

### Saturday, October 4 (Hobo Day!)

- Parade, 9:00 a.m.
- Kickoff, 2:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

### Friday, October 10

- Brassline to Waubay, SD, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 18 (Game Day)

- Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m., Practice Field
- Kickoff, 6:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

### Saturday, November 1 (Game Day)

- Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Practice Field
- Kickoff, 1:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

### Saturday, November 7

- Drumline to Yankton, SD, Details TBA

### Saturday, November 8 (Game Day)

- Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Practice Field
- Kickoff, 1:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

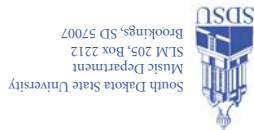
### Tuesday, November 11

- Indoor Band Concert, All Day, Details TBA
- Uniform Turn In afterwards

### Saturday, November 22

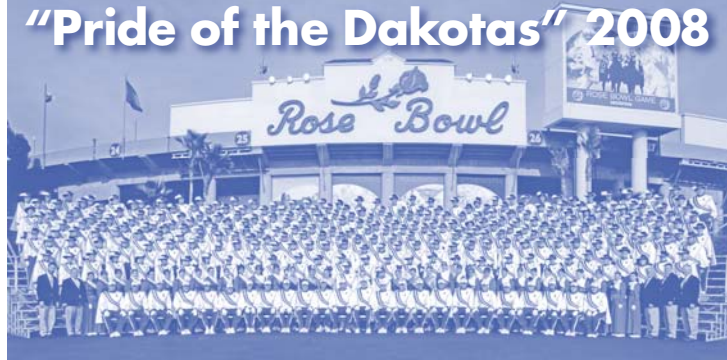
- 100 Member Pep Band to NDSU, Details TBA

500 copies of this document were printed by the SDSU Department of Music at a cost of \$40 each. MU 055 708



South Dakota State University  
Music Department  
SLM 205, Box 2212  
Brookings, SD 57007

PRINTED  
US POSTAGE PAID  
BROOKINGS SD  
PERMIT # 24



**H**ello from Brookings! We hope this newsletter finds you well and happy! We are busy working toward a historic fall marching season and look forward to seeing each and every one of you in September. The 2008 season is shaping up to be busy, but rewarding. In addition to performing at all home football games, we'll also present our Indoor Concert in November!

### First Meeting — SPECIAL NOTICE

The first meeting for the **Pride** will be held at 1:00 p.m., **Tuesday, September 2, in the Performing Arts Center.** Former members, please note the change of time and locations for this very important first meeting.

### Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m. on the new parking lot east of the Performing Arts Center. In case of rain, the band will meet in the HPER building or PAC lobby. Occasionally, some section leaders will call an extra rehearsal before or after band. If you have a conflict with a sectional, be sure to let your section leader know in advance.

### Lab Conflicts

Freshmen may be excused from band one day per week to attend a class or a lab. Upperclassmen may be excused from two rehearsals per week to attend class or lab. Make sure that you indicate these conflicts on the "Pride Info" card.

### Performances

All performances are mandatory. Any schedule conflicts must be cleared with Professor McKinney by noon on Friday, September 5. Any missed performance that has not been cleared will result in a drop of two letter grades. Missed performances due to emergencies will not be penalized.

### Credit for Marching Band

Marching Band (MUEN 120 and MUEN 320) may be taken for one hour of credit. Credits at the 100 level will count toward SDSU's Institutional Graduation Requirement (IGR) – Goal #3 (Humanities/Fine Arts).

If you were unable to pre-register for band because of a class conflict, you must go to the Administration Building and do so in person before Friday, September 19. Remember, to qualify for the "Pride Senior Scholarships" or any of the Music Department scholarships for band, you must be enrolled in marching band for credit.

### Squad Leaders

If you are interested in being a squad leader, please e-mail Professor McKinney at James.McKinney@sdstate.edu. Please include what instrument you play and how many years you have been in the **Pride**. All squad leaders will meet at noon on **Tuesday, September 2, in the Performing Arts Center.**

### Drumline

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, September 3, in the Christy Ballroom. A short piece will be distributed for each area — snare, quads, bass drum, cymbals, mallets — on September 2 after the **Pride** meeting. The audition will consist of sightreading and rudiments in addition to the prepared piece.

We are thrilled to welcome back Dr. Aaron Ragsdale as our Percussion Instructor! Dr. Ragsdale has recently received a Doctorate degree from Rutgers University where he studied with She-e Wu, noted marimbist, and Dennis Delucia of the Drum Corps hall of fame. Dr. R was born and raised in Arkansas and ran both the University of Arkansas and the University of Oklahoma's drumlines.

## Brassline

The Hare-Raisin' Brass will begin its 13th season under the direction of Dr. Alan Taylor. We are looking forward to a great season with new arrangements and field charts and encourage all brass players will give this exciting group a try!

## Drum Majors

We have two openings for "Pride" drum majors. If you are an upperclassman and have high school experience this could be for you! Tryouts will be on Friday, September 5, after band.

## Dakota Blue Colorguard and Danceline

We are looking forward to one of the best flag and dance lines ever to take the field at SDSU! Routines will be taught during the first two rehearsals with the auditions to be held on Friday, September 5, at 3 p.m. on the practice field. Members of the colorguard unit may also audition for the danceline. Details about the auditions for this group will be announced at the first meeting (see schedule).

