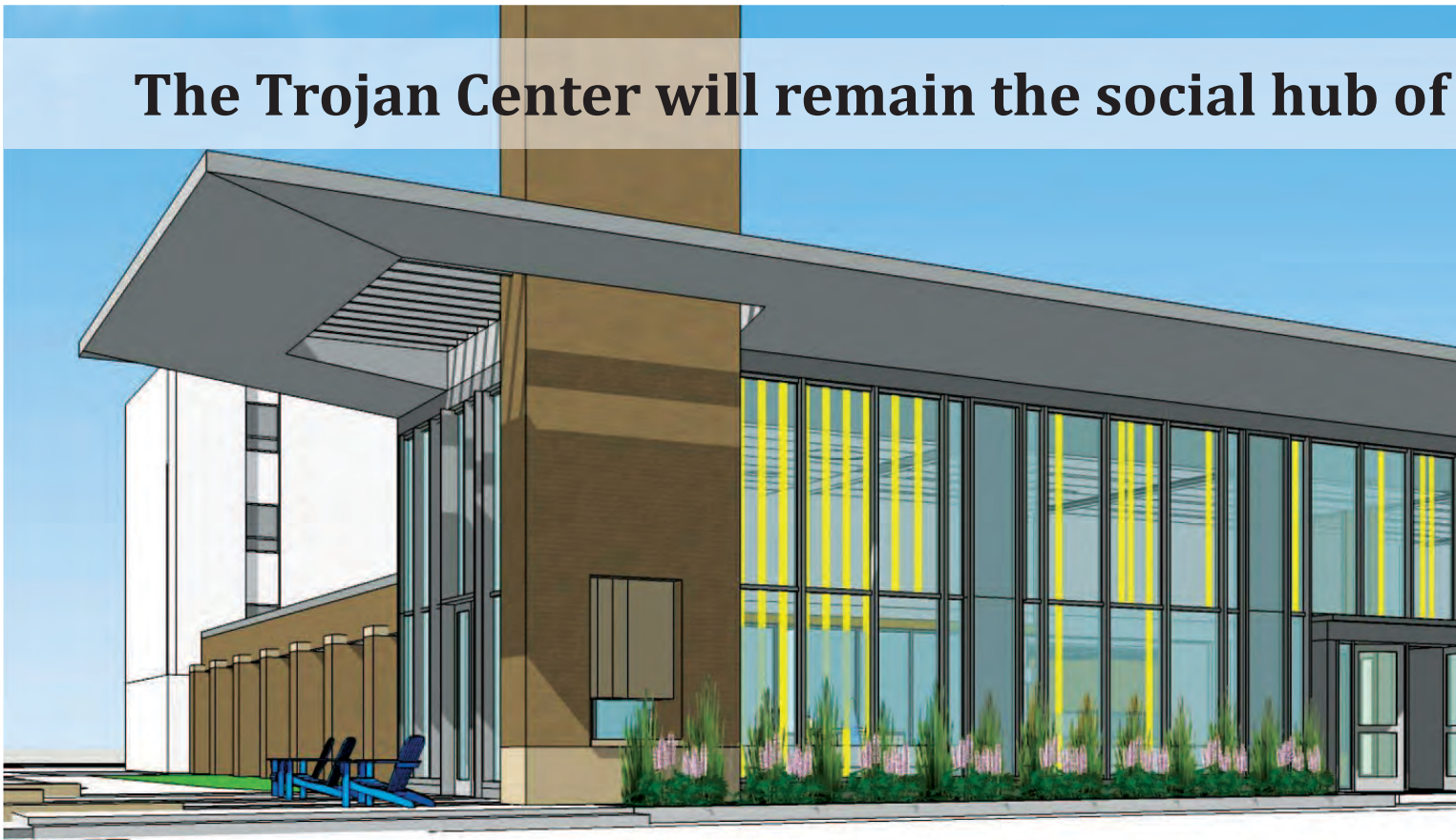
These changes will be staggered, according to Garstecki. A year from now, the ground level of Zimmerman Hall will be a mall space with the bookstore on the south, a convenience store and the relocated Einstein Bros. Bagels. The finished project will increase the TC's size about 30 percent to 44,317 gross square feet.

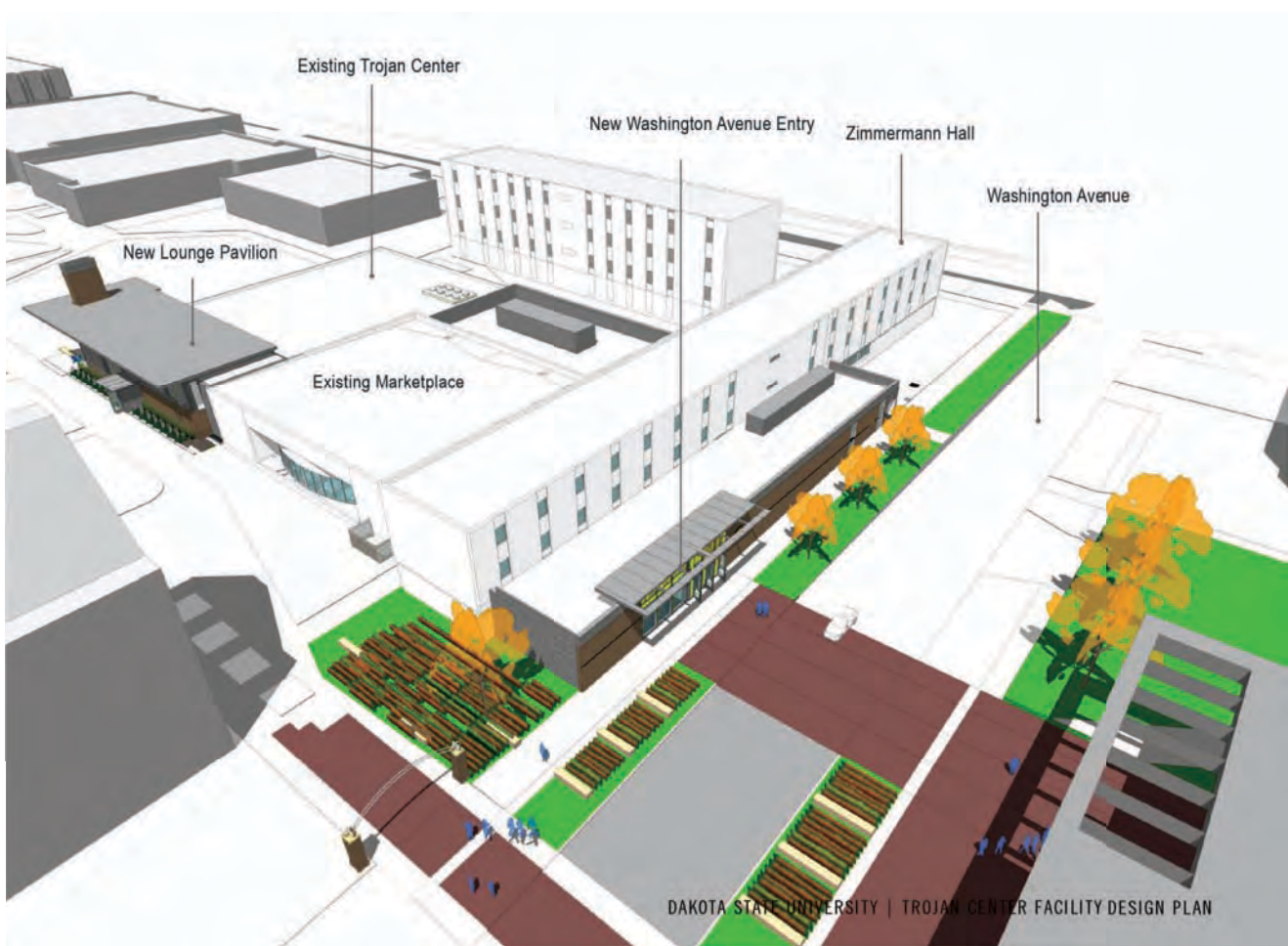
"The challenge with the Trojan Center expansion is that essential student services must be available during the work," Garstecki said. "Several hundred students eat in the Trojan Center every day. Einstein Bros. Bagels serves coffee to its regulars. The bookstore needs to be open."

Many students depend on the building for their social outings. Fortunately, the general contractor understands this dynamic and has made arrangement to limit the adversity for students."

The project relies on a partnership that includes Perspective Inc. for architectural and engineering work, Journey Group as the lead contractor and several sub-contractors from eastern South Dakota. It will be completed using \$5 million in bonding and another \$2.5 million investment from Sodexo, the university's food-service provider.

The Trojan Center will remain the social hub of





These drawings from Perspective show the new east entrance to the Trojan Center and the relationship of new additions and modifications to the current facility.

campus, with a new look.





A familiar building will be a new home for students

The former Madison Community Hospital, a neighboring building to the Dakota State University campus for decades, is being transformed into a residence hall and the student-focused Learning Engagement Center.

The remodel makes use of parts of the existing structure, while adding much needed residential living space. The two-story structure will provide an esthetically pleasing home away from home for students on the main level, with a variety of living areas, study rooms and gathering spaces. The lower level will house student-centric offices including Career Services/Career Development, International Programs, Counseling, Diversity and Inclusion, and Student Success.

The South Dakota Board of Regents last December approved the Facility Program Plan to renovate the former hospital rooms on the building's north end into a residence hall and the central portion of the complex into the Learning Engagement Center. The longtime clinic on the corner of Washington Avenue and Eighth Street will

be torn down, and the land turned into a green space for various social activities.

The new facility, which opens in August 2017, offers a multifaceted approach to student services, according to Marcus Garstecki, vice president for student affairs.

"The concept was developed through collaborative work between a design team and a steering committee, incorporating input from students and assuring compliance with the recent Student Life Master Plan," Garstecki said. "It takes an empty building within the DSU campus footprint and transforms it into a facility that meets emerging needs for offices, interactive space and residential rooms. This new structure will be something that will appeal to current and prospective students — a true environment for living, learning and personal development."

