Bike Share Program Planned for Campus

Students at the University of South Dakota could be closer to having a bike share program, thanks to a $4,850 grant from the Student Government Association’s Green Initiative Fund.

The student-run Sustainability Club will use the grant to start working on a project that could eventually include new bike racks on campus and in the community, with up to 50 shared unisex bicycles.

“Biking is really an efficient way to get around campus,” said Charlie Nearman, a senior biology major from Jefferson, South Dakota, who wrote the grant proposal for the Sustainability Club. “And building more bike racks on campus is more cost-efficient than creating another parking lot.”

Bike share programs are increasingly popular on college campuses and in cities. Such programs allow shared use of bicycles for a short period of time. Riders often pay an annual membership fee to use the bikes.

A committee of university and community members is also involved in the project. Cal Petersen, a community activist, retired Methodist minister and avid cyclist, approached the sustainability faculty last year with the idea to develop a bike share.

“We would like to alleviate the parking problem on campus and make Vermillion a better place for cyclists,” Petersen said. His group, “Making a Lighter Footprint,” will help raise additional funding to purchase bikes, install bike racks and pursue efforts to create bike paths and bike-friendly streets in the community.

Paul Formisano, an English professor and Sustainability Program faculty member, commutes to campus each day by bicycle and is researching bike models and costs. He said a survey sent out last semester showed an interest in such a program, particularly from international students, who often don’t own cars.

Students in the sustainability capstone class will take on the bike share program as one of their projects this semester. Still to be determined are how to manage the check-out system, setting time limits on bike use and hiring staff to check out bikes.
Student Leadership Award Nominations Sought

The Division of Student Services is preparing for its university-wide President’s Celebration of University Leadership on April 30, where students will be honored with awards from both academic and non-academic campus departments.

The awards listed here were included in last year’s celebration. If you are the point person in the below departments for these awards, please remember to email student.leadership@usd.edu by Feb. 21 if you would like to have an award presented at the celebration. If you would like to have an award added to the celebration, please email student.leadership@usd.edu for more information.

Thank you for helping make this celebration memorable for our students.

Award

"Best in Show" Stilwell Art Competition
School of Education Outstanding Leadership (3)
Dean Joseph H. Cash Award for Excellence in Writing (3)
John W. Carlson Research Grant (3)
Gary and Judy Marx Servant Leadership
School of Health Sciences Student Leader (2)
Student Ambassador of the Year (2)
New Student Leader of the Year
Dave Lorenz Senior Leadership
Unsung Leader
Outstanding Diversity and Leadership
Outstanding Leadership and Service
Service Learning Advocate
Community Spirit
Graduate Student Leadership
Fraternity President of the Year
Sorority President of the Year
Resident Assistant of the Year
University Housing Leadership Award
Hall of the Year
Champions of Inclusive Excellence (3)
Outstanding Adviser of the Year
South Dakota Board of Regents Award for Organizational Leadership
South Dakota Board of Regents Award for Academic Excellence
South Dakota Board of Regents Award for Community Service
Fraternity of the Year
Sorority of the Year
Outstanding Intramural Participants of the Year (2)
Spirit of Charlie (2)
Mosaic Award for Inclusive Excellence (2)
Leadership Seminar Series Participants

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Student Life/Sorority & Fraternity Life
Student Life/Awards Committee
Student Life
Student Life
Student Life/Housing
Student Life
Student Life/Housing
Pres. Council, Diversity & Inclusiveness
Student Life (nominated by students)
Student Life/BOR
Student Life/BOR
Student Life/BOR
Student Life/BOR
Student Life/Sorority & Fraternity Life
Student Life/Sorority & Fraternity Life
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Marketing & University Relations
Center for Diversity and Community
Student Life
Send Your Sweetie a Charlie Gram for Valentine’s Day

Need a Valentine’s Day idea for your favorite Coyote? Charlie’s in downtown Vermillion is offering three Charlie Gram packages for order and Valentine’s Day delivery. Charlie’s will deliver to any on-campus location, fraternity or sorority or to the Vermillion Public and St. Agnes schools. Choose from three packages, pictured below. The last day to place your order is Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

Charlie Grams can also be purchased in person at the downtown store, located at 2 East Main Street.

**Choose your Charlie Gram and purchase here.**

All purchases made at Charlie’s support USD student scholarships.

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**SD Style - $39.99**

Treat your sweetie with a collection of hand-selected gifts designed to put the finishing touches on the perfect game day ensemble. With a SD paw ikat tote bag, manicure decal set, SD pride necklace, Coyote cup and candy, your favorite Coyote fan will be supporting their favorite team in style.

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**Coyote Pride - $39.99**

Show the Yote fan in your life how much you love them with a Valentine’s Day gift basket they can use all year round. They’ll love the cozy fleece SD blanket, stitched trucker hat and SD paw cup with candy – the perfect combination of practicality and pride.