The colorguard will be under the student leadership of Tara Stabnow and Jessie Bailor with assistance from Liz Schwery.

## Uniform Issue

Check the master schedule for your appropriate uniform issue time. **Members also need a pair of white shoes, white socks and white gloves.** Note: We can use 4-5 people to help pass out uniforms. This pays *CASH*. Contact Kathy Larsen at (605) 692-9077 to sign up.

## White Shoes

All members must provide their own white shoes. They must be ALL white. It is recommended that you purchase a very good quality shoe

## Pride Cap and T-Shirt

A \$25 fee for cap, T-shirt, and uniform cleaning will be collected at the time of uniform issue. Band members must wear the cap and T-shirt to all performances

## Work Study

If you qualify for a federal work-study position, we will hire you to work in the Band area! Library, filing, inventory control and cleaning are just a few of the rewarding positions we have open! See Professor McKinney in Lincoln Music Hall to interview.

## Schedule Notes

- Drumline meets daily (Monday-Friday) at 3:00 p.m.
- At the completion of the marching season, all students are expected to finish out the semester in Symphonic Band, Concert Band or CommUniversity Band. Auditions for Symphonic and Concert Band will be held toward the end of the marching season (details TBA).

## For More Information

For more information and updates, visit [www.sdstate.edu](http://www.sdstate.edu) (*keyword: Pride of the Dakotas*).

If you have any questions or need to get in touch, you can contact us at the numbers/e-mail addresses below.

Professor James McKinney  
(605) 688-4029 or [James.McKinney@sdstate.edu](mailto:James.McKinney@sdstate.edu)

Mr. Jim Coull  
(605) 688-5940 or [Jim.Coull@sdstate.edu](mailto:Jim.Coull@sdstate.edu)

Dr. Alan Taylor  
(605) 688-5221 or [Alan.Taylor@sdstate.edu](mailto:Alan.Taylor@sdstate.edu)

Dr. Aaron Ragsdale  
(605) 688-4422 or [Aaron.Ragsdale@sdstate.edu](mailto:Aaron.Ragsdale@sdstate.edu)

Dr. Eric Peterson  
(605) 688-4422 or [Eric.Peterson@sdstate.edu](mailto:Eric.Peterson@sdstate.edu)

## Jazz Band Tryouts

We are excited to announce that Mr. Nate Jorgenson will join our SDSU Faculty for the 2008-09 school year. He will direct both jazz bands, teach woodwind pedagogy and private lessons.

Mr. Jorgenson has announced that auditions for both jazz bands will be held on Tuesday, September 2, from 10:00 a.m. until noon in Lincoln Music Hall. Everyone interested in playing in one of these exciting bands should plan on stopping by Lincoln Music Hall Tuesday morning to sign up for an audition time.

Mr. Jorgenson comes to us from the Doctoral Program at the University of Kansas. While at KU, he directed the second and third jazz bands with studied jazz with Dan Gailey and Bobby Watson along with studying classical performance with Vince Gnojek. Mr. J is also the recipient of the *Down Beat* Jazz Award.

## Pep Band

Auditions for this exciting group are held in late October. The exact dates and locations for the auditions will be announced during Pride rehearsals. Under the direction of Mr. Jim Coull, this group has developed an enviable reputation for the quality of their performances.

*Special Note!* Members of last year's band will have a special practice Monday, September 1, at 8:00 p.m. and a special performance Tuesday, September 2 (See "Pride" Schedule).

## Welcome Dr. Eric Peterson



As most of you know, Dr. Eric Peterson has been hired to replace retiring director of bands, James McKinney. Dr. Peterson comes to us from the University of Utah where he directed the Marching Utes!

With a DMA in in Conducting and a low brass player, we look forward to a bright future with Dr. P! Welcome Aboard!

## "Pride" Schedule

### Monday, September 1

- 2008-09 Basketball Pep Band Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Christy Ballroom (CBR)

### Tuesday, September 2

- Squad Leaders Meeting, Noon, Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- **First Pride Meeting, 1:00 p.m., PAC**
- Pep Band Performance (Step Rally), 7:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

### Wednesday, September 3

- Drumline auditions, all day, CBR
- Instrument Issue, 4:00 p.m., CBR
- All members pick up cap and T-shirt, 4:00 p.m., CBR

### Thursday, September 4

- Uniform Issue, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., CBR (New members)
- First "Pride" Rehearsal, 4:00 p.m., NEW Practice Field

### Friday, September 5

- Flagline/Drumline/Drum Major Auditions, 3:00 p.m., Practice Field

### Saturday, September 6 (Game Day)

- Drumline Camp, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Practice Field
- Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m., Practice Field
- Kickoff, 6:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, play in stands

### Sunday, September 7

- All Members Mini Camp, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, September 13 (Game Day)

- Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m., Practice Field
- Kickoff, 6:00 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

### Thursday, October 2

- Brassline and Drumline perform., 6:00 p.m., Location TBA

### Friday, October 3

- Drumline performance, 8:00 a.m.-Noon, Chester, SD

*continued on back page*

