

Herbster: Promotion 'Biggest shot in the arm'

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It's official. David Herbster is the man in charge of University of South Dakota athletics.

The 44-year-old had been serving on an interim athletic director basis since last December, but was handed the reins permanently by USD President Jim Abbott on Friday morning.

"Moving forward, this is the biggest shot in the arm as anything," Herbster said Friday afternoon, hours after he was officially named USD's 13th athletic director.

"It's always nice to have that confidence from your president."

Abbott had named Herbster, who joined the USD staff in 2007, interim A.D. after previous athletic director David Saylor resigned last December for the same position at Miami University in Ohio. The president said at the time that Herbster would serve for six months and then the two would evaluate the position.

The news, however, came two months ahead of schedule.

"We had so much to do in January, February and March, and we were both incredibly busy," Herbster said. "It was about the time we had that conversation with respect to where we're at.

"Through us working together, that's where he really developed the confidence in me."

The immediate focus for Herbster will be to continue to raise money for USD's new athletic facilities — a volleyball/basketball arena and an outdoor track/soccer complex, he said.

Saying that the "pedal is to the medal," Herbster said the goal still remains to have shovels in the ground by the end of the year.

"We're going to get those things built," he said, without hesitation. "I feel as strong in regards to that as I ever have."

With a permanent athletic director in place, USD can alleviate some concerns donors have had about the direction of the athletic department, Herbster said.

"Some have held off making a final commitment until they know the final direction," he said. "At the end of the day, if you're writing a check for six or seven figures, they want continuity; they want consistency."

Herbster also said USD will immediately look to hire a senior associate athletic director, a position he has also held during his interim phase.

"We'll need it," he said. "We got spread pretty thin.

We did just enough to not let the big things fall through the cracks."

Another issue on the horizon for Herbster and his department will be potential shifts in the Summit League. The conference has added Denver to replace Kansas City for 2013-14, but there have been murmurs of other possible departures.

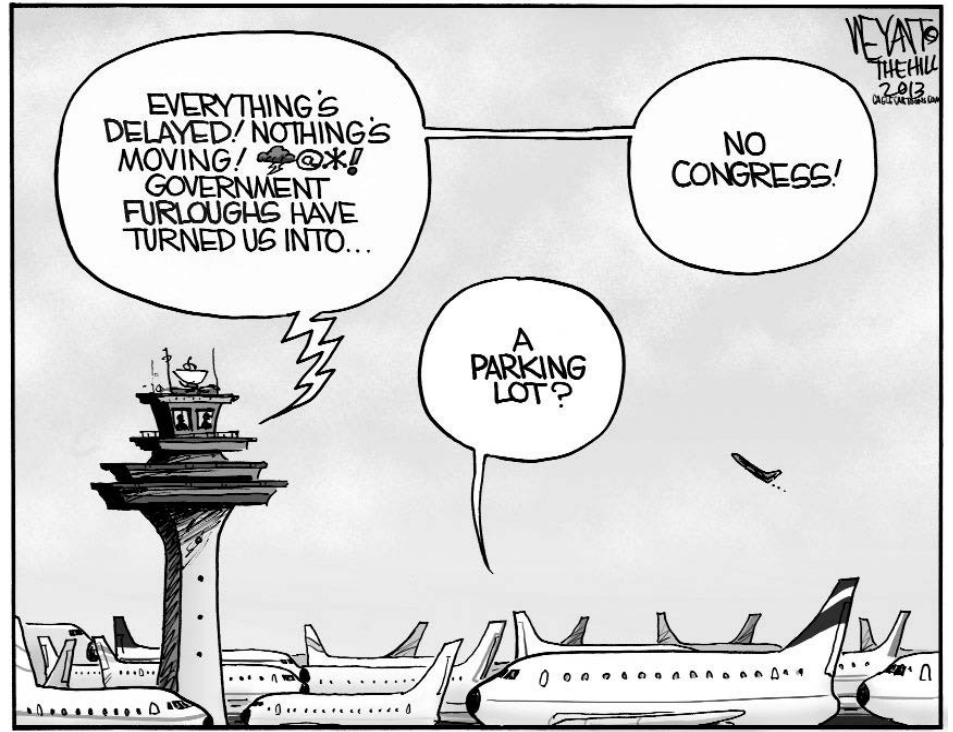
"When you talk about who's going where and with all the rumors, it can be distracting sometimes," Herbster said. "You just have to put yourself in the best position to be a solid member."

Conference shifting is nothing new to the Coyotes, Herbster pointed out. During his tenure with USD, the Coyotes moved from the Great West Conference to the Summit League, while the football program moved to the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

"These conferences don't want to change, but somewhere down the line, that first domino started," Herbster said. "It almost happened to us. We were almost in the Big Sky, and that too was all about timing."

"You've got to have your pulse on what's going on."

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