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**Charlie & Chocolate - $25.99**

Coyote pride comes in all shapes and sizes – and now, so does our mascot. Brighten the day of the Yote fan in your life with a Charlie Coyote Stuffed Plushie holding a box of chocolates. It’s the perfect gift for fans of all ages.
Congratulations to the following faculty and staff members who have recently received awards:

Amy Schweinle, Ph.D., Department of Counseling & Psychology in Education, on an award from the National Children's Advocacy Center for a project entitled "What if: The Phenomenological Experiences of Children Playing a Game about Real-Life Situations."

Teri Bellis, Ph.D., Department of Communication Disorders, on an award from the Sioux Empire United Way for a project entitled "USD Scottish Rite Children's Clinic-United Way Support."

Etienne Gnimpieba, Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering Program, on an award from BioSNTR for a project entitled "Computational modeling and single cell transcriptomic profiling in Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor (ATRT)."

Hongli Sun, Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering Program, on an award from BioSNTR for a project entitled "Engineering a biomimetic nanostructured 3D bone niche for cancer bone metastasis study."

Laura Vidler, Ph.D., Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, on an award from the South Dakota Humanities Council for a project entitled "Poetry and Identity: Elizabeth Acevedo Visit."

Dan Engebretson, Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering Program, on an award from SDGOED for a project entitled "SD RIC FY17: The Biochemical Spatiotemporal Network Resource (Bio-SNTR) Center."

Sara Hansen, Center for Disabilities, on an award from SDDHHS for a project entitled "Center for Disabilities Middle School Self-Determination Project."

Valborg Kvigne, Family Medicine, on an award from Three Affiliated Tribes for a project entitled "Special Diabetes Program for Indians - Three Affiliated Tribes."

Lisa McFadden, Ph.D., Basic Biomedical Sciences, on an award from the NIH for a project entitled "Serotonergic Changes in the Frontal Cortex During Methamphetamine Reinstatement."

Robin Miskimins, Ph.D., Basic Biomedical Sciences, on an award from the NIH via University of Nebraska for a project entitled "Great Plains IDeA-CTR."

The University Art Gallery is hosting the 30th Annual Stilwell Student Juried Exhibition in the John A. Day Gallery from now until Feb. 24.

The Stilwell celebrates and recognizes the diversity and quality of art created by USD students in the previous year through a peer-juried exhibition. Student work includes graphic design, photography, ceramics, sculpture, painting, printmaking and more.

This year’s lead juror is Michael Petersen, principal and founding partner of 50,000feet, a creative agency in Chicago, Illinois. Petersen selected 105 pieces for exhibition out of over 250 submissions.

“People should expect to see a full show,” said Michelle St. Vrain, director of the University Art Galleries. “Michael did a great job highlighting all of the emphases in the art department, including pieces from freshmen all the way up to graduate students. There is a great variety of what we produce each year.”
The University of South Dakota will welcome Hankus Netsky, Ph.D., a multi-instrumentalist, composer and ethnomusicologist from the New England Conservatory of Music for a special lecture titled “The Green Violinist—The Music Behind the Chagall Painting” on Feb. 28 in Farber Hall, Old Main from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

“We are delighted to have a scholar of Dr. Netsky’s reputation speaking at USD. This represents a unique opportunity for our campus and our community to learn more about Yiddish culture, and how important music and art were to the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe,” said Bruce Kelly, director at the Center for Teaching and Learning.

The lecture, part of USD’s semester-long celebration of Yiddish arts, culture and history, will focus on the musical “Green Violin” and the Marc Chagall painting for which it is named. The event is hosted by the South Dakota Humanities Council and the combined efforts of the College of Fine Arts, the Department of Theatre, the Center for Diversity & Community and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

“It is an honor to host Dr. Netzky at USD as part of our campus-wide celebration of Yiddish arts, culture and history,” said Chaya Gordon-Bland, associate professor of theatre. “Based on Netzky’s incredible experience, artistry and expertise in klezmer music, this event promises to be a joy and an inspiration!”

USD’s semester-long celebration of Yiddish arts, culture and history will culminate in the regional premiere of the musical “Green Violin” on April 19-23.

University Relations to Host Social Media Roundtables

Are you a social media coordinator for a campus department or group? Marketing Communications & University Relations is starting a series of social media roundtable discussions to help all social media users. Get-togethers, guest speakers and sharing of best practices—all to improve social media accounts associated with USD.

If you would like to be invited to these quarterly discussions, please send an email to michelle.cwach@usd.edu.

Do you know someone who should be USD’s Employee of the Month? Nominate him or her with the CSA Employee of the Month form at http://sites.usd.edu/csac/.
Assistant Professor of Counselor Education Kathleen Brown-Rice received the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors 2017 Addictions/Offender Educator Excellence Award.

