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Henchal drops from SGA race

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Two days after declaring their candidacy for executive positions in the Student Government Association, junior Nick Henchal and his running mate, sophomore Chelsea



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Gilbertson, have announced their withdrawal in the upcoming race for president and vice president. Henchal officially withdrew from the race Jan. 22, citing "rising health concerns" as the reason for his departure. "We are just going to stay on SGA on any capacity we can. We're going to support Sami and Michael's election and then we're going to try again next year if we can," Henchal said. "We still

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Complaints lead to 'Yote Float return

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Despite the University of South Dakota Student Services' quiet last call for 'Yote Floats in December, the ice cream social resumed Tuesday after a number of student complaints about the cancellation of the event came pouring in last week.

Lindsay Sparks, director of transitions and student programming at Student Services, said the weekly ice cream social had been canceled indefinitely this semester because of low attendance and the lack of social interaction taking place at the event.

On average, Sparks said between 100 to 200 people usually cycle through the Tuesday event from 3-4 p.m.

"We noticed that people were coming and just leaving without interacting with anyone else," she said. "It wasn't the social hour it was originally created for."

The first 'Yote Float func-

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Downtown Vermillion destined for a remodel



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The evolution of downtown Vermillion is evident in the number of for sale signs in store windows and emerging city-led changes to curb traffic flow.

City officials are studying a problematic intersection on Main Street, and more than eight

building spaces are on the real-estate market. Downtown is destined for a remodel.

Nate Welch, executive director of the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce, said now is the time for businesses and buildings downtown to be rejuvenated — despite a few already choosing to sell their establishments.

"Downtown is at a great

8+ buildings

listed for sale in downtown Vermillion.

turning point," Welch said. "It does have some businesses that are either re-adjusting by looking to change ownership, looking to invest more into their business, and some

businesses have closed their doors."

Liquor license up for grabs

Todd Radigan, the owner of Maya Jane's, put his business on the market when he found out he and his wife were expecting their third child.

He does not want the doors of Maya Jane's to

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South Dakota Legislative Session

Four bills proposed in Pierre may have an effect on student body

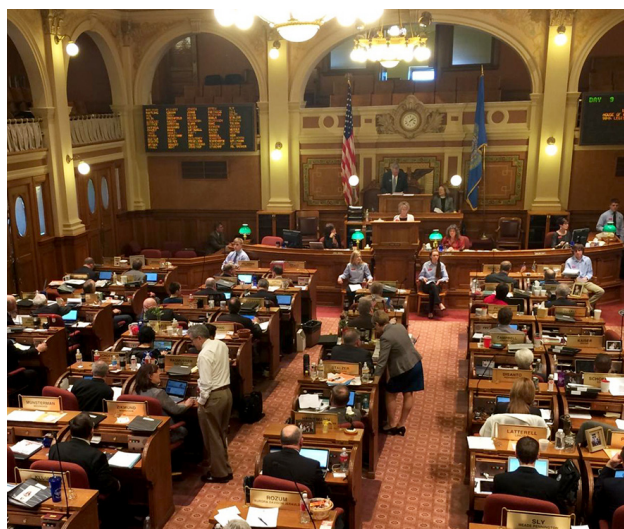
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As the 2015 South Dakota legislative session gets underway in Pierre, *The Volante* compiled a list of bills to keep an eye on that pertain to students at the University of South Dakota.

No requests from USD were received by the South Dakota Board of Regents asking to submit any bills to the Legislature this year, Janelle Toman, director of communications at SDBOR, said.

Toman said the SDBOR did file a few bills related to construction, sale and purchase of land at South Dakota State University.

"At this point, all of the Board of Regents bills have been filed. There will be



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Members of the South Dakota House of Representatives convene Jan. 26. The 2015 legislative session continues through March 30.

no more bills introduced on behalf of the Board of Regents this session," Toman

said. "However, I cannot speak for individual legislators who might wish to file

bills pertaining to USD, prior to the bill filing deadline."

Feb. 4 is the last day to introduce a bill.

House Bill 1032

This bill proposes to change a law about stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks. Currently, the law reads drivers need to yield for pedestrians. If passed, the bill would mandate drivers come to a complete stop when a pedestrian is crossing the street. House Bill 1032 also upgrades the penalty from a petty offense to a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Senate Bill 1

The bill could provide drastically change the cost of driving in South Dakota by raising the gas tax. Senate Bill 1 proposes a gradual increase in the gas tax in the

state each year.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard proposed a plan similar to Senate Bill 1 in his State of the State address to raise the gas tax 2 cents per year. Senate Bill 1 has a much more gradual increase in taxes than Daugaard's proposed increases.

Daugaard has not introduced a bill at this time with his proposal.

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