The north end will be the first new residence hall in 45 years. It will feature a mix of single and double rooms and semi-suites for four students, housing 115 students in four



and student services.

sections at capacity. Residents of four communities will share amenities such as laundry rooms, a central atrium, study rooms, lounges and a full kitchen.


“Looking beyond the student housing and student services, this building also will give university staff a new amenity for summer conferences and camps,” Garstecki said. “The interests from many groups — teens to teachers — has fueled a growing market for summer events on our campus.”

The new building, when finished, will add nearly 57,000 gross square feet of floor space to the campus. The residence hall is 30,835 square feet of the total, or roughly 54 percent. Journey Group, based in Sioux Falls, is the construction manager. Koch-Hazard and Treanor Architects are the design partners.

The renovation, estimated at \$7.8 million, is funded primarily through revenue bonds that will be paid from residence hall usage and auxiliary resources. The renovation of space into the Learning Engagement Center is funded in part through the Higher Education Facilities Fund managed by the Board of Regents. Purchase of the building for \$1.6 million last year was made possible through a Great Plains Education Foundation grant.

Drawings from Koch-Hazard architects show a south view of the new Learning Engagement Center and residence hall in the former Madison Community Hospital building. Crews in August removed the clinic portion of the building. The smaller rendering shows a view from the west.





What goes around comes around

Growing up in a large family can teach you many things, among them sharing limited resources, negotiation, and survival tactics. Brian Rand learned all three, and more, during his youth in Valley Springs, SD. As a student at Dakota State, Rand added to his arsenal, but not through traditional paths. Through a series of twists and turns that would have derailed a less focused person, Rand managed to persevere, graduating with a degree in computer graphic design in 2007.

Today, Rand runs a web design firm, a strategy and consulting firm, and along with partner Clint Brown, The Bakery, an entrepreneurial think-tank located in Sioux Falls.

Rand has a compelling back story. But it is where he is going that puts that story into context, because everything he does is with one motto in mind – ‘take a step forward, then turn around and help the next guy’.

“Throughout my life I have been handed lessons by people wiser than me,” says Rand. Some he ignored, often to his own peril, and some he wove into the fabric of his personality. Of those lessons, giving back is the most

prominent, and one he lives each day, though The Bakery and his other businesses ventures.

After graduation, Rand took a job at Wells Fargo and found success, but not contentment. He went on to work as a staff mentor for ATLAS of Sioux Falls, an organization offering personal services to people who are transitioning out of difficult times. It was during this time that Rand founded his first company, Revolutionary Causes, whose mission is to plan and execute strategies to raise money for sick children.

By 2008, Rand had a second company, Revolutionary Designs, which helps clients create compelling messages through web and other marketing strategies. More than 150 clients later, Revolutionary Designs has worked with entities around the world ranging from Mission-Haiti, a non-profit raising money for people in that county, to Universal Artists, a celebrity booking agency.

Which brings us to The Bakery. Rand and Brown saw that mobile professionals, while enjoying the freedom of an office-less workplace, still craved interaction with others, and wanted a space where they could come together to

share ideas, learn, build, and grow. The building they chose started as the L&A Baking Company, on Main Ave in Sioux Falls. The historic building sat abandoned for many years, requiring a total gut and refurbish. The result is 8,200 square feet of collaboration space that has attracted over 500 members.

Memberships in The Bakery are offered on a daily, monthly, and annual basis, with members gaining 24 hour access to the building, with internet and coffee provided. Space is offered for workshops on topics as diverse as fly-fishing, to honing entrepreneurial skills. The Bakery has become an incubator for ideas. Some of the same people who have mentored Rand over the years are members of the Bakery, and thought leaders from around the Sioux Falls area gather on the couches to discuss, argue, agree, and ultimately collaborate.

Rand's experience at The Bakery led to his most recent business venture, fittingly named The Rand Company (therandcompany.com), launched in early August. Listening to the needs of Bakery members, Rand realized their main concerns centered on increasing revenue by developing their individual businesses beyond and outside their current models. The Rand Company provides sales and consulting services to address those needs.

What's next for Rand? He is a mentor, having morphed into one of the 'wise men' he credits for guiding him along the way. He is a natural marketer, creating buzz around his projects. He is an entrepreneur, leading successful companies. And he is a social change agent, seeing need and addressing it as he is able.

So what's next? Stay tuned.

Rand in the main space of the Bakery



Hanson named interim provost

Dick Hanson, who brings 11 years of experience as a college and university president to Dakota State University, has been appointed interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Hanson recently retired after six years in the joint role of president at Bemidji (Minn.) State University and at Northwest Technical College, also in Bemidji. Previously he served as interim president at North Dakota State University and president at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa.

Hanson earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in child development and family relations from North Dakota State University, where he played football. He completed his Ph.D. in applied behavioral science from the University of California at Davis.

Hanson started his higher education career as a faculty member and department head at California State University at Chico for six years. He returned to NDSU and held several positions — faculty member, department chair, associate Extension director and associate vice president — over 15 years. He moved to Augustana College in Sioux Falls as its vice president of academic affairs and held that position for 10 years before his appointment as president at Waldorf.



DSU's First Couple puts together their summer vacation by degrees

Some people spend their summer vacation visiting family or a favorite spot in the country, or exploring new places. DSU's "First Couple," President José-Marie Griffiths and "First Dude" Don King, did all of these but threw in getting honorary doctorate degrees at their alma maters. Dr. Griffiths was awarded an honorary degree from University College London (UCL), London, England, and Don King was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

Dr. Griffiths and Mr. King headed to the University of Wyoming (UW) in mid-May for its spring commencement. King was awarded his honorary doctorate during the ceremony. King was selected to receive the honorary degree in recognition of his contributions as a world-renowned statistician and information science pioneer. As UW stated in their announcement of the award, "Through his career Donald W. King has led ground-breaking research studies with results that have transformed both

the quantitative measures, models and evaluation methods used in information science and informatics, as well as the practices of the organizations that benefitted from the results of those studies. Long before "big data" was even a theoretical concept, King was leading international, national, state and local studies on the economic analysis of information systems."

King was born in Cheyenne during the Great Depression to an enterprising and hard-working family that had a large sheep-breeding operation in Laramie and Albany counties. King studied statistics at UW, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees.

In 1961, he co-founded Westat Inc., which has become one of the world's leading private-sector statistical survey research organizations. He served as a high-level executive in a series of connected companies and founded King Research Inc., which achieved prominence for information system evaluations. In 1997, he retired from the business world to concentrate on writing, lecturing and service. "I am confident in saying that no other individual has contributed as much across all lines of government and private information clearinghouses, depositories, special libraries, public libraries, academic libraries, and public and private databases, as Don King," wrote Vernon Palmour, of Cody, Wyoming, former senior vice president with King Research Inc.

An added surprise for Don was that four of his five stateside daughters (the sixth lives in Africa) came to Wyoming for the event, making it a delightful family time as well. Some extended family who still live in Wyoming also attended the event.

Following the UW commencement and time with their daughters, the Griffiths-Kings set out to explore Wyoming and Montana. They thoroughly enjoyed touring and visiting with family and old friends. Then it was back to Madison with enough time for a Board of Regents meeting and to repack the suitcases and head off to England for UCL's commencement and Dr. Griffiths honorary degree ceremony.

University College London is recognized as one of the top multidisciplinary research university's in the world and was founded in 1826 in London. Griffiths earned a B.Sc. degree in Physics with Information Science at UCL in 1973, followed by a Ph.D. in Information Science in 1977 and carried out post-doctoral work in Computer Science and Statistics.

UCL awarded Griffiths an honorary doctorate for her "distinguished contributions in science, and her lifelong career in higher education, which has also spanned information and computational science." In closing the award ceremony, UCL's president, Michael Arthur, pointed out to the audience that "the awarding of this honorary degree to Dr. Griffiths is not simply because of her accomplishments but also because of her shared



King

values with the institution, and the way she has expressed those values throughout her various appointments and endeavors.” He especially encouraged the female graduates in attendance to see Dr. Griffiths as a role model for women in science. He also noted that Dr. Griffiths has used her own professional roles to advance the careers of other women, and has been repeatedly recognized for this.



Griffiths

UCL also recounted how Griffiths work has put her in great demand while also attracting prolific research support, including contracts and grants with sixteen U.S. federal agencies, among them the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy, the National Institute of Science and Technology, NASA NATO, UNESCO and the British Library Research and Development Division, as well as major corporations such as AT & T Bell Laboratories, IBM, Eastman Kodak, Johnson & Johnson, and Du Pont. And Dr. Arthur recognized the national U.S. leadership role that Dr. Griffiths has played, with her several appointments to U.S. Presidential bodies, most recently to the National Science Board.

UCL's commencement ceremonies are held in London's beautiful Royal Festival Hall, London's main concert venue (comparable to the U.S.'s Carnegie Hall) right on the Thames river in downtown London. First Dude Mr. King and Dr. Griffiths' sister were in attendance for the ceremony where Dr. Griffiths was honored. They were actually seated in the Royal Box, where Queen Elizabeth sits with her entourage when she is in attendance at an event at the Hall. This was quite an unexpected honor and added a bit of pressure for Don and Griffiths' sister. They did feel that they needed to make sure they sat up straight, paid attention and responded appropriately during the ceremony, given that they were sitting in the place of royalty, and that the Royal Box is in full view of the rest of the Hall. Dr. Griffiths was especially pleased that her mother, who recently had her 91st birthday, still lives in London. While Griffiths' mother was not able to attend the ceremony, she was able to celebrate with Dr. Griffiths, First Dude Dr. King, and other family afterwards.

Griffiths and King have throughout their careers experienced a great deal of domestic and international travel, and this summer has been no different. However, we are pleased to report that on returning to South Dakota both Griffiths and King stated that they were happy to be home, a feeling well known to many of us who have been able to stay awhile in Madison.

Mundt Foundation dissolves

The Karl E. Mundt Historical and Educational Foundation Board of Directors voted to dissolve the foundation created by the longtime U.S. senator and to set over all property, operations and financial effects to Dakota State University and the DSU Foundation, effective June 30.