“The division is very proud of Rice’s accomplishments. Not only is she a very strong researcher, but an excellent instructor,” said Amy Schweinle, division chair. “I am pleased that her excellence and dedication are recognized nationally. She is an asset to our division and to the students.”

Brown-Rice Honored with Educator Excellence Award

Each year, the IAAOC acknowledges an individual who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the field of addictions and offender issues through teaching.

Brown-Rice will be honored at the American Counseling Association Conference Membership and Awards Meeting in San Francisco, California on March 17.

New Program Boosts Native American Interest in Health Professions

Recognizing the need for more Native Americans working in health professions, the University of South Dakota’s Sanford School of Medicine and the USD School of Health Sciences have initiated programs that encourage and support Native American high school students to pursue post-secondary education and careers in health care and medicine.

The newest initiative is called the Native American Healthcare Scholars Program (NAHSP), and this program—started last year—works with selected Native American students at Red Cloud and Wagner high schools. Program results are already very promising.

Students are also encouraged to participate in programs such as Indians into Medicine (INMED) and the USD Healthcare Career Summer Camp (HCSC).

“Each year NAHSP accepts eight students—four students from Red Cloud Indian School and four from Wagner Community School—who are entering their junior year of high school,” said Kathy VanKley, NAHSP coordinator at USD.

“Our aim is to encourage each of our students to pursue health care careers. Students who attend USD can remain in the scholars program and enjoy NAHSP benefits all the way through college. However, if they choose to attend college elsewhere we will do our best to stay in contact with them, and urge them to continue preparing for a health care profession.”

Program benefits for students include attendance at state and national American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) conferences, support to attend summertime academic enrichment programs, research and internship opportunities, and regular mentoring by experienced health care professionals, academics and university students. Mentor advice can range from how to apply to a university to what to expect when working in various health care professions.

VanKley reported that all the program’s first participants have expressed a significant level of interest in health care as a career and that four of the scholars have committed to attending USD in the fall of 2017. Current sophomores at Red Cloud or Wagner high schools who are interested in applying for the 2017-2018 scholars program can talk with their school counselor for more information. The application deadline is March 1.

The Native American Healthcare Scholars Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health.
Darlene Farabee, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of the University of South Dakota Department of English, is the fifth recipient of the Truman and Beverly Schwartz Distinguished Faculty Award.

Presented every third year, the Schwartz Award provides annual financial support for the scholarship, teaching and service of a tenured professor whose record and promise of achievement are exceptional.

Farabee’s teaching and scholarship focus on the performance of plays by William Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Her published research includes a recent book “Shakespeare’s Staged Spaces and Playgoers’ Perceptions.” She also edited and contributed to “Early Modern Drama in Performance.”

Farabee’s current research projects include travel and perception of the early modern stage and the history of Shakespeare in South Dakota. She was also instrumental in bringing the exhibit “First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare” to the USD campus in March 2016. Vermillion was the only stop in South Dakota on a national tour of the rare book on loan from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

As a teacher, Farabee combines classroom instruction with experiential learning activities, in which students attend plays, visit archives and meet with actors and directors. Through a grant from the Folger Shakespeare Library and the National Endowment for the Humanities, she takes students on trips to see Shakespeare plays in the region. In many cases, students view numerous productions in one weekend and participate in question-and-answer sessions with actors after performances. Farabee has also directed student research projects on Shakespeare in South Dakota and has led a program that brings students to experience Shakespeare at Staunton, Virginia’s Blackfriars Playhouse.

The Schwartz Award exists thanks to the generosity of Truman, ’56 B.A., ’91 honorary doctorate, and Beverly Schwartz, ’56 B.S. Ed. Truman Schwartz became a Rhodes Scholar, earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from M.I.T., worked in industry, and then taught for many years at Macalester College in St. Paul, publishing extensively in the fields of physical chemistry and chemical education. Beverly Schwartz was a middle-school teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she taught students with learning disabilities.

Volunteer Tax Program Offering Tax Services

The University of South Dakota Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is offering free services this tax season to help low- and moderate-income earners prepare their tax returns.

Sponsored by the IRS and United Way of Vermillion, the VITA program uses certified volunteers from the Law School and Beacom School of Business to help prepare basic tax returns and answer tax-related questions.

“Volunteering with VITA is experiential learning,” said Mallory Schulte, a third-year law student and VITA coordinator. “You can learn more about the intricacies of the United States tax system as you help families secure the full tax refunds to which they are entitled.”

Interested volunteers are provided with training and asked to commit to at least five clinical sessions. All volunteers must pass a series of online tests offered by the IRS.

Students are also provided a unique benefit: hands-on experience in a practice environment. “Taxes are personal. Preparers have to ask questions about finances and family relations. It is a crash course in building trust and confidence with clients,” Schulte said.

Clinical hours vary but are routinely scheduled Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Vermillion Public Library from Feb. 1 to April 9. For more information, contact Schulte at Mallory.Schulte@coyotes.usd.edu.
The University of South Dakota Foundation has announced that Christine Tjelmeland has joined the organization as chief financial officer. Tjelmeland will replace the foundation’s previous chief financial officer, Karen Davies, who is retiring. Davies will continue to work with the foundation through a brief transition period.

Tjelmeland brings extensive financial and operational leadership experience to the foundation with more than 15 years’ experience working with multinational companies such as PayPal, ConAgra Foods and Claas Omaha. Tjelmeland most recently served as the vice president of finance and administration at Proxibid, Inc., a company that provides live internet bidding services to traditional brick and mortar auction companies.

As CFO of the foundation, Tjelmeland will be a member of the its senior leadership team, serving as a thought-leader developing financial policy and direction. She will also be a key participant in the portfolio investment process.

“Christine brings great depth and experience to the foundation that will be critical to manage our growth and development as the Onward campaign reaches ever closer to its goal,” said Steve Brown, president of the USD Foundation. “She will be a wonderful addition to our senior leadership team.”

A graduate of the University of South Dakota is the new national security adviser to Vice President Mike Pence and a deputy assistant to the president. The White House announced the appointment of Col. Andrea L. Thompson, ‘88 B.A., today.

"USD is proud of Col. Thompson and her stellar military career," said President James W. Abbott. "She’s an inspiring example of a USD graduate with a liberal arts education who continues to serve her country at the highest levels."

Thompson served in the U.S. army for 28 years and was the highest-ranking military intelligence officer with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During her two tours in Iraq, she served as the military intelligence taskforce commander in the 25th Infantry Division and as the senior intelligence officer of the 101st Airborne Division.

More recently, Thompson served as the National Security Adviser for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, the executive officer to the under secretary of the Army and the senior military adviser to the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

Thompson has also served in Germany, Honduras, Nicaragua, Belize and Bosnia. In 2008, she co-authored the book "Achieving Victory in Iraq," a detailed account which examines how the war evolved after 2003. In 2011, she received the USD Alumni Achievement Award in honor of her exemplary military career and service.
SSOM Recognized for Family Medicine Contributions

The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine has been rated 15th out of 134 MD degree-granting institutions in the nation for placing its graduates into family medicine residencies.

The information comes from an American Academy of Family Physicians analysis that examines the number of medical school graduates placed into residencies during three years ending in 2015. This is the most recent period of review.

Residencies differ from medical school by providing greater in-depth training within a specific branch of medicine. Entering a family medicine residency is a reliable marker that an MD grad will become a family medicine physician.

Slightly more than 15 percent of USD’s medical school graduates entered family medicine residencies during the researched timeframe. This compares to a national average of 8.7 percent. As the U.S. struggles with a shortage of primary care physicians—it is expected we will face a shortage of 33,000 primary care physicians by 2035—this significant contribution by USD Sanford School of Medicine is critical to the health of all Americans. Family medicine physicians are an important part of the country’s primary care physician workforce.

The USD Sanford School of Medicine prepares its medical students to practice in all fields of medicine, and is particularly recognized for its reputation in family medicine and rural medicine. The school of medicine’s mission statement includes an emphasis on family medicine. The analysis prepared by the Family Physicians’ academy reveals that South Dakota’s only medical school is accomplishing that objective.

Distinguished Author/Scholar Lecturing at USD

Jonathan Lear will lecture on his book, Radical Hope: Ethics in the Face of Cultural Devastation, at the University of South Dakota on March 2.

His book finds a model for facing ethical dilemmas in the example set by the Crow Indians at the time of their cultural dispossession.

Lear works primarily on philosophical conceptions of the human psyche from Socrates to the present. His books include: Radical Hope: Ethics in the Face of Cultural Devastation (2006); Aristotle and Logical Theory (1980); Aristotle: The Desire to Understand (1988); Love and Its Place in Nature: A Philosophical Interpretation of Freudian Psychoanalysis (1990); Freud (2005); A Case for Irony (2011); and many others.

Lear is the John U. Nef Distinguished Service Professor at the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago. He trained in philosophy at Cambridge University and The Rockefeller University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1978. He also trained as a psychoanalyst at the Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis. He is a recipient of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award. In 2014, he was appointed the Roman Family Director of the Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society.

The lecture is sponsored by the departments of philosophy, English, and Native Studies, and the Center for Diversity and Community. It begins at 4 p.m. in Farber Hall. All faculty are invited to join a reading group to discuss the book ahead of time.