The dissolution vote comes after eight months of study by the Mundt Foundation Executive Committee.

Incorporated in 1962, the Mundt Foundation created and operated a place, now part of the Karl E. Mundt Library at Dakota State, “to house, preserve and protect” the archives of Karl E. Mundt, who represented South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1939 to 1948 and in the U.S. Senate from 1948 to 1973. The Mundt Foundation, as noted in the articles of incorporation, also funded educational programs, contests and scholarships.

The board's last meeting included approval of an agreement with Dakota State to maintain the Mundt Archives in perpetuity and to sustain its programs as long as practical and beneficial to the university and participants. The DSU Foundation has managed the endowment assets of the Mundt Foundation since 2008 and will continue to steward that endowment, valued today at approximately \$850,000. Annual proceeds support the archives and programs associated historically with the Mundt Foundation.

Respiratory Care recognized for credentialing success

The associate-level Respiratory Care program has been recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) as a recipient of the Distinguished RRT (registered respiratory therapist) Credentialing Success award. DSU has received this award for the past five years in a row.

CoARC used the following objective criteria to select the distinguished programs: three or more years of outcomes data; accreditation without a progress report; Registered Respiratory Therapist credentialing success of 90 percent or above; and achievement of established CoARC thresholds for Certified Respiratory Therapist credentialing success, attrition and positive job placement.

“This award is a testimony to the strength and dedication of the respiratory care faculty, the university administration, and the clinical affiliates. All share in this award,” said Bruce Feistner, director of the Respiratory Care program.

The associate respiratory care program, including the satellite location at Rapid City Regional Health, is accredited by CoARC. Both the associate and bachelor's programs have a strong history of placing a high percentage respiratory care graduates in either a career or in continuing their education. DSU also has the only respiratory care program in the state of South Dakota.

The certificate of recognition was presented at the CoARC reception on June 26 at the American Association for Respiratory Care's Summer Forum in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Faculty highlights

Dr. Benjamin F. Jones, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor, continued his book tour for “Eisenhower’s Guerrillas: The Jedburghs, the Resistance and the Liberation of France,” this month to record a podcast at the International Spy Museum in Washington D.C.



Dr. Michael Gaylor, assistant professor of chemistry, along with 140 colleagues from around the world, tackled arguably the greatest question in science—the origins of life on Earth—this spring at the Origins of Life Gordon Research Conference in Galveston, Texas. Over five intense days of intimate seminars, workshops and strategy sessions, Gaylor and colleagues immersed themselves in solving one of the grandest puzzles of all—How does chemistry become biology?

The Sioux Falls chapter of Women in Science held their annual Girls in Science event at Southeast Tech on this spring. **Pam Rowland**, instructor for College of Computing in computer science, was an invited presenter and talked about computer science and coding to 125 girls from eight different schools.

Dr. Ashley Podhradsky gave the keynote presentation at the spring Women in Science event held at Northern State University. The forum, sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), provides an opportunity for young women and girls to learn about career paths available in math and science. Podhradsky is assistant professor of information assurance and forensics in the College of Computing.



Rowland and Podhradsky

Podhradsky also served as the keynote speaker at the quarterly InfraGard meeting in Sioux Falls this spring. Her presentation gave an overview of her research and work conducting forensic investigations. InfraGard is a partnership between the FBI and the private sector.



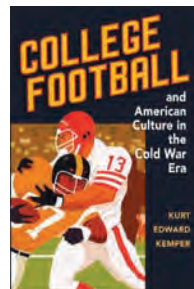
Streff

Dr. Kevin Streff, associate research professor of information assurance and chair of the cyber operations department in the College of Computing, was featured in a Feb. 1, 2016, *New York Times* article titled “Bank Tellers, With Access to Accounts, Pose a Rising Security Risk.”

Artwork from DSU professor and contemporary artist, **Alan Montgomery**, is included in a group exhibition with other artists from around the world in Matera, Italy. The exhibition is on display through January 2016.

Instructor **Angela Behrends** is one of four contributing artists of The Blood Run Artworks of the Big Sioux, which is opening the I Have The Honor To Report: Hiawatha Asylum Exhibit in Sioux Falls. The exhibit is a

visual representation of the dismal past of the Hiawatha Asylum for Insane Indians, a facility that operated in Canton, from 1902-1934.



Dr. Kurt Kemper, history professor, was recently featured in a *Los Angeles Times* article titled “Social media was the game-changer in Missouri football team revolt.” Kemper is also the author of *College Football and American Culture in the Cold War Era* and the forthcoming *Sports and Democracy: College Athletics Reform, Race, and the Birth of Modern College Basketball*.

The National Science Foundation recently featured DSU and College of Computing professor **Dr. Josh Pauli** in their article on CyberCorps®: Scholarship for Service. The article highlighted the university’s cybercorps program and how DSU faculty prepare students for their cyber security careers.

2016 Faculty Excellence award winners announced

Dr. Michael Gaylor - The Merrill D. Hunter Award for Excellence in Research. Gaylor is an assistant professor of chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences at DSU, where he oversees the entire Chemistry program, and is jointly responsible for the Physical Science program. Since joining DSU in 2012, Gaylor has amassed an impressive record of student-centered scholarship, with his research students co-authoring peer reviewed papers and research proposals, and presenting papers at regional and national conferences. His students presented an unprecedented six papers at both the 2016 South Dakota Academy of Science Meeting and DSU’s Research Day Symposium, and have consistently earned admission to competitive graduate and professional schools and summer research internship and post-baccalaureate research fellowship programs. One of his students was awarded a \$50,000 U.S. EPA National Undergraduate Fellowship in 2014, the first ever awarded in South Dakota. Gaylor published four first-author papers in top ranked scientific journals during his first two years here and is increasingly sought out by private, state and federal agencies to provide scientific consulting expertise in matters relating to the impacts of toxic chemicals on environmental and human health. He recently cofounded a biotech startup focused on discovery of new antibiotic therapies in microbes thriving in extreme toxic environments.

Michael Lynch - The Ernest M. Teagarden Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is an instructor of speech communication in the College of Arts and Sciences at DSU. He teaches a variety of courses in the communication discipline ranging from Fundamentals of Speech Communication to Symbolic Strategic Communication.

Michael is also a full time doctoral student at South Dakota State University, where he is pursuing a degree in sociology with a focus on the sociology of public policy. Prior to arriving at DSU in 2013, Michael worked in the marketing industry in the Philadelphia area and taught several classes as an adjunct professor. He also runs a private consultancy in Sioux Falls.

Sandra Champion – The DeWayne More Award for Excellence in Service. As Music Director at Dakota State University, Sandy directs the vocal and instrumental programs, and teaches Fine Arts Methods, Music Appreciation, and Digital Soundtrack Production. She also founded and directs Mad Music Summer Music Exploration for kids in Pre-K through 12th grades in Madison and surrounding areas. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Flute Performance from Arizona State University, and her Master's Degree in Flute Performance from the University of Southern California. Sandra has performed across the country as a classical and jazz flutist, vocalist, and singer/songwriter. Her performance credits include Soloist with the Phoenix Symphony, the Mesa Symphony, the Brevard Music Center Orchestra, and the Four Seasons Orchestra. She has also performed with the Lake Placid Sinfonetta, as well as having toured with the United States Air Force Air Education Training and Command Band. Sandy has written jingles for radio and scored music for educational productions.

Stephen Krebsbach - Alexander 'Sandy' Davidson Award for Excellence in Advising Professor Stephen Krebsbach joined DSU in the fall of 2000 and is a senior member of the computer science faculty. Dr. Krebsbach is the coordinator for the Masters of Applied Computer Science (MSASC) and teaches at both the graduate and undergraduate level. His areas include operating systems, programming languages and emerging database models. Dr. Krebsbach has been a Principle Investigator (PI) on both small and larger grants and has worked on local, state, and national projects in the area of science/technology research and development. He advises both undergraduate and graduate students in the Computer Science programs.



Left to Right: Lynch, Champion, Krebsbach, Gaylor

DSU team wins cyber defense competition

Dakota State University's student information security team won the North Central Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition during spring semester.

Members of the winning team are: Josh Klosterman, a junior Network and Security Administration major; Samuel Coome, a graduate student in Applied Computer Science; Dylan Johnson, a sophomore Cyber Operations major; Bradley Bullock, a sophomore Cyber Operations major; Michael Garippo, a freshman Cyber Operations major; Amanda Smeenck, a sophomore Network and Security Administration major; Adam Good, a freshman Computer Science and Mathematics for Information Systems major; and Jacob Williams, a sophomore Cyber Operations major.

The Dakota State team competed against six other schools in the North Central regional tournament held during DakotaCon in Madison. Student teams were tasked with protecting computer networks against the same type of real-world cyber threats that are infiltrating major retailers, corporations, social networks and financial institutions today. Students from more than 180 colleges and universities from across the country compete in various regional tournaments.

The regional title provided a spot for the DSU team in the 2016 National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, held in April in San Antonio, Texas. A team from the University of Central Florida won the national competition that included teams from 10 universities.

Fall phonathon in progress



Makaylee Fickes and Izzy Coyle are just two of the DSU students who will be calling alumni this fall during the annual phonathon. The phonathon raises money for various campus needs, including student scholarships.

DSU students collect 1,100 pounds of books

A group of Dakota State University elementary education students used spring break to travel to the Central American country of Belize as part of a service-learning project. The group had collected more than 1,100 pounds of gently used books, which were used to create a library in Victorious Nazarene Primary School in San Jose Succotz, Belize.

The idea of creating the libraries came about when Sue Filler, an adjunct professor in the College of Education, asked the Victorious Primary school, "What are your needs?" The answer focused on help with English scores on the students' national exams. In Belize, the students speak Spanish, Mayan or Creole at home, but in school and for business, English is the chosen language. Many of the children come to school knowing little to no English. In Filler's previous visits to the school, she saw how sparse the book selection for the Belize students was and also knew what an expanded selection of books would mean toward the goal of improving their English literacy scores.

Once in Belize, the DSU group created the library space at the school, from painting walls to setting up and organizing the books. The students also taught reading, writing, phonetics, math and science to the children at the Belize school. DSU faculty, including Dr. Crystal Pauli and Dr. Vicki Sterling, provided professional development instructional strategies to improve English literacy for Belize teachers.



42-year-old joins baseball team

The DSU baseball roster lists Jay Thaler, sophomore, Vermillion High School, undecided major. What the roster doesn't tell you is that Thaler is a 42 year old bank manager who was working part-time as an assistant coach for the Trojans baseball team when he got the call for help from head coach Scott Hortness.

Due to some late transfers, Hortness was in need of a catcher. Since Thaler had not played collegiate level sports when he first went to college 20 years ago, he had eligibility left. And a smart phone. So when Hortness sent a text asking him to step onto the team, Thaler had a moment to consider if the request was a joke before responding.

No joke. Through online courses, Thaler was able to register as a DSU student and play baseball as a freshman. He says he had nothing to prove by taking the catcher's position. He just wanted to help the team. Although many are half his age, Thaler has played with and against several DSU players during his time in the amateur baseball circuit in South Dakota.



Andenas, Wittmayer and Griffiths

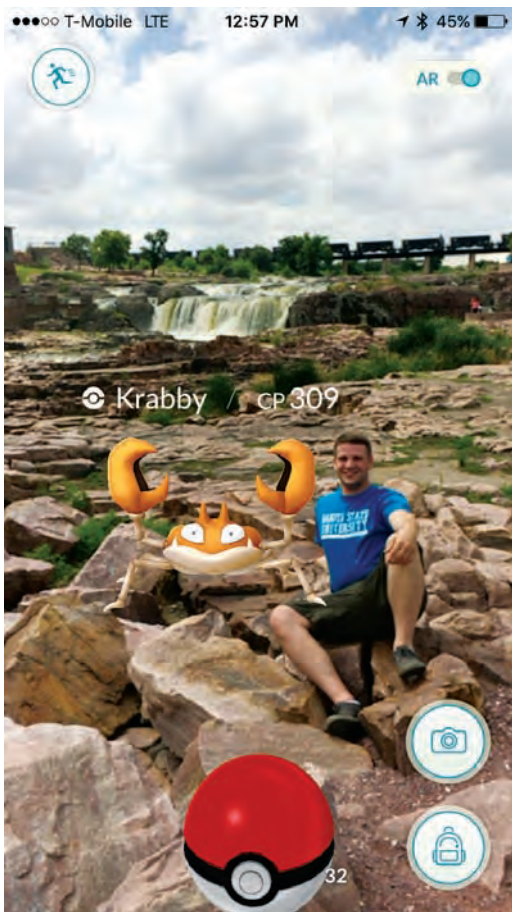
Wittmayer and Andenas 2016 Philanthropists of the Year

The Dakota State University Foundation recognized Cecelia Wittmayer and her husband, Norman Andenas, as 2016 Philanthropists of the Year during the annual DSU Gala in April.

Wittmayer retired from Dakota State in 2014 after serving as a member of the faculty and as the vice president for academic affairs. Andenas farms near Howard. Wittmayer and Andenas have made a series of generous donations to DSU, aiding students in financial need, and enriching the University's education and athletics programs. Most recently, she established the Dr. Cecelia Wittmayer Endowed Scholarship to support women majoring in business administration.

Established in 2006, the award acknowledges donors who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to the vision and values of the university by making significant personal contribution of time, talent, and resources to DSU.

Pokémon Go invades DSU

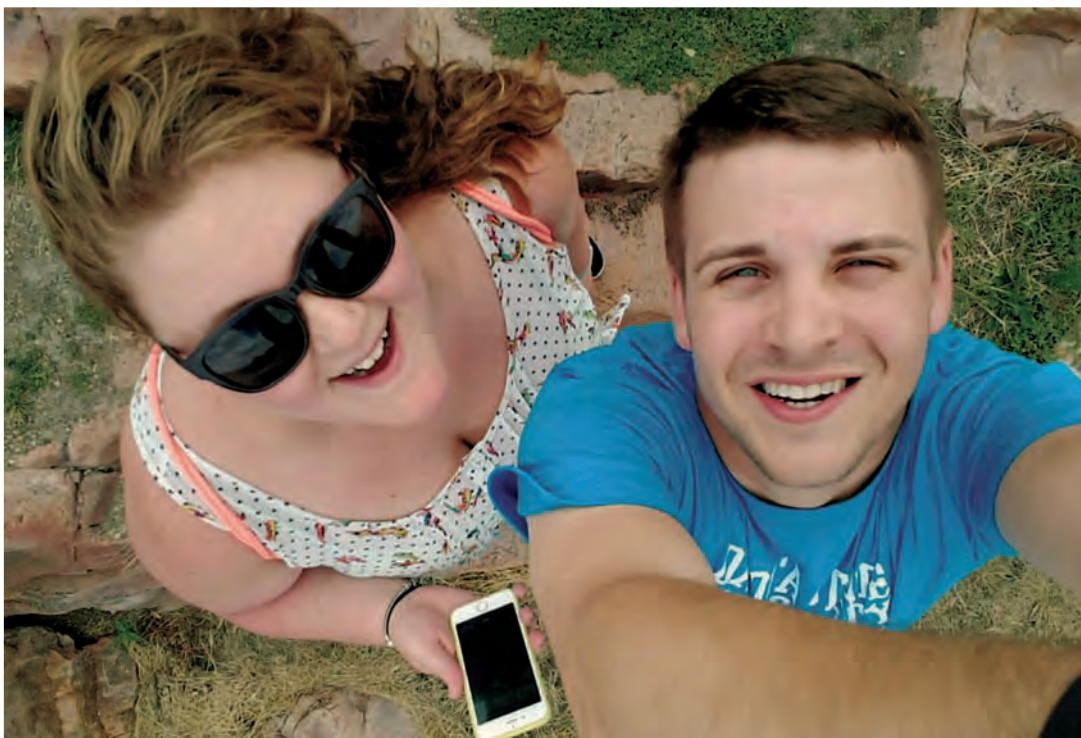


Twenty years ago, Pokémon was a simple offering from Nintendo, played by fifth-graders on their Gameboys.

Today, Pokémon Go is sweeping the gaming world. Players hunt for digital Pokémon on their smartphones, placed in their actually physical locations using GPS and an algorithm developed by Niantic Labs. The game requires physical exploration, hence the legions of players walking with their heads down, eyes glued to their smart phone screens, looking for the elusive creatures to pop into existence alongside real objects.

Players catch the creatures with an upward flick of the thumb. Catch enough of the same creature and you earn candy. Feed the candy to the creature, and it grows in power. Powerful creatures compete in digital gyms, located at real points of interest.

So what's the point of playing? Besides the lure of Pokémon world domination, the game requires players to get up and physically interact with their environments. (The fact that the interaction is done with one's head down is not lost on the game designers. The game load screen includes a reminder to players to remain aware of their surroundings while playing!) DSU residence hall directors Annie Donaldson and Bryce Nussbaum, (pictured below) both players themselves, intend to use the game this fall to encourage new freshman students to get outside and engage with one another.



Put these Alumni dates on your calendar!

September

- 10 Trojan football home opener vs St. Ambrose University 1 p.m.
- 15 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls
- 24 TROJAN DAYS
HOMECOMING – ALL DAY
CELEBRATING 135 YEARS
OF TEACHER EDUCATION

October

- 4 DSU Career Fair
- 20 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

November

- 17 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

December

- 10 Fall commencement
- 15 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

January 2017

- 19 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

February 2017

- 16 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

March 2017

- 16 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

April 2017

- 20 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

May 2017

- 6 Spring commencement/
Class of 1967 - 50 year
recognition
- 18 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

June 2017

- 15 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls

July 2017

- 20 Thirsty Third Thursdays in Sioux Falls



Kim Nelson, Matt Rodman, Charlie Bliss

Legends gather at Hall of Fame

Members of the 1977 Dakota State football team gathered at the Dakota State Athletics Hall of Fame banquet this summer. Team members Rick Rodman and Jim Janssen were inducted as individuals in the 2016 class; the team was inducted in 2007. The Trojans went undefeated during the 1977 season, claiming their fourth South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference title in five years.

Rodman passed away in 2001, but his family, including wife MaryAnn, son Matt, and daughters Carrie and Erin, along with Erin's husband, Adam Alexander, traveled from Massachusetts to South Dakota to accept his award. Former coaches Al Weisbecker and John Walsh attended, along with players Joe Arthur, Charlie Bliss, Tim Butler, Carlos Cornay, Les Gonsor, Del Meinen, Mark Merrigan, Kim Mebius, Kim Nelson, Russ Schwartz, and Lee Threadgold.

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Alumna donates Women's Athletic Association jacket

Irma Martin, '41 (diploma), '67 (BSED), donated her Women's Athletic Association (WAA) letter coat to the Alumni Association. Irma came to Eastern under the National Youth Association program, part of President Roosevelt's New Deal, that provided jobs to youth to help them pay for college tuition. She received her teaching diploma in 1941 and served in rural schools in the Madison area. Irma is now a resident of Bethel Home in Madison.

The WAA was started in 1924 and sponsored sports for women including hockey, hiking, tumbling, dancing, volleyball, baseball, basketball, tennis, and track. Later volleyball and soccer were added to the available intercollegiate sports. To earn a letter jacket, the women had to have 15 hours of practice in one of the sports and pass a test. They also had to have at least a "C" average and hold an office in a campus organization. Irma participated in softball, basketball, and soccer as a student and earned her jacket in 1941.

If you have memorabilia from your time at Dakota State (Eastern, General Beadle) please consider donating it to the DSU Alumni Office or the DSU Archives. Contact Jona Schmidt, Alumni Director at jona.schmidt@dsu.edu 605-256-5857 for more information.



DSU group visits Cuba

Professor Deb Tech led a group of Dakota State alumni and friends to Cuba in May. The five-day visit included stops at Revolutionary Square in Havana, a walking tour of Old Havana including Plaza Vieja, a historic square dating from the 16th century, and a trip to a cigar factory. The group visited writer Ernest Hemingway's home. They also spent one night in Trinidad with Cuban families, getting a real feel of the local culture. Their final stop was back in Havana at the Che monument and the Armored train.

Traveler Marie Johnson had this to say of the trip, "It was a wonderful experience, and an opportunity to see a different way of life and culture. The people were friendly and patient with our limited Spanish." Her favorite part was the opportunity to stay with a family in Trinidad. "The couple that ran the hostel were wonderful and charming. They told us we were familia."



The General Beadle State College Class of 1966 was recognized at Spring Commencement with diplomas in honor of the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

Attendees included front: Carole Fastnacht Hurley (Yankton); Kitty Bondesen Andersen (Hurley); Sandy Moose (Jasper, MN); Beryl Braford Bossman (Brandon); Tom Warren (Alexandria, MN); Dennis Ishol (Sioux Falls); Carol Siemonsma Carpenter (Fallbrook, CA); Karen Schoffelman Groeneveld (Chancellor). Back: James George (Allentown, PA); Odean Dickerson (Madison); Dennis Bossman (Brandon); Jim Nelson (Sioux Falls); Jay Larson (Mitchell); Dale Schmidt (Sioux Falls).

The Class of 1967 will be honored at Spring Commencement, May 6, 2017.

Bricks provide a legacy

One of Dakota State's continuing fundraising campaigns is the issuing of commemorative bricks. Recently, Gina Peak (above center) and her children Adam and Erin placed a brick in the Walk of Honor in memory of David Peak, long-time DSU faculty member who passed away in October, 2015.

Purchase your brick by contacting Jill Ruhd at jill.ruhd@dsu.edu or 605-256-5650. Along with the brick placed

permanently into the Walk of Honor, donors will receive a commemorative replica to display at home or your office. Proceeds from the brick are directed to Dakota State's annual fund.



Class of 2016 Inducted into Dakota State Athletic Hall of Fame

Five individuals and a team are the newest members of the Dakota State University Athletic Hall of Fame. The new class was inducted during a campus ceremony June 4.

Dr. Kathie Courtney was an instructor of health, physical education, and recreation at Dakota State College from 1976 through 1988. She was one of the first certified female athletic trainers in the nation, and the first in the state of South Dakota. Courtney was instrumental in the development of the athletic training profession through her involvement in the South Dakota Athletic Trainers Association (SDATA). She served in every office of the SDATA, as well as on district and national committees. She was instrumental in developing training facilities accessible to both men and women during her time at DSU, and forged a relationship with Orthopedic Institute in Sioux Falls that remains today. Courtney retired from Northern State University in 2012.

James Janssen dominated the field as a running back for Dakota State during the 1970's, setting records that remain intact today. Janssen started his athletic career at Dakota State playing basketball for Ed Harter and Cliff Anderson. He joined the Trojan football team as a junior, and was part of the 1977 DSC team that completed a 10-0 season, winning its fourth South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference title in five years. He earned NAIA All-American Second Team and SDIC All-Conference honors in 1978, the same year he rushed for 46 times in a single game, tying the school record for most attempts. Janssen also holds the school record for most rushing yards in a single game, 294. He finished the 1978 season with a record 1,370 rushing yards. Janssen graduated from DSU in 1980 and made a career working for the city of Watertown. He retired in

2015. He and his wife Debbie have six grown children and 13 grandchildren.

Steve Kueter was a member of the 1973 SDIC champion Dakota State football team. An injury ended his on-field career, but started him on a career path as a coach. Kueter spent one year in Webster, then took a job at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls. He became the Knights' head football coach in 1983, and compiled a record of 292 wins, 92 losses, and 1 tie, making him the winningest high school football coach in South Dakota history. He is a member of both the South Dakota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the South Dakota Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Along with numerous state awards, he has been nominated twice for National High School Coach of the Year. His Knights teams have appeared in 14 state championship games, made a record 24 semifinal appearances, and had undefeated seasons in 2004 and 2005. Kueter's teams won seven state championships, and were runners up seven times. He retired from coaching at O'Gorman in 2015, but remains the athletic director. He and wife, Gloriann, have three grown children.

Rick Rodman was a member of the undefeated 1977 Dakota State football squad, the most dominant defensive team in the school's history. Rodman was a nose guard, leading the Trojans' defense that held its opponents to just 42 points for the entire season. Rodman was the unanimous choice for the All-SDIC Defensive honors that season, and he was named to NAIA All-District 12 and NAIA Division II All-American Second Team. On the field, Rodman collected 136 tackles – 44 solo and 92 assists – and led the team in fumble recoveries. Following college,



Front: Steve Kueter, MaryAnn Rodman, Kathie Courtney, Wayne Stowell, Jim Janssen
Back: Owen Reitzel, Tony Simons, Mark Merrigna, , Bruce Beyer, Wade Merry

Rodman became a member of the 1981 Middleboro Cobras Eastern Football League championship team. Rodman was a health education teacher at Plymouth Community Intermediate School. He also served as an assistant coach at Whitman-Hanson High School in Massachusetts, where his teams captured 14 league titles, appeared in seven state championships, and won three state championships. Rodman passed away in 2001. His family, including wife Maryann, and children Carrie, Matthew, and Erin accepted the award in his honor.

Wayne Stowell was a four-year letterman and three-year starter, recruited by Coach Lee Moran to build what would become a nationally ranked football program at Dakota State. Stowell was the starting defensive end for the 1971 Boot Hill Bowl team. The Trojans won the game, and ended the season ranked no. 12 in the NAIA. Stowell's prowess on the field during his junior year earned him SDIC First Team All-Conference and NAIA Honorable Mention All-District 12 recognition. As a senior in 1973, Stowell led the team to its first SDIC football title, and he repeated as First Team All-SDIC, and was selected to the NAIA All-District 12 First Team. Stowell was previously inducted into the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1971 Boot Hill Bowl Team and the 1973 Trojan football team. Originally from Spirit Lake, Iowa, Stowell lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he worked in sales and coached football and track. He and his wife, Allison, have two grown children and one grandchild.

The 1977 Dakota State Men's Tennis Team and Coach George Blankley were inducted in recognition

of their record-setting season. The team took the SDIC tournament title, tallying 63 points without losing a single match. Members included Bruce Beyer, Mark Merrigan, Roger Mesteth, Wade Merry, Owen Reitzel, Tony Simmons, and Kelly Sullivan. Simons captured the singles title, with Sullivan in second, Beyer in third, and Merrigan in fourth. Simons and Beyer took the doubles championship, and Sullivan and Merrigan took second. For the season, the team compiled a 10-2 record. Beyer, Merrigan, Simons, and Sullivan each earned All-SDIC honors.

Beyer, Merrigan, Merry, Reitzel, and Simons attended the ceremony. **Beyer** was inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with the Outer Limits Band in 2013. **Merrigan** has been a teacher and coach in Hurley, Doland, Wakonda, and Deuel school districts. He and his wife have five grown children. **Merry** is the executive director of the South Dakota Golf Association. Prior to that, he was a sports writer and editor for the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader*. His wife passed away in July of pancreatic cancer. They have two grown children. **Reitzel** works as a sports reporter for the *Mitchell Daily Republic* and for the Davison County Department of Equalization. He and his wife, Lori, have three children. **Simons** was an educator in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Minnesota for 35 years. He is currently the executive director of PACT Charter School in Ramsey, Minn.

Coach **Blankley** lives in Madison. He taught physical education at Dakota State from 1962-1984 and was head football coach from 1962-1967.

1945 Homecoming Football Team

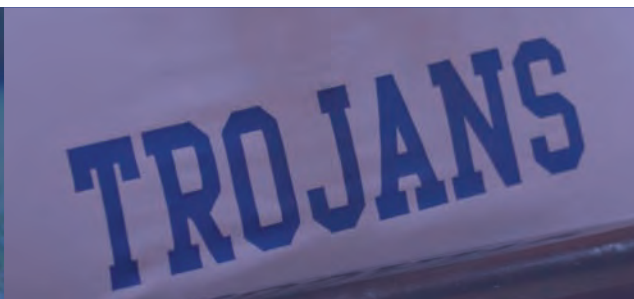
The year is 1945, World War II is officially over with the signing of a peace treaty with Japan, and the United States is getting back to normal following years of austerity. After a three-year hiatus, plans are underway for a homecoming celebration at Eastern State Teachers College in Madison. With only three men enrolled as students in fall 1945, the traditional football game is in danger of cancelation for another year, when a group of Eastern co-eds get together and decide to put it on themselves.

There were two groups of women at Eastern at the time; those who lived in their homes in Madison while attending classes (Townies), and those who came from surrounding towns and lived in dorms (Dormies). The women formed two teams, Townies versus Dormies, and readied to play the big game.

The game was played on Oct. 20, 1945, with about 100 spectators in attendance. Leota Van Ornum, Eastern's physical education teacher, served as coach for both teams. Professor A.E. Swan, the librarian, served as referee. The game was scoreless until the final minute when each team managed to cross into the end zone for a touchdown and subsequent extra point. Later reports said spectators were amused by the players, who used halftime to reapply their makeup.



Team member **LAUREL CALDWELL DENNY, '46 (EDUCATION)**, recently stopped by campus with her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren and stopped in the DSU Bookstore where she had some fun posing for pictures.



DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

- Head Coach Josh Anderson.
- Overall record 6-5.
- Tied for second place in North Star Athletic Association.
- Ben Tullos named NAIA Football Defensive Player of the Week, American Football Coaches Association/NAIA Football All America First Team Linebacker.
- Tullos one of 22 NAIA Football players selected to the Cliff Harris Small College Defensive Player of the Year.
- Tullos, Bobby Tisch, Jason Grady, Cole Potter named NSAA Football First Team All-Conference.
- Jeremy Christner, Robert Johnson, Austin Opdahl, Steven Gram, Greg Rodriguez, Bronson Arguello and Daveon Banks named Second Team All-Conference.
- Grady, Kullos, and Cooper Houseman received Daktronics-NAIA Football Scholar-Athlete recognition.
- Grady and Kullos named to College of Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American College Division First Team.

VOLLEYBALL

- Head Coach Amy Veenhof.
- Overall record 20-14.
- Third place in North Star Athletic Association.
- Carly Rozell named to NSAA Volleyball First Team All-Conference and named DSU's Most Outstanding Female Athlete .
- Tessa Weeldreyer named NSAA Volleyball Second Team All-Conference.
- Kirstin Johnson, Kylie Martin, Allison Thielsen, and Kaylee Vander Wal received Daktronics-NAIA Volleyball Scholar Athlete recognition.
- Johnson named to the College of Sports Information Directors of American Academic All-American College Division Second Team.

CROSS COUNTRY

- Head Coach Anthony Drealan.
- Trojan men finish fifth in conference championship, women sixth.
- Karen Mayfield named NSAA Cross country All-Conference.
- Victoria Sopko and Michael Carson received Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete recognition.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Head Coach Jeff Dittman.
- Overall record 14-16.
- Fifth place in North Star Athletic Association.
- BreeAna Olson named NSAA Women's Basketball All-Conference Second Team.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Head Coach Gary Garner.
- Overall record 19-14.
- North Star Athletic Association Conference Champion and qualifier for the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament.
- Kyle Kilgore selected as the NSAA Conference Most Valuable Player and Newcomer Player-of-the-Year. He was also named to the NSAA All-Conference First Team.
- Tanner Heiser named NSAA All-Conference Second Team.
- Head Coach Gary Garner named Conference Coach of the Year for the third time.



2015-16 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

SOFTBALL

- Head Coach Steve Kissel.
- Overall record 8-30.
- Eighth place in North Star Athletic Association.
- Elizabeth Rubalcava named NSAA Softball First Team All-Conference.
- Audrey Kosman named NSAA Softball All-Conference Second Team Utility.
- Linnie Angle and Harley Lindell received Daktronics-NAIA Softball Scholar-Athlete recognition.

BASEBALL

- Head Coach Scott Hortness.
- Overall record 20-27.
- Third place in North Star Athletic Association.
- Ian Barker named NAIA Baseball National Player of the Week.
- Jake Harris named NSAA Baseball All-Conference First Team.
- Ian Barker and Jordan Hofer named NSAA Baseball All-Conference Second Team.
- Jacob Arlt and Tony Ponica named NSAA Baseball All-Conference Honorable Mention.

TRACK AND FIELD

- Head Coach Anthony Drealan.
- North Star Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Individual Conference Champions included Austin Opdahl for the high jump and Seth Boomsma for 60-meter dash and 200-meter dash.
- Opdahl, Boomsma, Spencer Carlson, Ashley Currey, Lauren Sokolowski, Kelsey Lee, Claudio Tejada, Corey Hermann, Caleb Hamphill, and Taylor Hauge earned All-Conference honors.
- Boomsma qualified for the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships, placing seventh in the 60-meter dash.
- Sokolowski qualified for the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships, placing 20th in the 60-meter hurdles.
- Ten Trojans named to NSAA Indoor Track & Field All-Conference (placing in the top eight for individual events or top two teams in the relay events). Opdahl, Boomsma, Spencer Carlson, Ashley Currey, Lauren Sokolowski, Kelsey Lee, Claudio Tejada, Corey Hermann, Caleb Hemphill and Taylor Hauge earned All-Conference honors.
- Opdahl won the men's high jump at the North Star Athletic Association Outdoor Track & Field Championship meet. Sokolowski won the women's 100-meter.
- Michael Carson, Carlson, Currey, Hermann, Martin, Karen Mayfield, BreeAna Olson, Opdahl, Sokolowski, Jared Sutton, Tejada and Jared Truman captured NSAA Outdoor Track & Field All-Conference honors.
- Five DSU athletes competed at the NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala. during Memorial Day weekend.
- Marathon runner Karen Mayfield earned NAIA Outdoor Track and Field All-American honors.
- In his senior year, Boomsma earned his sixth overall NAIA All-American honor and his third NAIA Outdoor Track and Field All-American recognition.
- Carson, Currey, Andrew Gross, Martin and Victoria Sopko received Daktronics-NAIA Softball Scholar-Athlete recognition.



CLASS NOTES

The following are class notes submitted to the DSU Office of Alumni Relations, or are taken from press releases. E-mail your news to jona.schmidt@dsu.edu

1950s

JANICE LOSINGER-BINGER, '56 (EDUCATION), and her husband live in Aberdeen and spend their winters in Mesa, AZ.



1970s



SUSAN BULFER KOCH, '72, (EDUCATION), was awarded a Doctor of Public Service degree at spring 2016 commencement. She also served as the keynote speaker. After graduating from DSU with honors, Susan went on to earn graduate degrees in Community Health and Education from the University of Northern Iowa. She is currently the chancellor of University Illinois – Springfield. Under her leadership, UIS has experienced significant enrollment increases, growth in NCAA Division II Athletics, and development of new academic programs in Data Analytics, Information Systems Security, Athletic Training, Biochemistry and Nursing. Koch has led the successful completion of the Brilliant Futures Campaign, surpassing its \$28 million fund-raising goal for scholarships and university initiatives. She and her advancement team have raised more than \$5 million for a new student union currently under construction.

In addition to leading UIS as chancellor, Koch also serves as a vice president of the University of Illinois, assisting the president and Board of Trustees in guiding operations of the University of Illinois system that serves more than 80,000 students and includes 25,000 employees. Before her appointment at the University of Illinois, Koch was provost at Northern Michigan University, associate provost and graduate dean at the University of Northern Iowa, and a professor at UNI.

Susan's father William Bulfer, was a faculty member, coach and administrator at DSU for more than 30 years. Koch and her husband, **DENNIS KOCH, '69, (EDUCATION)**, are the parents of four children and the grandparents of nine. The Kochs raise and show purebred Angus cattle.

WARREN 'TINY' SPORER, '72, (EDUCATION), was inducted into the T.F. Riggs Hall of Fame in 2015 for his years of dedication to the youth wrestling program in Pierre. While a student at General Beadle, Tiny was a member of the wrestling squad and played football. After graduating he took a job in Isabel, coaching basketball and football. The Isabel School District did not offer wrestling, and turned down Sporer's offer to start a program, so he moved to Pierre and took a job with the city. A short

time later he began the youth program at the Pierre Boys and Girls Club, which blossomed into the AAU staple that provided the Pierre Governor's wrestling program with a steady influx of talent. He also established the youth program at the Pierre Indian Learning Center and was program coordinator for two decades before retiring in 2005. Tiny lives in Pierre.

KEITH THOMAS, '73, (EDUCATION), was named Most Valuable Player in the 2015 Roy Hobbs World Series-Age 60+ division. He played for the San Antonio Texans. Keith played baseball for Dakota State.

ANNE HAROLDSON, '74, (EDUCATION), was named Sioux Valley School District's Teacher of the Year for 2015-16. She has been with SVSD for 12 years as a special education teacher.

HUGH BARTEL, '75, (BUSINESS) has been in banking for 34 years, the past 19 as president of Reliabank in Watertown. He is a former Watertown School Board member and past chairman of the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce.

1980s

RANDY REHLING, '80, (BUSINESS) is a consumer credit counselor at Lutheran Social Services in Sioux Falls and was recently certified in student loan counseling through the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

GAIL ANDERSEN '81 (MEDICAL RECORDS) and husband Craig were named 2016 South Dakota Master Pork Producers by the South Dakota Pork Producers Council. Gail works part-time at a day care in Centerville as their business manager and provider, and she also does the book work for the farm.

SEAN BADE, '83, (EDUCATION), is part of the management team at TC's REFEREE Sports Bar in Sioux Falls. He is married and has a 12-year-old daughter.

PAT RICHARDSON, '85 (EDUCATION), works as a librarian at Madison Public Library. Her husband **CHARLIE, '73, (EDUCATION)**, is retired and working part time at Super Wash in Madison.

JOEY STRUWE '86, (EDUCATION) was named honorary referee for the 2016 Pat Gilligan Alumni track meet in Estelline. He was honored for his 25 years of service to the Estelline School District. He is currently with the Harrisburg School District.

MARIBETH SCHNEIDER, '86, (HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT), received a fellowship award from the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) for significant and sustained contributions to the advancement of the Health Information Management profession. She is the Health Information Technology program director at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, IA, a position she has held since 1998.

1990's

BRAD, '91, (BUSINESS), AND KRISTI, '83 (EDUCATION) NELSON, live in Sioux Falls. Brad is a realtor with Keller and Williams. Kristi is an elementary principal

with the Tea School District. She is also an independent consultant for Rodan + Fields, a premium skincare brand.

DR. JOEY PAGE, '96, (EDUCATION), principal of Richfield S.T.E.M. Elementary School and a member of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA), was one of three finalists for Minnesota 2016 National Distinguished Principal (NDP). The National Distinguished Principals (NDP) program was established in 1984 to recognize elementary and middle level principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities.

BRAD DE BEER, '97, (EDUCATION), is a member of the 2015 Michael J Entringer Scholarship Classic Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his many years of involvement with the classic as a coach, volunteer, and broadcaster. Brad is an on-air personality with Brookings Radio. His wife **RACHEL (LENGKEEK), '97, (EDUCATION)**, is a teacher at Deubrook Area School.



2000s

RACHEL HAIGH-BLUME '00, (RESPIRATORY CARE), is the education director for the South Dakota Farmers Union. Prior to this position, Rachel was the Executive Director of Northeast S.D. Area Health Education Center. Her new job will involve

programming developed to enrich the lives of rural South Dakotans of all ages. Rachel and her husband Brian live on a farm in Tulare.

DAN IVERSON, '04, (COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS), and wife Kallie's son Andrew Daniel Iverson, was born October 7, 2015.

DAVID O'HARA, '04, (ACCOUNTING) is an ag relationship manager at U.S. Bank in Sioux Falls, and one of nine employees to earn the company's third quarter Pinnacle Award, which recognizes the top 20 percent of performing employees nationwide.

KYLE HERGES '04, (COMPUTER GRAPHIC DESIGN), has written a children's book, *Alzheimer's Disease: The Memory Thief*, to help raise awareness for Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's became personal for Herges when his

grandfather was diagnosed with the disease at age 68 and died 10 years later.

More recently, his mother was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 58. Herges was struggling with a way to tell his three children what was happening to their grandmother, when he lit on the idea of a book. He says the book is designed to spawn questions children may have, especially surrounding the subject of death.

Alzheimer's is the 6th leading killer in the United States, ahead of breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. There is no cure, no treatment, and no slowing of the disease. The Alzheimer's Association is working toward a solution, and counts on fundraising to further their research. A portion of the proceeds from Herges's book will help fund research for a cure.

Herges is a professor of digital media and design at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. He also owns and operates his own design and consulting business under the brand kh designs. For more on the book and to order visit <http://memorythiefbook.com/>

TOMMY HOFER, '05, (EXERCISE SCIENCE), opened Koko FitClub in Sioux Falls with co-franchise owners Jessica Schaap and Amber Bartmann. Koko has 130 locations nationwide. The gym is open 24 hours, with patented smart training technology, or personal coaching with master fit coaches.

BRIANNA NEUTZ ROUTIER, '05, (MARKETING), recently celebrated her 10 year anniversary as office manager at Randy Schaefer's State Farm Insurance agency. She has been married 9 years and has a 7-year-old daughter.

ROBIN PAIGE ASPINWALL, '05, (COMPUTER GRAPHIC DESIGN, MULTIMEDIA/WEB DEVELOPMENT), is the assistant director of marketing operations at Georgia Southern University. She is also the director for Feed the Boro, which provides food for over 3,000 less fortunate people on Thanksgiving. The group raises money each year to use for the annual food distribution. Robin is also on the board of the local Boys and Girls Club, and is a campaign manager for United Way. She is also a member of the Lions Club. Robin was named one of Statesboro's Top 20 under 40 in 2014.

SCOTT HEADRICK, '05 (EDUCATION), '09, (MS - EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY), was honored as 2016 Teacher of the Year for the Dell Rapids School District. Headrick teaches computer and business math at Dell Rapids Middle School. He also coaches the seventh- and eighth-grade football team and throwing events for the high school track and field team. Headrick competed as a thrower for the Trojans. His personal-best throw in the shot put was 49 feet, 2 inches. He was a national qualifier in the event for the outdoor season in 2003 and indoor in 2005.



Back Left: Kyle, Tom Herges (dad), Peg Herges (mom), Conner Odens, Erin Odens (sister), Chad Odens
Left Front: **ASHLEY EHLKE HERGES, '04 (EDUCATION)**, Kinsley Herges, Kapri Herges, Karsten Herges, Colton Odens, Kailin Odens, Kade Odens

IAN MCKEITHEN, '07, (MANAGEMENT), is the head men's basketball coach at Doane University in Crete, NE. He was previously the head coach for Benedictine University in Springfield, IL., and an assistant at Iowa Wesleyan College. He also served as a basketball operations intern for the Minnesota Timberwolves from 2007-08. McKeithen finished his master's degree in teaching at Augustana College and is currently working towards his Ph.D. in athletic administration. He is originally from Escondido, California. He is married to **JINA LEMBCKE MCKEITHEN, '14, (AS - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT)**. Jina is vice president of operations at East River Federal Credit Union in Madison.

MEGAN BUSHFIELD RILEY, '07, (COMPUTER GRAPHIC DESIGN), and husband Lyle welcomed Rowyn Marguerite Riley born March 7, 2016, in Altus Oklahoma. Siblings Kori, Robert, and Reagan welcomed her. Megan is a graphic and website designer at Limelight Marketing Systems, while Lyle is a Master Sergeant in the US Air Force.



MAT, '07, (EDUCATION), '08 (MS - EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY) and **WENDY LARABEE, '06, (EDUCATION), NELSON**, recently welcomed their third child, Lincoln. They have a son Titan, 5, and daughter Maddy, 3. Mat is Principal and Technology Director for Buffalo Hanover Montrose Schools in Buffalo, Minnesota. Wendy teaches 4th grade at Montrose Elementary within the BHM district.

MIKE VETTER, '08, (E-COMMERCE AND COMPUTER SECURITY), is president and CTO of DataSync, (datasyncsolutions.com), a software advisory and engineering firm. Mike recently joined the board of ZEAL, an organization founded in 2004 by Forward Sioux Falls. ZEAL provides support and collaboration space for small businesses in the metro area.

DESIRAE EHLERS, '10, (RESPIRATORY CARE), became a member of the International Association of Healthcare Professionals with her publication in the Worldwide

Leaders in Healthcare. Desirae is a registered respiratory therapist and further certified in psychiatric supportive treatment and pediatric advanced life support, and advanced cardiac life support. She lives in Fairbanks, AK.

MIKE LARSEN, '12 (MS - EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY). Originally from Utah, Mike earned a scholarship to play basketball at Northwest Missouri State University where he earned an undergraduate degree in corporate recreation. He came to Madison to pursue a graduate degree, and was able to play his final year of basketball for the Trojans. He transitioned into an assistant coaching role after graduation, and is now in his third season as the head assistant coach for the Trojans. Mike's wife Katie works at DSU and they live in Madison with daughter Natalie.

LEXY SATTLER, '12 (MARKETING), is the public relations and marketing manager for Horizon Health Care. Her office is located in Howard, but Horizon employs over 250 professional staff and medical providers in 19 communities across the state of South Dakota. Prior to moving to Horizon, Lexy was the scholarship coordinator for the Office of Advancement at DSU.



MICHAEL TOMASURA, '13, (D.SC - INFORMATION SYSTEMS), is an SQL data analyst at Harper Collins Publishers. He lives in Pennsylvania.

The South Dakota High School Cross Country, Track and Field Association has named its area coaches of the year. Among the honorees are the following DSU alumni:

BOB BENNETT, '77 (EDUCATION), Class A, Area 2, Garretson, head coach of the year

MIKE O'CONNEL, '91 (EDUCATION), Class B, Area 2, Chester, assistant coach of the year

TROY STURGEON, '91 (EDUCATION), Class AA Girls, East Area, Brandon Valley, head coach of the year



Pictured are Swope's students Ethan, Alice, Davina (Swope's Tibetan teaching assistant), and Eddie. Ethan is a high school senior while Alice and Eddie are high school freshmen.

ALAN SWOPE, '85, (ACCOUNTING), pictured below, has been teaching in China since 2014. Swope traveled to Chongqing in 2012 for an entrepreneurial course, and did a summer camp in the same region in 2013. His current assignment is at Changping, near Beihjing at a transitional school. Students here study to attend either a high school or university in the United States. He teaches the students grammar and writing, science, and pre-algebra. All classes are designed to build the students' English vocabulary.



IN MEMORIAM

We learned of DSU alumni passing over the last year.

1930s

'35, HAZELLE M. LITTLE, age 98
'36, LETA F. TRUSTY, age 99
'37, ERMA M. STEWART
'38, PERYL E. BECKMAN, age 96
'39, NORMAN L. OLSON, age 95
'39, LA VERNA B. BESTE, age 96
'39, JOSEPHINE E. SODERBERG, age 100
'39, ANNA M. COLLINS, age 96
Attended '39, PHYLLIS E. CHRISTIAN,
age 94

1940s

'40, ERMA M. HOLZWARTH, age 100
'40, SIDNEY G. BROWN, age 95
'40, EILEEN J. SIMPSON, age 95
'40, BETTY V. CASLER, age 94
'41, MILDRED M. ACHESON, age 96
'41, RUTH E. HUNTINGTON, age 94
'41, CHARLOTTE L. JACOBSON, age 93
'41, BARBARA A. BEHREND, age 92
'41, ONA MAE HOISINGTON, age 92
'41, DELICE A. GLEYSSTEEN, age 93
'41, MARY KAY COUGHLIN, age 93
'41, MARY TRELOAR, age 93
'41, BERNICE ZEECK, age 94
'42, HARRIET K. ANDERSON, age 95
'42, BEATRICE SORENSON, age 92
'42, BEULAH A. VAN BOCKERN
'42, HAZEL C. TEOT, age 95
'42, DORIS H. MOOSE, age 93
'42, CLAIRE G. CRAFT, age 92
'43, PATRICIA M. FARGEN, age 92
'43, BETTY EBERSVILLER, age 93
'44, DOLORES BURGGRAFF, age 91
'44, BETTY J. WILSON, age 91
'44, LEONA E. HEXEUM, age 92
'44, LOREEN V. KNUDSON, age 90
'44, EDWINA M. TALBOTT, age 91
'45, CATHERINE MAE TIESZEN, age 89
'46, ARDIS R. JENSEN, age 91
'46, JOYCE SCHLACK, age 91
'46, JOYCE V. EVANS, age 88
Attended '47, BEVERLY MAXINE
ERICKSON, age 88
'48, PHYLLIS I. FRAGER, age 87
Attended '48, PHYLLIS ELAINE BOYD,
age 85
Attended '48, MARCELLA ANN
KEATING, age 85
Attended '48, JOHN DUANE COLBURN,
age 90
Attended '49, PETER J. HOIDAL, age 86

1950s

'50, ROGER NORD, age 84
'50, ANASTASIA B. GEBHART, age 83

'50, DELORES E. NELSON, age 84
Attended '50, MARGARET M. DICK,
age 88
Attended '51, ESTHER L. SISSON,
age 89
Attended '51, ED P. TYC, age 91
'51, DOROTHY A. KETCHAM, age 85
'51, CHARLES J. KVETON, age 87
'51, KATHRYN L. KRIENS, age 87
'51, EDITH F. OLSON, age 92
'52, KATHLEEN DRYWA, age 82
'53, MARGARET L. SETEN, age 92
'54, MARILYN F. THOMAS, age 84
'54, DELORIS A. DUGDALE, age 81
'56, REDA RAE DOSSETT, age 80
'56, ROSELYN PROUTY, age 77
'58, CAROL L. WALZ, age 76
'58, VERLYNN L'VONNE ANDERSON,
age 92
'58, BURDELL LUND, age 81
'59, JANIS SUNDBERG
'59, MAE DELLA DILLY, age 90

1960s

'60, ALMA L. VANGSNES, age 93
'60, DONALD P. LUNDE, age 75
'60, RICHARD SORFONDEN, age 79
'60, LEROY E. TWOMBLEY, age 82
'61, DALE CARLSON, age 76
'62, ELIZABETH F. VITTITOE, age 85
'63, CHARLES E. TRUE, age 75
'64, EUGENE A. WHEALY, age 73
Attended '65, GRANT L. ANDERSON,
age 70
'65, DONALD D. MILLER, age 72
'65, ESTHER HENDRY, age 93
'65, VERINA R. NELSON
'66, RODNEY PIERSON, age 72
'67, ELIZABETH DARR, age 69
'67, MYRON NELSON, age 72
'68, EILEEN NEPRUD, age 93
'69, DIANNE F. DOUGHERTY, age 68
'69, EARL R. WILMARTH
'69, JUDY L. BROWN
'69, STANLEY A. HYDE
'69, TERRY C. MIDDLEN, age 69

1970s

'70, CATHERINE I. GRELL, age 66
'70, LEEANN C. ROTH, age 67
'70, INEZ R. HAAN, age 79
'70, PATRICIA O'LOUGHLIN, age 74
'71, JUDITH N. BICKETT, age 96
'71, LEA J. MORAN, age 68
'71, JOHN WHITETHORN, age 66
'72, THOMAS J. SIEVERDING, age 67
'72, IRMA R. PETERSON, age 83
'72, HELEN L. GJERE, age 89

'73, CYNTHIA K. LEMBCKE, age 65
'74, MICHAEL E. VONDERHAAR,
age 68
'74, ROBERT ZUEL, age 66
'75, WILLIAM A. CUDDY, age 64
'75, DALE O. ROBINSON, age 67
'77, DAN W. MILLARD, age 67
'78, ALLAN E. ALEXANDER, age 71

1980s

'81, KRAIG P. KREHBIEL, age 56
'84, TAMARA T. HIGGINS, age 55
'85, GARRY D. BERNDT, age 53
'87, ROGER JACKSON, age 54
'88, CATHLEEN A. PARDY, age 49
'89, MARLIN R. HARMS, age 63

1990s

'90, DONALD L. WILLIAMS, age 57
'93, JAMES C. ENGA, age 77

'66, GARY C. MUNSON, age 72.
Gary played basketball at General Beadle for three years under Coach Ed Harter. After graduation, Gary taught in Marion for three years, then moved to Mitchell. He took over as varsity boys basketball coach in 1973. Munson coached basketball for 47 years, 39 of those in Mitchell. During his tenure, the Kernels earned 12 combined state championships; nine boys' state titles, and three girls' state titles. He tallied 902 career varsity boys' and girls' wins. In 1985, his boys' team completed a perfect 23-0 season, and in 1996 and 1997 he coached future NBA player Mike Miller, earning state titles both years. He was inducted into the Dakota State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.





ROBERT CASELLI, '51 (EDUCATION), DSU President José-Marie Griffiths, and GORDON LEBOUTILLIER, '51, (EDUCATION) meet at an alumni gathering hosted by the Sanford Research Center in Sioux Falls.

DSU President Dr. José-Marie Griffiths (left) and DSU Foundation Chair FLOYD RUMMEL, '03 (FINANCE) (right) meet with South Dakota Secretary of State SHANTEL KREBS, '98 (BUSINESS) in her office in the state capitol in Pierre.



A group of DSU women's basketball alumni golfed during the Judy Dittman/ Buzz Stevenson Golf Tournament. Picture from left to right: SHELIA PETERSON, '00 (EDUCATION), SHAYLEE KUEHL, KRISTA PETERSON, '00 (HEALTH EDUCATION), KAZZI FOSTER-TEEL, '00 (BIOLOGY EDUCATION). Also pictured are Shelia's and Kazzi's daughters. Future Lady T's?



Alumni meet monthly in Sioux Falls for Third Thursdays. Included in the group at the July gathering were left to right: DUSTIN SCHNABEL, '04 (COMPUTER INFO SYSTEMS), '06 (MS-INFO ASSURANCE); ADAM HAFNER, '04 (E-COMMERCE AND COMPUTER SECURITY); LIZA SCHNABEL, '04 (MANAGEMENT); CARL WARE, '05 (COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS); LUCAS PEDLEY, '03, (COMPUTER INFO SYSTEMS).



Winners of the annual DSU Athletics Blue and Gold Golf Classic were JARED PETERREINS, '02 (COMPUTER EDUCATION) Nick Dossett, JACOB PETERREINS, '10 (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT) and Steve Reiter. The event is a fundraiser for DSU Athletics and attracted nearly 140 golfers.



BRAD MAIR, '98 (FITNESS-WELLNESS MANAGEMENT) and his father participated in the D-ICE-U Frozen Trojans Ice Fishing contest at Johnson's Point on Lake Madison in January. The event was a fundraiser for DSU Athletics. Brad is a project manager at A-Plus Construction in Sioux Falls.



A group of alumni met with members of the DSU Alumni Association for a coffee break at MetaBank in Sioux Falls. Pictured are (front): Joey Henkel, Alicia Henkel, Molly Leopold, Brian Siemonsma, Chris Henningsen. (Back): Alumni Board member Adam Hafner, Alumni Director Jona Schmidt, Alumni Board Vice President Elliott Breukelman, Megan Grant, Justin Jung, Lucas Blackburn, Brad Neuharth, Cory List.



A group of nine doctoral students gathered on the DSU campus in Madison during the 2016 DakotaCon in Madison and met with U.S. Senator Mike Rounds. DSU began offering a Doctorate of Science in Cyber Security in 2015. The program coordinator is DR. WAYNE E. PAULI, '01 (MS - INFORMATION SYSTEMS).

The Last Word(s) ...

When I met with Alumni Director Jona Schmidt and others to talk about the purpose of *Dakota State*, the alumni magazine, its content and eventually this particular issue, the brainstorming sessions included the idea that I should write a column.

I may have chuckled at the time. But, this issue is proof that some ideas from brainstorming make it to the finish line ... or in this case, the printing press.

So, I get The Last Word(s). And this page probably is an appropriate place for someone who was a journalist in a previous millennium to connect with others who have vested interests in Dakota State University.

My appointment as vice president for institutional advancement, effective March 22, prompted a new perspective for advancement, one that moved beyond fund-raising, or “development,” and alumni relations into a more comprehensive and integrated approach that includes the elements of marketing, communications and public relations.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) — the premier organization for professionals in higher education marketing and communications, alumni relations and fund-raising — defines advancement as “a strategic, integrated method of managing relationships to increase understanding and support among an educational institution’s key constituents, including alumni and friends, government policy makers, the media, members of the community and philanthropic entities of all types.” CASE describes marketing, communications, alumni relations and development as the core disciplines of advancement.

That’s the charge for those of us in this new DSU division — to engage alumni, friends, media, policy-makers and other constituents in meaningful conversations, building and strengthening relationships that benefit the university. The new division will consolidate under one roof this fall, specifically in the Dale Kringen Alumni and Foundation Center.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, long recognized as the leading trade publication for faculty and administrators, in February carried a feature story about presidents of small colleges and universities and how their jobs have changed over a generation. It quoted the president of a Texas private college describing her role as “chief storyteller.”

We have several stories to tell about Dakota State. Readers who started at the front of the magazine have seen the early photos of three construction sites along Washington Avenue, the biggest building boom on campus since the General Beadle State days. (Those of you who started at the back have good reason to read from cover to cover.) Residence halls on campus will be full again this fall. Employers — from school districts to government agencies to companies — are interested in DSU graduates. Summer camps were very popular again. President Griffiths is leading discussions on the university’s research



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infrastructure, tapping into the expertise and interests of faculty and their connections with government agencies and industry.

I have had several opportunities to talk to alumni about Dakota State ... and I hope to find several more. We have all stories about an alma mater, and I look forward to hearing them.

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The Dale E. Kringen Alumni and Foundation Center has provided working space for the alumni and development functions at Dakota State for several years. We are in the midst of a remodeling project that will better utilize available space and enable the consolidation of all advancement professionals in one area.

This decision reflects two dynamics. First, it certainly creates an easy environment for integrated work among people in advancement disciplines, as noted in earlier paragraphs. Secondly and more simply ... the space was under-utilized. As university leaders started looking for office space to accommodate people who would be displaced temporarily due to construction in and around the Trojan Center, this solution made good sense.

Things are a little dusty in the Kringen Center right now. I invite alumni and friends to check the new look this fall. Please stop for a visit!

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A little more about me in closing ... I’m a teachers’ kid originally from southwestern Minnesota. My parents are graduates of a public university with normal school roots that has been known by five names in 150 years. They taught with graduates of General Beadle State Teachers College, and I’ve seen a handful of my father’s coaching contemporaries on the DSU alumni lists. My career in higher education spans 20-some years in advancement in the public systems in South Dakota and two neighboring states. I serve as chairman of CASE District VI, the organization noted earlier, leading a volunteer board of advancement professionals from eight states.

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Skipper's Pizza. Those two words conjure up images for generations of Dakota State alumni. From the square cut pizza with the funny names to the affordable beer, the early iterations of Skippers catered to the college crowd, but made regulars from the community at large as well. Later, under new ownership, the restaurant moved across Egan, added Italian food to the menu, and continued to create culinary memories for their patrons. Skippers closed permanently this summer. The sign, pizza, and lore, gone, but definitely not forgotten.

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